

Dietz Neighborhood Association



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Meeting

7:00 pm Thursday,
January 21, 2010

Tucson Meadows MHP
2121 S. Pantano Road
Club House

Hope to see you all there!

Hello Neighbors:

I hope that everyone had very good holidays this year.

Our January meeting at the Tucson Meadows Club House on the 21st of Jan 2010 will feature Council person Shirley Scott. She will talk about things that are happening with the city. If you have any questions about what is going on, this is the place to ask them.

One of the areas that the city is looking at cutting back on is all the mailings they are doing for the neighborhoods. I don't know what we will do for full communication with all of our neighborhood if we lose our quarterly newsletter. At this point I do not know what they are going to do about this. I will keep everyone posted.

Put this date on your calendar, please. March 27th 2010, starting at 11 a.m., will be our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Our good friends at Jump Maxx have already told us they will donate a jumping castle for the event. Let's thank them ahead of time. We would appreciate any items we could use for this event, such as plastic eggs, small prizes, wrapped candy, and of course money. We do need people to help organize and run this event. If you can help in any way please call me at 296-5021.

The school year is just about half done and we are still having the same old problem in the school zones. People are speeding and not stopping for the school crossing guards. I do not know what to say about this except that the fines are now double so expect to pay a healthy fine if you are ticketed. Police will periodically patrol the school zones to catch people who violate the school zone laws by speeding, passing other cars, and failing to stop for the crossing guard. Remember, your children might be the ones who are injured by inattentive drivers.

We still need a person to fill the position of second Vice President of the Neighborhood Association. The time commitment is minor, and the duties are simple. Please help us.

Thank you and hope to see you on the 21st of January 2010

Ed Brousseau, President, Dietz Neighborhood Association

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The Big Quilt Raffle
Submitted by Linda Howell

This year we had a very special raffle to raise money for Dietz Elementary School. We want to thank Georgia Brousseau for making a wonderful hand made holiday quilt in green and red fabrics. We want to thank everyone that purchased the raffle tickets. We sold tickets for only two dollars each and \$274 was raised with all proceeds benefiting the school. The drawing was held at Thanksgiving. The lucky winner was Sandy Garcia. Thank you Sandy for helping by buying a ticket and raising money to help Dietz. We know how hard it is these days for all the schools in our city and we are proud to be able to help our name sake school in any way we can. Sandy, we are sure you will enjoy snuggling under the cozy quilt on these cold nights we have been having. Perhaps this will be the start of a new tradition in our neighborhood.



Dear Neighborhood Friends:

In March 2001, the Dietz Neighborhood Association started the tradition of an Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks to the generous contributions of donors such as you, this event has been a great success for the families and children in our community. The Tenth Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 2010, to begin at 11 am sharp at Dietz Elementary School Playground, 7575 E Palma.

Last year's event was attended by over 100 children searching the playground for hundreds of candy filled plastic eggs. Combined with other donations, we were able to provide lots of prizes and refreshments for everyone. You, as a business within our neighborhood boundaries, are just as much a neighbor as the homeowner living here. We would very much appreciate it if you would consider donating to our Special Event Fund.

Any item(s) that could be used as giveaways would be greatly appreciated. Things we specifically need are kid prizes, like boxed candy, toys, Easter baskets, & gift certificates, or money to buy these things. You can mail the donation to: Special Event Fund Dietz Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 18961 Tucson, AZ 85731-8961.

The City of Tucson, Housing and Community Development prints our newsletter and does not allow us to advertise for a business in our newsletter. However, we will thank all business and people who help us in our summer newsletter.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 296-5021 or Linda Howell 885-7948 (after 6 pm)

Please visit our neighborhood web site at site <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/tucson/dietz> for even more information about Dietz Neighborhood Association.

Sincerely,
Edwin Brousseau
President

MEDIAN REPORT

A great big THANK YOU to all of the neighbors who worked so hard this summer to make our medians look nice! Several were working very early in the morning to avoid the hot sun. Our median clean-up in November was a success and the city promptly hauled off all of the dead trees, cactus and other debris. A special thank you to some people who worked above and beyond the "call of duty." Ann & Laddie Tillman and Judy Mellor worked many early morning hours digging out weeds and cactus. SandraLee Taddy did almost all of the pruning and the trees look great. If we can get a head start next spring we will no doubt have less work next year.

Thanks again! Happy New Year!

Marvin Humble & Median Committee

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CITY BUDGET INFORMATION

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By Ed Brousseau

I went to a meeting tonight Dec 14 2009 on the city budget problems in regards to the future of the newsletters. Here is what I learned:

As you know, the City of Tucson, like so many local governments, is facing difficult economic times. The economy has put tremendous pressure on the City to continue to provide services at existing levels. Last fiscal year, the City cut expenses and raised revenues in an effort to balance the budget. This fiscal year we are facing a potential deficit of over \$31 million because revenues are coming in below projections. For the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2010, staff is once again projecting a huge deficit in the range of \$50 million.

In an effort to find potential savings, each City department has been asked to closely examine its expenses. One City service that affects you directly is the funding for printing and mailing of neighborhood association newsletters and postcards. The City budgets about \$240,000 annually for this service, which in past years has often been overspent to meet the needs of the neighborhoods.

After a brain storming session we presented the city staff with different ideas on how to save money on the newsletters such as: using more e-mail; web pages; hand deliver of newsletters, neighborhoods paying to print and mail newsletters and limit the number of mailings a neighborhood can do in a year. The only idea that sounds good to me is the limiting the number of newsletters per year. There are some neighborhoods sending out a newsletter every month.

The only thing we know for sure is that we will have at least one newsletter a year to announce our annual meeting. The city council will discuss this matter in the future.

If you have a ideas on this subject Shirley Scott will be or speaker at our January meeting, so lets talk to her about this.



News from Dietz Elementary School
By Lisa McCorkle, Principal

Dietz Elementary School has much planned for the month of January. We invite anyone in the neighborhood to come and be part of our activities.

First, the PTA will sponsor Family Skate Night at Skate Country on Tuesday, Jan. 12th from 6:00 – 8:00. Come and enjoy this fun event.

Several teachers and the school improvement coach will begin a class about the Dietz math curriculum, Investigations in Numbers, Data and Space, for parents Wednesday, January 20th. It will meet four weeks in the early evening. If interested, call 731-4000 to register.

The month will end with the 100th Day Celebration on Tuesday, January 26th and Career Day on Wednesday, January 27th. On the 100th day, we encourage all parents, grandparents and community members to visit the school any time during the day. Please sign in at the office, as we want to reach our goal of 100 people visiting.

A special thank you to the Dietz Neighborhood Association for donating \$100 to the school. It will be used to purchase books in the library. In addition, a big thank you to Georgia Brousseau and the association for sponsoring the quilt raffle. The raffle was a great success and collected \$274 for the school.



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]

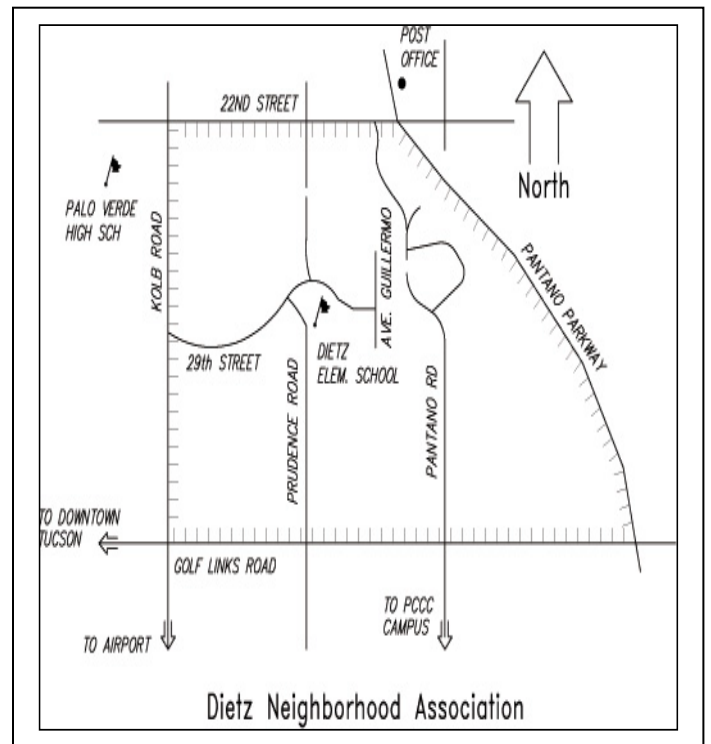
Email address _____

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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