

GARDEN DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

<http://midtowngardendistrict.org>

Garden District

February 2010

Nomination was made & seconded with unanimous approval by those present for the following Garden District board members for the coming year:

President -	Ida Plotkin
Vice President -	Caroline Rondeau
Treasurer -	Lois Pawlak
Secretary -	Meg Johnson

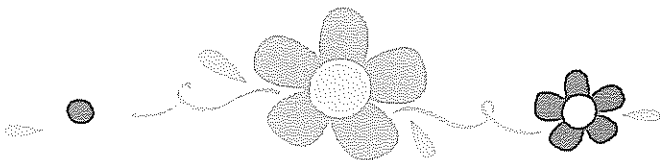
Garden District

Business/Professional Leaders:

Come and display your business brochures, cards and/or coupons on our display table at our meetings. Feel free to introduce yourselves to residents. We encourage residents to buy/use and support our local businesses. This would be an excellent format to present your business information to our residents.

Don't forget to register on the Garden District web site for news and alerts. Email information is kept confidential and never sold.

<http://midtowngardendistrict.org/>



GARDEN DISTRICT MEETING

March 16, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Martha Cooper Library

1377 N Catalina Avenue

Be present to win door prizes!

Tucson Neighbors Building Community (TNBC) / Alvernon-Grant Initiative (AGI) Community & Law Enforcement Task Force
The two-year anniversary for this beneficial community effort is approaching. The four neighborhoods Dodge-Flower, Oak-Flower, Palo Verde, and Garden District joined efforts with the Law Enforcement Task Force to realize some very positive results for our neighborhoods. Many, many residents are becoming more involved and aware of their importance in assisting law enforcement in our efforts to decrease the criminal element in our neighborhoods. Tucson Police Department has offered countless suggestions and assisted in improving numerous problem areas in our communities. We must all continue this joint effort of cooperation and involvement to keep our neighborhoods safe and enjoyable.

This collaborative effort resulted in Walgreens pulling their application for a liquor license for the store on Grant/Alvernon. After hearing residents report on the number of locations already selling liquor, the alcohol rehab center nearby, amount of crime in the area, etc., Walgreens representatives listened and withdrew the application.

Tucson Police Department (TPD) reported on their target areas for the prior month and progress on problem properties brought to their attention. TPD also was able to make two graffiti arrests with one guy having 9 counts against him. TPD must have a videotape or see a tagger do the damage or have physical evidence to make the arrest.

We are reminded to be watchful for strangers on our streets and in our easements. When you call TPD try to have car license #'s and description of vehicle along with description of the person(s). The police have to rely on residents being their eyes and ears in their communities.

These meetings bring us in direct contact with TPD who listens and takes action when possible.

Next Meeting: March 9 at Emerge @ 6:30 p.m., 2425 N. Haskell (west of Walgreens at Grant & Alvernon)

Which of the following Committee activities are you interested in ? ?
Contact the Committee chairperson listed to become involved.

Safety Committee - Ida Plotkin @ 326-1557

- Graffiti removal
- Neighborhood Block Watch Program
- Quadrant leader
- Alvernon/Grant Initiative (AGI/TNBC)
- Weed & Seed Program

Communication Committee - Meg Johnson @ 325-7611

- Garden District Web Site
- Newsletter
- Garden District Listserve

Community Outreach Committee - Caroline Rondeau @ 795-1478

- Wright School volunteering
- Flower Angel recommendations
- Fruit harvesting
- Good business awards

Fund Raising Committee - Lois Pawlak @ 325-7611

- Yard Sale fund raising
- Other fund raising events
- Business liaison

Beautification Committee - Caroline Rondeau @ 796-1478

- Dumpster painting
- Gem prize award
- Trees for Tucson
- Good business award
- Clean-ups

Projects in Progress:

- **Yard Sale March 13:** Booths are available, see page 3. Also, there will be a Garden District booth with all proceeds going to the Association. If you have items you would like to donate to our booth or if you can bring a baked-goods item to sell at the Garden District booth, this would be very much appreciated. Please call Lois @ 325-7611 if you have questions.
- **Weed & Seed:** Weed & Seed grant provides \$1 million over a 5-year period to fund projects developed by the recipients to "weed out" crime and "seed in" improvements. The workshop participants have successfully listed needs and issues, prioritized problems, identified desired outcomes, and acknowledged available resources and current programs to support those outcomes. All neighbors are invited to join in the workshops. The next is scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 9-11a.m. at the TPD Midtown Station located at 2200 S. Alvernon.
- **Neighborhood Block Watch:** One of the best methods to get to know your neighbors and keep posted on behaviors on your very block. Requires ONLY one meeting a year and reports from all Watch groups so far have been very favorable. If you need help in starting a Block Watch on your street, give Ida a call as she is willing to help walk you thru the simple process.
- **Pepsi Grant:** Application is being made through Pepsi on behalf of the Garden District for construction of an exercise track at Wright Elementary School playground. Help is needed for follow-through of this worthwhile grant request.
- **Garden District web site:** Help is needed with keeping the Garden District web site updated. With the loss of the printed Newsletter, keeping residents informed via the web site is even more important.
- **Columbus sidewalks:** It is anticipated the construction of the sidewalks from Pima to Speedway will resume at the beginning of summer
- **Hal Burns (florist)** has offered to donate one \$25.00 bouquet or plant a month to a deserving resident. If there is someone that has put forth extra volunteer efforts for you or the neighborhood, please report to Caroline to coordinate this generous offer.
- **Dumpster painted - It's beautiful !!!** Check out the recently painted dumpster at Pima Gardens thanks to Lisa and her talented crew. For info contact lisasieglaff@yahoo.com

Garden District Neighborhood Association Community Yard/Craft/Bake Sale

Saturday March 13, 2010

7:30 – 2 p.m.

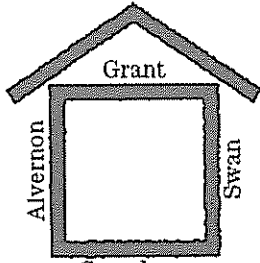
Set up beginning at 6:30 a.m.

Location of Sale:

1933 N. Bell Ave. (vacant lot)

Limited spaces available.

First come/first reserved.



**GARDEN
DISTRICT**

\$10 to reserve a 10 X 10 space. Seller must provide own tables, etc. for display. Sellers must have own monetary change. Sellers must remove all property at end of sale. Reservations will be taken by mail until all spaces are filled. For further information, **contact Lois Pawlak at 325-7611 or loispawlak@cox.net**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

email _____

I am responsible for cleaning up my sales space before leaving the site.

I assume all responsibility for my person and belongings during the Garden District Neighborhood Association Community Sale on March 13, 2010.

signature _____

date _____

Please send a nonrefundable \$10 check or money order made out to:
Garden District to:

**Lois Pawlak
Garden District Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 32384
Tucson, AZ 85751**



Housing & Community Development Department
 P.O. Box 27210
 Tucson, AZ 85726-7210

Garden District Neighborhood

Keep handy, Mark your calendars

Garden District Neighborhood Association Meetings for 2010

March 16	August 17
April 20	September 21
May 18	October 19
June, July no meeting	November 16

Upcoming Events

June - Summer Neighborhood Cleanup
 July - Bowling Party @ Lucky Strike Lane
 (dates to be announced for June & July events)
 December – Holiday Party @ Tucson Botanical Gardens

Alvernon-Grant Initiative (AGI) meetings:

2nd Tuesday each month @ Emerge, 6:30 p.m.,
 2425 N. Haskell (just off Grant across the street from the
 Alvernon Walgreens).

The City of Tucson, its officers and employees, its Housing & Community Development Department and all other offices neither agrees nor disagrees with the views expressed or implied in this communication or any referenced websites and are not therefore responsible. The distribution requester is solely responsible.

GARDEN DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

<http://midtowngardendistrict.org>

March 16, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Martha Cooper Library

1377 N Catalina Avenue

email addresses

Ida Plotkin, President	326-1557	president@midtowngardendistrict.org
Caroline Rondeau , Vice President	795-1478	vp@midtowngardendistrict.org
Lois Pawlak, Treasurer	325-7611	treasurer@midtowngardendistrict.org
Meg Johnson, Secretary	325-7611	secretary@midtowngardendistrict.org
Judy Kempf, Newsletter	322-9842	newsletter@midtowngardendistrict.org

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

NW Quadrant: Lois Pawlak	325-7611	City Information line	792-CITY	792-2489
NE Quadrant: Russell Beal	664-4339	Code Enforcement		791-5843
SE Quadrant: Judy Ostermeyer	326-1517	Trash, junked cars, weeds, neglected property		
SW Quadrant: Arthur Block	881-6356	Police non-emergency		791-4444
& Phyllis Montgomery	248-9915	Abandoned vehicles		
		Graffiti removal hotline		792-2489