



## A NOTE FROM SUPERVISOR BRONSON...

The school year will end this month and the ice will break soon on the Santa Cruz as the temperature in the Old Pueblo finally reaches 100 degrees. As you try to stay cool when the thermometer reads in the triple digits, consider making a splash by exploring all the Pima County Library system has to offer this summer.

Once again the Pima County Public Library is sponsoring its annual Summer Reading Program from May 27<sup>th</sup> through July 24. During this period, the library branches through out the county will offer hundreds of fun and educational events and prizes. To find a list of events, go to [www.library.pima.gov](http://www.library.pima.gov) and click on the *Make a Splash at your Library this Summer!* or visit your nearest library branch and pickup a calendar of events. There are special reading/activity programs for kids, teens and adults. Branches will also offer other activities including Read to a Dog, Toddler Story Time, and Computer Classes for all levels.

As a special incentive to encourage kids to participate in the *Make a Splash* program, **our office will give away 4 free passes for the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum** to the District 3 kid who joins the program and has spent the most hours reading by July 24 as certified by a parent or other responsible adult. Passes are valid through September 30, 2010. Kids may submit their logs via the internet to [District3@pima.gov](mailto:District3@pima.gov) or mail a copy of their log to Board of Supervisors, District 3, 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, AZ 85701. Entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28, 2010.

## Pima County Sheriff's Department....Stay Alert with Nixle

Would you like to stay updated and informed on what is happening in your community.... you can now do this by signing up to the new program **Nixle** with the Sheriff's Dept.



You can choose to have alerts sent to you via a text capable phone or your email account. You can also set up to receive the information to unlimited locations such as; work, home, school etc.

Some of the information you will be sent includes road closures, Amber alerts, missing person alerts, and critical news when necessary. You will not be inundated with spam or unnecessary messages, Nixle does not track users and there is NO advertising on the site.

So check it out at:

<http://pimasheriff.org/about-us/publications/news-and-announcements/stay-alert-with-nixle/>

Often times it is alert citizens like you that give our law enforcement officers the clues that help resolve incidents...so the more you know the better it is for everyone.



## Pima County



Pima County offices  
will be closed

Monday, May 31st for  
Memorial Day

Monday, July 5th for  
Independence Day



## Picture Rocks.... Celebrates New Fire Station Opening

Fire Chief Kathy Duff-Stewart, Fire District Board Chair Michael Lytle and other board members along with staff, community members and Supervisor Sharon Bronson celebrated the grand opening of new Fire Station No. 121 on May 8th. The new station is located at 7341 North Sandario Road and is a welcome addition to the community.

Be sure to check out the June issue of the  
Picture Rocks Digest for complete coverage of this event.

*All Photos courtesy of Jim Pethe*



## Spotlight on...

### Sonoran Desert Weedwackers...Tucson Mountain Park

Looking for great exercise, great company and knowing you are making a difference in helping to keep the Sonoran Desert beautiful and free of buffelgrass and other invasive plants.... become a WEEDWACKER.



Marilyn Hanson is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Sonoran Desert Weedwackers and she can be reached at [mfhanson@comcast.net](mailto:mfhanson@comcast.net) to answer any and all questions. This group has been working to remove plants since 2000 and they meet every third Saturday of the month for about 3 hours. They also meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month....so, whatever works best for your schedule.

Pima County staff provides the equipment so there is no need for volunteers to lug their own tools along or to purchase any special ones and they also provide transportation to the site.

So check out the website at: [http://web.me.com/mfhanson/Weedwackers/About\\_the\\_Weedwackers.html](http://web.me.com/mfhanson/Weedwackers/About_the_Weedwackers.html)  
There are also other weedwacker groups in the area you can join and to view the information go to: <http://www.aznps.com/invasives/weedwackers.html>



Heading off to the trail behind Starr Pass Resort.



All photos courtesy of Marilyn Hanson



Mostly these plants come out easily.

### Pima County Attorney's Office in Ajo

The Pima County Attorney's Office, Victim Services Division is offering Crisis Intervention and Victimology Training for individuals who are interested in becoming volunteers to assist victim of crimes in the Community of Ajo.



Basic Training starts June 14th and Advanced Training begins June 28th and both sessions will be held in the Ajo School Board Room.

Contact Norma Gomez for questions and registration at 520-387-3664 or 520-940-8289.

### Homer Davis Elementary School

Congratulations to Principal Brett Bonner, the students, teachers, parents and all staff members of the Homer Davis School, in the Flowing Wells School District for their recent state wide achievement of an:

#### A+ School

Awarded by the Arizona Educational Foundation the school celebrated this honor on May 14th and what better way to end the school year!!



### Pima Animal Care Center....Celebrates Completion of Upgrade

On April 27th Supervisor Sharon Bronson along with Chairman Ramon Valadez helped celebrate the completion of numerous upgrades at the PACC. A portion of the upgrade was paid for by a voter approved bond package in 2004. The additions are a welcome sight for the staff, for the community, and especially for the animals.

Some of the upgrades include: 30 new inside/outside kennels - Cat adoption room - Remodeled dog adoption kennels Air Handlers and A/C units - Remodeled electrical and sewer utilities - New floor coverings - Many new and updated ADA accommodations



**So, take the time to stop by, visit the facility and the animals; who knows you may find a new family member to adopt. Special adoption rates are currently in effect as part of the celebration so the timing is perfect!**

**For additional information visit: [www.pimaanimalcare.org](http://www.pimaanimalcare.org) or call 243-5900**

## Summer Time Activities

### The Desert Museum

The Desert Museum loves to share its knowledge and does so by offering numerous classes, camps, clubs, tours etc.

The available programs are for all ages and members of the family. A few of their offerings are listed below, but be sure to check out their website for a complete list or just give them a call.

#### Tree Ring Tales

Jun 12, 2010 - Jun 12, 2010

#### Saguaro Fruit Harvest

Jun 27, 2010 - Jun 27, 2010

#### Going Bats

Jul 24, 2010 - Jul 24, 2010

#### Prickly Pear Harvest

Aug 14, 2010 - Aug 14, 2010

#### Museum Explorers Camp

Entering Grades 1-6 in Fall 2010

Session 1 - July 26-29, 2010

Session 2 - August 2-5, 2010

Web address:

<http://www.desertmuseum.org/>

Phone: 520-883-2702

Email: [info@desertmuseum.org](mailto:info@desertmuseum.org)



### Pima County Parks and Recreation Summer Programs

Summer time is here and Pima County Parks and Recreation has a class or program suited for all family members.

Some of the offerings include:

Music	Drama	Dance
Nature	Fitness	Pottery
Painting	Mediation	Cartooning
Martial Arts	Jewelry Making	Firearm Training
Comic Book Drawing and Design and more....		



Check out the website for all class listings and an application form for tots, youth, teens and adults at:

[http://www.pima.gov/nrpr/classes/classes\\_May2010.pdf](http://www.pima.gov/nrpr/classes/classes_May2010.pdf)

You can also call them with questions at 877-6090.

#### SESSION DATES

Session 3a: May 9 – June 5 (4 weeks)

Session 3b: June 6 – Aug 7 (9 weeks)

Session 3c: Aug 8 – Sept 4 (4 Weeks)

#### REGISTRATION DEADLINES

May 3, 2010

May 31, 2010

August 2, 2010



### Saguaro National Park Programs

The Saguaro National Park is offering some great programs throughout the month of May. Listed below are a few for the later part of the month.

May 21—**Twilight Hike** starts at 5:00 p.m. so you can enjoy the desert as the sun goes down. This is a 2 mile hike that lasts about 2 hours. Reservations are required so please call 733-5158.

May 22 - **Venomous & Poisonous Animals of AZ**  
Sandy Reith will be the guest speaker and you will learn about rattlesnakes, scorpions and Gila monsters. The presentation starts at 3:00 p.m. and it is wheelchair accessible.

May 27—**Moonrise Over the Mountains**  
Begins at 7:30 p.m. while you relax around a campfire as the full moon rises. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair and warm clothing. No reservations are required and it is wheelchair accessible.

There are also daily programs that the park offers. You can contact one of the visitor centers for updated schedules or check out their website at:  
[www.nps.gov/sagu/planyourvisit/things2do.htm](http://www.nps.gov/sagu/planyourvisit/things2do.htm)

Red Hills Visitor Center/Tucson Mtn District  
520-733-5158

Rincon Mountain Visitor Center  
520-733-5153



### A List of Possibilities....

**Biosphere- 838- 6100**

**Breakers Water Park - 682- 2304**

**Catalina State Park - 628- 5798**

**Colossal Cave - 647- 7275**

**Kitt Peak - 318- 8726**

**Mount Lemmon - 877- 6114**

**Old Tucson Studio - 883- 0100**

**Pima Air and Space Museum - 574- 0462**

**Pima County Library - 594- 5600**

**Pima County Pools & Splash Parks - 877- 6000**

**Reid Park Zoo - 791- 4022**

**Tucson Botanical Garden - 326- 9686**

**Tucson's Children Museum - 792- 9985**

**Tucson Electric Park - 434-1000**

**Tucson Mountain Park - 877- 6000**

**Tucson Museum of Art - 624- 2333**

**Tucson Symphony Orchestra - 882- 8585**

**U of A Observatory - 621- 2288**

Many on this list offer programs throughout the summer that some or all family members can enjoy!!

