

Garden District

GARDEN DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

<http://midtowngardendistrict.org>

April 2011

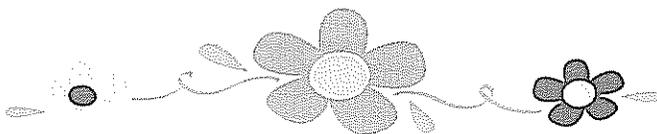
Dear Neighbors,

There is lots of excitement in the Garden District. Our Community Garden brings out the best in everybody, sharing, helping each other, getting back to nature and the excitement of watching the progress of the fruits of our labor. Come by and see the garden. Our third annual yard sale and our Sunflower BBQ are events that put our neighborhood on the map, help us fundraise and contribute to a sense of cooperation among our neighbors. Graffiti is continuing to be a high priority. With everyone working together, including our council office, we are on the way to lessening the impact of the taggers. We all share the responsibility of reporting graffiti (see inside the newsletter for details), because we all share the goal of making our neighborhood safer and more beautiful. I consider it my responsibility as president to work diligently towards that goal and to remind everyone we all play an important part in the plan.

Ida Plotkin, president

Grant / Alvernon Initiative

Community & Law Enforcement Task Force
2nd Tuesday of every month
EMERGE at 2425 N. Haskell
(west of Walgreen's at Grant & Alvernon)
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



GARDEN DISTRICT MEETING

3rd Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m.
(except June & July)
Martha Cooper Library
1377 N Catalina Avenue
Be present to win door prizes!

FUND RAISER - GOOD FOOD COME SIT ON THE PATIO Sunflower Market

(corner Speedway/Swan)

April 2

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bratwurst w/roll - \$2.00

Hamburger w/roll - \$2.00

includes tomato, lettuce, etc.

\$4.00 - Sandwich with chips

OR macaroni salad & drink

A portion of the profits will

go to the Garden District

Neighborhood Association

Thank you for your support

Volunteers Needed for "Student Health Advisory Committee"

Newly assigned Wellness Coordinator for John B Wright Elementary is looking for one or two people to represent parents & community on the Committee. Time is minimal - @ 2 times a month for 30 mins-hour (once as a whole Committee & once in smaller groups) & will be in effect at least until the end of 2011-2012 school year.

This is a government grant provided to all schools within Pima County to assist in making our schools healthier and more active. If you are able, your participation and input would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or are interested in working on our Committee, please contact me via email at either anna.mason@tusd1.org or agmason@email.arizona.edu.

REPORT TAGGING – TPD has provided an email address for us to send our pictures and detailed info for a data base where they will collect photos and information which can lead to positive efforts in combating this destructive action:

ron.thompson@tucsonaz.gov

TUCSON BOTANICAL GARDENS

Butterfly Magic at the Gardens is open; check out “Owls: Rulers of the Night Skies” on March 31; or the fine art pottery firings each day at the Mata Ortiz Demonstration & Sale set for April 15 & 16; check out the Wicked Plants; classes and much more via web:

<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org/>

The Gardens have also purchased property on Seneca in hopes of adding an entry access/exit in addition to the Alvernon entry.

MARTHA COOPER LIBRARY

Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros Celebration! - April 16, 2 – 4 p.m.

Check out the calendar of events:

<http://www.library.pima.gov/calendar/dia.php>

Stop in for English Language Classes, free GED preparation & tutoring, homework help, Chess Club, Tween time, Crochet & Knit Club, Drop-in Job Help, Toddler Storytime, etc. etc. Our Library has a wealth of information and activities for all ages. Take advantage of them!

Use your Albertson's card for your purchases at the Tanque Verde & Kolb store location and Garden District Neighborhood Association will receive a 1% donation on the purchases.

Council Member Steve Kozachik

Ward VI – informative web site:

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/ward6>

Very active council member who keeps us informed with easily understood weekly Newsletters – sign up to receive at the above site, lower right corner. The site lists the closed business days, local neighborhood info as well as downtown activities. Ward VI has a lot of info on their web page and the staff is most helpful.

Many thanks to the Construction Club at Catalina High School as they are making a kiosk for posting information at our GD² Community Garden and new compost bins for our Garden. If you haven't stopped by GD² you are in for a refreshing sight of renewal for the property and folks caring for & cherishing this new opportunity.

The GEM Project, in which residents (whether home owners or renters) show 'pride of ownership' by maintaining their property, is up and running. The committee is selecting locations to be considered a “GEM” in our neighborhood. The first winner will be chosen sometime in May. Apex Banner & Sign, a company located in Garden District on Speedway, has graciously donated 144 full color signs for the GEM program at no cost to us. The winner will be presented a sign that can be displayed on their property to show we appreciate their care and pride in maintaining our community.

Garden District Community Garden (GD²) is buzzing with spring planting at 1933 N Bell Avenue !

Seeds are sprouting, plants are grabbing hold and members are enjoying new friendships while learning about plants and soils. There are just a few plots left. Those interested in renting a plot (\$15.00 a month) (3 x 20 ft) or offering to support a student/family plot can find information at Community Gardens of Tucson: www.communitygardensoftucson.org, or call 795-8823. Growing season is year around. Included in the fee: cost of water, irrigation supplies, So. Arizona growing information and monthly meetings to assist those unsure of what types of plants to use for best success, newsletter, etc. If you are interested in participating/renting a plot, please call Community Gardens of Tucson .

Members of the community and GD² have had the pleasure of receiving/processing the flowers & plants from the January 8 tragedy memorials. Several weekends were spent carefully and respectfully saving flower petals for potpourri, shredding the stems to supplement garden compost, setting aside wrapping paper for school craft reuse, and recycling whatever was possible. Several live plants have been planted in the first plot at the Garden and are already spurting new growth. Cards, artificial flowers and the many other items in the boxes will be appropriately distributed by the Congresswoman's team. We all felt it an honor to be able to be a part of this cherishing/recycling/renewing spirit. **Thank you** to all who helped with the process.

Web page / Tech help for Garden District – Help needed

Our web page is in need of serious overhaul. We must rely on the web page and facebook to get our community information out to residents since we have only ONE paper mailing per year through the city. Juan is offering some expertise in helping to create a new web site (perhaps under the name of "gdnaonline.org" and will be available at the February meeting to offer assistance in connecting to Facebook for access to information through that medium. If you can offer web design or have capability to update web sites, our association could really use your services.

Email: Juan at JJorquera@cox.net

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

Safety Committee - Ida Plotkin @ 326-1557 email: iplotkin@cox.net

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

Communication Committee - Meg Johnson @ 325-7611 email: mmcjohnson@cox.net

- Garden District Web Site
- Newsletter
- Garden District Listserve

Community Outreach Committee – Caroline Rondeau @ 795-1478 email: carondeau@juno.com

- Wright School volunteering
- Flower Angel recommendations
- Fruit harvesting
- Library assistance John B. Wright Elementary
- Good business awards

Fund Raising Committee - Lois Pawlak @ 325-7611 email: loispawlak@cox.net

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

Beautification Committee - Caroline Rondeau @ 796-1478 email: carondeau@juno.com

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



Housing & Community Development Department
 P O. Box 27210
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*Garden District
 Neighborhood*

Dated Material

Important Telephone Numbers to Know

Graffiti - 792-2489 (792-CITY)

Report Online: <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti/report>

Email: graffiti@tucsonaz.gov

You can also report via online, iphone, Blackberry, or Android -
<http://www.seeclickfix.com/tucson>

Shopping carts - 800-843-2278

Vehicles abandoned - 791-4444

Garbage cans left at curb - 791-3171

Trash, overgrown weeds - 791-5843

Online: <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/violation>

Ward VI office - 791-4601

Any suspicious behavior - 911

(obtain as much detail & description as possible)

Fruit harvesting, contributions (they will come and pick your surplus & distribute to refugee community -

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April 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Martha Cooper Library

1377 N Catalina Avenue

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FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

NW Quadrant: Lois Pawlak	323-3231
NE Quadrant: Russell Beal	664-4339
SE Quadrant: Judy Ostermeyer	326-1517
SW Quadrant: Arthur Block	881-6356
& Phyllis Montgomery	248-9915

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.