

# Broadway Pantano East Neighborhood Association

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## New Officers Elected

Ricardo Harding

Hello, neighbors!

My name is Richard Harding but my friends call me "Ricardo". I was elected Chairman for this association in September.

Previously, I was the Chair of the Protection Committee. During my tenure, we shored up our relationship with the Tucson Police Department through Captain Nunez who is in charge of this area of Tucson in which our association is located. I was able to get some police awareness in our area despite city budget cuts in law enforcement. There have been drug busts, officers on bicycles, stings, responses to graffiti and detectives investigating crimes. But, I am still alarmed by the crime infestation. My focus will be on crime prevention and the creation of a safer environment for our children and elders. We have the support of Councilman Rodney Glassman and you can also help us in this endeavor.

***Please call 911 and file a police report of any illegal activity. Try to get license plate numbers, a description of vehicles as well as what the suspect looked like and his/her clothing.***

I am also reaching out to the parents of school age children. You are not being represented in the neighborhood association. We especially invite you to attend our next meeting on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We meet at Steele Elementary School.

Some of the items we will be discussing and voting on are: Amending the by-laws to eliminate the four area representatives. This association needs help with upgrading our web page, formulating the newsletter and we still have to elect a new Secretary/Treasurer. We are going to be forming committees and need assistance.

As Maggie Martinez Cozzetti said in the Daily Star, "Find someplace to volunteer and learn a little more about who you are. Chances are the experience will be priceless."

## "TIME"

Have you ever thought about making a difference in the life of a child, but did not know how? One of the best ways to support a child is through education. Steele Elementary School welcomes you as a volunteer to help a child learn to read, supervise a playground, or even to help keep the campus clean. If you have any extra time that you would like to devote to education, please contact Daniel Erickson the principal at Steele Elementary School at 731-6800 and he will explain how to go about being a Steele Volunteer. You will find it very worthwhile.

With all the busy schedules people keep we understand if you do not have the time to stop by and volunteer, but there is another way to make a difference and that is through the tax credit donation program. Tax credits are a dollar for dollar deduction off of your Arizona taxes. Each person can give up to \$200 or if filing jointly can give up to \$400 to the school of their choice and receive the money back from the state. You either pay the state or give it straight to the school of your choice where we can decide how to best use it. After you make your donation you receive a receipt for the amount donated and take it to your tax professional, and then when you file your taxes you get every penny back from the state of Arizona. If you normally owe money the donated amount is deducted dollar for dollar from what you owe. Donations can be made at the Steele Elementary School office or online at > <https://tusdstats.tusd.k12.az.us/paweb/utility/taxcredit/school.aspx>. Once on this page select Steele and select the area you want your tax money to go. > You will then be asked to submit your credit card information and you will be > done. We thank you for your support.

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Please Vote in the upcoming GENERAL ELECTION - November 3, 2009

For an early ballot call 740-4330

The City of Tucson still has the Graffiti Removal Program. Leave a message at 792-2489. This does not have to be your property.

## Protecting Arizona's Most Vulnerable Citizens

From Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard

One of my highest priorities as Attorney General continues to be protecting Arizona's most vulnerable, including children, elders and victims of domestic violence. We have two good reasons to turn our attention to that fight at this time. One is that October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. The other is a new state law affecting vulnerable adults took effect on September 30.

The new law, which I strongly supported, will help protect senior citizens from anyone who would try to abuse them financially. The previous law made it very difficult to prosecute those who take advantage of vulnerable adults. That law required proof of deceit or intimidation to make the case. Such proof was often difficult because the victim was unable or unwilling to testify.

Another problem with the former law was that it penalized someone for making an innocent mistake managing a vulnerable adult's assets, even when the mistake caused no actual harm. The new law removes such liability.

The new law's provisions promote justice -- both in increasing opportunities for prosecuting abuses and in protecting caregivers who make harmless mistakes.

Many thanks to the measure's sponsor, Rep. Lucy Mason (R-Scottsdale). Other supporters included the Arizona State Bar Probate and Trust Laws Section, Arizona Fiduciaries Association and the Arizona Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

Domestic Violence Month reminds us that this offense is still the most common violent crime in our state. In 2008 alone, 126 Arizonans died violently at the hands of domestic abusers. It was the fifth straight year that tragic number has increased. More than 52,000 police reports were written last year in response to DV complaints. Domestic violence affects one in three women during their lifetime. Job losses and financial stress contribute to the rise in violence.

I can't say enough about the compassion and dedication of hundreds of professionals who protect and assist domestic violence victims every day. Without their tireless efforts, Arizona's problem with this crime would be much worse. Our shelter network provides temporary refuge and counseling for victims and their children. Despite modest increases in program capacity, women and children seeking shelter are still being turned away.

Four years ago, I joined forces with the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Arizona State Board of Cosmetology to launch the CUT IT OUT program in Arizona. This program draws on the unique access our cosmetology community has to women by training salon professionals to recognize signs of domestic violence in their clients and assist victims in getting help. My Office and the Arizona Coalition against Domestic Violence have conducted training at cosmetology schools throughout Arizona. In addition, the State Board of Cosmetology has distributed informational materials and "shoe cards" to the more than 4,500 salons in Arizona.

I hope you can join me in downtown Phoenix on Sunday, November 8, and help make this year's Domestic Violence Walk and Run the most successful ever! These 5K events will be held in collaboration with the 2009 Phoenix 10K. For more information, visit [www.Phoenix10K.com](http://www.Phoenix10K.com).

We all need to do our part to help break the cycle of violence. Become a volunteer or contribute to a shelter. Most importantly, watch for the signs of violence and you may be able to rescue a colleague, relative or neighbor who has been suffering in silence. Never be afraid to ask, "Is everything okay?" You'll never regret speaking up.

## Fun Facts and Trivia

In a microwave, water molecules vibrate at the rate of 5 billion times per second.

90% of all Canadians live within 100 miles of the U.S. border.

Technically speaking, lemons are berries.



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# Broadway Pantano East Neighborhood



Dated Material

## Future Meeting Dates

Nov 16, 2009

Mar 15, 2010

May 17, 2010

### Location

Steele Elementary  
School Cafeteria  
7-8 pm

You will receive reminder  
postcards in the mail

Location of January, 18, 2010,  
meeting to be announced  
later.

## BPENA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership in the Broadway Pantano East Neighborhood Association is open to residents, property owners, or business owners within the neighborhood boundaries who are 18 years of age or older and who register with the Association annually. **Renewal will be every October.**

Annual Membership Application \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payable to: *Broadway Pantano East Neighborhood Association*

Bring this form /donations to a regular monthly meeting or mail to:

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Only registered members are allowed to vote.