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Brichta Neighborhood

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**Essential Information Enclosed.
PLEASE READ!!**

Roll-Offs Coming Election Weekend

Our semi-annual spring roll-offs will be delivered at the two locations we have used for several years: 1931 W. Calle Campana de Plata and 1702 N. Old Ranch Rd. on the Wagon Wheels side of the property. They will be dropped off on Thursday, April 11, and will be picked up Monday, April 15. You will receive a mailed card from Environmental Services to remind you of our October roll-off dates.

Remember, don't bring tires, pesticides, computer electronics, weed killers, poisonous cleansers, liquid paint (especially lead based), or petroleum products. These must be taken to the Hazardous Household Waste (HHW) depots at Sweetwater and the freeway or Los Reales landfill, where you will pay a \$25 fee.

Once a month Environmental Services offers a **free drop-off** at one of the Ward Offices. To find out when and where it will be, go to the City of Tucson website, and look under Environmental Services, HHW.

BNA Projects Urgently Need Resident Participation

Now that Brichta Elementary will be closing in May, we have a neighborhood discussion going on about how we can avoid the neighborhood devaluation from a closed school building by proposing that the school property be turned over for a 0% lease to a non-profit corporation who would help us secure sustainability projects and providers that ***would make the facility a sustainability research and learning center with outreach to us, as well as convert it into a climate emergency care shelter for at-risk residents with its own power, water, and food supplies.*** Neighborhoods throughout the country are being urged to develop climate emergency plans as the result of the scientific evidence of climate change presented at the first national summit held in Tucson one year ago because we were identified as the area of the country most vulnerable to climate change.

We are also still pursuing remediation of the soil contamination on the south bank of our adopted wash in order to have it developed as a natural resource park equipped with plant and animal legends, improved paths, handicap accessibility, and shaded viewing decks, as well as a demonstration site for natural water harvesting, re-vegetation and erosion control. We are also seeking grant money for further restoration work.

Since the City discovered that the Safe Routes to School **money awarded to us for traffic calming speed tables had disappeared** before they were installed, our Ward office and Transportation and Streets are now trying to find money for them somewhere else. As it stands, we are at least on a regular schedule for street repairs. If you are getting impatient with the potholes big enough to lose a VW or Mini in, call Transportation to ask when we might expect relief.

Please stay tuned. Even if you aren't online, all you have to do is to call or visit a neighbor to keep up with what is happening in our neighborhood. Let's reach out and communicate more for a better community.

For more information contact Yvonne Merrill 884-9189.

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The mission of the Brichta Neighborhood Association is to advocate for the well being of our residents. This includes bringing neighbors together to protect their health and safety, restoring and preserving an attractive physical and psychological environment, and working collectively to carry out projects that benefit the people and property where we live.

Brichta Neighborhood Annual Meeting
Saturday, April 13, 5:30 pm-Potluck

Dear Neighbors:

For those of you not on our electronic news list, ***this will be your only mailed neighborhood association bulletin this year.*** As the rest of us heard several years ago, the Department of Housing and Community Development reduced the number of mailed newsletters it would send to all addresses in a registered neighborhood.

We have several important on-going projects that you should want to know about, so if you do have Internet, please **send me your email address to yvonnemerrill@cox.net**. If you have a Yahoo account, you can get our news by joining Brichta Neighborhood Yahoo group, or if you use Facebook, you can friend us at "Brichta Neighbors."

Brichta Neighborhood Annual Elections Coming Up

Brichta Neighborhood Association's annual meeting and election of officers will be on Saturday, April 13. Come enjoy mixing business with pleasure at our 5:30 potluck and opportunity to greet and converse with your neighbors.

WHAT: Annual Election Meeting and Potluck.

WHERE: 2131 W. Wagon Wheels Dr., back patio.

WHEN: Saturday, April 13, 5:30-9:00 pm.

WHO: Residents to Elect 2013 Officers:

Officer Nominees so far:

President: Yvonne Merrill

Vice President: Steve Sorenson

Secretary: Carl Stoeckel

Treasurer: Angela Walker

If you wish to nominate someone for office before the meeting, please determine if that person is willing to take office and send the name to Dorothy Yanez, our current treasurer, dyanez1@yahoo.com. We will accept nominations from the floor if the nominees are present and willing to run.