

CAMPBELL GRANT TIMES

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CAMPBELL GRANT NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MAY CAMPBELL-GRANT-TUCSON-GLENN 2010

Spring Greetings to All CGNE Residents !!! Rebecca Cramer

It's time once again for our May meeting to be held on Monday, May 24, at 7 PM at the Ward III Council Office, located at the southeast corner of Vine and Grant. Our meeting agenda will include: Election of Officers, Crime Update, RTA Grant Road Improvement plan, Water Harvesting Grant and additional water harvesting efforts and other topics as time allows.

Our trusty treasurer, Bev Rutter, is stepping down after many years of dedicated service. Kirsteen Anderson, who presently serves as Vice President, has offered to stand for election to Treasurer. She has previous experience with the position. That will leave the Vice President's office open. We do encourage nominations for any and all positions. They can be submitted to me, or they may be offered from the floor at the time of our meeting.

Several residents have been victimized by break-ins in recent days. We will have a representative from TPD at the meeting. We also hope that anyone who's been a victim of crime in our neighborhood will come share their story.

Regarding the RTA Grant Road improvement plan, Bev Rutter would like to get feedback on the streetscape component of the plan that affects our neighborhood, so we'll devote a bit of time to that discussion.

Our Water Harvesting Project Committee will give their final report. Please, take a look at the basins we created in the area around Copper and Olson. Many of the plants are blooming and they catch water like crazy when it rains. Gaye Adams will tell us about the new ceramic cisterns she's installing on her property and give information to those who might be interested in this water harvesting effort.

That's a pretty full plate for us, but if there's time, we might brainstorm about ideas for future CGNE projects. I attended the recent Jefferson Park Garden Tour which was most impressive and earned \$3000 for their historic status efforts. Suggestions have been made about our neighborhood planning a similar effort such as a Christmas open house or a fall yard sale. Interested ??? Come share ideas and help make it happen!!

On another note, this is, unfortunately, our last newsletter for 2010, and the city has yet to tell us whether we will be given any funds for next year. That means that our listserve will become even more important as a form of communication, as will "over the courtyard wall" conversations. I continue to receive email additions to our listserve, and I hope to get many more as word gets out about the loss of our newsletter. To be included on the CGNE listserve contact me at

missiontosonora@yahoo.com Thank you.

Beca Cramer

See **YOU** at the
Next

Neighborhood
Association Meeting

Monday

May 24- 7:00 PM

Ward III Office

1510 East Grant Road



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Water Harvesting Grant Update

Mark Rein'l-Bautista

We've completed our water harvesting project sponsored by PRO Neighborhoods! Thanks to all that participated in the planning and workshops. Perhaps you have already seen the results of the project in our neighborhood on Copper, Olsen, Water, Silver and Towner streets!!

Our project enabled volunteers from both within and outside the neighborhood to learn about and build several private and public rainwater harvesting features in our neighborhood. We were informed by the Watershed Management Group coordinators that our first residential workshop at the corner of Water/Olsen had the greatest attendance by neighbors to date for such a workshop. Through recruitment and education of residents, we had sufficient neighborhood turnout to complete all workshops. Extensive contact with City officials resulted in review and approval of designs for the first water harvesting features to be placed in the public right-of-way without curbs.



The main components of the project were:

Residential workshops – We conducted two very successful and well-attended workshops facilitated by Watershed Management Group staff. The two residential projects were hosted by residents who are passionate about rainwater harvesting, and both hosts provided not only the materials (plants, rock, gravel) to complete the workshop, but they also demonstrated generous hospitality and a willingness and openness for all to participate and learn about these techniques. You can see these residential projects on Water/Olsen and on Towner/Gill

Basin installations – Five residents agreed to the installation of basins along their right-of-way on Copper and Olsen. Installation of about 10 basins was initially planned, but the unexpectedly high cost of materials and need for more consultation hours than expected from Watershed Management Group required us to decrease the number to five. You can see the results at Copper/Olsen and Olsen/Silver. We have yet to see what impact these features will have on downstream flooding, but it is evident, especially in the neighbor-maintained basins and features, how rainwater harvesting can beautify the neighborhood. We anticipate that the City will also follow the public basins with interest, as these are the first features to be placed along uncurbed streets.

The final right-of-way basin could not have been completed without generous contributions from many people who were highly committed to seeing the project end on a high note. On behalf of Watershed Management Group, Catlow Shipek donated four hours of his time as well as a large tree. Neighbors Rebecca Cramer, Bill Halverson, Vicki Mills and Robert Mitchell, Mark and Sally Rein'l-Bautista, Bev and Andy Rutter, and Cynthia Sorrensen each contributed \$40 to offset funding shortfalls. Kirsteen Anderson contributed additional plants and materials needed for the final workshop. Thank you neighbors !!!

Mark Rein'l-Bautista

Neighborhood Crime

Vicki Mills

There have been several burglaries in our area that I know about and undoubtedly there have others that I don't know about. The two cases I personally know of, a home on Silver in our neighborhood and the yoga studio just across Campbell, both involved doors being kicked in – so the entrance to both were violent and destructive. More disturbing is the report of three young women robbed at gunpoint in front of the new boxing gym on Campbell. In discussing the burglary at the yoga studio, I heard someone say there have been over 150 burglaries in the last several months in the mid-city.



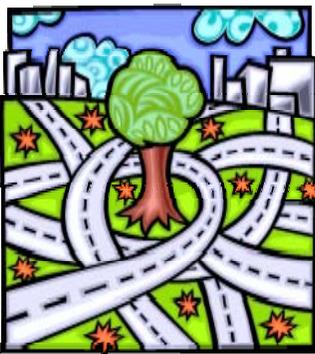
So it seems like a good time to have the police come to our May 24th Association Meeting and give us statistics and answer our questions about crime in the mid-city. I also want to urge all neighbors to keep their eyes open for suspicious behavior. We need to help each other protect our homes and belongings. See you on May 24th!!!!

Vicki Mills

RTA Grant Road Plan Update

Beverly Rutter

The planning phases continue to move ahead for Grant Road and are now entering the final design. Many of you have already attended RTA workshops to register your ideas with the city staff and members of the advisory committee (Task Force). However, we have not as yet discussed within a meeting of our Neighborhood Association what we would like to see happen in our neighborhood. As many of you know, the small businesses between Plumer and Norris will be a complete take by the city and the additional two lanes will be added to the north side. There will be a residual strip of property remaining.



How would we like to see this designed? There may be ways to prevent cut-through traffic into the neighborhood and give our area more protection and unity. It would be a positive step if we could reach a consensus of our requests by discussing these ideas at our May 24th Association Meeting. Your presence and ideas are needed and wanted. Please plan to attend, listen to ideas presented and voice your own. This affects us all and reaches far into the future for the quality of our neighborhood. I need to know what CGNE wants in order to represent our neighborhood. See you May 24th !!

Bev Rutter



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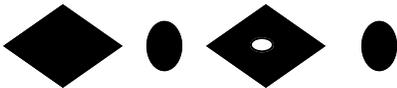
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Ward III Meeting Room-1510 E. Grant Road

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- * Crime Report
- * Water Harvesting Report
- * Grant Road RTA Update



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