### September 8 PCFYI: Hispanic Heritage Month festivities, tagging pets, answers from Green Geek

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### Pima County hosting multiple events as part of Hispanic Heritage Month

The Pima County Historic Courthouse, 115 N. Church Ave., will play host to a number of events as part of <u>Hispanic Heritage Month</u>, Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. The County is partnering with Visit Tucson on the "¡Viva Tucson!" campaign, which will feature cooking demonstrations, educational events, tamale tastings and more. In addition, the courthouse is bringing back its "Music in the Courtyard" weekly concerts.



#### Don't let your pets get lost forever; make vow to get them properly tagged

On July 9, a little blue Chihuahua arrived at the Pima Animal Care Center, but there was no way to find the owner because the dog did not have a microchip and was wearing a collar with no tag. Two months later, Roy (pictured here), as the PACC staff named him, is still waiting for a home. Sadly, Roy's situation is not unique. An average of 30 to 40 stray dogs come into PACC every day, and most of them, just



like Roy, come into the shelter with no identification and no way to track down their owners.

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## Green Geek evaluates electric motors, alkaline batteries and encyclopedias



Is there a way to salvage the metal from an old pool pump motor? Is a AA battery destined for the landfill? Is there an eco-friendly way to rid yourself of an unwanted set of encyclopedias?

The Green Geek is here to answer your questions about all things green! You'll find this column in Pima County FYI on the second Friday of each month. If you have a question about anything green-related, send it to <u>fyinewsletter@pima.gov</u>.

# Justice navigators offer help, direction to those released from Pima County jail

Pima County's Justice Services recently launched its <u>Transition Center</u>, which aims to connect those charged with nonviolent misdemeanors and released from jail with resources they need, like homeless shelters, drug treatment centers and transportation. The center is open from 8 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Friday.





#### County remedies flood hazard created by '20 Bighorn Fire



The burn scar left behind by the 2020 Bighorn Fire left some neighborhoods in the Catalina Foothills far more vulnerable to flash floods. In response, Pima County decided to replace the culvert at Finger Rock Wash to increase its capacity and reduce the risk of catastrophic flooding in fireimpacted areas. With the reopening of Skyline Drive on Aug. 31, the project is officially complete

and a significant flooding hazard has been alleviated.

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# New dental program serves juvenile detainees in Pima County

Even though the girl had hit a low point in her life, there was a silver lining: She finally had access to dental care. The girl was in custody at the Pima County Juvenile Detention Complex. Through the new Juvenile Correctional Dental Program, the girl was able to see a dentist about the white spots that stained her teeth. For many minors in Pima County correctional facilities, the process of getting dental



care had been too difficult and discouraging to deal with before the program started.

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# County's wastewater plants ready to handle increased flows during monsoon



Most desert dwellers greet the first drops of the rainy season with a mixture of delight and relief. For the seven facilities that collect, treat and dispose of wastewater for the residents of Pima County, however, the monsoon means extensive and careful preparation.

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### Sonoran Restaurant Week is back

What's better than a week dedicated to Sonoran cuisine? Well, how about 10 days of that. Starting today and lasting through Sept. 17, it's <u>Sonoran Restaurant Week</u> in Pima

County, during which 100 local eateries will have special fixed-price menus. So, rediscover some of your beloved Mexican restaurants or find a new favorite.

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### Pima County offers resources to reduce fall-related injuries



Falls are the leading cause of injury-related deaths among adults 65 and older in Arizona. Falls can happen to anyone at any age, but you can take steps to prevent a fall-related injury. As part of Falls Prevention Awareness Month, the Pima County Health Department is offering tips and other resources to help residents improve their stability and mobility.

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#### Sidewalk construction to alter traffic around Nanini branch library

The Pima County Public Library's Nanini branch, near North Shannon and West Ina roads on the northwest side, will be getting new sidewalks soon. Traffic around the library and its parking lot will be affected for nearly three months, starting Sept. 12 and lasting through late November. Library patrons should watch for traffic changes during the construction period.





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