

# Duffy Neighborhood Association (DNA) Newsletter February 2009

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**The DNA mission:** The association exists for the overall betterment of the neighborhood by promoting and encouraging safety and security for its residents and their families and to enhance harmony among residents and businesses within the neighborhood.

DNA has an **email address:** [duffyneighborhood@yahoo.com](mailto:duffyneighborhood@yahoo.com).  
Call 795-2614 to have your email address added.

DNA had another **block party** last spring with plenty of good food provided by our members plus Eegees and tables/chairs paid for by the DNA. We plan to have another party this April (see minutes below).

We had one of our "non-party" meetings in January - here are the minutes.

Meeting of January 13, 2009

Chairperson Susan McMahon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria of Duffy Elementary School.

Co-chair Julie Evans, Secretary Steve Cox, Community Relations Representative Dave Stewart, and six additional neighbors attended, making for a lively discussion. Susan has invited David Overstreet, the new principal of Duffy Elementary School, to join us as a guest speaker—he had a schedule conflict this evening.

Steve suggested inviting a representative of the nearby Sewell neighborhood to talk about the success of their Association.

John Cavanaugh led a discussion of graffiti abatement.

Susan drew our attention to a handout, "Neighborhood Watch: A Leader's Guide to Getting Started," and urged us to consider organizing or renewing our Neighborhood Watch organizations on a block-by-block basis. She pointed out that Diane Mayhew, a resident of the Duffy neighborhood, is the Tucson Police Department Community Service Officer in charge of Neighborhood Watch for another area—Operations Division East.



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## Dated Material

We discussed matters that an active Neighborhood Watch might address—taking note of teenagers disrupting the peace with loud motorcycles in an alley, applying moral suasion to keep alleys clean, and generally keeping an eye on things. Steve noted that Alhambra Place misses its former Neighborhood Watch captain, Mary Treanor.

We discussed organizing a neighborhood rummage sale to raise funds for neighborhood activities and to dispose of unwanted possessions. We noted that the second-hand store on Speedway Boulevard at the edge of our neighborhood does a lively business and will rent space to individuals and organizations such as our Association.

Julie reminded us that, in the interest of protecting our privacy, she does not divulge the e-mail addresses that we have entrusted to her, but that she will pass along messages as requested.

We asked ourselves, why don't more people show up for our meetings? We discussed meeting over a meal at a local restaurant.

Susan reported a balance of \$167.82 in our treasury, not quite enough to cover the expenses of our annual spring potluck, which cost \$183 last year.

Susan announced that the spring potluck, which always draws a crowd, will be held in late April or early May.

After general discussion (Susan has seen a skunk in our neighborhood, Steve reported attending the open house at the new Mary Meredith center, which seems to focus on disabled students of TUSD), we adjourned at 8:45 PM.

--Steve Cox, Secretary

We plan to send out a postcard in March to remind everyone of the potluck date and time as soon as it is decided.

If you have any items of interest for upcoming newsletters please email to [dstewart07@yahoo.com](mailto:dstewart07@yahoo.com).

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