

Garden District

GARDEN DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

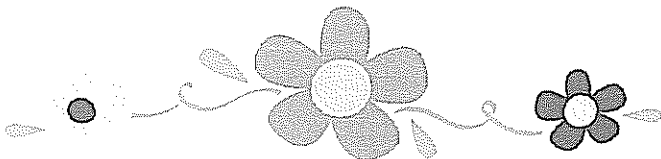
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November 2009

GREETINGS NEIGHBORS -

Let's list some of the ways to better our neighborhood.
Out walking? pick up litter.
See graffiti? take a photo for the data base (see page 2).
Unsightly weeds and trash? call 791-3171.
Suspicious activity? call 911.
Let's list some of the ways to take pride in our neighborhood.
Attend meetings. Patronize local businesses and recognize their efforts.
Do you see something nice such as a well maintained home or lovely landscaping, then send them a note of appreciation.
Do you have a neighborhood watch? Well, start one. Do you know of an elderly or disabled neighbor who needs yard work done? We will rent tools and do a cleanup, call me. There is so much we have already done and so much to continue doing.
A safe neighborhood is an involved neighborhood.

Ida Plotkin, president



GARDEN DISTRICT MEETING
Nov 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.
Martha Cooper Library
1377 N Catalina Avenue
Be present to win door prizes!

Be an active community member and Board member for our Neighborhood Association.

Volunteer or nominate for the following positions:

Board members - President

Vice President

Secretary (currently vacant)

Treasurer

Also needed are individuals willing to be Newsletter editor, web master, and neighborhood historian.

This Association cannot effectively provide information and assistance to our residents if we all do not perform even small tasks so the burden is minimal for everyone. We have some terrific volunteers. Block captains have reported very favorably to their Neighborhood Watch partners but we need more block captains (remember, only one meeting a year is necessary). Many are graffiti removers on their block which is so helpful, many others pick up trash on their daily walks or call in violations as they see them along the way. Each and every one of us has a responsibility to help. With 3200 households in our area, we need and count on our volunteers. **We** benefit from efforts we put into our neighborhood.

Please see if you can offer to become more involved as the entire neighborhood depends upon each one of us being active and involved.

Nominations of Board members occurs at the January meeting, election of Board members occurs at the February meeting.

Our October meeting had lots of information and really nice prizes so those who didn't attend are missing beneficial information that we just don't have space in our Newsletter to include but a few of the tidbits. Do check the web site as important information is posted frequently during the month. If someone can assist with web postings, please volunteer for this critical task. <http://midtowngardendistrict.org>

Guest speaker, **David Danielson from Tucson Police Department**, is asking our help in his community project of creating a data base for graffiti so that when an officer sees a graffiti moniker (initials, design, drawing), they can begin to have evidence to build their case. Officer Danielson wants us to take a photo of the graffiti before removing it and send the photo to him at david.danielson@tucsonaz.gov. Please also include the date, location, time you found the graffiti, and if the paint looks fresh (this tells the officers if the offender is possibly still in the area). Without catching the criminal in the act, these photos are critical to the officers in having evidence for their case. After sending your photo and information to Officer Danielson, then contact the Graffiti Hotline (792-CITY or 792-2489).

Another speaker, **Jose Mendoza**, a Garden District resident, is asking for volunteers to become a part of the Steering Committee in the Weed & Seed Program developing in our area. Weed & Seed is sponsored by the U.S. Dept of Justice with a multiagency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention and community revitalization. As a part of this program there will be grant funding that we could take advantage of IF we can develop a worthwhile project. Volunteers along with Jose will be working on developing this project to be presented. One suggestion was to develop a project around the John B Wright School yard, as it is a designated park, but just doesn't have sufficient multiple use for the residents. Other suggestions are welcome. The 29th Street Coalition has been a very successful project with this program. This would be an excellent project for families to be involved in as your children would benefit directly. Contact Jose: 808-5846.

Jim Rice is refurbishing the **house on the corner of Catalina & Linden** and can use help and supplies in developing this property into a half-way house. Considerable work has been done but drywall is needed along with a refrigerator and other things. Go past and talk to Jim.

ITEM OF INTEREST WE WERE NOT AWARE OF PREVIOUSLY:

It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to be in possession of a spray can. If you see these young people on the street with a spray can, please call 911.

DRAWING FOR SENIORS: This free course is an introduction to drawing from observation. You will learn the basic language of drawing and how drawings are used to communicate what and how we see our world.

Martha Cooper Library for 8 weeks, Fridays 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. from January 15 – March 5, 2010.

OATS: Outreach Art Tutoring for Seniors through The Drawing Studio & The Friends of Pima Library.

Contact Martha Cooper Library directly to sign up for class.

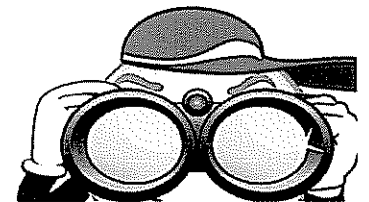
Tucson Neighbors Building Community (TNBC/AGI) Alvernon Grant Initiative

Community & Law Enforcement Task Force – come and speak with officers working hard in our neighborhood on problems presented at these meetings. Information you bring helps officers establish next month's work priority. Next meeting: November 10 at Emerge, 2425 N Haskell

(across from Walgreen's near Alvernon & Grant).

**Start Planning
March 2010
Yard / Craft Sale
location & details to follow**

**Be informed
Be aware
Be safe
Be part of the solution**



Garden District Clean-Up

Saturday, December 5th from 7 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Dumpster locations: (If you need assistance with items, please call your quadrant leader)

NE – 4356 E. Linden (side of building by wall on Catalina)

NW - Corner of Louis & Village

SE – Pep Boys (back of lot Speedway close to Bellevue)

SW – 4114 E. Dryden Lane

Metals (includes small engines & appliances)

will be kept separate for recycling to benefit Garden District

Cannot accept Hazardous Materials: automotive fluids, engine oil filters, auto batteries, rechargeable batteries, small button batteries, lithium batteries, medications, cleaning products, drain openers, cooking oil, mercury containing products, fluorescent lamps, paint products, solvents, hobby chemicals, pesticides, lawn & garden products, pool chemicals, propane cylinders, computer equipment, printer cartridges, and other items labeled as acid, flammable, caustic, poison, caution, toxic, danger, or warning

(Hazardous materials nearby location site: Tucson Eastside City Hall, 7575 E. Speedway Blvd)

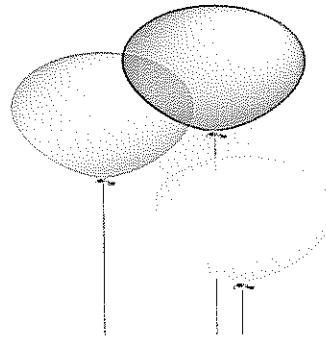
(Open 8 a.m. – Noon the first Saturday of the month)

(Volunteers needed to assist elderly & disabled with large items, also anyone with a large vehicle to help move large furniture, mattresses, etc. to the dumpsters would be very helpful.) Please call Ida: 326-1557

Holiday Party

Sunday, December 13

(no other formal meeting in December)



@ Tucson Botanical Gardens

from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Meet in the Pavilion as last year

No entry fee so you can enjoy the Gardens

Bring finger-food-type desserts/munchies (beverages provided)

(There is an entry fee to visit the Butterfly Exhibit OR come to the Party and have a chance to win one of two FREE tickets to see the butterflies)



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FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

NW Quadrant: Lois Pawlak	323-3231	City Information line	792-CITY	792-2489
NE Quadrant: J T Houlihan	326-0164	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