



*Bringing people together to improve the safety and quality of life in the Flowing Wells community.*

## REFLECTIONS NEWSLETTER

February, March, April 2010

*VISION: Strong families living in a safe community.*

**Where to Find Us:** Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center, 1660 W. Ruthrauff Road

Our meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month – August through April. We start at 5:55 p.m. with a Potluck Dinner. Please bring a simple dinner item to share. Plates, utensils and drinks are provided. The agenda follows at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. **Please plan to attend and bring a neighbor.**

The City of Tucson's budget situation has necessitated a large cut to the neighborhood support function. Due to these reductions, they can only offer neighborhood associations one more mailing from now until June 30, 2010. If you are interested in continuing to be on our mailing list please send us your email: [fwnacc2010@hotmail.com](mailto:fwnacc2010@hotmail.com) or come to our meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month August -April.

**At our February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting** – Speakers: Carol Brichta, PC DOT and representative from Eagle Rock Excavating, La Cholla Road Project update, Pia Seebach-York, United Way EITC/VITA Tax Preparation, Jeannie Maldonado, US Census, , FWSD Rep., Override Election, Adam Springer, Water Conservation Survey, UA

**At our March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting** – Speakers: Sharon Bronson, Supervisor District 3, Dr. Nic Clement, Superintendent, FWSD, community members, friends, and dignitaries, all are welcome to attend this special meeting to share stories to honor the community work of Ellie Towne at her retirement celebration. She has been a strong advocate for the community and will be truly missed. Please attend the celebration in her honor at the Ellie Towne/Flowing Wells Community Center with the fun starting at 6:00pm. There is no potluck this special evening. Food and drinks will be provided. Come prepared to share your stories and mix and mingle with the Flowing Wells Community. No need to r.s.v.p.

**At our April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting** – Speakers: Cheri Horbacz, Don't Borrow Trouble Program, Pima County Program of Southwest Fair Housing Council, B.J. Cordova, Director of Programs, Tucson Clean & Beautiful, *another speaker to be added*

The FWNACC held its annual election of board members at our January 21, 2010 general meeting. The board held a special meeting afterwards to elect officers; the election results are; George Kuck, President; Daniele Loomis, Vice President; Sue Grant, Treasurer; Bonny Bass, Secretary; Fred Bass, Debbie Wolfe, and Susan Kuck board members.

Contact person is George Kuck, (520) 471-6408 or email: [fwnacc2010@hotmail.com](mailto:fwnacc2010@hotmail.com).

The FWNACC Board voted at the January 7, 2010 board meeting to **oppose the liquor application** for the Walgreens at 1351. W. Prince Road. The board opposed this application because of Walgreens close proximity to the Flowing Wells High School and because there are already a number of stores in that area selling alcohol. There are five applications for liquor licenses in Ward 3 that are being contested. The applications will be heard at the Feb. 9th Mayor and Council meeting; shortly after 5:30 pm. Representatives from Walgreens have been scheduled to attend the FWNACC board meeting on February 4, 2010 to discuss the boards concerns regarding the liquor application prior to the scheduled Council meeting.

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The **Amistades substance Abuse Coalition (ASAC)** is a grassroots community organization established in 2006 that has been partnering with the FWNACC to address underage drinking and its detrimental consequences in the Flowing Wells community. The overall mission of the Amistades is to prevent and reduce the onset of substance abuse among youth, families, and elderly. Amistades' vision is to build a safe, healthy, and drug-free community in Tucson and the Flowing Wells area.

Amistades was awarded a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking (STOP) Act program. The STOP ACT Underage Drinking Project proposes to implement prevention strategies to reduce underage drinking. Amistades will be conducting alcohol diversion classes as part of their STOP grant program. Their contact information is; [www.amistadesinc.org](http://www.amistadesinc.org) and their office number is 882-8777.

Our Flowing Wells community supported a **Flowing Wells School District** \$19.9 million bond initiative in November 2008 with a 70% yes vote. The school district has completed the following projects this past year:

- Playground shade structures at Centennial, Douglas, Davis, Hendricks, and Laguna Elementary Schools.
- New carpet at the Flowing Wells High School, Flowing Wells Junior High, Douglas and Hendricks.
- Parking lot improvements at Richardson, Davis and Flowing Wells High School.
- New multi-purpose room floors at Laguna and Centennial
- New floor and air conditioning in the High School cafeteria
- New Auditorium seating and other improvements at Flowing Wells Junior High
- New scoreboards for High School athletic fields

The school district is also busy with the design of the Emily Meschter Early Learning Center along with the construction of a dance studio and orchestra room, and a major renovation of the athletic building and baseball/softball fields. Superintendent Nicholas Clement thanked the community for "an extraordinary commitment to our students' future".

Information taken from the News, Notes & Quotes Flowing Wells District Newsletter November/December 2009

Both the United Way Earned Income Tax Credit Task Force/VITA and AARP will provide tax preparation assistance programs geared for low and middle income individuals and families at select locations of Pima County Public Library beginning February 1, 2010. Residents can check the Library's website at [www.library.pima.gov](http://www.library.pima.gov) for a listing of tax information and other resources to assist in tax preparation. EITC/VITA tax preparation is currently taking place at the **Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center** 1660 W Ruthrauff Road on Tuesdays, Thursdays 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Fridays 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and at the Ward 3 office at 1510 E. Grant Rd. Tuesday 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. For more information visit the United Way of Southern Arizona VITA site: <http://bit.ly/4IN0hF>.

**Thank you note** we received from the **Flowing Wells Family Resource Center**

Dear FWNACC, On behalf of the Flowing Wells Family Resource Center, we would like to thank you for your contributions to our Holiday Help Program. Your donations have helped us provide many very deserving families with much needed holiday cheer as well as other needed services throughout the year. It is because of the generosity of those such as yourselves that we are able to provide our students and their families with the services and programs they need. You are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Jackie Franco & Martha Molina - Flowing Wells Family Resource Center

Our coalition collected 15 boxes of canned foods, packaged dry goods and toilet paper at the Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center over a three month period that was delivered to the center. If you wish to make a donation to the center, please call **Jackie Franco or Martha Molina at 696-8614 or 696-8485**.

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**Public Meeting:** FY 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program • 2040 Regional Transportation Plan  
Wednesday, March 10: Foothills Mall, Food Court 7401 N. La Cholla Blvd., Tucson 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Learn how transportation dollars could be spent over the next 5 to 30 years on roadways, buses, aviation, bike and pedestrian facilities. Pima Association of Governments invites you to review and comment on the plans. For more information go to [www.PAGnet.org](http://www.PAGnet.org) or call 792-1093.

### **Beware of Foreclosure Rescue and Loan Modifications Scams**

Borrowers: Homeowners; have you fallen behind in your mortgage payments and are at risk of foreclosure? You also face another serious danger in addition to losing your home. Dishonest individuals and companies are preying on vulnerable and desperate homeowners by claiming to be able to assist with options that allow you to keep your property, refinance or modify your mortgage, repair your credit, or help you buy more time. In reality, these offers are designed to get you to take wrong steps so the unscrupulous parties can take your money and possibly your home as well. Loan modification offers can look legitimate and some even replicate government agency websites or use a forged letterhead resembling your lender. Anyone guaranteeing results or charging upfront fees to 'save your home' should be suspect. Be safe! If you are behind in your mortgage payments, contact your lender *immediately*. *Never* pay a fee in advance for the promise of a loan modification or help in stopping a foreclosure. Non-profit, government-approved housing counseling agencies are available for free to help you with your mortgage. Contact the *Don't Borrow Trouble Pima* County hotline at 1-520-792-3087 or by visiting [www.dbtaz.org](http://www.dbtaz.org). Tell your friends and neighbors about this free service and help them save their homes!

The **Pima County Department of Transportation (PC DOT)** and their contractor **Eagle Rock Excavating** continue working on the roadway improvements on **La Cholla Boulevard** from River Road to Ruthrauff Road that includes a new six-lane bridge over the Rillito River. The access to Curtis Road just west of La Cholla Blvd. is now closed. The closure was necessary to construct the large drainage system through the intersection and to reconstruct Curtis Road. Motorists should use Davis or Kain as alternate routes. Curtis Road at La Cholla Blvd. is estimated to reopen at the end of March 2010. Please approach the area with caution and obey all traffic control devices. Traffic within the construction zone will be reduced to **25 mph** with one lane of travel in each direction. The PC DOT Program Coordinator is Carol Brichta at 740-6442 or email: [Carol.Brichta@dot.pima.gov](mailto:Carol.Brichta@dot.pima.gov).

Curtis and Flowing Wells District Parks in this area are still open Sunrise to 10 pm for the upcoming baseball and softball seasons, but parents should give themselves some extra time to get to games and practices due to increased traffic, detours and reduced speed limits.

The Rillito River Park north and south bank trails are closed at the La Cholla Blvd. There are alternate detour routes designated with signs for those pedestrians and bicyclists that use the river park trail system.

**Community Food Bank and Diaper Bank** – the Ward 3 Council Office at 1510 E. Grant Road has been added as a drop-off for non-perishable food items for the Community Food Bank. Canned foods, packaged dry goods and condiments are much needed. They are accepting donations at their office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. They are also collecting any size diapers for the Community Diaper Bank. They are happy to accept your donations for both of these drives at their office throughout the coming year! They can be contacted at [ward3@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:ward3@tucsonaz.gov) or phone at (520) 791-4711.

### **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.

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## Flowing Wells Neighborhood

### Dated Material

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](mailto:adams@email.arizona.edu)  
Thank you for your participation!

### Water Reuse Study

Dear residents of the Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association & Community Coalition,  
I invite you to participate in a focus group discussion for a research project entitled "Public Attitudes toward Potable Water Reuse" being conducted by The Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy at The University of Arizona. The primary focus of this study is "reclaimed water." Reclaimed water is commonly defined as water used for beneficial purposes after advanced wastewater treatment. Using available wastewater more productively, through water reuse, reclamation, or recycling allows utilities to increase an otherwise fixed municipal water supply. The purpose of the focus group discussions is to explore the broad range of public attitudes toward supplementing tap water supplies with highly treated reclaimed water. Your point of view as a resident and a water customer is important to us, and as active members of your community this is an opportunity to let your voice be heard.

The dates of the focus group discussions are Wednesday, March 3rd and Thursday, March 4th, the discussion will start at 6.00pm and will last no longer than two hours. We hope to have a broad base of opinions for the focus group discussion so as part of the selection process we ask that you complete a short survey first. As a token of our appreciation we are able to provide some compensation for your contribution. If you are interested in participating in this study please send an email to: [WaterReuseStudy@gmail.com](mailto:WaterReuseStudy@gmail.com) or call (520) 626-6335. Thank you for your consideration, Kerri Jean Ormerod, Study Coordinator

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