

## THE DISTRICT 3 DIGEST



### A NOTE FROM SUPERVISOR BRONSON...

It will soon be our planting season and is there anything better than the first ripe tomato of the growing season or a whiff of a fragrant flower in bloom. There are many resources available to help you with how and what to plant, where to get seeds, and how you can acquire some much needed free mulch etc.

The Pima County Library system recently started a Seed Library. It is available at five branches, very easy to join and you can follow on Facebook as well. Pull up their web site or call them for the information and get some free seeds along with some guidelines and gardening advice. <http://www.library.pima.gov/seed-library/> (520) 791-4010

There is free mulch available for the asking... just click on the Free Mulch Tucson tab when you pull up the web site for Community Gardens of Tucson. They also deliver for free so be sure to check into this great resource. <http://www.communitygardensoftucson.org/main/>

The Community Food Bank offers a Home Gardening Program. They can help you acquire the knowledge and the materials necessary to create a successful garden. They offer different programs, from basic gardening to mentor gardening...so you can pick what is best for you. <http://communityfoodbank.com/programs-services/alphabetical-list/garden/>

## Ajo District Chamber of Commerce... Annual Dinner Meeting

The Chamber of Commerce celebrated their Annual Meeting with a State of the Town Dinner on March 14, 2012 at the Cultural Hall at the LDS Church on North Cedar. This was an "open" event, meaning everyone was invited to attend....not just members of the Chamber.

Several awards were presented to residents of the community for various community accomplishments, they include:

Volunteers of the Year: Carol Yokum and Cheryl Langer

Employee Achievement: Morgana Cooper

Business Person of the Year: Cathy Hutton

Dedication Award: Roberta Nixon

Achievement Award: Lonnie Guthrie



Photos courtesy of John Peck of the Ajo Copper News

Congratulations to all the award winners; a big thank you to Estelle Bryant, Executive Director and to all the members of the Chamber for sponsoring this event...from all accounts it was a great success.

## Keeling Neighborhood Association....On the Move

The Keeling NA put their CPPW grant money to great use! On Saturday, February 11th they held an event for *Keeling on the Move*, a program dedicated to helping residents get to and from work, school and other places without a car. By holding free events such as this one, along with classes about biking and safety they have been able to inspire and educate neighbors to walk, bike and ride the bus more and use their vehicles less.

The event featured everything from a steel drum band, food and a jumping castle to free bicycle maintenance lessons, free bus passes and maps along with bike path locations and laws. A few of the booths included Sun Tran, El Saguarito, B.I.C.A.S., Living Streets Alliance and more.

Way to go Keeling....  
Keep up the excellent work.



FREE

# Coronado Heights Vintage Vehicle Car Show.....Seven Shows all on Stone Ave.

FREE

You will definitely want to save the date for this event....**Seven** Classic Car Shows on April 21st from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

All the displays will be set up on Stone Ave at the following locations:

Tommy's - Don's Hot Rod Shop - Hot Rod Café - Desert Muscle Cars

Beacon's Value Village Thrift Store - Uncle Bob's VW - British Car Service



Start at the home of the PAUL BUNYAN statue and browse on Stone until you have seen them all.



**Door Prizes  
Dash Plaques  
Free Popcorn & Lemonade**  
  
**50% off all items at  
Beacon's Thrift Store**



**NO ENTRY FEES....**  
But please bring a tax deductible item or two to donate such as clothing, shoes, electronics, books, toys, or household items for Beacon's Thrift Store.  
*(They create opportunities for people with disabilities)*

This is a FAMILY EVENT so...everyone is welcome

## Pima County ... Doing a little bit more to stay green and help local non-profits



Pima County continues to work on being "GREEN"....recycle, reuse and if applicable resell. From time to time various departments have extra office equipment, furniture, vehicles, or in the case of the Sheriff's Department seized items.

The first step in the recycle and reuse process involves offering all used items to other departments for their internal use and then anything left over is offered to local non-profit agencies....in these tough economic times all items usually go very fast.

Fleet service vehicles are from time to time offered up for auction/sale. This includes all size cars, some trucks and occasionally some small equipment. To check when the next sale will be and what will be offered check out the following website at: **Procurement Dept:** <http://www.pima.gov/procure/surplus/>



The Sheriff's Department periodically hosts a separate auction/sale for various seized items. You may find some unusual items available for purchase so be sure to check their website for any current auction information at: **Sheriff's Dept:** <http://www.pimasheriff.org/>

### District 3...Opening on the Planning and Zoning Commission



Are you interested in or perhaps know of someone who is interested in a position on the Planning and Zoning Commission for District 3?

This is an appointed position and a short description can be seen at the following address:

<http://www.pima.gov/cob/bcc/Planning&ZoningCommissionInformationPage.pdf>

If interested please contact our Chief of Staff Kiki Navarro at 520-724-8051 or email us at [District3@pima.gov](mailto:District3@pima.gov).



### District 3...Reminder Our new telephone number is:

**520-724-8051**



**New  
Number**

**If you dial the old number, don't worry it will roll over to our new number until sometime next year.**

## Healthy Kids Day....April 14, 2012

YMCA's Healthy Kids Day will be celebrated at Himmel Park this year from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

There will be plenty of opportunities to climb the climbing wall, run the obstacle course, play some miniature golf, get some face painting or take part in some oversize chess games... anything to just have fun and enjoy the day with family and friends.



The YMCA's Healthy Kids Day is the nation's largest health day for kids and families. Check out the Pima County Library link below for a listing of events that are taking place in March and April...there are many available and open to all.

<http://www.library.pima.gov/about/news/?id=3924>

So pack up the kids and head over to Himmel Park for a few hours of fun on April 14th. The park is located at 1000 N. Tucson Blvd.

## Pima County... Neighborhood Watch

Does your community have a Neighborhood Watch Program in place.... if your answer is no you may want to consider getting to know a few of your neighbors and discuss starting a Watch Program in your area.

To take a passage from the Pima County Sheriff's website....

**"Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programs in the country..."**

Every community can use some additional help deterring criminals and a Watch Program could be just the thing to help stop crime even more. The benefits are obvious and you receive a lot of support and assistance from the Sheriff's Office such as:

- ◆ Start Up Guide
- ◆ Assistance from SAV's (Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers)
- ◆ Neighborhood Watch Signs
- ◆ Background checks

So, talk it over with some of your neighbors and call the SAV's at 351-4972 and get started on making your area better and better or visit the website at: [www.pimasheriff.org/departments-services/neighborhood-watch/](http://www.pimasheriff.org/departments-services/neighborhood-watch/)



## Pima Animal Care Center... Pet of the Month

Say Hello to Polaris, a two year old Border Collie mix... and just look at that smile on her face. This happy go lucky girl is named for the North Star which will always point you in the right direction. She listens well, already knows some commands and gets along well with other animals. Polaris would make a great running partner for someone or for an entire family.



She is available for adoption right now and as an added bonus she has a discounted adoption fee.

Stop by for a visit and take Polaris for a walk (or a run) and learn a little more about this happy go lucky girl...when she smiles, you just can't help smiling right back at her.

Her kennel card number is 370508 and you can see her at 4000 N. Silverbell Road or call 243-5900.



## Community Food Bank... Needs your Help!



The Community Food Bank purchases peanut butter, every five weeks, but due to the recent droughts and tornadoes in the South, the price of these jars has just increased 80% from \$40,000 to \$72,000. They serve 24,000 jars of Peanut Butter every month in Emergency Food Boxes.

Call (520) 882-3288 to: **Host a Peanut Butter Food Drive** in your neighborhood this week!



*(all information for this article provided by the Community Food Bank )*

## March...American Red Cross Month

March is American Red Cross Month and if you ever need their assistance the local Southern Arizona Chapter is located at:

2916 E Broadway Blvd.  
Tucson, AZ 85716  
520-318-6740  
<http://www.redcrossarizona.org>

To view volunteer opportunities visit:  
<http://redcross.volunteermatch.org>



To donate blood or plasma call 1-800-448-3543

Local office for blood related issues is 917-2800

To schedule an online blood donation visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org)