

Feb. 27 PCFYI: Celebrating the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan, closing the digital divide, a new dog park for Green Valley

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County kicks off yearlong celebration of landmark Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan

Pima County honored the 25th anniversary of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan at a downtown event Feb. 26, kicking off a year of events meant to highlight the achievements of the County's award-winning blueprint for conservation.

"For decades, people have come to this place to solve problems, stand up for what they believe in, celebrate milestones, seek justice and shape what comes next," said District 5

Supervisor Andrés Cano, speaking in front of the iconic dome of the County's Historic Courthouse.

"It's the perfect setting for a story like this one, because the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan is at its heart a public story — a story about community, about compromise, and about taking the long-term approach instead of one for short-term wins."

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Connecting Pima: Rochin finds purpose in closing the digital divide



Paloma Rochin didn't intend to work in the world of digital inclusion. In fact, she hadn't even heard of the field. What she did know was her community. She cared about it. She had already built a career serving it.

And then last summer, while pondering a career pivot from behavioral health to anthropology, she came across an internship opportunity with the Pima County Office of Digital Inclusion.

"I saw how embedded this position was going to be in the community. That immediately drew my attention," Rochin said. "So I kind of took a leap of faith, and it worked out, because my main goal in applying was to engage more with my community and root myself in my birthplace."

That leap led her into work that quite literally connects Pima County.

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Take Pima County's Loop survey

If you're a user of the award-winning Chuck Huckelberry Loop, Pima County wants to hear from you! This short survey is designed for anyone who has ever used The Loop, whether you prefer to walk, run, bike, or ride your horse. Your answers will help us make the County's favorite trail even better!



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Softball field to be named for Green Valley sports leader



A softball field at Canoa Preserve Park will be named to honor Ivan Allison, who spent years organizing sports for seniors in Green Valley.

The Pima County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 Feb. 17, 2026, to approve the naming of the park's Softball Field No. 1 for Allison, one of the founders of the BAJA Sporting Club, a sports organization that provides opportunities for seniors to

play softball, golf and bowling in Green Valley and Sahuarita.

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What to know about voting in the RTA Special Election

Voting for the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Special Election ends Tuesday, March 10, at 7 p.m. This is an all-mail election. Every eligible registered voter in Pima County will receive a ballot by mail, including those who are not on the Active Early Voting List. Voters must have been registered before midnight on Feb. 9 to participate.



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Parks & Recreation seeks input on proposed Green Valley dog park

Pima County Parks & Recreation is seeking the community's input on what would be the County's first dog park in Green Valley. The proposed dog park, inspired by community feedback gathered during development of the Pima County Parks & Recreation Master Plan, would be built at Canoa Preserve Park, 3500 S. Camino de la Canoa. The public can review the proposal and provide their feedback through March 10.

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PACC offers incentives for adoptions of large dogs

Starting this week, Pima Animal Care Center will start offering some fun extras with their dog adoptions. As of Thursday, Feb. 26, all dogs weighing 40 pounds or more have \$0 adoption fees and will come with a \$25 coupon to PACC's lobby store, which can cover a new collar and leash, and a small item.

You can also get your pup's name tag for free while you do your shopping. (Note: the coupon must be used on the same day as the adoption.)

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Library picks 2026 Southwest Books of the Year



The Pima County Public Library has announced the 2026 edition of its Southwest Books of the Year. For the past 49 years, the Library has been picking the best new titles of the year that are either set in the Southwest or about the Southwest. This year's selection runs the gamut from photography to memoir to poetry.

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