



THE DISTRICT 3 DIGEST

A Note from Supervisor Bronson...

At a Board meeting last month, I had the distinct privilege of presenting plaques to eleven veterinarian clinics that have partnered with Pima County to provide low cost spay/neuter programs. I wanted to make sure these clinics received recognition for the important role they've played in animal care and safety to our community.

Low cost spay/neuter programs are very important and the Board has demonstrated its desire to increase spay/neuter services by increasing the annual budget expenditures as well as allocations to the Animal Welfare Association of Southern Arizona: \$25,000 in fiscal year 2005/06; \$25,000 in fiscal year 2006/07; \$37,000 in fiscal year 2007/08; and \$50,000 projected for fiscal year 2008/09.

I am proud of the participating clinics and all the responsible animal owners who get their animal spayed/neutered. For more information about low cost spay/neuter clinics near you visit www.pimaanimalcare.org.

Community Pride Day in Robles Junction/Three Points — October 4, 2008

Robles Junction/Three Points invites you to join the community for the first annual Pride Day on October 4th from 9:00am—2:00pm at the Altar Valley Middle School 16350 W Ajo Way. Robles Junction/Three Points has teamed up with Pima County and several service providers to coordinate a day of fun and education for the community. The Pride Day will include information from: Inner Mountain, Project PPEP, Pima County Sheriff's Department, Border Patrol, Homeland Security, Buenos Aires, Pima County Community Development Services, Community Food Bank, AWASA, Three Points Clinic, and many other groups.

There will be FREE FOOD, ten refurbished computers, 30 car seats to be given away and other prizes as well! There will also be a jumping castle and lots of fun and games for the kids. Make sure you stop by for this huge event that will include entertainment and lots to do! Don't forget to mark your calendars for the first annual Community Pride Day. See you there!

Bronson Joins Neighborhood Associations for 25th Annual National Night Out



Several neighborhoods stepped outside Tuesday evening, August 5th to celebrate the 25th anniversary of National Night Out. Some communities in District 3 participated by hosting special individual events and others teamed up for an expanded neighborhood get together: Keeling, AMPHI, Samos, Doolen-Fruitvale, and Northwest Neighborhood Association to name a few. A few sponsored pot luck dinners, others offered an ice cream social, and another offered popcorn and snow cones.



No matter if the event was large or small the theme was the same: neighbors, Tucson Police Department, community leaders, and business owners all joining in the festivities for the evening and focusing on reducing crime in their neighborhood.



Supervisor Bronson visited three community celebrations, but the party was cut short when a storm rolled into the area.

Congratulations to all the neighborhoods that participated and thanks for taking the time to care about your community. These were all great events and we can't wait to come out and celebrate again next year.



Spotlight on...



Arizona Rural Human Services Network (ARHSN)

Arizona Rural Human Services Network is a wonderful networking group that has been around since 1988. The Arizona Rural Human Services Network (ARHSN) currently consists of about 20 service organizations that meet once a month (third Wednesday of the month) at the Community Food Bank to share information and ideas. The purpose of ARHSN is to assist in improving the quality of life in rural and suburban Arizona by facilitating information and resource exchange between groups and individuals who are working toward the empowerment and self-sufficiency of low income, minority, elderly, handicapped and other economically and socially disadvantaged people. They also advocate and support initiatives that will improve the social and economic life of those in need.

At the September 17th meeting the Arizona Rural Human Services Network hosted a membership drive and Supervisor Bronson joined the group for their monthly meeting. If you are interested in this organization or if you have any questions please contact our office or Sandee Brooke at sandeebrooke@cox.net.



Amphitheater School District Receives Grant Money

It is probably not a widely known fact, but the Amphitheater Public School District has been awarded over \$41M dollars in competitive grants to support student achievement, mostly at the state and federal level.

Catherine Land, a licensed master social worker is Program Coordinator for the Student Services Department and was instrumental in writing several of the grant proposals along with monitoring the programs once they are in place. Ms. Land says that students receive many benefits from these grant funded programs including significant improvement in students' grades, attendance and standardized test scores. The community is also involved in students success through these programs by recruiting volunteers and developing partnerships with local nonprofit and faith-based groups, along with corporate involvement. These programs have brought social workers into the schools, created before and after school programs, summer programs and have brought in volunteer mentor/tutors from the community to help support Amphitheater students.



One of the grants, Project EXCELL! was awarded to only 18 school districts on a national level, and **YES, AMPHI** was one of the school districts to be chosen to receive this grant in the amount of \$29M, spread over a five year period. Project EXCELL! provides resources enabling Amphitheater to recruit and retain effective instructional staff and principals and high quality professional development for instructional staff and principals. The ultimate goal of the grant is to increase student achievement in high needs schools. What a great way to assist and influence our youth.

Congratulations to the Amphitheater School District.



Pima Animal Care Center Pet of the Month (Ajo)



We are doing something a little different this month as the Pet of the Month is from the PACC Substation in Ajo.



Meet Buddy, a ten month old Chihuahua mix. He is a little on the shy side until he gets to know you and then he warms right up and he is small enough to fit right in your lap. Buddy is not only good with kids, but with other animals as well so he will fit right in with any type of family.

When you come to pick up Buddy for adoption, he will be licensed, have all his current shots, be neutered and micro-chipped. All you need to supply is the love and attention.

So stop by the Ajo substation of PACC to visit with Buddy at 1259 Well Road in Ajo or call 520-387-7502. You can also reach them by email: ajopacc@tabletoptelephone.com.

Buddy's waiting for you to take him home!!

Arivaca...Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendars for October 5th and come enjoy breakfast and relax and visit with some of your community members for another:

"Clinic Pancake Breakfast"

sponsored by:

Arivaca Area Health Services

Sunday October 5th, 2008
8:00 am to 11:00 am
Old School House



Pima County Department of the Month



Pima Animal Care Center

"People and Animals in a Caring Community"

Pima Animal Care Center

Pima Animal Care Center occupies an unique position in the community because it educates the public and enforces the law in two different, but complementary aspects:

- ◆ Protect the public health and safety through education and enforcement of animal control laws and ordinances.
- ◆ Protect the welfare of animals through enforcement of animal cruelty ordinances and sheltering abandoned animals



Although PACC is located within District 3 boundaries it is overseen by the entire Board of Supervisors. In addition to staff, PACC works with 32 rescue groups and a team of dedicated volunteers.



In Fiscal Year 2007/2008 the center was able to:

- ◆ Adopt, rescue and redeem 8,163 pets (*this is a record*)
- ◆ Respond to 36,292 calls for enforcement
- ◆ The Ajo substation handled 481 animals and placed 251 in homes through adoption, rescue and owner redemption
- ◆ Handle 21,446 animals
- ◆ Issue 112,035 dog licenses

The 2004 Bond Remodel Project of \$3M plus \$1.5M additional funds will greatly improve the operations of the facility for the animals, the staff and the community.

Contact Information

Web Site: www.pimaanimalcare.org
Email: contactpacc@pima.gov
Main Line: 520-243-5900
Address: 4000 N. Silverbell

(Pictures courtesy of PACC)

Bucklew Farm...Pumpkin Festival

It is getting close to that time of year again...Pumpkins, the Corn Maze, Wagon Rides...so try to take some time out of your busy schedule to attend the 20th Annual Pumpkin Festival and Corn Maze at Bucklew Farm. The festival is open the last three week-ends in October and the gates open at 10:00 a.m.

Your activity for the day may include a wagon ride to select your own pumpkin, a trip through the corn maze, a tour of the arts and craft tent, games, feeding the 4-H animals at the petting zoo and pedal car races. You will also have the opportunity to chow down on grilled turkey legs, corn on the cob and of course, homemade pumpkin pie. For those interested in the scarier side of the season try a tour of the Corn Maze at night or take time for a visit to the Haunted Corn Field.



For times, rates and activities check out their website at www.bucklewfarm.com or call 520-822-2277.

Rillito Crossing...Sculpture Stolen

On July 26th a neighborhood ceremony dedicating the "Raindrop", a bronze sculpture by artist Nick Burke was held at Rillito Crossing at the corner of 1st and Limberlost.

It was recently **STOLEN** and we are asking if anyone has any information or knowledge of its whereabouts to please contact the Tucson Police Dept. at 791-4444.



City of Tucson/Pima County...Household Hazardous Waste Program



Need to get rid of some old paint, oil, antifreeze, batteries, old computers or any other household item that is hazardous? It is easy ...just a quick drop off at one of the following locations:

Main Facility: 2440 W Sweetwater Drive
Open Friday and Saturday 8:00 am to 12 Noon



Three Outreach Collection Sites:
Open the 1st Saturday of every month—8:00am to 12 Noon



Eastside City Hall
7575 E. Speedway Blvd.



Tucson Water, Plant 2
1102 W Irvington Road

Park and Ride Parking Lot on Ina Road and Via Ponte
(one block west of Oracle Road)



Visit www.deq.pima.gov or call 740-3340 to find ABOP (antifreeze, batteries, oil and paint) sites that are open daily or to get answers to any questions you may have.