



## A note from Supervisor Day...

**W**elcome to the very first edition of the District 1 update. I hope you find this newsletter to be useful and informative and that you will use it as a resource should you ever need assistance from Pima County. I've mailed out updates in the past, but I'm particularly excited about publishing a newsletter because it provides me another venue to tell you what's happening with your county and inside your government. My plan is to provide an insight in to the larger issues occurring in Pima County and tell you of the challenges and successes I see happening within the neighborhoods of District 1. All of our communities are growing and changing and there are some exciting ideas floating around that you may want to use for your own neighborhood!

Please don't hesitate to contact my office if you have a question, need help or just have a great idea that you would like to share with us. Hearing from people in my district is what makes this job worthwhile. My staff and I are here to serve you.

*Ann Day*

## Breaking News – Our Water Future

Pima County and Marana are in a dispute over the town's efforts to annex a small sewer plant and gain control of the effluent it produces. While on the surface this matter seems like just another jurisdictional turf battle, watch this issue closely because it has much deeper implications for water sustainability, growth and the future of all our communities in Pima County. It highlights the need for a regional water and sewer solution.

"In 1979, I don't think we cared about wastewater," said Supervisor Ann Day, referring to the year of Pima County's sewer agreement with Marana. "That this fight is about effluent shows how precious water is. This is ground zero for a critical water future for all of Southern Arizona. We're talking about regional benefit versus individual jurisdictions."



*Marana Wastewater Treatment Facility.*



## Pima County's Conservation Plan a Model for Smart Growth

In 2004, Pima County voters approved a \$174 million bond program to purchase more land for planning and conservation purposes. To date, the [Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan](#) has used \$51.3 million of that to purchase 21,400 acres, bringing total conservation lands in Pima County to more than 77,000 acres throughout the county. The SDCP has won dozens of planning and conservation awards and garnered national recognition for its goal of keeping Pima County a vibrant, sustainable and economically competitive place to live. Most recently, The Morrison Institute, an Arizona think tank, released a report on the future of growth in neighboring Pinal County and held Pima County up as a model for "smart growth".

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## Pima County's New Sustainability Initiative

With explosive growth and over \$1 billion in infrastructure needs, Pima County has emerged as an assertive government with extensive planning, zoning and open space preservation programs like our Sonoran Desert Protection Plan. Now, the county has undertaken one of the most aggressive sustainability initiatives ever adopted by a jurisdiction, which has helped make Pima County a significant -arguably the dominant- regional player. The sustainability resolution recently passed by the board includes green building standards, a uniform building code, energy efficiency standards and water conservation standards. Ideally, we use fewer resources and save money in the long run. Pima County is building green and building smart.

Below are just a few of the goals the Board of Supervisors has set as the county begins developing its Sustainability Plan:

- Shifting to more environmentally-friendly alternative fuels for the county's vehicle fleet.
- Applying a green purchasing and waste reduction emphasis to all county facilities.
- Reducing water consumption by 15 percent in all county facilities.
- Doubling the amount of parks served by reclaimed water by 2018 if voters approve bond funds to extend the county's reclaimed water lines.
- Creating incentive-based programs to promote green building standards in new residential and commercial construction.
- Amending the county's land use regulations requiring all new houses discharging to septic systems also be provided with a gray water reuse system.

Want to do your part to help keep Pima County sustainable? Consider [installing a gray water system](#) in your home.

## PLAY BALL!

Our children are bearing the burden of the lack of recreational facilities here in Pima County with families having to deal with long commutes to practice fields and later practice times. This equates to less time for homework, studies and families. Pima County has done a good job of bringing attention for the need to protect our natural resources, hence, our award winning Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan; however, now is the time to address the critical need for more lighted sport fields and recreational facilities to accommodate the overwhelming and growing demand of our youth athletic leagues and children. This can be approached in three ways:

- Maximize the use of our existing parks by lighting existing fields: since Supervisor Day took office, six lit fields have come on line with 5 more to come 2007-2008
- Maximize resources by continuing to expand and reconfigure existing parks and develop new parks
- Maximize recreational opportunities by partnering with the private community and school districts to work together in developing and sharing fields/facilities

One billion dollars of park needs have been proposed for the 2008 bonds and it is estimated that only one quarter of a million dollars worth will be funded. Supervisor Day encourages you to stay involved in the 2008 bond process by visiting the County website at [www.bonds.pima.gov](http://www.bonds.pima.gov) then click on "Future Bond Election." At a bond presentation held at Catalina Foothills High, Supervisor Day stated "I support sufficient park space because without it, a community can never be truly livable. The young people of our community are our future. Providing them with great amenities is critical to our County's future."



*Supervisor Day throws the first pitch to Bryan Opdyke at Mehl Foothills Park dedication of the newly lit Junior/Senior fields, June 11th 2007.*

## District 1 "Miles Ahead" in Road Construction

There's little doubt Pima County has transportation infrastructure woes, but District 1 is making progress in maintaining and expanding our roads. Even though Supervisor Day voted against this year's budget because it didn't offer enough tax relief, she did manage to increase the funds available for pavement maintenance by an additional \$1 million. And in terms of expanding our road system to relieve congestion and improve safety, a recent report from the County Administrator shows that over the last five years District 1 accounts for 54 percent of all road building expenditures in Pima County -more than \$129 million dedicated to relieving congestion and improving safety in the district.

### District 1 Road Improvements

Craycroft Road, River Road to Sunrise Drive .....	Under Construction until January 2008
La Canada Drive, Ina Road to Calle Concordia.....	Construction begins in 2008
Sunrise Drive, Craycroft Road to Kolb Road.....	Construction Begins in 2008
River Road, Campbell Ave. to Alvernon Way .....	Completed 2007
Cortaro Road, railroad tracks to Camino de Oeste.....	Completed 2007
La Canada Drive, Calle Concordia to Lambert Lane.....	Completed 2005
La Cholla Blvd., River Road to Omar Drive .....	Completed 2005
Sunrise Drive, Swan Road to Craycroft Road.....	Completed 2003
La Cholla Blvd., Omar Drive to Magee Road.....	Completed 2003
Thornydale Road, Ina Road to Cortaro Farms Road .....	Completed 2003
River Road, First Ave. to Campbell Ave.....	Completed 2002
Kolb Road at Sabino Canyon Road.....	Completed 2002

## Legislative Watch

Recent laws enacted by the state Legislature will help Pima county residents save energy, remove blight from their neighborhoods, and protect their identity. SB 1254 preserves a homeowner's option to install energy-saving solar devices. HB 2328 places restrictions on the retail display of potential graffiti tools. And finally, SB 1169 requires Pima County's Recorder to redact social security numbers from documents filed by citizens that are later made available on the Internet. To learn more about how you can protect yourself from identity theft and other financial scams, check out the [Pima County Sheriff's Departments's Economic Crimes and Fraud Detail's](#) website.



## Public Meeting

Pima County Natural Resources, Parks, and Recreation will hold a public meeting at 3500 W. River Rd. on August 23rd at 6:00 p.m. to discuss lighting the ball fields at Northwest YMCA Community Neighborhood Park.

## TAAG – YOU'RE IT!

Last year, Supervisor Day called for a Graffiti Task Force to work out a process that would address graffiti in our community. The result of those discussions is the County's new Graffiti Ordinance and Program called TAAG – Taking Action Against Graffiti. With the adoption of this new ordinance, Supervisor Day said at a recent Board hearing, "The County now has an effective tool for abating graffiti on both public and private properties. Under the County's new policy, taggers will face hefty fines, jail time or lost driver privileges. Our Codes will have teeth in them to discourage this disruptive behavior." If you spot Graffiti in the county, please call 792 – TAAG or 792-8224 or email: [PCTAAG@pima.gov](mailto:PCTAAG@pima.gov) to partner with the County in keeping Pima County clean and graffiti free. For city graffiti complaints, please call 792 – CITY or 792 – 2489 or visit the City's [Graffiti Removal Program website](#).



*La Cholla and La Briego, before (left) and after (right) graffiti abatement.*

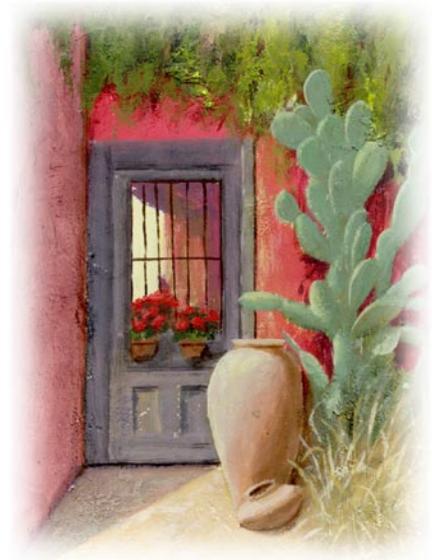
## GOOD NEIGHBORS

Our community has exceptional people working hard towards improving the quality of life for many residents in Pima County and one fine example of this is the La Canada Magee Neighborhood Association or LCMNA. Founded in 1976, encompassing four square miles with 2450 homes, the residents of LCMNA have been the eyes and ears for not only the northwest area, but also for the County at large. A tally of some of its efforts and accomplishments:

- Chartered members of the Northwest Area Transportation Coalition or NWATC
- Founders of the Northwest Community Coalition or NWCC
- Neighborhood Watch

Residents of LCMNA have served on various County Task Force Committees dealing with county code issues ranging from zoning enforcement to junk cars, big box and bed and breakfast ordinances. LCMNA'S continuing presence and input at Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Supervisors' hearings has been beneficial in helping the Board to discuss and iron out important quality of life issues that we face as a fast growing community. Supervisor Day values the partnership with LCMNA and appreciates its commitment to ensuring that Pima County remains a great place to live, work and play.

(LCMNA boundaries are: Ina to Hardy, Northern to La Cholla)



### Supervisor Day speaks at the completed RTA intersection improvement project La Cholla-Overton traffic signal

Roadway Improvements to the La Cholla-Overton intersection were completed two weeks ahead of schedule. Improvements to the intersection included installing a traffic signal and dedicated right turn lane. "Delivering RTA and bond projects on time builds trust," said Supervisor Ann Day, who spoke at the June 13 intersection dedication. The improvement was just one of the many RTA projects totaling \$100 million that are slated for the Northwest.

*Supervisor Day speaks at the completed RTA intersection improvement project, La Cholla/Overton traffic signal.*

