

MYERS NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER
"CREATING A FAMILY
NEIGHBORHOOD TOGETHER
BY HELPING EACH OTHER"

January
2010



BOARD MEMBERS:

President - John Dowdall - 790-1767
Vice President - Rudi Cehak - 748-0862
Secretary - Mary Dryden - 790-5625
Treasurer - Vickie Mesimer - 748-0862
Member at Large - Anita Hess - 571-8256

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Newsletter - Anita Hess - 571-8256
By-Laws - Mary Dryden - 790-5625
Nominations - Rudi Cehak - 748-0862
Audit -

SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Cleanup - Mary Hillmon - 790-1437, Anita Hess - 571-8256
Telephone - Norma Detamore - 750-8872
Welcome/Membership - John Dowdall - 790-1767
Aluminum Can Recycling - Anita Hess - 571-8256
PCOA Ambassador - Mary O'Neil - 747-5566
Historian - Mary Dryden - 790-5625

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

ARC-End Domestic Violence - 566-1919
City Information Line - 792-2489
Eckstrom-Columbus Library - 594-5285
Freedom Park Center - 791-4969
Freedom Park Pool - 791-3232
Freedom Center Health Clinic - 790-8500
Graffiti - Rudi Cehak - 748-0862 or 792-CITY (792-2489)
Mayor & Council Comments - 791-4700
Myers-Ganoung Elementary - 584-6700
Naylor Middle School - 584-6800
Rincon High School - 232-5600
TUSD Security 24/7 - 584-7676
29th Street Coalition WEED & SEED
 Chair Vickie Mesimer - 748-0862
 Vice Chair Mary Dryden - 790-5625
 Secretary Helen Ferris - 425-4457
Myers Reps. Charles Miller, 750-1608,
 Rudi Cehak, 748-0862
29th Street C.A.N. - Linda Ravenell - 406-6959
Underage Drinking Hot Line - 837-7233
Ward 5 - 791-4231

Next Myers Neighborhood Association Meeting:

Location: Myers-Ganoung Elementary - Cafeteria
5000 E Andrew Street

Date: **January 5, 2010**

Agenda - Installation of 2010 Myers Board Members

Date: **February 2, 2010**

Agenda - To Be Announced

Time: 7:00PM - 8:00 PM

Door prizes at every meeting

Words from the Prez:

I trust everyone is expecting to have a wonderful holiday season. Thanksgiving was certainly a great family get-together. We had a lot of fun, abundance of food and enjoyable fellowship. From all appearances around the neighborhood, there were many like-gatherings as well. We certainly can count our blessings over and over again. Abraham Lincoln in 1863 made a Thanksgiving Proclamation setting Thanksgiving Day aside in observance as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwells in the Heavens. It's no wonder this country is blessed in ways like no other. I'm thankful for Christmas as well when folks give in many charitable ways. For the most part, people's attitudes towards one another are more compassionate and forgiving. Many have different religious celebrations that certainly strengthen these ideals during this time of the year.

We had a rewarding Rebuilding Together project take place in November where many of our neighbors, and might I add, some terrific teenagers helped us fix-up a home in the neighborhood. It was a wonderful success and it's always a great example of the benefit of caring in action. We plan on another project this spring and look forward to others volunteering as well.

Great days ahead in the Myers Neighborhood "Creating A Family Neighborhood By Helping Each Other".

End of words from the Prez

2010 Myers Neighborhood Association Board to be installed

Myers Neighborhood Associations election for 2010 board members was held November 3, 2009, with the following results.

- John Dowdall - President
- Rudi Cehak - Vice President
- Mary Dryden - Secretary
- Vickie Mesimer - Treasurer
- Anita Hess - Member At Large

Please plan on attending the installation of these elected board members January 5, 2010. Installation will be held at the January Neighborhood Meeting which will be held at Myers-Ganoung Elementary School in the cafeteria from 7:00 to 8:00PM. **Congratulations to each of the 2010 board members.**

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Over 70 House Numbers Installed on Back Fences in Myers Neighborhood

Thanks to a grant from Pro Neighborhoods and all the hard work by Rudi Cehak, Debbie Dowdall, Mike Schmidt, Mary Hillmon, Gerrit Van Erven and Emily McConnell, over 70 house numbers have been installed on back fences throughout the Myers Neighborhood.

Installing your house number on your back fence will help emergency responders, utility workers and block watch members to easily identify your home.

Our goal for this project is to improve the safety of Myers Neighborhood residents by installing house numbers on back fences of every house in the Myers Neighborhood.

Please help us meet our goal by having your house number installed on your back fence at **no cost to you**,

Please contact:

Debbie Dowdall @ 790-1767 or Rudi Cehak @748-0862

What's is Worldcare?

Worldcare is located at **3538 E Ellington Place** and is a very intricate part of the 29th Street Coalition and Myers Neighborhood. They are located in the Julia Keen Neighborhood and provide emergency disaster aid relief, humanitarian aid assistance, free health supply loaner program, computers for students program, plus many more much needed programs.

Many of us are into recycling and Worldcare is a great place for us to do just that. They will take old computers, monitors, TV's, household items, books, medical supplies, hygiene products and much more. The only items they will not take are spouses, children, and pets and chemicals.

Worldcare will use these items in their many programs, one of which is the student computer program. This program allows students that are on free or reduced lunch programs in a TUSD school to apply for a free computer. All that is needed is a letter from their school stating that the student is in the program and would like a computer, present it to Worldcare and they can receive a free computer.

Worldcare also makes sure that items that cannot be repaired such as monitors, TV's etc. will not be placed in our landfills but rather disposed of in a safe and proper manner.

There is a program for the disposal of old medicines. Instead of having all those toxins entering our water system by flushing them down the toilet, bring your old medicines to Worldcare and they will make sure they are properly disposed of.

They also have a fundraising store on site that contains items that were not used in any projects. The general public is free to purchase these items and prices are very reasonable. Some items are: TV's, computers, printers, laptop computers, printers, monitors, books, old 33 records and much more.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that helped with the "Fall Fix-up" day

On November 21st, a beautiful Tucson Fall day, 21 of our friends and neighbors gathered together for the Myers Semi-Annual project. These people volunteered their time and effort to help a neighbor. We had a fun time working together and, boy, what we accomplished! Repaired and coated the roof, replaced damaged outside paneling, installed a new back door, scraped and painted all the outside wood and trim and finally a yard cleanup. Wow, what a difference! Stop by and take a look at the corner of Andrew and Rosemont.

We would like to recognize the following neighbors, friends and member of the Village Church for their time and effort. : Dennis Bonilli, Jim Miller; Gerrit Van Erven, Keith Brunson, Russell Lewis, Chris Williams, Emily and Jeff McConnell plus their sons, Calab and Daniel, John and Debbie Dowdall and their son Joe and daughter Heather; Rudy Cehak and Vickie Mesimer and their daughter Amanda, Jesse Brunson, Randy Nagel, Mary Hillmon, and Dion Gaston.

Materials were generously donated by the following, be sure to Thank them: Paint by Dunn Edwards, roof coating from Elastek on Palo Verde, pre-hung door from Dale's door on Kino Parkway and the Myers Neighborhood Association for the paneling and other supplies. A special "Thanks" to Al Swanson for picking up the door and for John Dowdall's expertise in doing the painting and directing the project. And as always, Thanks to Kyrin Alves and the Rebuilding Together organization for helping us with the "paperwork" and support.

The workers were fed with donations from : Norma Detamore, Mary Dryden, Teresa Montez, Anita Hess and the Staff at the Ward 5 office plus anyone else I may have forgotten to mention.

At the end of a long day, we were all rewarded by the wonderful feeling of helping a deserving neighbor and the accomplishment of improving our neighborhood.

We are looking forward to another project for Spring. For more information, you can come to the neighborhood meetings the 1st Tues of every month or contact any Board Member listed on the front of this newsletter.

Again, Thanks to everyone for a successful day !

Join your neighborhood watch

Strengthening our existing Neighborhood Block Watches and creating one for the streets that don't have one is an easy way to meet neighbors and help keep our neighborhood a friendly and safe place to live.

If you would like more information about a neighborhood block watch or are interested in joining/starting a block watch, please contact:

Vickie Mesimer @748-0862 or Anita Hess at @ 571-8256

30 Holiday Gift Bags & Meals Distributed

Every year Myers Neighborhood members prepare Holiday Gift bags for elderly and handicapped neighbors who may not have family living close by to share the holidays with. The holiday bags are distributed each year by members of the Myers Neighborhood Association and the 29th street C.A.N. brightening the holiday season for not only those people receiving the bags but those that make them and deliver them.

Thanks to Anita Hess, Debbie Dowdall, Leigh Ann Swaim and Vickie Mesimer for all their hard work and dedication in assembling the 30 Holiday gift bags full of needed items. Items for the gift bags were donated by: Garret VanErven, Vickie Mesimer, Rudi Cehak, Dennis Hess, Anita Hess, Norma Detamore, Darinda Underwood, Mary White and Mary Dryden, Mary Hillman, Teresa Montez and Randy Nagel.

Thirty Cook-It-Yourself holiday meals consisting of turkey, stuffing, clementines, and cranberry sauce were also distributed by the Myers Neighborhood Association, Mike Owens and 29th Street C.A.N. Special thanks to Costco employees for donating the Turkeys.

These annual events are just two ways for the wonderful residents of Myers Neighborhood to show the true love and compassion we all have for the residents in our neighborhood.

When Neighbors Come Together

On December 1, 2009, Myers Neighborhood residents came together to take a breather from the hustle and bustle of the holiday seasons with a Pot-Luck dinner and a Holiday Sing-A-Long.

What a wonderful time for people to come together and spend an evening with friends and neighbors. People brought plates of food to share, holiday songs were sung, children received gifts and many of the adults won door prizes.

Thanks to all who brought a dish to share, sang songs and shared a fun evening full of smiles and warm hearts.

Volunteer opportunities for anyone living in Myers Neighborhood

Are you a member of a Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Church, School, or youth group in the Myers Neighborhood? Or even just someone who likes to volunteer? If you are or know someone who is, the Myers Neighborhood Association is a wonderful opportunity to participate in community involvement. Myers Neighborhood Association is looking for volunteers to attend workshops that will make and install the street numbers on back fences of neighborhood homes, make phone calls and gather signatures. As you can see, there are activities available for all ages of volunteers.

If you are interested in or know someone who would be interested in participating in these workshops, **please contact Rudi Cehak @ 748-0862 for further information.**

Free Sewing Classes

Sewing Classes are offered every Friday morning. Classes will be held at Las Casitas Apartments (4100 E 29th Street). For further information, please contact:

**Tommy Valentine @ 790-6023 or
Donna Higginbotham- Perkins @ 571-0329**

ZUNI Avenue Peace Center – 514-0900

Located at 6054 East 30th St. Saturdays 9:00-12:00PM
Bike Club, Community Garden plots available.
Call for information, 514-0900. <http://www.zapc.org/>

29th Street Coalition Weed & Seed Meetings:

The Community and Law Enforcement Team of Weed & Seed—

Monday, January 4, 2010, at 6:00 PM at Freedom Park Center (5000 E. 29th Street). A place to report problems in the 29th Street Corridor confidentially.

Call Vickie Mesimer @ 748-0862 for further information.

29th Street Coalition Weed & Seed Steering Committee—

Tuesday, January 19th, 6:00 PM, at Naylor Middle School Library (1701 S. Columbus Blvd). Come find out what the 29th Street Coalition is all about and what's happening in the neighborhoods of Alvernon Heights, Julia Keen, Naylor, Myers and Roberts. All residents and businesses' representatives are invited. **Contact Pat Richter @ 837-7412**

29th Street C.A.N. - 406-6959

Need Help? 29th Street C.A.N. volunteers help seniors age 60+ and handicapped adults who live in our 5 Weed & Seed neighborhoods to remain in their homes.

Call Linda Ravenell, Program Coordinator, 406-6959.

Freedom Park Activities For Seniors:

CENTER HOURS: 9:00 AM-6:00 PM weekdays. Closed weekends

Seniors 50+--Monday-Friday - free classes, 9:30 AM to noon, for chair exercises. Activities include walking, Spanish classes, weight room, and cards.

Seniors 60+-- **Breakfast** Mondays & Fridays 9:00am-10:00am donation is \$1.00. **Lunch** is served 12:00-1:00 PM. Monday - Friday donation is \$1.50.

A Pima Council on Aging Ambassador is at the Freedom Park every Wednesday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon, to help seniors find resources for any needs.

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MYERS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

INTERESTS, HOBBIES, TALENTS: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$5.00 per person, \$10.00 per couple. (Circle one)

PLEASE SEND CHECK PAYABLE TO MYERS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TO GERRIT VAN ERVEN, TREASURER, AT 4950 E. 24TH STREET, TUCSON, AZ 85711, OR BRING TO A MEETING HELD THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT MYERS-GANOUNG ELEMENTARY, 5000 E. ANDREW STREET.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH ANY PROJECT, LET ANY ONE OF THE PEOPLE LISTED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE NEWSLETTER KNOW WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP--- HOME REPAIRS, CRIME PREVENTION, CLEAN-UPS, FUND-RAISING, OR ANY OTHER PROJECT YOU MAY THINK OF.