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Oak Flower Neighborhood

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CURRENT RESIDENT
OAK FLOWER
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TUCSON, AZ 85712-1656



Dated Material

Questions & Comments:

Neighborhood Association Officers:

Blanche White, President 325-9724
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Joan Simpson, Vice Pres. 881-4698
Rebecca Kunsberg 331-0367
Wolfgang Golser, Treasurer 884-7489

Additional Numbers

Emergencies	911
Non-Emergency Police Number	791-4444
George Pettit, Ward III	791-4711
Neighborhood Watch	
Police - Lt. Frank Greene	791-4253
Officer Becky Noel	837-7428
Rick Heath N/W	881-2956
Janet Lowe, PCOA Rep.	881-2956
Sharon Chamberlain, Friends of Feral Cats	327-3037
Dept. of Neighborhood Resources	791-4605
Code Violations	791-5843
Graffiti Removal	792-City (792-2489)
Meth Free Alliance	388-4711
Shopping Cart Removal	1-800-843-2278
Drug Activity	547-8800
Narcotics Investigator (suspected activity)	791-5296

Oak Flower Neighborhood

Date: February 23, 2010

Time: 7:00 P M

Location: SAAVI (SouthernArizona Association for the Visually Impaired)
3767 E. Grant Road

Please keep this newsletter !

It contains info you may need. Check inside for dates and times for meetings.

Enjoy your Spring holidays!



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February 2010

President's Corner

Hello Neighbors;

I hope everything is going well for all of you. This will be the last newsletter for a while. Due to the problems with the City in trying to balance the budget, they have decided to cut back on the help they provide for our neighborhood associations. One of the changes they have made is cutting back to one newsletter per neighborhood between now and June 30th. There are a large number of neighborhood associations in Tucson and the cost for mailing very expensive. They also eliminated two staff members who were responsible for many key duties associated with the mailing and printing of neighborhood newsletters.

Although they have reduced the neighborhood mailings, they will continue to provide the following services:

- * posting of neighborhood association newsletter on our website
- * providing tools and supplies for neighborhood clean ups
- * providing roll-offs for neighborhood clean ups
- * assisting with registration of new neighborhood associations
- * arranging for meeting space (although they can no longer cover the cost of facilities that charge a fee)

I had hoped to have the names of your new officers to include in this letter, but since there was a low turnout for our January meeting, we decided to wait until the February 23rd meeting to hold our

nomination and election of officers. I would like to see more support and concern about the continuation of our neighborhood association than we have had recently. Due to my personal situation, I really find it necessary to step back from devoting so much of my time to meetings and neighborhood problems. I have been happy to help out with information, guidance, when possible and working on improvements to give us all a better quality of life in Oak Flower neighborhood. Now it is time for someone else to step in and continue the work we are doing. If we don't stay on top of the problems, we will end up right back where we started and I am sure you don't want that to happen. I do plan to stay involved with the neighborhood as much as I can, but I do have other priorities that must come first.

Thank you for all of your support during my years as Secretary and President

Blanche

2010 SHRED-A-THON

AVID document shredding service has graciously agreed to provide Pima County residents with four shredding events throughout 2010. The Pima County Sheriff's Department will assist in hosting these events from 8:00 a.m. to noon each scheduled day. The locations have been spread throughout the county to maximize the availability to all area citizens. Locations and dates:

February 27, 2010, Foothills Mall 7401 N. La Cholla
May 29, 2010, Abrams Bldg. 3950 S. Country Club
August 21, 2010, 8975 E. Shopping mall Tanque Verde

These events are limited to personal records only; business records will not be accepted.

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Glenn Street Neighbors Project

We received word in January that we have received approval of our improvement grant. It will take a while to get things started. We will be holding joint meetings with the neighbors from each of the 4 neighborhoods taking part in this project. We will notify everyone once we have the meeting time and place set up.

Media Release - Changes Made to How Public Contacts City Officials, Staff

January 22, 2010

CHANGES MADE TO HOW PUBLIC CONTACTS CITY OFFICIALS, STAFF

Changes have been made in the way that the public contacts City elected officials and City staff.

Those who wish to e-mail or telephone the Mayor and City Council may do so by accessing individual office e-mail addresses and telephone numbers directly from the web page at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/mcc>. The page also has links to each official's web page.

Those who wish to contact City departments via e-mail may access departmental e-mail addresses listed at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/departments>. There are also links to each department and office web pages for the public to locate appropriate telephone numbers.

"For several years, we have been able to offer the convenience of one phone number and one e-mail address for the public to access City and non-City inquiries," said Andrea Ibanez, Deputy Director, Housing and Community Development. "Unfortunately, with severe budget cuts and staff reassignments, we have had to cut back on this service."

Because understanding who has jurisdiction for certain government or agency services can be confusing, City staff have also made significant changes to the website to help people find the information they need.

"The City of Tucson has a web page at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide> with an alphabetical listing of Tucson-area organizations and City and other government services as well as a page with information and links for the most frequently received questions," added Ibanez.

The former Mayor and Council Comment Line at 791-4700 give callers a menu to reach the individual offices of City elected officials. Those who require information in accessible format or in a language other than English should make their request with the office or department contacted.

Media Contact:
Andrea Ibanez, Deputy Director
Housing and Community Development
(520) 791-4171

TAX HELP AVAILABLE

The Ward III VITA site is located at 1510 E. Grant Rd. Free help will be available for help with taxes on:

Tuesdays, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The VITA program offers free tax preparation to low-to-moderate-income people, through the use of IRS-certified volunteers. Last year the Ward III site completed over 300 returns.

You may call 791-4711 for more information. The VITA program is designed to raise awareness about EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit) a refundable federal income tax credit for low-to-moderate-income working families.

Please be sure to attend the Feb. 23 meeting and voting for Association Officers! Let your voice be heard!

HEALTH CLINIC

February's Health Clinic topic will be Hearing! University of Arizona's Hearing Clinic will be providing hearing screenings and information for ALL Ages.

February 18, 2010 6-8 pm – Az. Academy of Leadership – 255 N. Country Club

February 24, 2010 6-8 pm – Az Academy of Leadership – 5660 S. 12th Ave.

For more information, contact Milini at 297-0702
THIS IS A FREE SERVICE!

I Apologize!

The Holiday Decorating Contest was cancelled due to lack of help, lack of response from participants, as well as some input about who to choose or not choose that I felt was unfair. I am sorry the contest couldn't take place, we had some great decorations. Our neighborhood looked very festive and I am hoping next year we can try again.

Weed & Seed Grant for AGI

Meetings will be taking place monthly to continue assembling the information needed for the grant proposal. This grant would help support the costs for the Police Officers who work hard to help us have safe neighborhoods and whatever costs arise to make this project a success.

The neighborhoods involved are the 4 AGI (Alvernon/Grant Initiative) areas, Dodge/Flower, Palo Verde, Garden District and Oak Flower. This will help us continue the project and know what funds we will have to work with. If you would like to attend any of our workshop meetings to provide input, you are welcome. Our next meeting takes place at Midtown Police Station at Alvernon and 22nd, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday February 20th.

E-mail addresses:

If you have an e-mail address and would like to receive updates concerning the neighborhood but have not attended meetings and given me your email address, please send me an email with your information and I will add you to my list. I will forward any information I receive from the city and/or information shared from our AGI neighbors who keep us informed about what has been happening concerning crime, etc. in their areas. It can be helpful know what to watch for.

PLEASE KEEP THIS NEWSLETTER!

Since no more newsletters will be mailed until at least June 30th or after, please keep this for reference to phone numbers you may need, meeting times, and the neighborhood officer's numbers.

The neighborhoods can post newsletters on the City Website under neighborhoods, each one is listed. If you have a computer or access to one, you will be able to stay informed.

For Crime Information in our neighborhood, with a computer, you can access the Neighborhood Support Network (NSN). On this site each neighborhood association is listed. On the home page, click neighborhoods, the list of neighborhoods appears. Click on Oak Flower to reach the updated list of the approximately 80 calls that are most recent for our neighborhood. This information is updated every morning.

DON'T FORGET:

Neighborhood Meetings take place every month on the 4th Tuesday. 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Community & Law Enforcement Task Force Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Brush & Bulky March 1, 2010 and August 30, 2010

NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRY MONUMENT

The design has been submitted and approved for the entry monument at Flower & Alvernon. We have given acknowledgement to Mary Ketchum's Art Class at Catalina H.S to show our appreciation for their help. It will take a while for completion. When it is completed, we plan to have a dedication ceremony. Everyone will be notified when we get the plans finalized. The HAWK light has been a welcome addition along with the bus shelters.