

Arroyo Chico News

WELCOME TO THE JUNE 2010 (and possibly final) ARROYO CHICO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER!

MEETING SCHEDULE

- **ACNA meeting,**
Sat 17-JUL-2010,
9:00 AM
Saint Ambrose School
(300 South Tucson Blvd)
Thank you,
Principal Martha!
- **ACNA meeting,**
Tue 17-AUG-2010,
6:30 PM
- **ACNA meeting,**
Sat 18-SEP-2010,
9:00 AM
- **ACNA meeting,**
Tue 19-OCT-2010,
6:30 PM
- **ACNA meeting,**
Sat 20-NOV-2010,
9:00AM
- **ACNA meeting,**
Tue 21-DEC-2010,
6:30 PM
- **ACNA annual meeting
and board election**
Sat 15-JAN-2011,
9:00AM

For more info, check out
[http://groups.yahoo.com/
group/arroyo_chico_na](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!

MCRC UPDATE



At the 19-MAY-2010 meeting of the Military/Community Relations Committee (MCRC), it was learned that the **environmental impact statement (EIS) decision** (whether Tucson International Airport is a suitable location for the F-35) **should arrive in autumn of this year with a record of the decision by 2011**. Currently, there are only a few finished F-35s in existence -- one is at Edwards AFB (north of Los Angeles, CA), the rest are at the Lockheed testing facility in Texas -- and none will be available to perform "fly overs" at the candidate bases. **Residents surrounding the winning base(s) will probably not get their first taste of this new jet until it is delivered in 2015, unless**

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KINO/22d INTERSECTION UPDATE

At the Thu 10-JUN-2010 meeting of the Kino/22d Street Intersection Citizens Advisory Committee, the **final motif** (inspired by a saguaro cross-section), **colors** (variations on sage green), and **art-work element design** (fluted columns again reflecting the saguaro structure) **for the new overpass were presented** -- when complete, this bridge will be a lovely and pedestrian-friendly "neighbor".

- The **final bridge plans are due in NOV-2010, with construction estimated to start in APR-2011 and end in MAY-2013** pending the outcome of an RTA audit of all "phase 2" projects.
- During construction, **traffic can avail itself of the "circulator" roads being enhanced in the north-**

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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. ☺

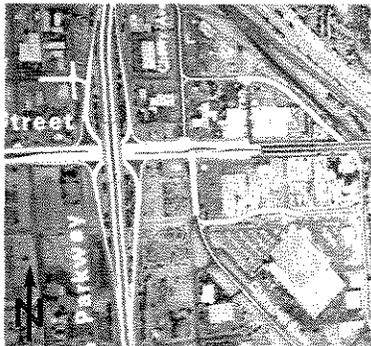
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KINO/22d STREET UPDATE, cont'd

east and southeast quadrants (East 23d Street will be opened up between Cherrybell Strav and South Campbell Ave, which itself will become a two-way street under the UPRR/22d Street bridge connecting East Silverlake Road with Warehouse Ave and Millville businesses).

- SunTran Route# 2 will have a stop at South Campbell Ave and South Cherrybell during construction. Route# 7 is unchanged.
- There will be a traffic signal installed at South Park Ave and East 18th Street to ease access to and from Millville, as the intersection at East 22d Street and South Santa



New circulator roads will connect South Park and Millville neighborhoods and improve traffic flow.

Rita Ave will become a right-in/right-out one.

- Work on the UPRR/22d bridge is ongoing, but more slowly, due to the entities involved (UPRR, ADOT).
- More information is at <http://dot.tucsonaz.gov/projects/kino22nd>

MCRC UPDATE, cont'd

they make arrangements to visit Edwards AFB to see and hear the F-35 for themselves.

- The **Wyle study** (concerning the noise impacts of Operation Snowbird) **has been put on hold** pending higher headquarters coordination of the draft preliminary study.
- AZ Legislature passed a bill (**SB1350**) to **expand the list of items on which Military Installation Fund (MIF) money can be spent.** Another bill (**SB1410**) to **allow the exchange of public lands for the preservation of military bases will probably be on this November's ballot**, since changes to the state constitution (which this bill would require) must be voter-approved. The **Land Use** subcommittee will establish a **legislative agenda subcommittee** that will track legislative activity relevant to MCRC interests.
- At the **next MCRC meeting** (Wed 21-JUL-2010, 6:00PM, Randolph Golf Course Copper Room, 600 South Alvernon Way) will be a **presentation on the sound attenuation** done to residences **surrounding TIA.**
- **Eight (8) F-22s** from Tyndall AFB will be hosted by DMAFB from **02-AUG-2010 - 02-SEP-2010** as part of Operation Snowbird.

A.C.M.E. FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Do you have a family member that needs special care due to disability? Is this family member not able to live fully independently? One of our neighbors, Arroyo Chico Members Enterprise (ACME), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit co-operative, could be the answer. Nestled on a quiet shade-filled block in the Arroyo Chico n'hood, ACME is an affordable, safe and creative apartment community designed and governed by people with disabilities, along with their families, friends, relatives and support services. Residents and their carers and friends plan and participate in activities, many of which are open to the public. As residents interact with the community and participate in projects, they gain the skills and self-esteem needed to grow their independence. Likewise, the surrounding community is strengthened by having a central location for activities with "built-in" participants. To learn more, email acmecoop2001@yahoo.com or call Dar at 248-9576 or Val at 870-7360.

WHERE IS ACNA, ANYWAY?

BROADWAY BLVD

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.

TUCSON BLVD



WINSETT STREET

CAMPBELL AVENUE

COUNTRY CLUB RD

EAST 22d STREET

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MISCELLANEOUS NEWS NIBBLES

● **Right Size Your Can**-- effective 01-JUL-2010, City Environmental Services will charge new rates for trash collection and will offer different sized trash cans to those who currently use the 95-gallon cans (folks who use the large alley cans will keep using them). See <http://esd.tucsonaz.gov/right-size-your-can> for sizes, pricing, and other details.

● **Do More Blue** -- part of the reason for the Right Size Your Can program is to encourage recycling (too many recyclables get landfilled, which costs us all money). See what is recyclable at <http://www.domoreblue.com>'s list of what can be put in the blue recycle bin. Note that **plastic bags** (shopping bags, bread bags, any film plastic) **can be taken to any**

large grocery store with more than two locations in Tucson, since they are required to take these plastics and have them recycled (<http://www.bagcentralstation.com>), and that aluminum cans can be cashed in at most scrap metal dealers.

● **SB1070** -- read the full text of the bill at <http://www.azleg.gov/alispdfs/council/SB1070-HB2162.PDF>

● **Amendments to the City Charter** may be on the November ballot. These concern how the City governs itself, and in effect, how we interact with The Powers That Be.

● **Bring water and wear sunscreen.** Every where, every time. ☺

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

● **Meet Me at Maynard's**

Monday evenings, 5:45PM, at Maynard's Market (400 North Toole Ave in the historic train depot plaza). Walk, run, or jog a 5K (3.2 mile) route through downtown and surrounding neighborhoods. No running experience needed -- bring friends, dogs (leashed only), and family.

● **Cinema la Placita**

Thursday evenings, 7:00PM, at La Placita downtown (southwest corner of South Church Ave and West Broadway Blvd). Admission is free, donations gratefully accepted.

17-JUN-2010: D.O.A. (1950).

24-JUN-2010: Grand Prix.

See <http://www.cinemataplacita.com> for info.

● **El Dia de San Juan**

Thu 24-JUN-2010, 5:00 - 10:00PM, West Congress Street at the Santa Cruz River. Procession, music, food, and the welcome of the monsoon season.

● **An Evening of Harp Music**

Thu 24-JUN-2010, 6:00PM, Himmel Park Library (1035 North Treat Ave, two blocks south of East Speedway Blvd). Dr. Heidi Tims Hernandez, one of only 50 harpists under the

age of 32 invited to participate in the 2010 USA International Harp Competition, will play selections from her vast repertoire in the Himmel Library main meeting room. Admission is free.

● **Tai Chi/Qi Gong for Seniors (50+)**

Fri 25-JUN-2010 and Fri 02-JUL-2010, 2:00 - 2:30PM, at Himmel Park Library. Sifu Aaron Williams will show students how to increase flexibility, strength, and calm. Wear loose-fitting clothes and bring water. Call 594-5305 x3 to register. Classes are free.

● **Second Saturday Downtown**

Sat 10-JUL-2010, 5:00PM 'til legal closing, throughout downtown. Music, entertainment, special deals and events at galleries and restaurants, and festivity galore. More info at <http://www.2ndsaturdaysdowntown.com>

● **Sustainable Tucson meeting**

Mon 12-JUL-2010, 5:45PM, Main Library lower level meeting room (101 North Stone Ave, southwest corner of West Alameda Street). Learn and help to make Tucson a better place by treading less harshly on Mother Earth. See <http://www.sustainabletucson.org> for info.



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