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Homeless Memorial service is this afternoon

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Several local social-service agencies and politicians will hold a service today for an estimated 125 people who died over the past year on the streets or in extreme poverty.

The annual Pima County Homeless Memorial will be held at 4 p.m. in the county plot of Evergreen Cemetery and Mortuary, 3015 N. Oracle Road. The public is invited to attend.

The interfaith remembrance will include music, speeches from city, state and county officials and readings from relatives and acquaintances of those who have died.

According to the local non-profit Primavera Foundation, the 125 people estimated to have died homeless between Nov. 1, 2006, and Nov. 1, 2007, died in a variety of ways — homicide, suicide, severe heat and natural causes.

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