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Dear Community Member:

Green Valley News and Updates

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1. Council President, Thao Tiedt is home and recovering! She sends her thanks for all the positive thoughts and well wishes.
 2. The GVC office will reopen (by appointment only) on Monday 6/15. Office hours are Monday - Thursday from 8am – 4 pm. Visitors will be required to wear a mask. To schedule an appointment call 520-648-1936 or email info@gvcouncil.org.
 3. Arizona is experiencing an uptick in Covid19 cases. Please continue to follow all health and safety guidelines.

The Canoa Parks and Their Friends

It is a fortunate community that can boast of 5000 acres of parkland within its boundaries. Our three county parks provide us an unlimited range of activity and enjoyment. From athletics to wildlife habitat, the Canoa Parks offer something for everyone. I'll admit I am a bit prejudiced, but I get to collaborate with the outstanding staff of Pima County NRPR and the Flood Control District! Let me give you some updates.

Canoa Preserve Park: The 53 acres on S Camino de la Canoa is home to the Chet Catino Softball Complex, which currently has 2 senior softball diamonds. BAJA (Born Again Jocks Association) raised the matching funds necessary to build a third diamond. Construction should be underway by year's end.

Canoa Hills Trails - An Open Space Park The 139 acres straddles Camino Del Sol and meanders through several residential neighborhoods. In addition to the new sidewalks, the infrastructure projects continue with retaining wall replacements, cart path remediation, a new parking lot, and other maintenance/safety improvements. The waypoint maps and signage are now posted in the park - many improvements in a short period of time!

Historic Canoa Ranch: The 4800 acres along the I-19 Frontage Rd now has a Cienega (wetland) north of the lake. The new pollinator garden is being planted. Trenching is underway to run power for the Manning Sr. House, the Foreman's House and the Tradesman House - which will be the new Visitor's Center and a conceptual plan for a campground is taking shape. Even though the historic buildings are closed and tours are canceled for the foreseeable future, the Ranch gates remain open from 6 am to 4 pm. Come walk around the lake and catch a spectacular view from one of the ramadas!

The Friends of the Canoa Parks' mission is to support Pima County NRPR and Pima County Flood Control District in the development, restoration and preservation of The Canoa Parks through outreach, fundraising, event collaboration, etc. Our current 85 members include gardeners, photographers, bird watchers, as well as former educators, wildlife biologists, attorneys, executives, first responders and community business professionals. Now it is time for our Green Valley community to roll up our sleeves and get involved. Help us promote the Canoas. Help us raise the matching funds necessary to develop and improve OUR parks. Volunteer for a committee, a work detail, or possibly help man the new visitor center!

Pima County provided our community with three unique parks that enhance our quality of life. Please lend us your talents and enthusiasm by joining the Friends of the Canoa Parks. Help us support these incredible outdoor resources. Call the Council at 520-648-1936 or email the Council at info@gvcouncil.org to get your membership application or click the link below.

PLAY at the Preserve, WANDER the Trails and EXPLORE the Historic Ranch. Visit the Canoa Parks and experience all they have to offer. I hope to see you there!

The Green Valley Council

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GVC Vice President
Organizer, Friends of the Canoa Parks

**FRIENDS OF THE CANOA PARKS LINK TO MEMBERSHIP
FORM**
