



THE DISTRICT 3 DIGEST

A NOTE FROM SUPERVISOR BRONSON...

The holiday season is fast approaching. The period from Thanksgiving through New Years is a time for family, friends and sharing but it can also be a time of stress. To help keep holiday stress in check and to keep you and your family healthy and happy, check out these holiday survival tips at www.mayoclinic.com/health/stress/mh00030.

If your family, your neighborhood or your community has special holiday traditions, unique events or holiday recipes that you'd like to share, send us an e-mail telling us about them. We'd love to share them with others in our December newsletter.

And finally, congratulations to District 3 constituents Ellie Towne, President of the Flowing Wells Neighborhood and Community Coalition and Tracy Taft, Executive Director of the International Sonoran Desert Alliance based in Ajo, Arizona. Both of these extraordinary women have been nominated for the prestigious YWCA Women on the Move Award!



Pima County announces 15 libraries will now be open on SUNDAYS!

In response to resident requests, Pima County has added 11 more branches to the list of libraries now open on Sunday. Effective as of September 30th, 2007 the following locations are now open Sundays from 1:00 - 5:00 PM.



Columbus Branch - 4350 E 22nd St
Dusenberry - River Branch - 5605 E River Rd #105
Himmel Park Branch—1035 N Treat Ave
Kirk-Bear Canyon Branch - 8959 E Tanque Verde Rd
Martha Cooper Branch - 1377 N Catalina Ave
Miller - Golf Links Branch - 9640 E Golf Links Rd
Mission Branch - 3770 S Mission Rd
Quincie Douglas Branch - 1585 E 36th St
Lena South Tucson Branch - 1607 S Sixth Ave
Woods Memorial Branch - 3455 N First Ave
Joyner - Green Valley Branch - 601 N La Canada Dr

The following locations were previously open on Sundays and will continue their current Sunday hours:

Joel D Valdez Main - 101 N Stone
Valencia - 202 W Valencia Rd
Murphy-Wilmot - 530 N Wilmot Rd
Nanini Branch - 7300 N Shannon Rd

For additional library hours visit www.library.pima.gov or call 791-4010.



Community Garage Sale!!! Saturday, 11/10 7am - noon

Come shop for a good cause! Five neighborhood associations are hosting garage sales in part to benefit the non-profit agency Lend-A-Hand Volunteer Program. The charity garage sale will be held Saturday, November 10th from 7:00 am to Noon.

The five neighborhoods participating are: Hedrick Acres, Limberlost, Mountain First, Samos, and Winterhaven. Since there are multiple communities participating there will be multiple locations for the sale. However, you can stop by the Lend-A-Hand headquarters at The Church of Christ, 2848 N. Mountain Ave. for a detailed map of all the locations.



The Church of Christ will also be the location of a canteen to honor all veterans with free coffee and doughnuts, a place to sit, relax, and enjoy some music.

Please don't forget this community yard sale is in part for charity. Lend-A-Hand is a volunteer agency that assists senior citizens in a variety of ways. Volunteers from the above mentioned communities drive seniors to doctors appointments, pick up prescription medication, and run a variety of other errands. Lend-A-Hand is an important part of the community and with the money from the garage sales they hope to fund operations for the next several months.

If you have any questions please contact Lend-A-Hand at 520-319-5928 and here's hoping you find some great treasures!

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is a time to honor all individuals, living and deceased who serve(d) with the US armed forces, during times of peace and war.

This year Veterans Day is November 11th but will be observed Monday, November 12th. In observation of Veterans Day, Pima County will be closed Monday, November 12th.



Spotlight On...

The Community of Amado



Congratulations to the residents of Amado, the Sahuarita School District, Mr. Thomas Murphy, Governing Board President of the SUSD, Mr. Jay St. John, Superintendent of Schools, and Principal Desi Raulston on their new community building and gymnasium! Amado was recently awarded \$500,000 from Pima County's Neighborhood Reinvestment Oversight Committee for the construction of a community building and gymnasium. The residents of Amado, Pima County, and the Sahuarita School District worked hand-in-hand on the new community building and gymnasium located on the Sopori Elementary School grounds.

The building was recently completed and Supervisor Bronson spoke at the dedication ceremony Saturday, November 3rd. The dedication ceremony was wonderful and even included musical entertainment provided by the Sopori School students.



Supervisor Bronson with Sopori students and the school mascot Chris the Cougar.



New addition - gymnasium and community center at Sopori.

The new community building is 3,300 square feet and will provide much needed space for numerous events and community programs. Some of the planned uses include but are not limited to: clinic/wellness services, preschool/head start/early learning, music programs, family literacy, adult education courses (Pima Community College Outreach), senior citizen programs, summer/after school programs for children, library access, sports, and evening community meetings.

Once again, congratulations to everyone in the Community of Amado on the opening of this new resource that will benefit the entire community.



Sparkman Butterfly Garden Doolen/Fruitvale

Doolen/Fruitvale Neighborhood Association recently celebrated the third anniversary of the Sparkman Butterfly Garden with a fundraiser and potluck. Friends and neighbors gathered for the afternoon to celebrate, socialize, and enjoy the beautiful garden. There was a raffle to raise money for the care and upkeep of the garden.

The Sparkman Butterfly Garden is a great part of the Doolen/Fruitvale community and it's amazing to think that they created this beautiful oasis out of an empty dirt lot! The anniversary fundraiser/celebration is an annual event and this year was a huge success. Spending the day with neighbors and friends in this beautiful garden helped us all remember the importance of enjoying nature.

The Butterfly Garden is located on Sparkman between Bermuda and Flower and is always free. Doolen/Fruitvale is very proud of their garden and would love to share it with you!



Helen Garfinkle, neighborhood president, sits down in the garden to relax for a minute after a lot of hard work!

Pet of the Month Pima Animal Care Center

Meet Max!!!



Max is a three month old, male, domestic short hair in need of a permanent home. Max is very friendly and loves human attention. He starts purring the minute he's picked up!

And here's the best part...Max can be adopted for half the usual adoption fee so if you're interested stop by and ask for him with kennel card # 53519.

Like all the animals featured as pet of the month, Max is currently residing at Pima Animal Care Center. Please stop by to visit Max and the rest of the animals in need of a home at PACC located at 4400 N Silverbell Rd.

Don't forget you can always visit PACC online at pimaanimalcare.org or call 520-2743-5900 for more information about adoptable animals.

Pima County - Department of the Month

Department of Transportation - Pothole Hotline 740-2639



See a pothole on a County road? Call the Pima County Pothole Hotline!

What to do: Note the specific location of the problem pothole. Get as much information as you can such as an address, landmark, cross street, etc.

Who to call: Call the **Pothole Hotline** at **740-2639**

What happens: After you call the hotline and make the report, Pima County Department of Transportation will send the information to the operations team who will fix the pothole(s) within 7- 10 business days. *(Please note that during the monsoon season it may take longer to fix potholes as flooded roads become priority.)*



Need an update?

Don't forget you can visit Pima County's Department of Transportation's website www.dot.co.pima.az.us for a complete list of all current and future County Transportation projects. Can't find what you're looking for on the website? Just call the Department of Transportation main information line at 520-740-6410.

Ajo Historical Society Museum

The Ajo Historical Society Museum is now open for the season! The announcement of the seasonal opening came from the new President and Curator, Mr. G. Louie Walters.

You can visit the museum every day between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm from November to March *(may extend to April - we'll let you know)*. If you would like to schedule a group tour or need additional information please contact the museum at 520-387-7105.

As you may or may not know the museum's only source of revenue comes from donations left by visitors so it is important to let your friends know the Ajo Historical Society Museum is open for the season!



Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge



Attention : BIRD WATCHERS!!!

Every Saturday at 8:00 am from November to April the Audubon Society leads bird watching tours at the Arivaca Cienega Trail.

The Arivaca Cienega Trail is a 1 1/4 mile loop over a boardwalk and path with opportunities to see abundant bird life in a rare desert wetland.

Visit tucsonaudubon.org/birding for more information.



No reservation needed and it's always free of charge!

The Smithsonian Institute... comes to Ajo

The Smithsonian Institute's traveling exhibit *Between Fences* will be on display at the Curley School Auditorium beginning December 1, 2007 and continuing through January 20, 2008. At the same time the regional art exhibit *Borders, Fences & Gates* will also be displayed in the auditorium. Ajo will be one of only six communities in Arizona to host this event.



Hours of showing:

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday
10:00 am - 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday—Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Wednesday Evening—Movie Viewing at 6:00 pm
Sunday Guest Speaker Series at 2:00 pm
Thursday and Friday—Reserved for guided tours

For further information you can call the International Sonoran Desert Alliance at 520-387-6823 or you can email questions to fences@isdanet.org.

This event is brought to you through the combined efforts of The International Sonoran Desert Alliance, Arizona Humanities Council, The Ajo Council for the Arts, Pima County Public Library, and the Ajo Copper News.

