



## THE DISTRICT 3 DIGEST

### A NOTE FROM SUPERVISOR BRONSON...

The holidays are a perfect time of year to....**Go Green** and one of the ways to do this is by **Shopping Local**....save time, money, gas etc. There are many different ways you can do this quite easily. Wrap your presents in newspapers, a colorful piece of cloth, a towel, grocery bags, an old map etc. Buy a live tree and plant it in your yard after the season....no place to plant it; then you can donate it to a neighborhood, a church, a school or a friend etc. Purchase gifts from local charities such as The Habitat Store, Salvation Army Store, Goodwill or buy fresh produce from the Community Food Bank Garden.

Is someone in your family getting a new cell phone for a gift, don't forget to donate the old one. Share some of your treasures by giving a gift of something you already own. Decorate with LED lights and always donate items you can no longer use instead of throwing them out.

Make gift name tags out of last years cards, buy recycled paper Christmas cards and rechargeable batteries. Not sure what to buy for someone...why not get a gift card to a local store, salon or barber shop, grocery store or a roll of stamps for someone who does not use the internet to pay bills. If you have a cut tree, don't forget to turn it in for mulch...there are usually several places that do this for free.

Do you have any of your own green ideas....please share them by emailing us at District3@pima.gov  
**Happy Holidays!**

### Ajo Golf Course Lots of changes taking place....



There is a lot of change taking place at the Ajo Golf Course and all of it is good. A new water tank has been installed, which is totally operational and by the looks of the old tank the new one came just in time. A special thanks to Freeport McMoRan for the grant to not only purchase the new tank, but for getting it installed as well.

The dining room for the restaurant has been redone and is looking exceptional with new paint, furnishings and a revised and updated menu. All of this is thanks to the volunteer efforts of Bill and Paula Doremus, Derek Salstrom, Pam Tallant, Olen and Cathy Wilford. Bill is President of the Board of Directors, Cathy is House Manager of the Restaurant and Olen is the Treasurer.



One of the things the Golf Course cannot do without is its volunteers. This can be seen everywhere including the "Greens" that are getting smoother and greener by the day, the excellent food being served in the dining room, the cleanliness/upkeep of the grounds etc.



So stop by and see for yourself all the changes, play a round of golf, grab a bite to eat or just sit back and relax in the clubhouse....if you have any questions just call the clubhouse at (520) 387-5011.



### Pima County Sheriff's Office....Medication Disposal



The next Medication Disposal's are scheduled for:

December 3, 2011  
9125 E. Tanque Verde Road  
Safeway  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

February 18, 2012  
4040 N. Oracle Road  
Target  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

May 5, 2012  
7575 E. Speedway Blvd.  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

September 1, 2012  
7575 E. Speedway Blvd  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

<http://www.pimasheriff.org/departments-services/>

## Ryan Airfield Awarded the...Arizona Air Traffic Communication Facility Award

Ryan Airfield located off Ajo Highway 86 about 12 miles from the Tucson Intl. Airport was recently chosen by the Aviation Safety Advisory Group and the FAA's Scottsdale Flight Standards District Office for this years AZ Air Traffic Communication Facility Award. The traveling trophy will be displayed at Ryan Field for the next year.



Barbara Harper, the airport Support Network volunteer, nominated Ryan Field because of their 2 million error-free operations record dating back to 1997. The controllers courtesy and clarity encourages pilots to ask for assistance such as progressive taxi instructions and repeating transmissions. Pilots' support of the airfield also helped secure the nomination.

The controllers each have at least 20 years of experience and this knowledge base, plus teamwork and adherence to FAA standards are key ingredients to their successful communications.

Air Traffic Manager Gloria Calhoun and Air Traffic Controller Bernie Martin accepted the award November 9th which was presented to them by FAA Team Program Manager Dominick Gallo, Jr.



Congratulations to the entire staff of the Ryan Airfield Control Tower...what an honor!!

(Article contents and photo courtesy of Katy Smith of Tucson Airport Authority)

## First Time Homebuyers and Veterans...

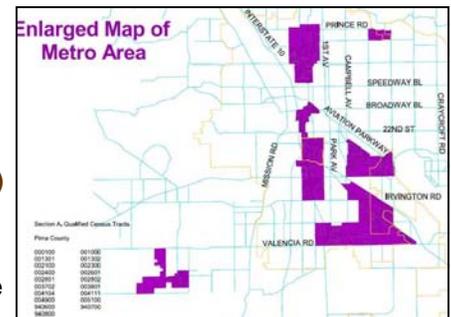
If you live in Pima County, thinking about purchasing your first home or if you are a veteran, you may be eligible to receive a 2.99 % interest rate on a 30 year fixed-rate mortgage.

This special program, Mortgage Revenue Bond, available through the Pima County Industrial Development Authority ([www.PimaIDA.com](http://www.PimaIDA.com)) and the City of Tucson Industrial Development Authority ([www.TucsonIDA.com](http://www.TucsonIDA.com)) is scheduled to end by December 31, 2011 so prompt action is necessary in order to meet the deadline.

A purchased home can be anywhere in Pima County, income and purchase price limits are higher in certain areas (See map). Down payment assistance may be available on a first come first serve basis.

For more information call the Pima County Housing Center at 624-2947 or the Tucson Industrial Development Authority at 882-5591. They can provide you a list of the participating lenders and/or down payment assistance.

For a larger view of the map visit our website at: [www.pima.gov/bos/dist3/](http://www.pima.gov/bos/dist3/) (under news bulletins)



Family Size	Household Income Limits	
	Pima County	Target areas
1-2	\$71,520	\$72,960
3 or more	\$83,440	\$85,120

Property	Purchase Price Limits	
	Pima County	Target areas
1 unit	\$288,227	\$352,278
2 units	\$368,977	\$450,972

## Picture Rocks

What could be better than candy, haunted trailers and lots of kids for an exciting and safe Halloween evening.

Picture Rocks celebrated their 4th Annual Trunk o' Treats event for the entire neighborhood. Community member Lorra Lytle passed out goodies and the Northwest Outriders 4H Club constructed the biggest and best ever "Haunted Trailer".

A night the kids will remember for a long time to come!!



Article and pictures courtesy of the Picture Rocks Digest



## "Living Together as Neighbors"

AACM and Pima County held a free workshop focusing on the needs, interests and issues of homeowners and neighborhood associations on Nov. 5th at the Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center.

The workshop was designed for active members of Pima County homeowner associations and included presentations such as: Trim your Energy Waistline, Sustainability for the Desert Dweller, and Civility and Civic Engagement.

It also included a panel of AACM CAAM management professionals discussing ways to work well together to build better communities.

For additional information on AACM call 334-2004 or email [duane@aacmonline.org](mailto:duane@aacmonline.org)



Photos courtesy of AACM

## Celebrating National Night Out

Communities all over Pima County celebrated National Night Out on October 4th to acknowledge their neighborhoods and take back the streets. A few of the communities in District 3 are Mountain 1st, Mountain View and Samos. There was an Ice Cream Social, a Tesla Coil demonstration, information from Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Dept., Tucson Organic Gardner's, Lend A Hand, Pima County Library... not to mention all the residents who just came out to meet new people and spend some time with each other.

An air of camaraderie was felt throughout the entire evening as everyone got to know each other a little better, shared food and beverage and just enjoyed the sense of this is "Our Community" and we care about each other. There were no monsoon rains to interrupt the evening... like years past when it was celebrated in August.



## Wheeler Taft Abbett Branch Library



If you live in the Northwest Pima County/Marana area you probably know all about the Abbett Branch which opened in 2008. It is 20,000 square feet of endless opportunities which includes:

- A "Librainium" for the very young set
- Internet Computers (40 set up in common area)
- Wi-fi computer access
- Two Large Meeting Rooms (for community use)
- Two Study Rooms (small group or individual use)

In addition to providing natural light from the floor to ceiling windows on two sides of the building the openness also provides amazing views of the mountains and the bike path along the Santa Cruz River.

The beautiful art sculpture the "Wondrous Wall" with words and phrases in English, Spanish and O'dham is always lit up at night and provides quite a stunning sight.

The number of classes and program they offer is quite impressive....Book Clubs, Story Time, GED Preparation, Job Help, and special series to name a few. For a list of all the programs they offer please visit their website at:

<http://www.library.pima.gov/locations/abbett/>

The library and the community will be forever grateful to lifelong Marana resident Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr., who contributed \$1 million toward the opening of this new, but well used branch library.



## GRAND OPENING... Kory Laos BMX Park

The Grand Opening Celebration of the Kory Laos Park was held October 22, 2011 along with the opening of the Loop trail. As you can see from the pictures....the kids were just waiting to use it. The park is located at the Flowing Wells District Park at 5510 N. Shannon Road. It is a welcome spot for all kids to ride, soar and jump their bikes free of traffic and other distractions.

Pima County set aside about 8 acres of land at the park to allow development. Kory's family along with many other helping hands have worked tirelessly to make this park a reality....for one main reason....so kids would have a safer place to ride their bikes.

Thank you... to the Laos Family and to all who helped!



Photos courtesy of the staff with Pima County Communications Dept.

## Happy Holidays!



Pima County Offices  
will be closed:  
November 24, 2011  
December 26, 2011  
January 2, 2012