



THE DISTRICT 3 DIGEST

A NOTE FROM SUPERVISOR BRONSON...

Happy New Year to you and your family from all of us in the District 3 Office. As we begin 2010, many of us have once again made a resolution or two. Some of us want to lose weight and stay fit; some to get organized, and some want to get involved in their community or neighborhood. Whatever your focus, Pima County has some programs that will help you keep those resolutions.

Tired of clutter: Visit www.pimasheriff.org for a list of Shred-a-Thons to be held this year. The Sheriff's Department assists by hosting these events.

Want to stay fit and help the Sonoran Desert: Sign up to help Beat Back Buffelgrass Day on Feb. 6th. Visit www.buffelgrass.org for all the details.

Want to fix up your home: You may qualify for some assistance so check out <http://www.pima.gov/CED/CDNC/CRD/HomeRepair.html>

Prepare your taxes on time: Pima County Library is offering free assistance. Take a moment to visit www.library.pima.gov/about/news/?id=2277 for a list of locations and dates.

Ciara Upson...

Making a Difference....One can at a time

Two and a half years ago, when Ciara was 7 years old she heard the plight of the poor needing food while she sat waiting for her Grandmother Caz Robbins to finish her meeting on the Outside Agency Committee... and she cried. A typical reaction upon hearing something like this for the first time. What is unusual about Ciara is what she did next.



She vowed to collect 1000 pounds of food for the Community Food Bank and thought that she could complete the task in one year. Well...it took a little longer than a year, but she never once gave up or forgot about her commitment and through her own determination and dedication she recently reached her goal...1000 pounds.

There was a celebration honoring her achievement Saturday December 12th, at 5th and Congress where the Food Bank set up for its holiday drive. Bill Carnegie and Linda Hamilton with the Community Food Bank awarded her a certificate and publically thanked her for all her work. Supervisor Sharon Bronson's office was also on hand to present her with an Appreciation Award.



Like most humble beings, Ciara accepted and acknowledged all the special treatment as just another day in the life of a typical 9 year old who just happened to help feed a whole lot of fellow Tucsonans.



Thank you Ciara...you are just what the world needs. Could we have you... times 1000?

Mountain/1st Neighborhood Art in the Park

Each neighborhood is unique and Mountain 1st has shown this by successfully planning an Art in the Park event to share with the residents how to be more environmentally conscious and what they can do to make their homes more "green."



Several local businesses participated including TFS Technicians For Sustainability, Green Retrofit Co-op and WMG Watershed Management Group. They passed out info and gave advice for individual and commercial residents.

The group painted bird houses and took small tours of the neighborhood pointing out areas where trees, purchased from Trees for Tucson for \$8.00 a piece are going to be placed in February.



It is obvious this neighborhood is proactively working to improve the look and feel of their community by going green and getting everyone involved.

Way to go...and thanks to all who participated.



Spotlight on...

Picture Rocks....Construction of BMX Skate Park

Community members Karen Zopf, Tom Allen and Greg Mattison are monitoring the progress of the skate park as everyone anxiously awaits the completion which is slated for mid February of this year.

Funds for this project are provided by the Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program with support from Supervisor Sharon Bronson. Jason Bahe is the Pima County Project Manager who is working with M. Anderson Construction Corp. as general contractor and Bennett Bernal with Neighborhood Reinvestment is guiding Picture Rocks through the process. All specialty work will be done by California Skateparks.

One thing is for sure....the skateboarders, the BMX riders, and the community as a whole can hardly wait for the opening. See you next month!!



Photos courtesy of Jim Pethe



Ajo Youth...Earning New Wheels

A little after Christmas reward for some Ajo youths who volunteered for the bicycle repair and yard clean up project that was sponsored by Pima County Natural Resources Parks and Recreation and Arizona Youth Partnership.

All youth who participated in the program were eligible to win one of the repaired bicycles and another drawing was held December 29th at Bud Walker Park.

The winners from left to right are Abel Alvarez, Abrahan Alvarez, Lorena Alvarez, Daphne Blackburn, Seliah McCasland, and Grayce Driver.

In addition to the sponsors the Pima County Sheriff's Department, Border Patrol, some local businesses, and residents assisted with the success of this event.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who helped!



Photo courtesy of Mike Mekelburg of the Ajo Copper News

Dodge Flower Neighborhood....

Ice Cream Social Celebrating 10 years!!

The Dodge Flower Community celebrated 10 years as a neighborhood on Saturday, November 8th with an Ice Cream Social that was held at the Catalina Heights Evangelical Church. Numerous volunteers from the neighborhood association helped plan and coordinate the event and several businesses from the neighborhood contributed.

There were raffles, a gift exchange and even a jumping castle donated by TMM Family Services. Everyone enjoyed the cake and ice cream that was donated by Fry's Food Store, coffee donated by Starbucks and Costco donated gift cards for other supplies that were needed.

The day was a great success and the community members had a nice afternoon visiting with their fellow neighbors.



Thanks to all who volunteered and donated to make this day a fun and memorable one. Everyone is looking forward to the next celebration!



Be Prepared.....Before an Emergency Happens

Let's start out the new year right by being prepared ...in case of an emergency.

Do you and all your family members know what do to and how to get prepared? To get everyone started here is a list of Basic Emergency Supplies:

Water: One gallon per person, per day (plan for at least three days)

Food: At least a 3 day supply of non-perishable food

Radio: Battery powered or hand crank (extra batteries)

Flashlights: Extra batteries

First Aid Kit - Whistle - Dust Mask - Moist Towelettes - Garbage bags and plastic ties - Can Opener

Local Maps - Wrench or pliers - Cell Phone with chargers

Are any family members on medication...do you have an infant or small children, any family pets...

All these questions should be answered and prepared for in advance...before an emergency occurs.

For additional information and suggestions check out the following website at: www.ready.gov.



Ajo...Immaculate Conception Church

Immaculate Conception Church in Ajo which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places has needed major roof repairs for quite a while.

The total cost of the project was \$105,016 and it finally came together via a team effort. The Arizona State Heritage Grant Fund contributed \$59,970, the church donated \$12,000 and the remaining funds, \$33,046 were donated by individuals.

In all fifty seven individuals donated labor, services or cash towards this project. One has to admire the team effort of this community.

The pictures were courtesy of Louie Walters who was kind enough to share them.

Congratulations and thank you to all who worked so hard to make this project a reality...it certainly is a success story. .



Pima County Holidays...

Just a quick reminder:

County offices will be closed on:

January 18th for Martin Luther King, Jr

February 15th for Presidents' Day.



Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library

A big heartfelt thanks to Mr. Richard Jarenski for his generous donation of the American Flag which we will proudly display at our Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library.

It is amazing how one person can make such a wonderful impact on our community.



Nancy Ledebor, Richard Jarenski and Congresswoman Giffords

Pet of the Month

Meet Otis, one ear up and one ear down, so you can easily tell he is loaded with personality. He is very gentle and sweet, is good on a leash and gets along quite well with other dogs.



He is a one year old Labrador Retriever mix and has been at PACC since December 30th.

When you call or stop by, please ask for kennel #244776.

Pima County Animal Care Center can be reached at 520-243-5900 or check out their website at:

www.pimaanimalcare.org.

Otis is waiting to go home!!

