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2018



And Pass it Forward !

That's what The Shyann Kindness Project is all about...



THANKS TO

**The Shyann Kindness Project
We all had a fantastic
Back Pack Night**

~A message from Sandy Rosati

Friday Night's Backpack Night was a great success! Thanks to all of you, we were able to provide 364 children with the tools they need to be successful in school, and we gave out nearly 3,500 books!! I am so grateful to everyone who helped make Kindness Week and Backpack Night possible, including:

- Everyone who volunteered for various jobs at Backpack Night, including those who loaded or unloaded the truck. All of your volunteer efforts helped make this a successful event.
- **The Sunnyside School District** and **Apollo Middle School** for allowing

us to use their facility and setting up all the tables in the gym. I'm very grateful for the wonderful partnership and support of the District and Sunnyside Superintendent Steve Holmes.

- **Pima County Board of Supervisors Ramón Valdez** for once again donating five refurbished laptops for the best essay winners.
- **Officers Ashley Rodriguez and Brian Parker**, the police officers who volunteered their time to "keep the peace" as the families waited in the heat, and also had fun volunteering in the school supply room. We all thank you for your service in keeping our community safe!
- **2-EEE The Clown**, who was busy as usual making her fun balloons for the children, and **Gabriel's Angels** for coming to entertain the children with their therapy dogs.
- **Volunteers from Kohl's**, for which TSKP will receive \$500 from Kohl's Cares, and **Zeke Martinez** from **Dun & Bradstreet**, who also organized a school supply collection in his office and dropped off an enormous amount of school supplies in support of Backpack Night.
- **Delta Dental** for a donation of dental kits for the children, and volunteers from **Old Pueblo Civitans** who demonstrated the proper way to brush your teeth.
- **Living Streets Alliance** for offering free bike repairs for anyone who needed it. 14 bikes were fixed that evening.
- **Egees** for donating subs and Egees to keep our volunteers going thru the night.

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- **JTED** for supplying flyers offering the children free haircuts to get them ready for school.
- **The Valencia Library** for partnering with TSKP for Kindness Week and for all the activities that took place there, including give the children the opportunity to join "Shyann's Kindness Club".

As a 100% volunteer organization, The Shyann Kindness Project wouldn't be able to do anything without the generosity of people like you in giving of their time and resources. I very much appreciate all of your support that has helped The Shyann Kindness Project make a positive impact in the lives of more than 24,000 children in our community!

Thank you all so very much, and I hope you'll join us again next year! ~*Sandy*



Welcome to our new branch librarian:

Paulina Aguirre-Clinch

Next time you are at the Valencia Library introduce yourself.



Pickleball ?

What is pickleball? It's a sport with paddles, a wiffle ball, and a net, and you can play it at a few Parks and Recreation centers in Tucson and even sign up for a class. The next schedule of classes will be published July 30 in the Activity Guide for fall 2018/spring 2019. You can sign up for classes beginning Aug. 11.



Peace Garden

5901 S Fiesta

Next work day and activities are scheduled for:

Sept 1st and Sept. 15th 2018

8:00 a.m. to 12:00p.m.

Please note the time change.

Fun things planned and lots of things to

grow for the Fall



What Do I Do If I find a Bat?

Precautions should be taken to avoid exposure to potentially infected bats.

The following are noted by health professionals:

- A bat on or near the ground that is dead, sick or unable to move could have rabies. Rabies can be transmitted by direct physical contact such as a bite or scratch from a live or dead rabid bat. Their teeth are razor sharp, you may not even realize you've been "cut."
- Dead bats can also transmit rabies.
- Do not handle bats. Even though bats are not aggressive towards people, a sick bat may bite if handled.
- Live bats may "look" dead!
- **Do not pick up dead bats (or a live bat that looks dead).**
- If you encounter a dead or sick bat, keep people and pets away.


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Pima Animal Care Center will pick up bats (dead or alive), if it is “contained”, call them at 243-5900 and let them know.




WITH ALL THIS MONSOON RAIN IT'S TIME TO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST MOSQUITO BITES AND VIRUSES



The monsoon rains have increased mosquito activity in Tucson. Take steps to reduce mosquitoes in and around your home and neighborhood. Prevent mosquitoes from breeding by eliminating standing water in pots, bowls, tires, and wherever else water can collect. To avoid being bitten, limit your time outdoors from dusk until dawn, wear long-sleeved shirts and pants with light colors. 

Regardless of the hot and normally dry temperatures, mosquitoes are active day and night throughout the year. The best way to protect yourself and your family is to take measures to prevent mosquito bites. Report mosquito breeding problems (e.g. green pools) to **(520) 724-7908** 

Keep a **blue** light on to show your support for TPD. 



A note from Operations Divison South Door to Door Solicitors & Stangers

If you hear a knock at your door and a stranger is there, use caution. It's always best to use the peep hole or a window to see who is at the door before opening it. Always acknowledge you are home and never indicate that you are alone. If you know you are not expecting anyone and do not

recognize the person on your front porch, keep the door closed. Let them know through the door that you are not interested and let them find their way off your property. If you decide to engage with them, ask them to show you identification of who they are and what company they are working with by either holding identification up to the peep hole or window. Identification should ALWAYS be verified. Call the agency or company to verify their identity. Keep the door closed and locked in the meantime. Should you have concerns about the person at your door or a suspicious solicitor, call 911 or the non-emergency line 791-6813. Provide the best description possible. Take a good look at their face, clothing, any distinguishing features, direction of travel, vehicle, etc. to pass along to the police. Remember, you are not obligated to open your door for everyone who shows up on your doorstep.

Buffelgrass

Some of you already know what buffelgrass is, but some may not. In a natural Sonoran Desert ecosystem, there are many open spaces, but when buffelgrass moves in, it fill in all of those spaces and creates a continuous flammable carpet. This is one of the major dangers of buffelgrass. If a fire does occur in a natural desert setting, it burns out quickly because of the natural spacing of plants and the low flammability of the plants. However, if fire starts in a buffelgrass invaded desert it spreads quickly through the dry buffelgrass. Buffelgrass fires burn very hot, buffelgrass can burn at 1,300–1,600°F where native vegetation typically burns at 190–750°F. Buffelgrass grows in the wild and in urban environments, as well as the interface between the two. So, it poses a threat to the native plants and animals in the desert.



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September Events

Clean up on Santa Clara-September 8

Come join the Blue Chip Leadership class from the U of A .

They will meet at Mission Manor Park at 8:00a.m. on the Santa Clara side and clean up Santa Clara from Drexel to Valencia until 11:00a.m.



September 21, 2018

Youth & Peace Conference

A Little History of the Youth & Peace Conference

An idea that started in the Peace Garden; the annual Youth and Peace Conference (YPC) is a unique Tucson event empowering youth to become courageous leaders and creative peace builders in our community. The conference started in 2011 as a community-based prevention project to help educate and inoculate youth against violence (including bullying, relationship violence, sexual assault, hate, bigotry, negative self-talk, gun violence) and to empower youth to make healthy, life-affirming choices. The Six Annual Youth and Peace Conferences have been held: 2012 (Alta Vista High School); 2013 (Doolen Middle School); 2014 (Higher Ground), 2015 (Wakefield Resource Center); 2016 (Sunnyside High School). 2017 (Pima Community College Downtown Campus). This event is a great example of what can be accomplished when diverse organizations join forces to collaboratively address issues and create positive change in our community. How can you get involved? Sign up at: www.youthandpeace.org This year it will be held at the Pima Community College West Campus 2202 W Anklam Rd.



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And to

who continues to help our children in our schools and in the community.

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See you at our next meeting at the Valencia Library on **September 17th at 6:30p.m.**

Save the dates in October for:



Star Night in the Peace Garden

October 6th at 6:30 p.m.

UCAB-Mtg-October 17th

October 20th Days of Caring

More info coming in our September newsletter.