



## THE DISTRICT 3 DIGEST

### A NOTE FROM SUPERVISOR BRONSON...

#### ***What's new in your industry?***

As Pima County enters the 21st century faced with a challenging economic climate, we are focusing our efforts on sustainable governance. This is evidenced by our fiscally conservative management and budgeting practices, our continuing support of economic development, and our embracing of new industrial technologies – notably solar energy and biotechnology.

#### ***What is the economic forecast for your industry?***

Property values, and hence county primary property-tax revenues, have fallen 7.65 percent since Fiscal Year 2009-10. Assessed value has dropped to \$8.3 billion and is not expected to begin a slow recovery until Fiscal Year 2014-15. Revenues will continue to decline through Fiscal Year 2013-14. Attempting to balance its own budget, the State of Arizona has threatened our fiscal stability through cost shifting of state responsibilities to our local level and this trend will continue.

#### ***What is your company/industry doing to make Tucson a better place to live?***

We continue striving to improve the infrastructure that is essential to regional economic development. We are managing public resources conservatively, while maintaining public services and facilities to the best of our ability under challenging economic conditions. After voters recently approved revenue and general obligations bonds, we are delivering on our obligation by constructing public recreation and infrastructure facilities to serve constituents in all jurisdictions in the region.

#### ***What are key issues this region needs to address and how can they be supported?***

Pima County is viewed historically as a low-wage community and suffered serious job losses in the recession. Our region must recover those jobs lost, without sacrificing the movement toward newer-technology industries that offer better paid, higher-skilled employment. The aerospace industry remains our largest private employer and we can support this industry with appropriate zoning and providing infrastructure necessary for their expansion. We should continue to expand our sustainability efforts and build on our natural advantages of solar energy, climate, educational opportunity, and desert/ mountain lifestyle.

#### ***How do you envision Tucson 10 years from now?***

We live in a 21st-century global economy with all its interconnectedness. Often elected officials fail to recognize that economic development, transportation corridors, airsheds, watersheds, and the “common good” don't stop at jurisdictional boundaries. Perhaps over the next decade we should consider transitioning to a regional form of governance.

*Article by Supervisor Bronson as published in the recent Biz Tucson, TREO Special Report Edition*



### District 3.....Telephone Number is Changing

Sometime in the next few months the direct number into our office will be

**520-724-8051**

The only difference is the exchange number from 740 to **724**

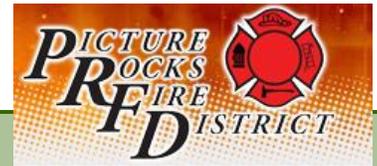
If you dial the old number it will automatically roll over to the new number for a period of six months.

So please update your telephone lists and take the time to pass the information onto friends, neighbors, coworkers, family etc.

If you have any questions you can always contact us at **District3@pima.gov**



# Picture Rocks Community... Services Provided by the Picture Rocks Fire District



Looking to change out your smoke detector, but dread the thought of trying to install a new one or shopping for one that is of good quality .....well if you are a resident of Picture Rocks, The Picture Rock Fire District will give you a new one for FREE and even install it for you. *(while supplies last)*

Have you ever thought of taking a CPR class, but don't know the cost or where you can take the course at a convenient location....well this is another FREE service that is provided to the residents of Picture Rocks... and they will also teach you First Aid. The program is available the 1st Saturday of every month. Want to share the class with a friend, but they don't live in the area....the cost is only \$25.00 for non-residents.



Not sure if you have installed your child's car seat correctly....no problem, just contact the Picture Rocks Fire Department and they will install it for you to make sure your child is as safe as possible.

These are just a few of the ways your fire department helps its community members. If you have any questions give them a call at 682-7878 or stop by the station at 12121 West Picture Rock Road. Their website address is: <http://picturerocksfire.org>



Don't forget to save the date....Founders Day Community Fair....March 10th from 10:00 - 2:00.

## Limberlost Neighborhood Association...upgrades to the playground

In February of 2009 the Community of Limberlost installed new playground equipment at the Limberlost Family Park (formerly the Don Hummel Park). At that time, they made the commitment to continue to make improvements to the park as they worked on securing more funds.



Faye Goodspeed and Don Gates

That day is not far off as they are preparing to add shade structures over the playground equipment and some new rubberized coating for the surface.

Faye Goodspeed a long time resident and active member of the community has been busy working with Pima County CPPW Project Manager Don Gates, the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Kevin McElheny, CDBG Funding, and Pima Federal Credit Union who are all pitching in with funds to complete the enhancements.

So don't be surprised if you hear about plans for a celebration in the park sometime in the near future....lets hope it is completed before the summer heat strikes.

Congratulations Limberlost and a special thank you to Faye and to all those who helped make this a reality!!

## CPPW Grant (Communities Putting Prevention to Work ) .... making a difference in District 3

There is a lot of activity taking place in District 3 with the Federal Grant Program, Communities Putting Prevention to Work. The goal is to make all Pima County residents healthier through education, community projects, hands on experience etc. and includes all age groups.

There is an impressive list of projects and programs that are either completed or underway ...they include:

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| Community Gardens | Walking Paths        | Kids Clubs           |
| Structured Recess | Shade Trees          | ENEGRI System        |
| Training          | Exercise Equipment   | Peaceful Playground  |
| Fitness for Life  | Playground Equipment | Technical Assistance |



### The District 3 communities participating include:

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| Ajo              | Flowing Wells |
| Balboa Heights   | Keeling       |
| Coronado Heights | Limberlost    |
| Dodge Flower     | Marana        |
| Doolen Fruitvale | Sahuarita     |

### The Schools in District 3 include:

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| Ajo Unified School District | Homer Davis              |
| Banks Elementary            | Laguna Elementary        |
| Coyote Trail                | Picture Rocks Elementary |
| Desert Winds                | Prince Elementary        |
| Doolen Middle School        | Rattlesnake Ridge        |
| Estes Elementary            | Road Runner              |
| Flowing Wells               | Sopori Elementary        |

## Diamond Bell Ranch Neighborhood Group Teamwork at its best....

February 4th was a day to remember for Diamond Bell Ranch...Eighteen community members along with two Pima County vans which included a crew of community service volunteers convened on Diamond Bell Road to do a general clean up of the area.

By noon both trailers were filled to the brim and all 80 bags were filled with unwanted trash. The entire neighborhood is grateful for all the assistance they received and want to make sure everyone received a much deserved, "Thank You." They also wanted to share some of the great pictures taken showing that teamwork in action.

Great job by everyone and it sure is nice to see such community involvement!!



*Info for article and photos  
courtesy of John Durham*



## PACC.... Pet of the Month



Meet Gayla, an 18 month old spayed female Pit Bull who happens to be very gentle and loving....pretty much a sweetheart with those gorgeous brown eyes. Somehow, somehow she got lost on New Years and is currently looking for a new place to call home. She already knows a few basic commands, so it should not take much to turn her into your perfect pet who will listen and heed all voice and hand commands. For those of you who have already experienced training a dog to obey commands you know it can be a very rewarding experience.

So please take the time to stop by for a visit and ask for kennel card # 325389....Gayla would love to show you how gentle and loving she is.

Contact PACC at 253-5900 or drop in for a few minutes at 4000 N. Silverbell.



## Pima County Library....Grants and Nonprofit Info Center



Are you associated with a non-profit and looking for additional funding, but are not sure where to look or how to get started? Well, Pima County Library can help....

All twenty seven (27) branches of the library have access to two (2) free... private... grantmaker databases

Monthly hands-on grantmaker database research assistance workshops to assist you

Additional monthly workshops on rotating topics relative to non-profits

Biweekly eNewsletters and a website with a multitude of topics relevant to non-profit at:

<http://www.library.pima.gov.grants/>

If you would like more information please contact Kassy Rodeheaver at [grantsinfocenter@pima.gov](mailto:grantsinfocenter@pima.gov) or leave her a message at 520-594-5568. If you are interested in a group presentation just let Kassy know and it can be arranged.

And....all these services are provided FREE.

