Earlier this month, Jim Click, Jr. and Mel Zuckerman, founding members of Friends of Sabino Canyon, launched a major appeal to the community to raise the funds to restore trails and facilities damaged by last summer’s floods and rock slides. The appeal, “Save Our Sabino,” aims to raise half a million dollars by May 31st.

Mel Zuckerman, founder of Canyon Ranch Health Resort, urging Tucsonans to contribute, described Sabino Canyon as “everybody’s backyard.”

“Everybody has a Sabino Canyon story. Everybody loves this canyon,” added Jim Click, Jr., owner of the Jim Click Automotive Group.

All donations to the appeal will be matched dollar for dollar by Jim Click and Mel Zuckerman, up to the half-million dollar goal.

The first trail to be repaired will be the Phone Line Trail, which has been closed to the public since last summer. As well as restoring all the existing trails, the funds will be used to create a new Sabino Vista Trail at the far end of the main road into Sabino Canyon, leading to a viewpoint and informational display.

We urgently need your help to reach our half a million dollar goal, and restore the canyon so it can be enjoyed by everyone! Please make a donation today, using the enclosed form or at www.sabinocanyon.org.

Remember, every dollar you contribute between now and May 31 is worth two dollars to the canyon, thanks to Jim Click and Mel Zuckerman’s generosity.

Friends of Sabino Canyon Executive Director and President, Jonathan Pinkney-Baird and Dave Bushell launch the SAVE OUR SABINO campaign with Jim Click, Jr. and Mel Zuckerman.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT’S MESSY DESK

Seems there's always something going on at the ranch or in this case the canyon. We are either on fire, flooding or rocks are rolling around where they shouldn’t be. If you have any interest in the canyon at all, you have heard and seen it all by now. We have the activists protecting the lions, or so they say. You have the activists looking to restore the canyon, maybe even enhance it. You can watch this all play out as we soldier on with the task at hand, to make your experience in the canyon the best it can be. We have a very good track record of this with numerous projects and activities dedicated to you and yours. We will be there for all of it, directly or indirectly. At our last meeting in the canyon, I had the privilege of introducing to the media outlets of Tucson, former Friends of Sabino Canyon Board members, Jim Click, Jr. and Mel Zuckerman. To be a part of the energy and resources that these two gentlemen are putting towards the canyon is an honor.

All this happening during our least volatile time of the season, can’t wait to see what mother nature has for us and the canyon this year.

See you in the canyon,
Dave Bushell
President
Board of Directors
Friends of Sabino Canyon

MUSIC IN THE CANYON 2006 RAISES OVER $15,000

Thanks to your generous support! Special thanks go to our major sponsor Tohono O’odham Gaming Enterprise, our MC A.C. Cook from CDOL 1450 AM, Chuck George from KOLD News 13, all of our performers, sponsors and silent auction donors. City of Tucson Parks and Recreation for the use of their bleachers. Volunteer coordinator Krista Neis, storyteller Barbara Cain, and volunteers from Friends of Sabino Canyon, Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists, Santa Catalina Volunteer Patrol and the Forest Service. And to everyone else who made this very special event possible!

SENATOR KYL HIKES SABINO CANYON & ANNOUNCES FEDERAL FUNDING FOR ROAD REPAIRS IN THE CANYON

Senator Jon Kyl joined Ray Carroll, Pima County Supervisor, and Larry Raley, District Ranger - Santa Catalina Ranger District, for a hike in Sabino Canyon in early April. The Forest Service has been allocated $1.2 million in federal funding from the Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads (ERFO) Program to fully re-open the main road and restore the tram service to Stop 9.

Celebrate NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY on Saturday, Sept. 29

Sabino Canyon’s Volunteer Work Day and the Friends of Sabino Canyon Annual Meeting.

Join Us. New Members Welcome.

SAVE OUR SABINO
CONTRIBUTE TO FRIENDS OF SABINO CANYON and qualify for one of our unique “thank you” gift packages!

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NOTES FROM THE RANGER

Hello Friends. Once again we are having a wonderful spring. The Canyon is beautiful and we are seeing many blossoms. Once again I am amazed at your care, concern and enthusiasm to help with Sabino Canyon. I am excited to see the public event underway to help us reopen all the trails in the canyon. Your help is amazing, and I thank you for all your work and contributions.

Thank you,
Larry D. Raley
District Ranger - Santa Catalina Ranger District

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