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Arroyo Chico News

WELCOME TO THE JANUARY 2011 ARROYO CHICO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER!

MEETING SCHEDULE

NEW DAYS!
 NEW PLACE!

ACNA will meet on the third Tuesday at the Hardesty Center (at Alvernon & 22d)

- ACNA annual meeting and board election
 Tue 18-JAN-2011, 6:30PM
- ACNA meeting,
 Tue 15-FEB-2011, 6:30PM
- ACNA meeting,
 Tue 15-MAR-2011, 6:30PM
- ACNA meeting,
 Tue 19-APR-2011, 6:30PM
- ACNA meeting,
 Tue 17-MAY-2011, 6:30PM
- ACNA meeting,
 Tue 21-JUN-2011, 6:30PM
- ACNA meeting,
 Tue 19-JUL-2011, 6:30PM
- ACNA meeting,
 Tue 16-AUG-2011, 6:30PM
- ACNA meeting,
 Tue 20-SEP-2011, 6:30PM
- ACNA meeting,
 Tue 18-OCT-2011, 6:30PM
- ACNA meeting,
 Tue 15-NOV-2011, 6:30PM
- ACNA meeting,
 Tue 20-DEC-2011, 6:30PM

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/arroyo_chico_na

Have a topic you want addressed? Want to write something? Got announcements? Let us know. Send your feedback -- the good, the bad, and the ugly -- to Les (319-0892 or les_p_hackenslash@yahoo.com). Thanks!

THE TIMES, THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

News flash: governments from federal down to local are slashing expenditures left, right, and center to maintain a pretense of budget balance and we the people will feel the pinch in the form of reduced services. (One tangible example is this newsletter, which the City used to print every month and now prints once a year.) However, there is still much in Tucson that is good and useful (with more to come -- what would you suggest?) and we will do our best to relay information as it comes. In the meantime, pull up a chair and set a spell ... there's plenty of news to share.

MCRC UPDATE



- The meeting location has changed: in 2011, thanks to Councilor Steve Kozachik (applause for the Koz!), MCRC will meet at the Ward 6 office (3202 East 1st Street, two blocks east of North Country Club Road and one block south of East Speedway Blvd) at 6:00PM the third Wednesday evening of odd-numbered months.
- The Environmental Assessment vis-a-vis Operation Snowbird will have its first public scoping meetings in January; the public is invited -- nay, strongly urged -- to share its concerns about Operation Snowbird and its impacts to surrounding communities.
- MCRC's internet home is being relocated from DMAFB's website to its own space at <http://sites.google.com/site/mcrtcucson>
- The Land Use Subcommittee has drafted some guidelines for a proposed Legislative Action sub-

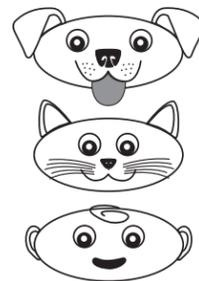
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NO COMPUTER? NO PROBLEM!

Want to keep up on news? Don't have a computer? Check the Pima County Library: the Himmel (North Treat Ave at East 1st Street), Quincie Douglas (South Kino Pkwy at East 36th Street), and Columbus (South Columbus Blvd at East 22d Street) branches are closest to ACNA, with the Main Library (downtown) just a short bike ride away. Wingspan's CyberCenter (426 East 7th Street), Food Conspiracy Co-op (412 North Fourth Ave), Quincie Douglas Community Center (South Kino Pkwy at East 36th Street), and Pima Community College campus libraries (PCC's Downtown Campus, at North Stone Ave and West Speedway Blvd, is closest to ACNA) offer free computer access during business hours.

NEW MEETING SCHEDULE INSIDE!

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Can't feed 'em? Don't breed 'em!

Our adoption and placement centers are packed to the rafters with the results of irresponsible breeding and unplanned pregnancies. Not only do the dear little ones suffer, we are all impacted when resources are needlessly stretched beyond capacity. Think. Plan. Prevent.

2011 CITY FURLOUGH DAYS

On these days, city staff will be unavailable. Water bill payments, permit applications, and other tasks which require city staff will have to wait until the following business day.

- Fri 18-FEB-2011
- Fri 18-MAR-2011
- Fri 15-APR-2011
- Fri 27-MAY-2011
- Fri 17-JUN-2011

Note that there may also be furlough days in the second half of the year.

Check with the City at <http://tucsonaz.gov>

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VARIOUS AND SUNDRY GOINGS-ON

- The next Brush & Bulky pickup will be the week of 31-JAN-2011; have your discards ready for pickup by that Monday morning. Also, keep your stuff in your own space. If you have more than ten cubic yards of discard, approach neighbors with "free" space and make an arrangement; don't assume that empty space won't be needed at the last minute. More info is at 791-3171 or <http://tucsonaz.gov/es/content/brush-and-bulky>
- Current neighborhood crime blotter is at <http://nsn.soaz.info/incidents/zarroyo.html> Find out why the TPD whirlybird paid us a visit or what the black-and-whites were about.
- The Toros Health and Fitness Festival Sat 08-JAN-2011, 9:00AM - 6:00PM and Sun 09-JAN-2011, 12:00N - 6:00PM, El Con Mall. Kick off a boot camp style exercise program on Saturday morning with free Zumba and yoga classes. Get tough with Tuffy! 325-1010
- Community Food Bank citrus gleaning Got citrus? CFB can use it! Call 622-0525 x222 to have CFB volunteers pick it, or pick it yourself and drop it off at 3003 South Country Club Road (between East 36th Street and East Ajo Way), Monday - Friday, from 8:00AM - 4:30PM. <http://communityfoodbank.com/programs-services/services-for-families/gleaning/>
- CFB grocery/foodservice gleaning If your boss has told you to throw away perfectly good groceries that are just past expiry or to dump unserved pans of food down the drain, point the chief to the Community Food Bank (622-0525) and the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act (public law 104-210) which shields food donors from liability -- <http://www.usda.gov/news/pubs/gleaning/appc.htm>
- TreeCycle Sun 26-DEC-2010 - Sun 09-JAN-2011 After having killed a tree and put the body on display (presumably, as a warning to the houseplants), drop it off at the City of Tucson TreeCycle site at Randolph Golf Course, 600 South Alvernon Way (be sure to remove ALL the tinsel and decorations!). There will be a woodchipper on hand for Fargo-style disposal; bring a bucket or two to take home some chips for garden or landscape use. 791-3171 or <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es/node/129> for info.

MCRC UPDATE, cont'd

- committee to be tasked with tracking bills germane to MCRC interests (e.g., funding and land usage) as they wend their way through the legislature and acting if/as needed to support or modify them. Since bills can run through AZ Leg' like corn through a goose (and often with similar result), the need for a dedicated "Leg' Watch" group is self-evident.
- The Operations Subcommittee has returned from hiatus and decided to commit its efforts to (a) noise mitigation issues, (b) what can be moved from DMAFB to TIA, and (c) moving or adjustment of DMAFB flight paths.
 - At its January meeting (6:00PM on the 19th), MCRC will elect its Chair and Vice Chair for 2011; Alice Roe and Les Pierce (who currently hold these offices, respectively) have volunteered to serve another year if elected.
 - Luke AFB "won" the squadrons of F-35s for which TIA was also competing; the EIS performed for this assignment will be posted at <http://www.f-35atrainingeis.com> when done. Also, <http://www.usmcjswest.com> contains the EIS for F-35s coming to Yuma.

WHERE IS ACNA, ANYWAY?

BROADWAY BLVD

TUCSON BLVD

WINSETT STREET

CAMPBELL AVENUE

COUNTRY CLUB RD

EAST 22d STREET

If you are within these streets -- South Campbell Avenue, East Broadway Blvd, South Tucson Blvd, East Winsett Street, South Country Club Road, and East 22d Street -- you are a member of the Arroyo Chico Neighborhood Association. Homeowners, business owners, and renters (welcome, students!) are all warmly invited to attend meetings and share ideas on how to keep the Arroyo Chico Neighborhood a great place for all of us to live, work, and play.



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ACNA 2011 OFFICER ELECTION BALLOT

If you are unable to attend the 18-JAN-2011 ACNA meeting and Board election in person but would still like to vote for our officers, complete this ballot and drop it off in the locked box at 2727 East Beverly Drive by close of business Tue 18-JAN-2011. If you wish to vote for a write-in candidate, do the candidate the courtesy of verifying that s/he is willing and able to hold office before submitting her/his name.

- President:
 Les Pierce Write-in:
- Vice President:
 Write-in:
- Secretary:
 Les Pierce Write-in:
- Treasurer:
 Write-in:
- Area Representative 1:
 Write-in:
- Area Representative 2:
 Write-in:

UPCOMING EVENTS

*The following events are open to all.
 ACNA does not specifically endorse any non-ACNA event.*

- Low Cost Mobile Health Care Program Wednesdays, 12:00 - 3:00PM, at Quincie Douglas Center (1575 East 36th Street at South Kino Pkwy). Insurance accepted from those with; sliding scale offered to those without. 626-0293
- FreeCycle at Himmel Library Sat 08-JAN-2011, 2:00 - 4:00PM, Himmel Library, 1035 North Treat Ave (southeast of East 1st Street). Please, no huge items. <http://www.library.pima.gov/about/news/?id=3042>
- Dillinger Days Sat 22-JAN-2011, 9:00AM - 3:00PM, on East Toole Ave between North Fourth and Fifth Avenues. Re-enactments of John Dillinger's 1934 arrest, vintage autos, tours, and music.
- Tucson Carnival Sat 19-FEB-2011, 12:00 - 6:00PM, at Armory Park (220 South Sixth Ave, East 12th Street). Multi-cultural celebration with music, food, and dance. <http://www.batucaxe.org>
- 9th Annual Arizona Animal Fair Sat 05-MAR-2011, 10:00AM - 4:00PM, at Reid Park. This super pet bonanza offers piles of information about keeping our critters happy and healthy. <http://www.azanimalfair.com>
- Tucson Festival of Books Sat 12-MAR-2011 and Sun 13-MAR-2011 at the University of Arizona campus. Speakers, authors, and activities celebrate the written word. <http://www.tucsonfestivalofbooks.org>
- 2011 Walk Like MADD Sat 19-MAR-2011, 7:30AM - 12:00N, Reid Park (East Broadway Blvd and South Alvernon Way). Raise awareness, save lives. 322-5253 <http://www.madd.org/local-offices/az/walk-like-madd.html>
- Community Street Medic Training Sat and Sun, 15,16-JAN-2011, 10:00AM - 4:00PM, Santa Rita Park (South Fourth Ave and East 20th Street). Free safety/first aid instruction. azstreetmedics@gmail.com