



## THE DISTRICT 3 DIGEST

### A NOTE FROM SUPERVISOR BRONSON...

School is just about over for the summer season, and many families are thinking about and planning for vacations. It seems like the price of everything is up and we all know the price of gasoline is no exception....so how about considering a more local vacation and visit a number of the Pima County Parks. Pima County covers 9,184 miles and elevation varies from 1,200 feet to 9,185 feet so there is a great deal of diversity to explore. The activities you and your family can participate in, or just sit back, relax and watch, include something for everyone; hiking, swimming, horseback riding, all kinds of sports, nature walks, camping, skate boarding, BMX, picnic facilities, shooting ranges, or just taking pictures of our beautiful desert.

The following link will take you directly to the Pima County map of all parks in the system and you can quickly review what services and facilities are available at each location: <http://www.pima.gov/nrpr/parks/maps.htm>.

Think about keeping a family journal as you visit each location and review it at the end of the summer. Ask other family members, neighbors, friends to join you on your local journeys and with the wonderful weather we have you can even continue your summer plans well into the fall and winter. Stay safe and enjoy!

### Arizona Safe Routes to School Grants

In the near future \$4 Million will be available in grant funds so now is the best time to sign up for a FREE workshop on:

#### How to Write a Competitive SRTS Grant

The workshops are held in various locations throughout the state and the next workshop to be held in Tucson is August 25th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Grant funds are available to schools, districts and others. The Arizona Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program can reimburse any school/district 100% for hiring substitute teachers so classroom teachers can attend a workshop.

To register for the class or for additional information go to [www.azdot.gov/srts](http://www.azdot.gov/srts) under the Support and Training tab or you can call Brian Fellows, the Program Coordinator at 602-712-8010.



### Ajo Roping Arena...

Does the number thirty-two (32) mean anything to you....

Well, it is the numbers of years since a roping event has taken place at the Ajo Roping Arena. On March 12th the ropers were happy to be back doing what they love, sharing the day with family and friends, teaching the younger generation so traditions can be passed on, and admiring the horses and the skills of all the riders. There can be no doubt about the popularity of this sport...over 90 teams participated in the day long event.

WALD the non-profit organization who manages the arena has plans to hold more events after they complete some much needed repairs. They received a grant from Freeport McMoRan Copper and Gold Foundation and plan to use the funds to make some improvements.



Check out the Ajo Calendar of Events at [www.cunews.info/news/events.html](http://www.cunews.info/news/events.html) for more upcoming events. There is always something fun and interesting happening in Ajo!



Photos courtesy of Cheryl Langer



### Small Business Commission Opening for District 3

Does small business interest you ....Supervisor Bronson currently has an opening on the Small Business Commission. Their purpose is; "To facilitate communication between Pima County and small business; to evaluate County policies and regulations for their impact on small business."



Check out the following website for additional information or call our office at 520-740-8051 and speak to our Chief of Staff, Kiki Navarro:

[www.pima.gov/cob/bcc/SmallBusinessCommissionInformationPage.pdf](http://www.pima.gov/cob/bcc/SmallBusinessCommissionInformationPage.pdf)

Memorial Day  
May 30, 2011

Please remember to take a moment to honor all those who have perished while serving in the military.



County offices will be closed for the day.

## District 3... Neighborhood Meetings

Many communities hold monthly or semi monthly meetings within their neighborhood. It is a great way to meet some of your neighbors, learn about the local businesses in your area, special events, community projects, etc. You'll get the chance to make and to hear others suggestions on how to make your neighborhood better, you'll find out about all the amenities your area has to offer, who you can go to for referrals from A to Z, and who to contact if you have a problem. As an additional bonus you will also receive friendship and camaraderie and you will get all this just by attending your Neighborhood Meeting for an hour or so .... not a bad investment of your time.

**AJO - WPCCC** - 1st Thur of month @ 7:00 Bud Walker Comm. Center 290 5th St. <http://wpcoc.info/>

**AMPHI** - 1st Wed of month @ 6:30 at LaPaloma 240 W. Navajo

**Coronado Heights** - 1st Tues of month @ 6:30 Glenstone Village Conference Room - 2835 Stone

**Dodge Flower** - 4th Tues of month @ 6:30 at Emerge 2425 N Haskel [Dodgeflowerna@cs.com](mailto:Dodgeflowerna@cs.com)

**Doolen/Fruitvale** - 4th Wed semi monthly @ 6:00 at Doolen Middle School 2400 N County Club Rm 55 [www.dffriends.org](http://www.dffriends.org)

**Flowing Wells** - 3rd Thur of month @ 6:00—Ellie Towne Community Center 1660 Ruthrauff <http://flowingwellsnacc.org/>



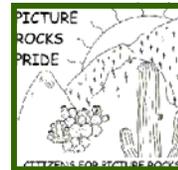
**Hedrick Acres** - Last Tues semi monthly @ 6:30 at Mountain Ave. Church 2848 N. Mountain Ave. [www.hedrickacres.org](http://www.hedrickacres.org)

**Keeling** - Held Quarterly - Cornerstone Fellowship Church - 2902 N. Geronimo <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KeelingNeighbors/>

**Limberlost** - Next meeting will be at Limberlost Family Park - 4255 N. 4th Avenue Sept 24th @t 5:30 p.m. [www.limberlostneighborhood.org](http://www.limberlostneighborhood.org)

**Mountain 1st** - 1st Sat of month @ 9:00 am at Mitchell Park 1100 E. Mitchell

**Mountain View** - 3rd Thur of month @ 5:30 at Waters of Life Church 3269 N. Mountain Ave. [onecitizenonevote@gamil.com](mailto:onecitizenonevote@gamil.com)



**North Dodge** - Sat. as needed @ 1:00 Catalina Heights Church 2741 N. Dodge

**Picture Rocks** - 3rd Tues of month @ 7:00 at Picture Rocks Comm. Center 5615 N. Sanders Rd [www.citizensforpicturerocks.org](http://www.citizensforpicturerocks.org)

**Samos** - 3rd Tues of month @ 6:30 Salpointe High School - 1545 E. Copper [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/samos\\_na](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/samos_na)

**Three Points Comm Action Group** - 1st Wed of month @ 6:00 (location tbd) [threepointscag@yahoo.com](mailto:threepointscag@yahoo.com)

**Tucson Mtn Sanctuary HOA** - 3rd Tues semi monthly @ 6:00 at Zion Lutheran Church 4520 W. Ago Way [www.tucsonmountainsanctuary.org](http://www.tucsonmountainsanctuary.org)

**Mountain/1st** Neighborhood Association



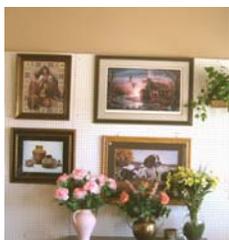
## Economic Development in Ajo....The Chicken Koop

There is a soon to be new business opening in Ajo....the Chicken Koop located on Highway 85, which is owned and operated by Arty Julander. The new stores are set up like a mini mall, which includes a gift shop, a separate shop for home décor, a deli, and a special area for freshly made tortillas.

You can come and shop for yourself or others in the gift shop, just a few steps away you can pick out an area rug, a flower arrangement or a beautifully framed picture. Take time for a short rest at the deli and don't forget to take home some fresh made tortillas. All of the pictures in the home décor section are older and have been rescued....refinished, and very professionally reframed.

A "Grand Opening" will be happening in the near future. The entire staff are local residents so you will be sure to run into some of your friends and neighbors... so take some time out of your schedule to stop by for a visit and a tour of the new shops...you will definitely see some interesting items.

Congratulations and good luck to Arty and to her new staff!



## Ajo Senior Nutrition Program...



When Supervisor Sharon Bronson heard the Ajo Senior Nutrition Program was in dire need of a new microwave she only said one thing.....tell them to go shopping, I'll pay for it. No red tape, no long forms to fill out, no six-month waiting period, no on site inspections, just....go pick one out.

She knew just how much the seniors of Ajo depend on the Monday through Friday program and she was happy to help.



Marina Padres, Manager of the Program and Berna Castillo, President of the Senior Nutrition Program took time to pose by the new addition to the kitchen and are thankful the seniors no longer have to wait unnecessarily for a quick warm up of their meal or a cup of hot water for some tea.

A special thanks goes out to Marina and Berna for working so diligently and for keeping the program going strong.....Supervisor Bronson understands just how challenging it can be.

## Hedrick Acres Neighborhood Assn... Keeps the Community Informed

If you happen to be a member of the HANA (Hedrick Acres Neighborhood Assn) Active Neighbors email list you can count on receiving lots of good information about ....local events and meetings, business activity, special sales,

current criminal activity, volunteer opportunities, etc.

Their latest bulletin is from IBEW and NECA who provide a FREE education that includes classroom and on the job training for Apprenticeships in the Electrical Industry. The program provides safe working conditions, excellent wage rates, multiple retirement plans, paid health care for you and your family and quality on the job training.

Check out their web site at [www.ibew570.org](http://www.ibew570.org) or call 520-790-4690 for the guidelines and additional information about this opportunity.



Thanks Hedrick Acres for keeping us informed!!

## Summer Time Fun....

Get ready for good ole summer time....there are lots of activities and opportunities just waiting for you. So grab your friends, neighbors, siblings and have some fun and perhaps experience a new adventure.



Need to know where you can find these Summer Activities so you can get involved....just read below.

**[www.pima.gov/nrpr/](http://www.pima.gov/nrpr/)**: Pima County Parks and Rec offers a variety of classes, pools and splash parks etc.

**[www.library.pima.gov](http://www.library.pima.gov)**: Pima County Library offers volunteer opportunities, reading programs, computer and internet training, English classes and much more.

**[www.tucsonzoo.org](http://www.tucsonzoo.org)**: Safari Nights, classes, camps, and programs are all available at Reid Park Zoo.

**[www.desertmuseum.org](http://www.desertmuseum.org)**: The Desert Museum has Animal Keeper Tours, programs, classes, tours and demonstrations on a daily basis.

**[www.nps.gov/sagu/index.htm/](http://www.nps.gov/sagu/index.htm/)**: Saguaro National Park has Junior Ranger Camps throughout the month of June.



## Seek and Find....Summer Activities

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| Archery   | Desert Museum      | Baseball/Softball |
| Fishing   | Parks and Rec      | Reading Programs  |
| Volunteer | Ranger Camps       | Swimming          |
| Reid Park | Safari Nights      | Soccer            |
| Picnics   | Family Movie Night | Summer Camp       |



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