



The Fire Risk Hiding Inside the Three Points Solar Project

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Southern Arizona Open Space Alliance

Most of the conversation about the proposed Three Points Solar and Battery Storage Project has focused on its size and its effect on the desert around us. But there's a second danger that deserves just as much attention: the large-scale battery energy storage system, or BESS, that would sit alongside the solar panels — and what happens when one of these systems catches fire.

A BESS fire doesn't behave like an ordinary fire. Lithium-ion batteries can enter a state called thermal runaway, a chemical reaction that generates its own heat and its own oxygen. Once it starts, it can't be put out with water or foam. The standard emergency response — used at every major incident so far — is to let it burn itself out over days or even weeks, while evacuating the surrounding area and monitoring air quality.

This isn't a hypothetical risk. In San Diego, a battery storage fire burned continuously for seventeen days in 2024; the site is now an EPA Superfund location.^[1] In Monterey County, California, a fire at the world's largest battery plant forced a state of emergency in January 2025, and sent ash across four counties.^[2] Nearby residents later reported ongoing health concerns.^[3] And this isn't just history — in the first two weeks of this month alone, battery or solar farm fires have also broken out in Prince Edward Island, Canada,^[4] in Hill County, Texas,^[5] and at a solar plant near Yuma, Arizona.^[6] This is a pattern, and it's accelerating, not slowing down.

Why This Location Makes It Worse

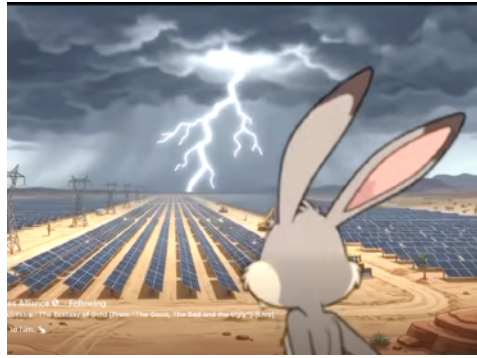
Three things about our specific location here in Three Points make this risk higher here than in most of the places where these fires have already happened.

Wind. Our prevailing winds blow west to east, carrying anything released by a fire directly across this community before it reaches anywhere else.

Fuel. The project site sits inside one of the worst Stinknet outbreaks that the Arizona Game and Fish Department has documented in Pima County this year. Stinknet is highly flammable and toxic to livestock, so it can't be managed by grazing the way most rangeland vegetation can — it simply accumulates next to the equipment most likely to ignite it.

Access. The project straddles Ajo Highway, the only practical route connecting this community, the Tohono O'odham Nation, and Kitt Peak to Tucson. A comparable fire closed a 12-mile stretch of Highway 1 in Monterey County for three days.^[2]

Think about what that means sitting where we do. We're not a distant community that someone drives past; we would be the closest homes to the fire itself. Our winds blow west to east, which means whatever this site releases moves straight across Robles Junction and Three Points before it moves eastward toward the Tucson metro area. Stinknet is flammable, toxic to livestock, and growing right up against our own properties. And this project straddles Ajo Highway — our road, the one we all



use for groceries, school, work, and getting to a hospital. If a fire closes it the way a comparable fire that closed the highway in Monterey County, we are not talking about someone else's inconvenience. We are talking about our own way out, gone, with a two-hour

detour as the only alternative.

This same fire would hit the land immediately around us. For example, Diamond Bell Ranch and the washes near it are confirmed habitat for the endangered cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl and the Pima pineapple cactus — species living in our backyards, not somewhere abstract. According to government studies, these species are also present to the north, across the solar farm location and northward into the Avra Valley. This project also crosses a major bird migration corridor running right through this valley. A fire here does not threaten wildlife in general; it threatens the specific animals and the specific land we already share this community with.

We are the Most Impacted. Our Voices Deserve to be Heard!

The lack of respect, not to mention the complete disregard for our health and safety, is breathtaking. Repsol is proposing putting an unproven-at-this-scale technology, with a growing fire history, in the one place where the wind carries it straight through our neighborhoods, where our own escape route runs directly through the site, and where the land, water, and wildlife most likely to be hurt are ours. And while they will try to minimize the risk, we look at it as the equivalent of putting a hazardous chemical plant right in our neighborhood.

None of this is an argument against renewable energy — we support it. It's an argument against putting a technology with a documented and growing fire risk in the one place where wind, fuel, road access, homes, and habitat all sit within the same blast radius.

If you'd like to see the full research behind this article, visit [SaveRoblesJunction.com](https://www.saverolesjunction.com). This is the *Southern Arizona Open Space Alliance* website.

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Community Calendar Page

Community Weekly/Monthly Events at Serenity Baptist Church 15501 W Ajo Hwy 520-822-2026

Caring Food Ministries	3rd Thurs of the month 8-9:30 AM
Sierrita Mountain Livestock 4 H Club	Meet at Serenity Baptist Church Wednesday September 9th at 7pm

Weekly/Monthly Events at The HUB Building 16150 West Ajo Hwy 85735

My Friends Closet
Tues 10-1, Wed 3-6, Thurs 10-1

Robles Ranch Food Bank Please Call 520-343-2353
Tues 10-3, Wed 3-6, Thurs 10-3



Grub At The HUB Is Back
September 2nd 4 to 6 PM

Community Mic at The HUB

Coming Back Soon, Check The HUB For Updates



Other Events This Month

AVSD School Board	2nd Wed of the month - 6 pm AVMS
4-H Robles Ranchers	Meetings are at the Double E Feed Store 2nd Friday of the Month at 7 p.m.

Fence Post Deadline 20th of the month 5 pm
This is a firm deadline.
E-mail articles to fencepost3points@gmail.com

**Check Out
The Free Tech Classes At
Robles Ranch Community Center.**

The Flyer Is On Page 12



**Weekly/Monthly Events at
Robles Ranch Community Center
Monday thru Friday 10 Am to 6 Pm
16150 West Ajo Hwy 85735 Phone: 520-822-4408**

**Friends Of Robles Ranch Meeting is
The First Tuesday Of The Month at 6 pm**

**Bookmobile Will Not Be Available in August, Will
Resume In September
Every Third Tuesday of the month 2:30pm-3:30pm.**

Activities Available Every Day

Computer Lab
Open to the public 10 am- 5:30 pm Monday-Friday.

Robles Ranch Lending Library
Open to the public 10 am- 5:30 pm Monday-Friday.

Horse Arena
Open for public use M-F, FREE of charge, 10 am-5:30 pm.

Scheduled Activities At The Community Center

Innovation Lab @Robles Ranch Community Center
Office Hours Every Wednesday 1 to 6 pm
For Appointment Call 520-724-7695. Walk-Ins Welcome

Robles Prime Timers Community Meeting Potluck:
Monday, October 5 – Prime Timers Community Meeting &
Potluck: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Join us as we discuss upcoming
activities and trips.

Mexican Train Dominoes:
Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Active Adults Crafts
Monday 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Active Adults Fitness Friday:
Fridays, – 10:30-11:30 a.m. Join us for Cardio Drumming.

**For the activities below please register on line at
www.explore.pima.gov/pima/programs**

Wednesday, October 21 – Trip: Tucson Creative Reuse.
Depart the center at 11:00 a.m. and return by 4:00 p.m.
Must be signed up to go.

Saturday October 24 - Trip: to the Celtic Festival.
Departing the center at 10am and returning at 4pm
Must be signed up to go.

50Fit: 10:15-11:15 a.m
Mondays & Wednesdays Must be registered online to attend.

Yoga for Beginners 10:15-11:15 am
Tuesdays & Thursdays Must be registered online to attend.



Grub at the Hub!

Happy Halloween!

I know what you're thinking: It's way too soon! But it's never too early—or too late—for a trick or treat!

Join us on **Wednesday, October 7, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** at The Hub for a Halloween hot dog meal with chips and soda for just **\$3**.

We will also have a **\$50 Visa gift card raffle** and some fun door prizes!

Bring your family and friends and come join us. We are excited to have some great community partners joining us:

- Jennifer Allen and team, Pima County Supervisor, District 3
- Pima County Health Department—Drug Addiction and Mental Health
- Pima County Mobile Clinic
- Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- United Community Health Center
- United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona Family Resource Center

Come on down, shop for some great deals, listen to some great music, and meet our community resource partners. We look forward to seeing you!

The Hub Café

Are you looking for a nice place to relax, read a book, and enjoy a cup of hot or iced coffee—or one of our delicious fruity drinks? You have come to the right place!

We are open:

- **Tuesday and Thursday:** 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
- **Wednesday:** 3–6 p.m. (music and popcorn!)

Please see our café menu below. We cannot wait to see you at The Hub Café!



Fence Post on line at www.friendsofroblsranh.org



November

- **Wednesday, November 4:** Grub at the Hub
- **Wednesday, November 18:** Community Open Mic
- **Date to be announced:** Mental Health Awareness Presentation by NAMI

December

- **Wednesday, December 2:** Grub at the Hub
- **Ugly Christmas Shirt or Sweater Contest:** Get ready and start planning your ugliest Christmas outfit! Date to be announced.
- **My Friends Closet Loyalty Card:** More information coming soon!

We hope you will come out and join us!

The HUB News

Someone that you know could be experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis.

Learn how to help!

Adult Mental Health First Aid Class

Friends of Robles Ranch at The Hub has partnered with the Pima County Health Department to bring an important resource to our community.

We will be offering an Adult Mental Health First Aid class on **Saturday, October 10, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** This class will help you learn how to recognize when someone may be struggling with their mental health or substance use, how to offer support, and how to connect them with helpful resources.

Friends of Robles Ranch will also provide a free lunch for everyone attending.

For more information or to sign up, please visit our website at www.friendsofroblesranch.org. We hope you will join us!



COMING OCTOBER 10TH!

ADULT MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CLASS



Friends of Robles Ranch is partnering with the Pima County Health Department to bring you a

FREE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CERTIFICATION!

LEARN HOW TO:

- Recognize signs of mental health challenges
- Offer support and resources
- Respond in a crisis situation
- Make a difference in your community

INTERESTED?
Visit our website to sign up and receive more information for class registration.



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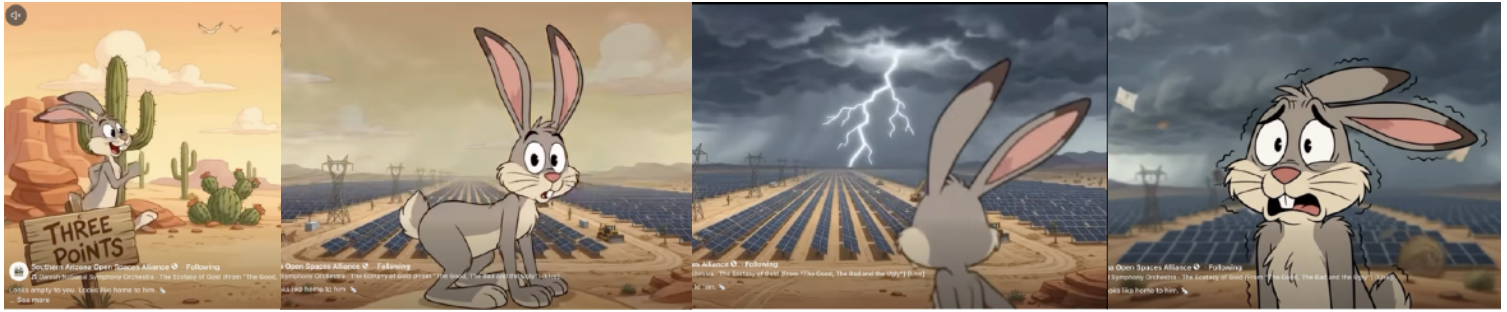
Friday, October 30, 2026
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Trunk or Treat
Refreshments
The Grub will be on site with \$3 meals.
Hot dog, chips and drink.

Music
Cake Walk
Photo Op
Carved Pumpkin Contest
(Must be carved at home and delivered to the center by 6 p.m. Battery operated lights only)
Costume Contest at 7:30 p.m.
Best trunk, best pumpkin, and door prize at 7:45


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Southern Arizona Open Space Alliance



Proposed 5,554 Acres Of Solar Farm In Three Points/Robles Junction

The Southern Arizona Open Spaces Alliance is a grassroots organization made up of local residents who are doing in depth research and gathering information to stop the proposed Solar Farm from being built in Three Points/Robles Junction.

Check Out Their Website at
saveroblesjunction.com.

While there please take a minute to sign the petition opposing the Solar Farm.

You can also follow them on FaceBook at Southern Arizona Open Spaces Alliance.

On their Facebook page you will find this animated cartoon about a jack rabbit's horrifying discovery.

THREE POINTS COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

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**For More Information on The Community Festival
Go To The HUB Website Homepage at friendsofroblesranch.org.**



Three Points Festival Update

From Nicci Pretti

Who Remembers Three Points 50 Years Ago?

Who remembers when Three Points looked a whole lot different than it does today?

Before many of today's homes and businesses were here, families were ranching, raising children, working, volunteering, helping their neighbors, and building lives across Three Points, Robles Junction, the Altar Valley, and the surrounding communities.

We want to know who they are—and we need your help.

As part of the 2027 Three Points Community Festival, we're creating a **Legacy Family Recognition** to honor local families whose roots here reach back 50, 75, and 100 years or more.

Maybe it's your family. Maybe it's the family down the road. Maybe it's a name you've heard your whole life.

We're looking for the stories, photographs, memories, and people who helped make this community what it is today. You

don't have to have all the information to nominate someone—just help us find them, and we'll go from there.

Nominate a Legacy Family at FriendsOfRoblesRanch.org.

A Few Festival Dates You Don't Want to Miss

October 15 — Vendor Discount Deadline

Vendor spaces are \$40 through October 15 and increase to \$50 after the deadline.

October 23 — Poster Contest Deadline

Create the official artwork for the 2027 festival theme, "Under Three Points Skies." The winning artist receives \$250, with the winner announced November 3.

Sponsors Wanted

We're seeking both traditional sponsors and in-kind/trade sponsors. Businesses can support the festival with needed goods, materials, equipment, services, printing, supplies, or other contributions.

Vendor applications, sponsorship information, Legacy Family nominations, Poster Contest details, volunteer opportunities, and more are available at FriendsOfRoblesRanch.org.

**Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 13, 2027,
at Robles Elementary School 10 AM - 4PM**

Remembering Our Little Buddy, Caleb Barber

Our adorable Caleb, was born on November 29th, 2006, and gently walked into the arms of Jesus on September 1st, 2026, at the age of 19.

Caleb was born with severe developmental disabilities, but the boundaries of his diagnosis never limited the depth of his impact on his family, friends, and community. He brought joy to everyone who knew him.

Although Caleb was nonverbal, his voice was loud and clear through his bright eyes, his infectious laugh, and the way he reached out to touch the hands and hearts of those he loved. He found immense pleasure in mingling with every person he met.

He loved every holiday and the characters that went with them. He truly loved his puzzles, enjoyed his Disney movies and loved helping his Granny Von with chores and activities.

They say it takes a village to raise a child and Caleb's village includes his large family, his two beloved church families, his school friends & teachers, neighbors, and community friends. Caleb taught everyone the true meaning of patience, empathy and unconditional love.

He leaves behind his devoted Granny Smith Appels, his parents, Bobbie Jo & Kirk Barber, and his sister, Leah. Great-Grandparents, Joe & Shirleen. Grandparents, Garry & Kerry Woo and Ron & Angela Appels. Great Aunts & Uncles, Cheryl & Bill Curtis, Barb & John Gorter, Dale & Cindy Smith and Jerry & Teresa Smith. Aunts & Uncles, April Wilczewski, Glenn Woo, Crystal & Thomas Arellano, Ronnie & Dori Appels, Gloria & Larry Goodale and Duane & Tammy Barber and also his 21 first cousins and 17 second cousins. All of whom will miss him greatly.

Caleb is now enjoying the company of our Lord Jesus Christ, along with his Great-Grandparents Loyd, Jean & Grace Smith and Grandparents Wayne & Claire Barber.



Several memorial services are planned.

October 9th at Flowing Wells High School in Room A7
Check into the front office for directions to the room
Open House Style from **10 AM-2 PM**, for his School Friends, Teachers and Staff.

October 24th at the Rincon Valley Cowboy Church at **4 PM**
Friends & Family Welcome
14840 E Colossal Cave Rd - Vail, AZ 85641

November 29th at Serenity Baptist Church, **12 PM**,
Friends & Family Welcome
15501 W Ajo Hwy - Tucson, AZ 85735

*In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to
KFLT Christian Radio Station 104.1
by phone 800-776-1060 or by mail to
Family Life Radio - PO Box 35300 - Tucson, AZ 85740*



Three Points Fire District
10351 South Sasabe Highway
Tucson, Arizona 85736
Phone: (520) 822-1086

Three Points Fire District has been extremely busy this hot season with medical calls, swift water rescues, fires, and training.

Although the monsoon season is coming to a close, we are still expecting rain and ask that everyone be cautious while driving. Running water can be extremely dangerous to drive and walk through - please drive a different route if the roads are closed.

As we get closer to the holiday season, we are looking forward to Halloween and Thanksgiving closely approaching! We are extremely excited and honored to participate in the community events!

Please continue to watch out for snakes, be safe always, and Happy Fall!



**Sierrita Mountain Livestock
(SML) 4-H Club**

Sierrita Mountain Livestock:

SML 4-H Club had their first meeting this month! We are very excited and believe it will be a great year for the kids.

We have meetings once a month at Serenity Baptist Church. We have goats, poultry, horses, steer, photography, and so many more projects. If we don't have a project you're looking for, we can always direct you to a club in the community that does!

If you're wanting to know more about 4-H, we highly recommend you stop by the church for the next meeting on October 7th at 6pm. We would love to answer any questions you have and show you what 4-H has to offer. You can also email the leader abigaillethridge@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Happy Fall!

Thank you, Abigail Rojas



U of A Cooperative Extension Monthly Garden Reminders for October

<https://extension.arizona.edu/publication/october-monthly-gardening-guide-pima-county>



Message From Supervisor Allen's Office

A Primer on Pima County Roads

The monsoons bring new life to our beautiful desert. For anyone living in a rural area, it also brings hardships with the washout and degradation of dirt roads. And that means our District 3 office gets a lot of calls and emails requesting help with road grading and repair. Whether or not the County can help depends on whether you live on a County maintained road. Here is what District 3 Supervisor Jen Allen would like you to know.

In every community, there are two kinds of roads: 1) public roads that are maintained by a branch of government (City, County, State, Federal and BIA) and 2) private roads that are maintained by an HOA or by individuals that use the road. One of the main sources of funding public roads and their maintenance is the **Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF)**. Arizona's primary state-level pool of money and HURF dictates that HURF funding can only be spent on publicly maintained (County) roads.

So what is a County road? Basically, it is a road that is designed and created to meet County standards, looking at things like topography, flood plains, and a number of other conditions in order to create safe roads. The County then maintains those roads on a schedule.

Other roads get built by **private individuals**. For example, in rural areas individuals can buy large parcels of land and then subdivide them for sale. To access these plots, the seller or buyers put in roads for access, often on **access easements**, which gives a legal right for others to use the road without actually owning it. These areas are sometimes referred to as "wildcat subdivisions" because a lot that is split is not the same as a **platted subdivision** that is reviewed and goes through an approval process with the County to ensure it meets certain standards, including road standards.

Pima County cannot maintain these roads built by private individuals for several reasons:

- As noted, the **HURF funding source** does not allow it.
- Pima County does not have **legal rights to enter private property** and therefore can't do any maintenance or improvements;
- Pima County **cannot spend public funds** to improve private property;
- Because these roads are often **not built according to Pima County standards**, the County doesn't maintain them in order to protect taxpayers from assuming the cost and liability for subpar infrastructure;
- Note that in some rare cases, if the road is within a **public right-of-way**, the County has a procedure for determining when staff can provide an **emergency grade of the road**.

You can check on [Pima Maps](#) to see if you are living on a County maintained road. Once you open this link choose PimaMaps -Main (opens in a new window). This will open a large map.

Once the map is open choose "show the layer list" on the left hand side, select "streets" from the menu, then "**PC Road Maintenance Status**."

Increase the size of the map until you find your street. You'll see your street color coded. Use the chart below to see if your street is maintained by Pima County.

	Not maintained by Pima County
	Paved road - County maintained
	Dirt road - County maintained
	Paved road - County maintained - subject to IGA
	Dirt road - County maintained - subject to IGA
	Road - maintained by other - subject to IGA

You can also make a [SeeClickFix](#) (SCF) request and the Transportation Department will get back to you and let you know about the status of your road. County maintained dirt roads are graded about every four months. However, this schedule can be disrupted by emergencies caused by heavy rain or other weather events. (Note that you can't report a SCF request if you do not live on a County maintained road.)

We realize that people often buy rural property with the assumption that these roads are public and will be maintained by the County and only later find out that this is not the case. We know this is frustrating to hear if it does not solve your problem.

To help people living on private roads, the Pima County Regional Flood Control District has created guidance for the proper construction and maintenance of driveways and unimproved roads within floodplains. Please see [Technical Policy-027 - Protective Measures for Private Vehicular Access](#) and [Technical Policy-030 - Construction Maintenance and Repair of Unpaved Roads](#).

If you need help determining if your property is on a private or County road, or if we can assist with anything else, please call or email our office at 520-724-8051 or district3@pima.gov.

If you want to share this article, you can download it from: <https://www.pima.gov/district-3-newsroom>.

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Border Patrol Considering 87 Acres In Three Points For New Station

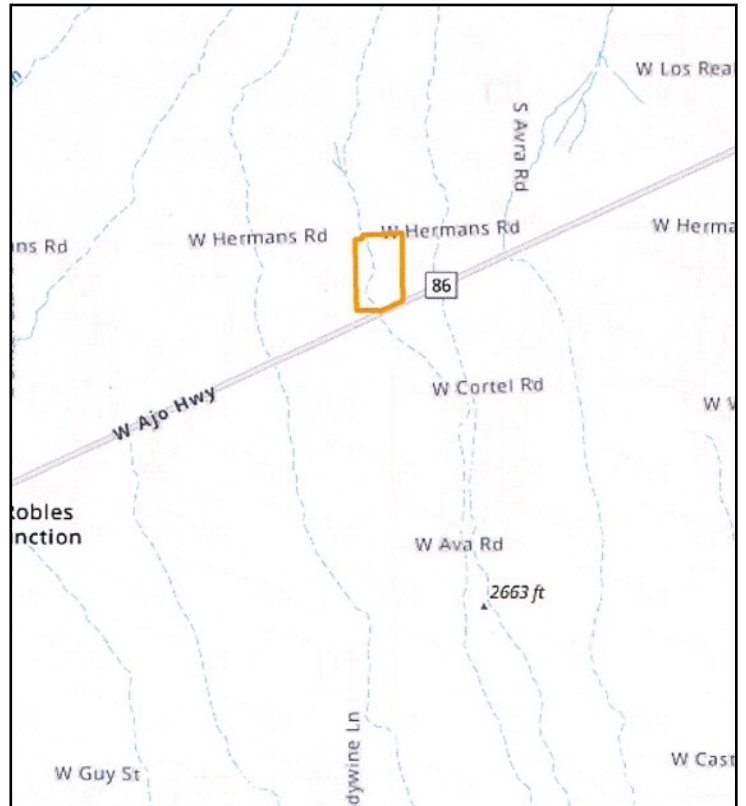
Note from Patricia Hastings- Sargent. On September 8th I received a copy of the Border Patrol letter from Supervisor Allen's Office. I posted it on the Three Points Community Face Book Page under my name.

Since I do not have space to print the letter in it's entirety, I have selected excerpts of the letter to give our readers a heads up. Please go to Facebook to read the full letter.

On August 21, 2026, Pima County received a letter from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

This letter was a Scoping Letter for the Environmental Assessment Addressing the Acquisition of Land and Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of a New Border Patrol Station near Three Points, Pima County, Arizona.

The purpose of the new station is to accommodate the addition of new agents and personnel intended to enhance border security within the U.S. Border Patrol Tucson Area of Responsibility, with an ultimate objective of increasing the probability of apprehension of those that have entered into the U.S illegally.



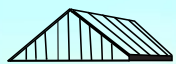
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Expanding Our Care to More Members of Our Community

For years, BAYADA Assistive Care has been proud to be a trusted home care provider in our community. Every day, our caregivers have the privilege of helping individuals remain safe, comfortable, and independent in the place they are most at home. We are excited to announce that we are taking another step toward caring for even more members of our community through Medicaid benefits.

BAYADA Assistive Care has received our Medicaid waiver number, and we anticipate having our Medicaid contracts finalized by the end of October. Once those contracts are finalized, we will be able to provide caregiving services to individuals who qualify for assistance through their Medicaid benefits.

For many individuals and families, having a helping hand at home can make all the difference. Our caregiving services may include assistance with bathing, dressing, ambulation, medication reminders, homemaker tasks, and more. These everyday supports can help individuals maintain their independence, remain safely at home, and enjoy a greater sense of comfort and dignity.

At BAYADA, we're on a mission to help people have a safe home life with comfort, independence, and dignity. It's our promise to be there for our clients and their families, delivering outstanding care whenever they need us, for as long as they need us. The ability to serve individuals through Medicaid allows us to continue that promise and expand our reach to more people who need compassionate support at home.



We are grateful for the trust our community has placed in BAYADA over the years, and we look forward to continuing to grow alongside the families and individuals we are privileged to serve.

If you or a loved one has questions about Medicaid benefits

or whether you may qualify for services, please reach out to your insurance case manager through your Medicaid provider. You can also contact BAYADA Assistive Care at 520-648-7170. We would be happy to help you learn more about our services and our upcoming Medicaid availability.



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BAYADA offers assistance with activities of daily living/personal care, household support services, and companionship care.

The assessment and care plan are completed by our Registered Nurse, and our trained caregivers provide hourly care up to 24/7. Payors include private pay, long term care insurance, VA benefits, worker's compensation and Medicaid.

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TURKEY DAY IS COMING ! November 26, 2026
Have You Made Your Reservations Yet?
Final day for reservations is Wednesday, November 18, 2026.

**Join us for the 13th annual
Thanksgiving Dinner
at the Robles Elementary School.**

This is a **FREE** meal consisting of the usual Thanksgiving Menu Items.

The pies are baked by our Retired Captain Bob Etheridge and his niece Abby Etheridge of our Three Points Fire Department.

The Altar Valley School District students make the table decorations and they are always FANTASTIC.

This tradition was created in 2013 by Captain Bob Etheridge & Patzi Hughes as a way to reach out to our community for people to enjoy a meal & meet their neighbors.

The meal is prepared by the Altar Valley School District Cafeteria Manager. The servers are our own 3Points Fire District.

DINNER IS DINE IN ONLY TAKE OUT IS NOT AVAILABLE

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

**This year you can make your
reservations 2 ways.**

1. You can call Patzi at Serenity Baptist Church, Monday -Friday from 9 AM - 1PM at 520-822-2026.

Please leave a message with your name, phone number and number of guests. This is very important because you will be receiving a call before the dinner to confirm your reservation.

2. You can now make your reservation online on **The HUB** website at <https://www.friendsofroblesranch.org>.

On The **HUB** home page you will see Thanksgiving Dinner listed on the navigation bar at the top of the website.

Click there and it will take you to the page where you can submit your reservation.

Fill in the online reservation form and click **Submit**.

We look forward to seeing you at our community Thanksgiving Dinner.

The Groch Team



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Jackie has lived in Diamond Bell Ranch since 2001 and has been a Realtor to many prior and present homeowners in Diamond Bell Ranch.

The Groch Family has supported several Three Points/Robles Junction organizations over the years. Recently Josh Groch, who sits on The Board of Directors of Parent Aid Tucson has supported working with My Friends Closet

to bring Parent Aid programs to help parents in our community.

When The Fence Post restarted in May of 2012 The Groch Team was one of their first advertisers. We have been faithfully advertising and supporting our local community newsletter The Fence Post for over 14 years.

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For More Information Contact Trish Sargent at fencepost3points@gmail.com

Our primary distribution method is electronic.

Distribution is as follows:

- We upload our newsletter to **The HUB**, www.friendsofroblesranch.com. *There is also 6 months of back issues available to be read.*
- We send out over 500 e-mail notices when the current issue is available on line to folks who have asked to be on our mailing list.
- We add our notice to the 2 local Three Points FaceBook Pages.
- We also print 150 B&W hard copies which are put out in selected local businesses for customers to pick up.



Understanding Your Medicare Plan.

By Sylvia Torres Ramos

Medicare can be confusing, and with plans and benefits changing from year to year, it can be difficult to know whether your current coverage is still the right fit for you.

As a local Medicare insurance Agent, my goal is to make that process easier. I take the time to sit down with you, answer your questions, and explain your Medicare options in simple, understandable terms. As a bilingual agent, I am also proud to provide service in both English and Spanish.

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Community News

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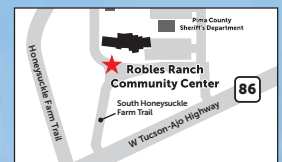
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Church Information



Serenity Baptist Church

By Patzi Hughes,
Ministry Assistant, Church Clerk

Please join us at 10:30 AM on Sunday for our worship service in the Main Sanctuary. Pastor Jerry's new series is Heroes. We'll be looking at the lives of several Old and New Testament figures as we see how their lives relate to our everyday lives today.

Pastor Jerry's wife, Cindy, has a special Karpet Time with the Kids (ages infant-thru 5th grade). She shares a special Bible verse with a special theme. The gift bag is a special reward to each child. Kids are SPECIAL !!

We have signs on the campus facing East & West so look for upcoming events.

Serenity Sisters, meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday evening in the West Building.

Youth Group Now On Thursday Night 6:30 - 8:30 pm (ages 6th grade-12th grade) in the Main Sanctuary.

Derek Wyatt, our new Youth Pastor, will lead the study time, Scott Kruger leads the game time. Jennifer Kruger and Jennifer Williams help to serve food to the group.

Office hours are M-F, 9am-1pm, except holidays. If you have a question or have a need, please call us at 520-822-2026. Leave your name, phone#, and a brief message. Your call will be returned as quickly as possible.

Important Please Read Food Ministry Now Only 1 Thursday A Month

Due to the food shortage that Caring Ministries is experiencing now, we will be changing our Food Thursday to once a month.

The **Third Thursday** of each month will be the new schedule until further notice. The time will still be 8am-9:30am or until we run out of food.

The FREE food is received from Caring Ministries in Tucson. Volunteers box the food inside the Main Sanctuary and distribute the boxes to the community folks of Robles Junction/Three Points.

The Ministry hours are 8 am-9:30. We sometimes run out of food before 9:30 am but we try to make sure each vehicle gets a box. Come early to get in line, food goes quickly!



If you would like to be on the Weekly Pastor/Announcement Email- list, please email your name & email address to:

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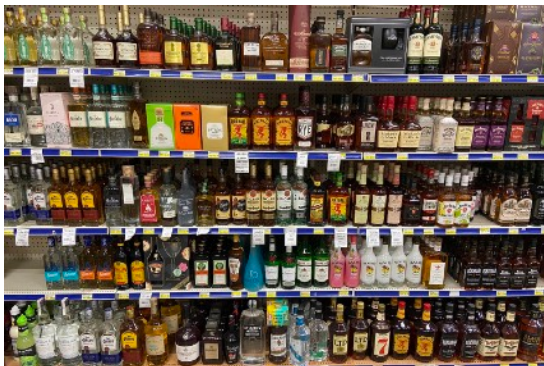
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Lets Not Let Rain Or Fall Wash Our Good Plans Away !

Weather has always been a big factor in our lives! Can't do this or that if it rains plus dark days affect our feelings. Its a fact!

The fall is here! That's a fact; the days are shorter, the weather is moody and iffy and Christmas seems many miles away.

Yet it all is Mother Earth's natural rhythm, sequence if you will. People and things slowing down is the smooth Path towards Christmas. You can think about it as calming down and waiting for a big, special Event! And Yes, the "special event" requiring our energy and attentions is of course Christmas!

A recent article in one of the daily newspapers claimed that the unusually strong rains of this period are caused by man behavior! Long story short ; the claim specifies that the rain and wind season is specifically due to increased greenhouse gases!

Another source, more scientific, claims that increased strong rains come from Coral activity!

Wow, must blame something and Mother Nature is easy to claim, though most acts are done of curse by us, the people!

But our task really is during this time to shift our attention to positive things going on!



How can we find them ?

Pretty simple: we could use the old saying : Count your Blessings! What all is good and works, how great are our friends, how lucky we are to have work or things to occupy our days!

Count your good friends, kind neighbors, your health and that you have a Home!

There is so much to be grateful for, if you really think about it. How lucky are we to live in this developed, pretty well-to do country instead of some poor village in Asia or somewhere in Africa, where diseases roam!

The rain here can also be interpreted as cleansing effect! Not cleansing our dreams, but cleaning a lot of unnecessary stuff from our minds! Think about it. We worry of so many unnecessary matters. Yes, let them wash away, but rain is never a negative matter.

Welcome Fall, and sooner than we allow us to think there will be Christmas!

So, lets take deep breaths and walk on. Life is beautiful and we can create more beauty and smoothness every day!

Be safe, and walk this October 2026 in balance, hopes

Anita K. on Diamond Bell Ranch

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Superintendent's Monthly Message:

What Do You Want to Be for Halloween—or When You Grow Up?

As we get ready for Halloween, one of the big discussions in our house since the summer has been, “What are we going to be for Halloween?”

Over the years, the Dumon family has had some great family Halloween themes. We have been Barbie—with my daughter as Cowgirl Barbie and Mom and Dad as roller-skating Barbie and Ken. We have been *Aladdin*, with my daughter as Princess Jasmine and Dad as the Genie. We have even been *The Little Mermaid*, with my daughter as Ariel and Dad as Aquaman, inspired by Jason Momoa (my favorite). And there have been plenty of others along the way.

I bring this up because Halloween gives us a fun opportunity to ask another important question: **What do we want to be when we grow up?**

My daughter often talks about becoming a fashion designer and, at times, even the President of the United States. I would like to think that some of our conversations about being confident, kind, smart, and determined helped inspire this year's Halloween costume. She has decided to be Elle Woods from *Legally Blonde* and *Legally Blonde 2*, two movies we happened to watch over the past eight months.

Elle Woods is fashionable, bubbly, determined, and confident. She starts as a sorority president and later becomes an attorney. More importantly, she is positive, kind, smart, and refuses to change who she is just to fit someone else's expectations.

So, when I think about what my daughter wants to be for Halloween and what she dreams of becoming when she grows up, I can't help but be excited. Halloween may be about pretending to be someone else for a day, but it can also give us an opportunity to think about who we want to become.

For me, this Halloween—and as I think about the year ahead—I want to model some of my own actions and practices after a character I recently watched on the big screen: He-Man from *Masters of the Universe*.



He-Man represents strength used for a purpose. He stands for the protection of Eternia and uses his power to help and protect those who cannot always protect themselves. His strength is not simply about being powerful; it is about how he chooses to use that power.

Adam transforms into He-Man by raising the Sword of Power and declaring:

“By the Power of Grayskull, I have the Power!”

As we enter this Halloween season and look toward the year ahead, I want to challenge all of us at Altar Valley to think about the power we have—not just individually, but together.

We have the power to encourage.

We have the power to support one another.

We have the power to make a difference for our kids, students, and families.

We have the power to help one another grow.

So, as Altar Valley continues to **Build, Grow, Flourish, and Succeed**, I invite you to join me in creating our own Altar Valley version:

“By the Power of Altar Valley, WE HAVE THE POWER!”

Happy Halloween!

Dr. Dave Dumon, Superintendent

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Message From Dustie Gunn
Principal Of
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Calendar Of October Events

Cardio Beats! on Mondays @ 10:30 am

Kinship and Foster Café

Everyone is welcome to join us for positive and encouraging
conversation! October 6th @ 9:00-10:30 am

City Girl, Town Girl -Book Signing Event from local author:
Laura Ontiveros October 6th @ 12:00-1:00pm

Birth to 5 Literacy Journey Series from Make Way for Books
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