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County will celebrate connection to iconic musical “Oklahoma!” *Movie premiered 60 years ago*

[Pima County’s Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation](#) (NRPR) is hosting a free community concert Nov. 1 at [Raúl M. Grijalva Canoa Ranch Conservation Park](#) in Green Valley marking the 60th anniversary of “Oklahoma!,” the classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical about life and love in the Oklahoma territory at the turn of the twentieth century, which was filmed in part at the ranch.

Production of the film was a true southern Arizona effort. [The University of Arizona College of Agricultural and Life Sciences](#) grew in individual containers “corn as high as an elephant’s eye.” In addition, a number of locations in Pima and Santa Cruz Counties were featured in the film, including Amado, Elgin, Nogales, Patagonia, Sonoita and the San Raphael Valley.

To mark the movie’s anniversary, Canoa Ranch will host the [Green Valley Concert Band](#) for a free community concert at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, where a number of selections from the musical will be played. Doors open at 5 p.m.

In addition, NRPR will team up with Desert Sky Cinemas to offer viewings of the movie at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Nov. 1 and Nov. 3.

Lastly, District 4 [Supervisor Ray Carroll](#) will present a proclamation at the [Pima County Board of Supervisors](#) Nov. 10 meeting in honor of “Oklahoma! In Arizona Days.”

Oklahoma! in Arizona Events

Nov. 1: Community concert, 5:30 p.m., Canoa Ranch, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road, Green Valley

Nov. 1 and 3: Viewing of film “Oklahoma,” 2 and 7 p.m., Desert Sky Cinemas, 70 W. Duval Mine Rd., Sahuarita

Nov. 10: Proclamation presentation, 9 a.m., Board of Supervisors meeting, 130 W. Congress, Tucson

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Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation adds a vital dimension to the quality of life for residents and visitors in Pima County. NRPR operates and maintains 46 parks, 23 trailheads, 13 community centers, The Loop and hundreds of miles of trails for recreational pleasure and manages over 250,000 acres of conservation lands open to outdoor recreation pursuits.