January Parks and Rec Events in and around District 7

Wednesdays through Saturdays, January 2 through 31

HANDS-ON HERITAGE HOUSE-- Come join fun historical hands-on activities and exhibits inside the California bungalow style Stevens-Haustgen House. Look through a stereoscope, try your hand at old fashioned games, investigate the tools of kitchen and laundry duties over 100 years ago and more. This participatory exhibit space is also the headquarters of our scheduled school tours and Heritage Saturday activities. The Hands-On Heritage House, (602)534-9382, is open Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. For information on school tours & programs please call (602) 534-9382.

Saturday, January 19

POLLINATOR GARDEN CONSERVATION -- Join us on the third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. - noon for the fifth of 6 conservation workdays. Our under-construction pollinator garden has suffered through the sweltering summer and needs your TLC. Objectives this year include amending soil, mulching plants, applying top dressing and planting wildflowers and other natives. This wildlife-friendly garden supports pollinators, provides opportunities for citizen-science projects and enriches the Rio Salado park space. YOUR HELP IS VITAL to our garden's success! All ages welcome (unless otherwise noted) and no experience necessary! Tools and training provided. RSVP: Cathy Wise, 602-468-6470 X109. Rio Salado Audubon Center, 3131 South Central Avenue.

Sunday, January 27

SILENT SUNDAYS AT SOUTH MOUNTAIN: On Silent Sundays (the 4th Sunday of each month), bicyclists, tots in strollers, in-line skaters and wheelchair users get to call the Park's roadways their own. Starting at 5 a.m. the park's roadways past the Central Avenue gate will be reserved for non-motorized use. South Mountain Park is located at 10919 S. Central Avenue. 602 495-5811.