



THE DISTRICT 3 DIGEST

A NOTE FROM SUPERVISOR BRONSON...

Within the next week Pima County property owners will receive their property tax statements from the Pima County Assessor's office. As Pima County Supervisor for District 3, I wanted to take this opportunity to share some facts with you about those statements and about this year's County budget.

Pima County, by law, collects property taxes for all 84 taxing entities in the county. Typically, Pima County taxes account for approximately 25-33% of your total taxes due. Different taxing entities like cities, towns, school districts, community college districts and fire districts receive the remainder. This year, the State of Arizona's School Equalization tax has been reinstated and will appear on your tax statement. Because of this reinstatement, homeowners with a residence valued at \$200,000 will pay about \$70 in additional taxes to the state of Arizona.

The Board of Supervisors majority has made some tough decisions over the past several years. As a result of those decisions, we:

- Lowered the FY2009/10 primary Property Tax Rate by 7.8 cents from last year to its **LOWEST** level in 30 years
- Saved taxpayers about **\$55 million** over the past four years
- Cut the General Fund by **\$6.8 million**
- Reduced the County workforce by **544 employees**

For more detailed information about the FY2009/10 budget click on <http://www.pima.gov/bos/dist3/News.html> for a Pima County Budget Fact Sheet. To review the Pima County Budget in its entirety with all the related backup material, go to: <http://www.pima.gov/finance/HTML/AdptBdgt/2009-2010/Index.htm>

During these challenging economic times, my top priority has been to make fiscally responsible decisions that ensure Pima County provides critical and necessary services to our residents. I believe Pima County's FY2009/10 Budget reflects that priority.

Pima County... Sustainability Program

Just a little over a year ago the Board of Supervisors adopted the Sustainable Action Plan for County Operations that includes the following categories:

- Green Building
- Green Purchasing
- Waste Reduction
- Alternative Fuel Vehicles
- Land Conservation and Management
- Renewable Energy and Conservation
- Water Conservation and Management
- Carbon Footprint Reduction

The county is driving less miles, using less paper, recycling more, utilizing alternative fuel vehicles, and taking less to the landfills...these are just a few of the accomplishments. While many of the categories are long range and require an extended period of time to implement and monitor for effectiveness, some of them can be put into practice quite easily and you have the added benefit of seeing immediate results.



Employees from 22 County Departments contributed to the creation of the Sustainable Action Plan which received the "Innovation in Sustainability Award of Excellence" from the national Association for Operations Management

Supervisor Bronson was responsible for initiating the switch to electronic distribution for the Board agenda packets instead of paper copies. This move saves 2.28 tons of paper (39 trees), 16,000 gallons of water, 7.5 cubic yards of landfill space and \$40,000 a year in paper and printing costs. Another \$41,000 in savings was realized because of the expanded recycling program.

Check out the 1st year report card at www.pima.gov

Spotlight on...

Copper Crest Owners Association...

Located on Bopp, a few miles from the Kinney/Bopp intersection is the 55 plus community; Copper Crest Owners Association. It is comprised of 320 manufactured homes with a potential for 36 more. They host one annual meeting in January and informational meetings in the spring and fall with a seven member board.



There are numerous activities and services available to all residents:

Heated Swimming Pool—Tournament Shuffle Board—Putting Green—Bocce Ball Court—Full Kitchen Facility
Library—Horse Shoes—Exercise Room—Arts and Craft Facility—Kiln—Hot Tub/Spa—Billiards and Card Room
Picnic and Large Grill Area—Poker and Bingo Night—Art and Ceramic Classes—Group Travel—Dining Out Club

A group of volunteers from the community also are making sure a portion of Bopp remains litter free as members of Pima County Adopt a Roadway Program. Thanks for caring and helping keep your portion of the world a little cleaner!



PACC...Pet of the Month

Hi, my name is Zelda and I'm a young adult female boxer. I am very sweet, loving and extremely attentive and I am ready to learn anything you would like to teach me.



I am also very affectionate and would just love to go home with you and fill it with joy. So please stop by and visit with me soon at Pima County Animal Center located at 4000 N. Silverbell and ask for kennel card # 22574.



And don't forget I have lots of brothers and sisters who are also looking for new homes. You can check out the adoption page at www.pimaanimalcare.org

Keeling Community Garden



Fall planting season is just around the corner so it's a perfect time to sign up as a member of the Keeling Community Garden along with Community Gardens of Tucson.

The site is located at Los Altos and Laguna; plots will be 3' by 20', and availability is first come, first serve. You do not need to be a resident of Keeling to join the group. Cost is \$12.00 per month for watering.

Enjoy some great exercise, fresh healthy foods and the camaraderie of fellow gardeners and neighbors.



For more information contact Gene Zonge at zonge@aol.com or call 520-795-8823.



Ajo celebrates the International Day of Peace ...Sept 20th and 21st

The International Sonoran Desert Alliance, in collaboration with the local school, businesses and civic organizations will hold its 6th annual International Day of Peace in Ajo, AZ September 20th and 21st.



Ajo is uniquely situated at the intersection of three very distinct nations within 40 miles of the Mexican Border and next door to the Tohono O'odham Nation. The three distinct cultures, Hispanic, Tohono O'odham and Anglo all come together for this celebration that highlights respect for its diversity, its individuals, families, the community, the environment and the diversity of our world at large.



The event begins Sunday morning September 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon for a free pancake breakfast at the Ajo Plaza accompanied by live music and activities for the children. At the same time adults and youth can join in to create peace themed chalk art on the Plaza sidewalks.

On Monday from 3:15 to 5:00 p.m. the After School Festival will be held on the school grounds and at 5:00 p.m. the parade to the Plaza will begin. Entertainment by the Tohono O'odham band and the sampling of cultural foods from vendors will be available at the Plaza while residents await the arrival of the community parade of 200 participants.

Upon arrival at the Plaza 200 djembe drums and cultural dance troupes will entertain the crowd with lively entertainment and cultural costuming. For more information go to www.peaceajo.org.

Home Repair Program for... Unincorporated Pima County



Do you need assistance with some home repairs or maybe you know someone who could use some help. With funding made available through Federal Economic Stimulus Package, Pima County is increasing production for the Home Repair and Weatherization Program. If you are a resident of unincorporated Pima County, your home is owner occupied, you have lived there a minimum of twelve months, and meet income requirements you could be eligible to receive grant assistance.



Eligible repairs under the Pima County Home Repair Program include::

Roof Repair

Shingles
Built up roofs
Rolled roofs

Heating/Cooling

Furnace
Cooler
Duct Work

Septic System

Repair
Replacement

Weatherization

Energy Audits
Insulate ceilings
Sunshades



For full details contact Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation Department, Home Repair Program at 2797 East Ajo Way, 3rd Floor. Their telephone # is 520-243-6696 and their web address is:

<http://www.pima.gov/CED/CDNC/CRD/HomeRepair.html>

(Please note: RV's, Travel Trailers and Motor Homes do not qualify for this program)

Lend a Hand—Yard Sale Saturday Nov 7th - 7:00 am—12:00 noon

What better way to go **GREEN**....than to reuse, recycle and resell those items you no longer need.

If you have any items that you would like to donate on behalf of Lend a Hand please contact Jane Hoffman at 327-9693. Donations are tax deductible.

The fall yard sale will take place Nov 7th at 1545 Water Street. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Lend a Hand organization who is committed to helping seniors remain comfortable and safe in their homes.

The members of the Coalition include:

Campus Farms, Hedrick Acres, La Madera, Limberlost, Mountain 1st, Samos, Winterhaven, Campbell Ave. Business Partnership and Mountain Avenue Church of Christ.



For more information contact Michele at 248-6882.

Coronado Heights...Community Festival

Come Party with Paul Bunyan....

and the **Coronado Heights Neighborhood Association** at the corner of Stone and Glenn Ave. and join the fun **September 27, 2009** between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Free hot dogs/drinks, prizes, special events, games and entertainment.

Free car wash for the first 20 cars!
(courtesy of Don's Hot Rod Shop)

Car Show—Cake Walk—Woods Library

Tucson Police Bike Rodeo

Pima Animal Care Center will be on site
(along with some friendly critters)

Jumping Castle—Balloon Art—Game Booths

So...come join the fun for an afternoon of **FREE** entertainment for the whole family and meet some of your neighbors.



Jumping Castle



Robles Junction/Three Points Community Pride Day...October 3rd

Come out and support your Community from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Altar Valley Middle School, 16350 W. Ajo Way

The festivities will include food, entertainment, prizes, games....and everything is **FREE!**

There will be raffles for 15 computers, 20 bikes (helmets included) and much more.



Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk October 17th

The memory walk is the Alzheimer Assn. Desert SW Chapter's largest event to raise awareness and funds for the local programs and services and national research so don't forget to plan on attending.

Team Leaders or individuals can register online at: www.TucsonMemoryWalk.org or call the main office for more information at 520-322-6601.

The event will be held at the Gene C. Reid Park, (at the Bandshell near 22nd St. and S. Country Club Road)

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