

The Feldman Chronicle

Official Newsletter of Feldman's Neighborhood Association (FNA)

Bounded by Stone, Lee, Park, and Speedway -- It's where we all live

March - December 2010

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ALERT: This is Your Final Newsletter

As a consequence of City of Tucson budget cutbacks, this is probably the last edition of the *Chronicle* that will be mailed to you. To stay up-to-date with neighborhood events, please sign up for our listserv at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FNA-main>. If you do not have Internet access, you may request hand-delivery of printed newsletters from Lisa Romero (628-8441).

Spring Clean-Up March 27

Our next neighborhood cleanup will take place on Saturday, March 27th. We will provide tools, trash bags, gloves, roll offs for bulky trash, and a household hazardous waste collection site. The household hazardous waste collection site will be located at 934 E. Drachman, the vacant lot at the SW corner of N. Park and Drachman on **Saturday, March 27th from 9 AM to 11:30 AM only**. Roll offs for trash will be available at **3 locations: 611 and 934 E. Drachman and 1249 N. 3rd Ave.**

Please do **NOT** stack any items at the curb, as there will be no brush & bulky collection the week after the cleanup. Bring items you wish to dispose of to one of the roll-offs.

Please do **NOT** place refrigerators, freezers, or other Freon-containing appliances in the roll-off. These must be taken to the landfill for disposal.

Please do **NOT** place hazardous waste in the roll-off. Bring these items to the household hazardous waste collection site only. Common household hazardous waste items include paint, varnish, petroleum products, insecticides, fluorescent light bulbs, and batteries *other than* regular alkaline AA, AAA, C, and D cells.

Volunteers are needed Friday, Saturday and Monday (March 26-29). Please call 791-3500 to volunteer.

Mortarboard Volunteer Neighborhood Clean-up

The Mortarboard Honorary Society will once again assist with our neighborhood cleanup. They will work on specific projects, such as trimming shrubbery, planting, trash pick-up, etc., in a defined area (such as an alley or residence).

Please submit project requests to Joanne Downey (884-0502) or Monika Ashe (791-3500).

Annual Calendar of Neighborhood Events

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- **Saturday, March 27th** Spring clean-up
- **Saturday, April 17th** Spring Celebration at the Romero Ramada, 1249 N. 3rd Avenue, including a plant and seed exchange (3:00 to 5:00 PM) and a potluck (5:30 PM to whenever).
- **Tuesday, August 3rd** National Night Out
- **Saturday, September 18th** Ice cream social
- **Saturday, October 30th** Fall clean-up
- **Thursday, December 2nd** Officer nominations will be accepted at our monthly meeting.
- **Thursday, January 6th, 2011** Officer elections will take place at our Annual Meeting.

We will also attend iconic annual Tucson events as a group. The events are FREE and fabulous. What's not to like? The parking. That's why you want to carpool or stroll over with your neighbors. To join us, sign up via our listserv or contact Diana (623-8233).

- **Saturday, May 1st and Sunday, May 2nd** Tucson Folk Festival. 110 acts. 4 stages. Local and national acts.
- **Saturday, October 16th** Blues Heritage Festival. This is how we celebrate surviving another summer. Great music, dance floor, plus the added entertainment of hearing out-of-town artists complain about the "heat."
- **Saturday, October 9th and Sunday, October 10th** Tucson Meet Yourself, or as it's widely known, Tucson Eat Yourself. Fabulous ethnic food, dance performances, artisans.
- **Sunday, November 7th** Procession of the Dead. An opportunity to honor those who have passed, plus costumed political satire, culminating in a dramatic performance by Flam Chen.
- **Friday, December 10th to Sunday, December 12th** Fourth Avenue Street Fair. Crafty, oddball, and sometimes utterly beautiful gifts.

Household Water Conservation Survey

Adam Springer, Ph.D. student in the School of Natural Resources, is conducting a study to examine factors that influence Tucson households to conserve water. This study focuses on five methods of water conservation: rainwater harvesting, gray water systems, low-water use landscaping, high-efficiency household devices and volunteering for public water conservation projects. Questions in the survey examine changes in conservation practices during the hottest and driest decade in Tucson's recorded history: between 2000 and 2009. This information will be used to examine the influence of drought on household water conservation as well as the influence of public policy, social factors, media, and demographic factors.

The survey consists of 18 questions and takes 5 to 10 minutes to complete.

You can access the survey online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BJCLVQM>

For more information contact Adam Springer at: 520-626-7679 or adams@email.arizona.edu

Thank you for your participation!

A Word from Smartscape Español

Smartscape Español currently consists of 3 two-hour workshops held once a week for three consecutive weeks from 3:30 - 5:30pm. All instruction is provided in Spanish. Class size is limited. Registration is required. FREE - SPONSORED BY TUCSON WATER.

Please call the SmartScape Program office at 626-5161 for further information.

Class Location: Wetstone Building, Pima County Cooperative Extension, 4210 N. Campbell Ave. Tucson, AZ.

Resister Now!

Workshop Topics:

▪ **Irrigation:** This class discusses various common irrigation systems and components and focuses on designing and installing a drip irrigation system. Participants learn appropriate design and usage of irrigation systems (essential for effectively managing landscape water) and engage in a hands-on session on learning to put a drip irrigation

system together. Maintenance and troubleshooting are also discussed.

Wednesday, March 23rd, September 14th - Instructor: Rafael Lopez, Urban Organics Landscaping

▪ **Controllers:** This class continues the discussion on irrigation systems and focuses on controllers for automated systems. Various common controllers are discussed and tips are given on having them operate correctly. Other topics include basic irrigation system design, installation, and maintenance. A hands-on section on how to program an irrigation controller is also presented.

Wednesday, March 30th, September 21st - Instructor: Rafael Lopez, Urban Organics Landscaping

▪ **Pruning and Fertilizers** This workshop divides desert-plant maintenance into two categories - pruning and fertilizing. All pruning instruction is based on International Society of Arboriculture guidelines and uses pictorial slides and actual samples to illustrate the speaker's main points. The fertilizing portion of the workshop focuses on plant needs for macro- and micronutrients, determining correct fertilizers to use and calculating the appropriate quantities of fertilizers to purchase and apply.

Wednesday, April 6th, September 28th - Instructor: Jose Cano, Pima County Natural Resources Parks & Recreation

Hummingbird Nesting Season

Wildlife Rescue Centers in the Tucson area receive many calls each year from people who have been watching "their" hummingbird nest, and suddenly think the adult female is no longer coming to feed the nestling. Also they might notice she isn't sitting on the nest at night. Whether or not to cut down the nest and bring it to a rehabilitation volunteer is the question. Unless one can maintain a full hour of uninterrupted observation of the nest, one is likely to miss a 15-45 second visit from the adult. Only the female feeds the young. Before intervening please take the full time to watch the nest site.

Nests on branches that have been accidentally cut down can be wired back onto the tree. Call Noreen Geyer Kordosky if you have questions.

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Fight The Bite

Most people in Arizona are aware of the presence since 2003 of West Nile Virus in the mosquito population in our state. Arizona will continue to see human cases of this viral infection, and epidemiologists predict that the rate of infection will increase significantly in the next few years.

In mild cases, West Nile Virus symptoms include headache, fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, skin rash, backache, muscle aches, lack of appetite and swollen lymph nodes. A very small number of infected humans (<1%) may develop a severe or life-threatening illness with possible permanent neurological effects. Signs and symptoms of severe disease include high fever, severe headache, stiff neck, disorientation or confusion, stupor or coma, tremors or muscle jerking, lack of coordination, convulsions, pain, and partial paralysis or sudden weakness.

Although the chance of severe illness is rare, it's certainly worth preventing. Prevention involves eliminating standing water where mosquitoes breed and preventing mosquito bites. Insect repellent use and skin-covering clothing are especially important between dusk and dawn. Be especially alert to the presence of the large brown mosquito that carries West Nile Virus (*Culex quinquefasciatus*).

The following websites are good sources of information regarding West Nile virus:

<http://www.pimahealth.org/disease/westnile.html>
www.hs.state.az.us/phs/oids/westnile
www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile
<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org/mosquito.html>.

Eliminate the following mosquito breeding hazards:

- **Stagnant water in sinks and drains.** Prevent this by flushing all toilets, sinks, tubs, and drains twice a week.
- **Cans and bottles containing liquids.** Pour out all liquids before placing containers in trash or recycling.
- **Open garbage and recycling bins.** Close those lids! If water has accumulated, pour it out and then

close the lid. Be aware that mosquitoes like to hide in dark cave-like spots - wet or dry.

- **Outdoor areas where water stands more than a day or two.** This includes rain drains, sumps, tree wells, dog dishes, kiddie pools, old tires, and trash barrels without lids. Dry these areas out by dumping the water or by filling them with soil or gravel. If that's not possible, add a larvicide to the water. Larvicides kill mosquitoes before they can reach the adult (biting) stage. Effective larvicides contain oil, soap, bleach, or *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*.

Take action to protect yourself from mosquito bites:

- **Window screens, door screens, and door sweeps** should be in good repair
- **When outside between dusk and dawn**, wear long sleeves & pants. Also wear insect repellent containing either DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

Brush and Bulky Pickup Schedule

The 2010 Brush and Bulky Pickup schedule for Feldman's are in the months of May and November. You may access the map at: http://esd.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/dept-esd/u12/2010_22x34.pdf.

Neighborhood Meeting

1st Thursday of the month

6:30 - 7:30 pm

St. Luke's Home, Chapel

N 1st Avenue @ Lee (SW corner)

FNA Monthly Meeting Dates

All who live, work, or own property in Feldman's Neighborhood are welcome!

April 1st

May 6th

June 3rd

August 5th

September 2nd

October 7th

November 4th

December 2nd

January 6th, 2011

There is no meeting in July.

