



Dietz Neighborhood Association

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2009 Dietz Neighborhood Association Officers

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Meeting

7:00 pm Thursday,
October 15, 2009

Dietz Elementary School
7575 E. La Palma
Cafeteria

Hope to see you all there!

Hello Neighbors,

I would like to thank all the people who took the time over the past few months to help in keeping the medians clean. The medians are looking real good. However, we do have a small problem. Someone is stealing the rocks from the medians. If you see someone out there and it looks like they are stealing rocks, bushes or trees please call 911.

The city spent a lot of money to make the medians look good and they don't have any money to replace anything, so let's try to keep what we have.

On another note, Principal McCorkle of Dietz is looking for volunteers. If anyone has some extra time and would like to volunteer at the school, they sure could use your help.

I hope that I see everyone at our meeting on the 15th of October at Dietz Elementary School Cafeteria.

Ed Brousseau, 2009 President, Dietz Neighborhood Association



Special 2009 Raffle to benefit Dietz Elementary School

The neighborhood association and the Dietz PTA are sponsoring a raffle. The tickets are only \$2 and the prize is a beautiful handmade holiday colored lap quilt. We will have it at the meeting for all to see. Drawing is Nov. 25th and you don't need to be present to win.

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Greetings from Tucson Fire Department

I am writing this letter to share with you an exciting project that we are currently working on to make our city a safer place to live. On October 9th and 10th we will partner with State Farm Insurance Company to distribute smoke detectors to low- income families throughout our city. State Farm Insurance has generously agreed to grant us an estimated \$6,000.00 to purchase smoke detectors for the project. During this event State Farm agents will ride with Tucson Fire Department engine crews and distribute smoke detectors to residents that need one.

This event will coincide with National Fire and Burn Prevention Week which is observed each year to commemorate the Great Chicago and Peshtigo Fires of 1871. The death and destruction that resulted from these fires forever changed the fire service and led fire departments around the world to focus on fire prevention efforts as a means for ensuring the public's safety. One of the most effective measures for preventing fire related death and injury is the installation of a working smoke detector in the home. Research has shown that the presence of a working smoke detector can reduce the risk of death or injury by half. Unfortunately many families lack this basic piece of safety equipment simply because they can't afford to purchase one. We hope that through this project we can reach the most vulnerable segments of the population and provide them with an essential tool to keep their families safe.

In order to assist us in targeting those residents who are most at risk, we are asking property managers and neighborhood association representatives to share this opportunity with residents. If you would like more information about the program please contact me at 791-5211 x1236 or by email: Clinton.gerber@tucsonaz.gov. We look forward to working with you on this important project.

Clint Gerber
Public Safety Education Specialist
Tucson Fire Department



Home Invasions – Let's all be Aware!

Submitted by Kathy Johnson

Home invasion and burglaries are major items in the newspaper and on TV. The east side of Tucson is one of the hardest hit according to the Police. Terre Del Sol is the number one area according to people that live there.

My house was broken into in May between 7:00 am and 7:30 am when both of our cars were gone. I was probably five minutes away from walking in on one of the 20 year olds that pried the sliding glass door open. He grabbed items from the bedroom - a jewelry box from the dresser, a rifle hidden in the corner, an antique pistol in one of the dresser drawers, and a collection of state quarters. The plan was to leave by the front security door which had been unlocked.

A neighbor across the street saw a car parked in front of my driveway with a person talking on a cell phone apparently to the person inside. Both young men drove away with the neighbor watching, who didn't think at the time to get a license number.

We all need to be very alert to anything strange or anyone strange in the neighborhood. Cars parked in the street with someone watching, cars driving down the alley, people knocking on doors when no one is home are all suspicious signs.

The police would like all activities to be reported, even if the person may be looking for a street or just making a call. Get license number and report it to the police and they will check it out.

Some of the new types of security devices need to be installed on doors and windows, particularly sliding class doors, since that seems be a favorite way to enter. Security signs posted around the house and, of course, a dog are the best protections. However, according to the police, there is no real protection if someone wants to get in.

I was sure that no one could get into my house. Just because I couldn't get in when I locked myself out, didn't mean someone else couldn't.

Officers Election at the 2009 October meeting

Are you a current paid voting member of the Dietz Neighborhood Association?

Then we really need you neighbor.

It is that time of year to nominate and vote for officer's positions in the Dietz Neighborhood Association. There are four positions to consider. They are **President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Treasurer**. The nominees must be voting members of the association. Elected officers hold their position for two years and may serve two terms if re-elected. Nominations for officers are taken from the floor at the Annual October Meeting. Voting on the nominees takes place at that same meeting. The newly elected officers will be sworn in at the January 2010 meeting.

At this time our current **President**, Ed Brousseau, will be at the end of his first term.

The position of **1st Vice President** is currently vacant. The **1st Vice President** is elected in even number years so this position will be up for voting again in 2010.

Marvin Humble is our current **2nd Vice President** and will be ending his second term and can no longer run for this position.

Barbara Thompson is our current **Treasurer** and this will be the end of her first term.

We ask all of you that are paid members to consider running for these positions or making a nomination from the floor at the meeting.

It is an honor to be an officer of this Neighborhood Association and to help make a difference in our area. We are provided with many opportunities and assistance from the City of Tucson and all the staff that work for Neighborhood Resources.



News from Dietz Elementary School
By Lisa McCorkle, Principal

Exciting things are happening at Dietz. We were labeled a Performing Plus school by the state of Arizona. In addition, Dietz is an Opening Minds Through the Arts (OMA) Gold School. We are partnered with the OMA Foundation to continue the OMA program and increase arts integration into the classroom curriculum. We are seeking tax credit donations to help support the Dietz OMA program.

From September 15 – October 15, Walgreens at Golf Links/Kolb Road is collecting school supplies for Dietz. The Tucson Values Teachers program is sponsoring this event. We would appreciate your help in donating items in marked boxes throughout this store.

Dietz participated in the United Way Days of Caring project on September 16th. Over 20 volunteers from Pima Community College Central Office came and labored on the playground and in classrooms. It was wonderful watching volunteers and students working together to make Dietz a better place for learning.

Dietz will have a Family Math Night sponsored by the PTA and teachers on Tuesday, October 27. Everyone is invited to come and learn about the Numbers Investigation curriculum being taught at school.

Thank you to many of the Dietz Neighborhood Association members who are volunteering time to work in classrooms. It is greatly appreciated.



DIETZ NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION DUES

The 2010 Dues for the Dietz Neighborhood Association starts in January. Our current dues are \$5 per person. Each property owner who has paid his dues is a voting member of the Association. Tenants, either business or residential, can become an Associate member for a \$5 fee but is not considered a voting member.

The Dues paid each year are used to defray the cost of the median upkeep on Prudence and 29th Streets. The medians are maintained by volunteers and we truly need all the help we can get.

Please stay a member or become a new member by sending your Dues and application to the Association mailing address printed on the back of this newsletter.

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DIETZ NEIGHBORHOOD

Dated Material

Dietz Neighborhood Association
2010 - Active Membership Application
 PO Box 18961, Tucson, AZ 85731-8961
 (\$5 per person, per calendar year – January/December)

Name _____

Address _____

Homeowner [YES] [NO] (Only homeowners eligible to vote)

Phone _____ Unlisted [YES] [NO]

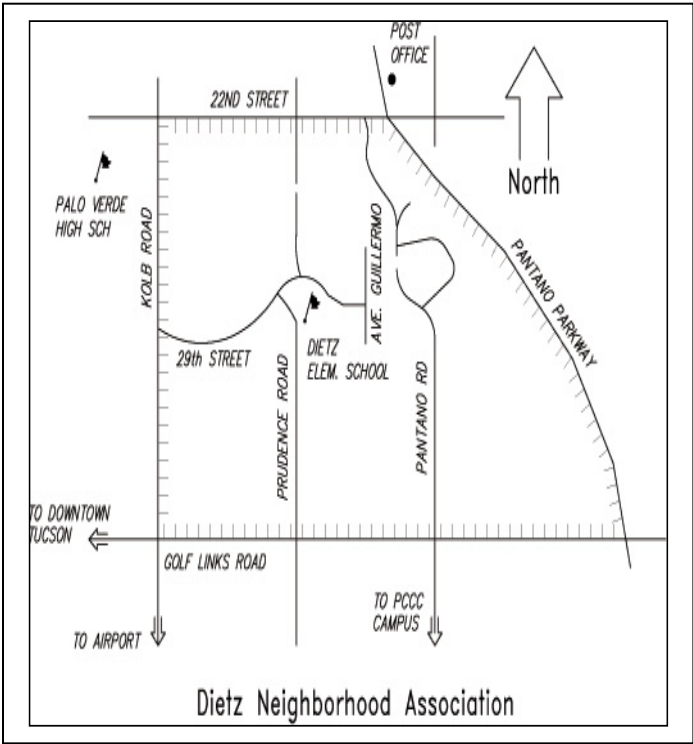
Email address _____

Occupation _____ Retired [YES] [NO]

Children [YES] [NO] School _____

What would you like to see or suggest to make our neighborhood a better place?

Can you volunteer for committees, newsletter, mailing, phone calls, cleanups, or other areas? (Please explain)



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