



Annual meeting presentation

It's that time of year again — time to join us for the annual meeting of the Association! We will have a presentation by one of our Board members, Alison Hughes. Alison is a faculty member in the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health where she teaches policy and leadership courses. She will be discussing an innovative system for storing your personal health records electronically. If you've

during these tough economic times? The answer lies, in part, in our willingness to become more creative, make longer-term investments, and contribute our time and talents in new ways.

What follows are a few suggestions for ways that we, as residents and as a neighborhood, can take a proactive approach to ensuring the long-term viability of our community.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TAX CREDITS

Now is the perfect opportunity to reduce our energy bills. Numerous tax credits are available to individual homeowners on everything from solar water heaters to more efficient air conditioning units, to building insulation.

There are a number of websites available where you can obtain some basic information on the various credits. These include <http://www.dsireusa.org/> where you can access information by state. Each state listing has links to the breakdown of both Federal and residential incentives.

Another site is

http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=tax_credits.tx_index

which offers an easy-to-follow chart of the various Federal Tax Credits, including the type of product, credit amount, and other related criteria.

As with any investment, we urge you to

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WATER CONSERVATION

This is a growing concern for communities across the southwest. The days of cheap, abundant water are over, as population increases require cities to struggle to provide this necessary resource. It has been said that the day Tucson's population passed 40,000 is the day our use of groundwater became unsustainable.



While the Central Arizona Project canal has allowed our community to continue to grow, it has not come without a price. Tucson lies at the end of the 336-mile CAP canal, and long-term drought,

coupled with the West's growing population, have dramatically reduced the water levels in Lakes Mead and Powell, the reservoirs designed to store Colorado River water. In addition, once Tucson utilizes its full allotment of CAP water, 200,000 metric tons of salt will also be transported to our area each year. This has led to growing concerns about the long-term impact to our soil and the ability of plants to survive in

supplemental water.

If you want to extend your options, consider installing some form of rainwater harvesting. This can range from swales and berms constructed in your yard to large cisterns capable of holding hundreds of gallons of rainwater.

Whatever method you choose, you'll be saving water, reducing your costs, and helping to conserve this valuable resource.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS

Our neighborhood has been blessed with an abundance of open space, from Tahoe Park to the numerous landscaped islands that dot our streets and line our borders. However, with the ongoing budget crises, Tucson has been struggling to maintain these areas.

Both the Parks and Transportation Departments have been forced to reduce maintenance schedules, and as a result, it is beginning to show.

Several years, Catalina Vista adopted Tahoe Park through the Tucson Clean & Beautiful program, and our dedicated group of volunteers has done a fantastic job keeping the park clean and attractive.

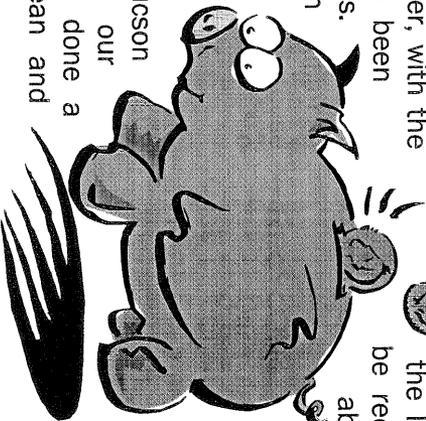
Now we need to expand this program to

job participating in the city's recycling program. Now we can help the city become more efficient and avoid the costs of "spoiled" loads by following a few simple guidelines.

Never put garbage, food or medical syringes in the recycling bin. Download the list of materials that can be recycled by going to <http://esd.tucsonaz.gov/customer-services-residential-recycling> and post it on your refrigerator or bulletin board for easy reference.

This web page also contains informative instructions on how to properly recycle your items, from information on proper rinsing of materials to why we shouldn't flatten cans. There are links to videos with the latest information on what can be recycled, as well as information about Household Hazardous Waste collection and the TreeCycle program.

With a minimum amount of time and effort, your help can go a long way to making this valuable program more efficient and cost-effective.



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