

Doolen/Fruitvale News

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Join us for a spring potluck!

Everyone is invited to a potluck/block party to welcome in the spring!

Let's show our commitment to a safe neighborhood for you and your family.

Where: Sparkman Butterfly Garden (between Bermuda and Flower)

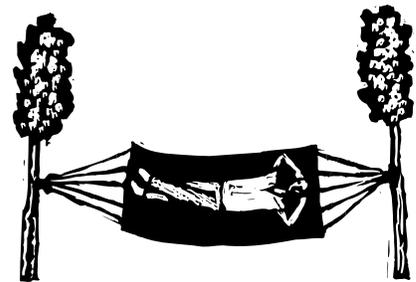
When: Saturday, April 17, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Bring: A dish or dessert, and a chair if you want to sit down. Cold soda and water will be provided.

Why: To spend an afternoon outdoors, enjoying the company of our neighbors, and meeting new people on the block. Our block is Country Club to Palo Verde, Grant to Glenn. The Spring Fling will be an informal event, just people getting together for light refreshments and to say hello.

Who: Everyone in the Association is invited. Please feel free to invite your friends and family. We may also be joined by some friends from adjoining neighborhood associations.

For questions, contact Kali Van Campen at 260-4052 or Sandra Hull at 869-7899.



Visit our Doolen/Fruitvale Web site: www.dffriends.org

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How to be a Good Witness

When you see something that doesn't look right to you, like "suspicious behavior," call 911 and give the police the information below. Even if they can't respond immediately, your report is the basis for "reasonable suspicion" that gives them the legal right to question individuals or investigate later.

Describe what you saw.

- ✓ How many people were involved?
- ✓ What were they doing?

Describe the individuals.

- ✓ Male/female?
- ✓ How tall?
- ✓ Big? Thin?
- ✓ Color of hair and skin?
- ✓ What were they wearing? (hat? color of pants/top?)

Describe the location.

- ✓ What's the address where you are?
- ✓ Where did you see the suspicious activity?
- ✓ Where (what direction) did they come from and, more important, where were they going?

Describe any vehicle involved.

- ✓ License number? Arizona plate?
- ✓ Make and model?
- ✓ Old/new, color, condition?
- ✓ Bumper stickers

It takes a community to catch a crook! Please do your part. We have had a rash of recent violent crimes and burglaries. Call 911 for any suspicious person or activity.



TNBC/AGI Community & Law Enforcement Task Force Meetings

2nd Tuesday of every month
6:30 PM at Emerge!, 2425 N. Haskell

This Task force has proven to be one of the most effective means of reducing crime in our neighborhoods. Your voice is heard! Please join us. If you have concerns about suspected drug activity, criminal activity, or observe ongoing activity and your gut feeling is that it just "doesn't look right"—trust your feelings. Bring addresses / descriptions / documentation to this meeting. All information is confidential.

Dear Doolen/Fruitvale Neighbors and Friends,

The DFNA Steering Committee wants to inform you that, due to the City of Tucson budget cuts, this newsletter will be the last neighborhood mailing through June 30, 2010. We do not yet have information about whether we will have any funding for mailings next year. Therefore, we are brainstorming how to get the word out to you about our neighborhood association meetings, events, and related issues.

One thing we are doing is building our email list. As some of you know, every few weeks, I send out an email to everyone on the email list, providing information about DFNA and city services and events. We want to encourage you to join the email list if you haven't already. Please send your email to me at kalisvc@gmail.com.

If you do not have a computer at home, or an email account, you can use a computer at a public library and get an email account at no charge.

How to sign up for a free email account

(1) Go to the nearest of the following 3 libraries:

- Himmel Park (1035 N. Treat Ave., 85716, 594-5305)

- Woods Memorial (3455 N. First Ave., 85719, 594-5445)
- Martha Cooper (1377 N. Catalina Avenue, 85712, 594-5315)

(2) Once you get access to a computer, click on Internet Explorer.

(3) There are three main services that offer free email: Google (Gmail), Yahoo, and Hotmail. Here are the instructions to sign up for a Gmail account:

- In the Internet browser window, type in the following URL: <http://www.google.com/ig>
- At the top, click on the icon for Gmail.
- Click on "Create an Account."
- Fill in the information that you are asked.
- You're account is created.

(4) Send me your new email.

For those of who do not have experience using email but want to learn, please let me know and I will connect you with someone in the neighborhood who can show you the basics. We hope you can stay connected, despite any setbacks that beset us!

Sincerely,
Kali Van Campen
Co-Chair, DFNA

Doolen Middle School Clothing Closet

As you may know, 2 years ago Doolen Middle School decided to require students to wear uniforms. This policy has greatly improved school climate and student success. Principal Charlotte Patterson says there is always a need for donations of "gently used" clothing that matches the uniform requirements. Here's a description:

- Shirts—need to be collared, plain, and either maroon, gray, or white in color
- Pants—can be khaki or blue in color, and non-denim

Students can also use the following items during the winter months:

- Sweatshirts and jackets
- Shoes (gently used)

If you individually would like to support the Doolen Middle School students, here is one way you can. Drop off any of the above items between the hours of 7:30 and 5:00, Monday through Friday, at the school's front office. Please support our neighborhood schools and our children who attend them.



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Upcoming Neighborhood Events

Doolen/Fruitvale Neighborhood Association (DFNA)
 Events and Meeting Dates—Through June 30, 2010

April 17—Spring Fling Potluck from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Sparkman Butterfly Garden (Sparkman between Bermuda and Flower)

NOTE: There will be no Association Meeting in April.

May 19—Annual DFNA meeting—Elections will be held at this meeting. To nominate yourself for a position on the steering committee, please contact Kali Van Campen (260-4052). Also, meeting dates to be voted on. Meeting from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. at the Doolen Middle School, Room 55 (2400 N Country Club Rd. at Grant Road —Enter through double gates on Country Club. Room 55 is directly across the courtyard)

NOTE: There will be no Association Meeting in June.

We will be posting upcoming meetings and events on our Web site, so please check it regularly!

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Important numbers

Graffiti removal hotline	792-2489
Garbage cans left at the curb	791-3171
Ward III Office	791-4711
Suspicious activity, police emergency	911
Police non-emergency (ongoing concerns) ..	791-4444
Junk vehicles, excessive yard sales, weeds ...	791-5843
Potholes	791-3154
Cars parked in City right-of-way	791-5071
Barking, loose, vicious dogs	243-5900
Mosquitos in standing water	243-7999
Shopping cart pick-up	1-800-THE-CART (1-800-843-2278)

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