

RWNA Newsletter

To Preserve and Enhance our Neighborhood

Summer 2009

Board Meetings: 1st Thursday of the Month at 7 PM
Location: Rosemont Community Church, 5005 E. Winsett
Aug. 6, Sept. 2, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3
Everyone is welcome.



Highlights from the 2009 Rosemont West Neighborhood Association Annual Picnic —April 26, 2009

RWNA 2009 Spring Picnic

What a fabulous turnout we had for the Rosemont West Neighborhood Association picnic on April 26 in Hoffman Park!

More than 150 neighbors of all ages came together to eat, play, talk and help keep our wonderful community one of the finest places to live in all of Tucson.

Neighbors brought a sumptuous spread of appetizers, main dish casseroles, salads, and desserts to add to the hot dogs and soft drinks provided by the RWNA board. Newer neighbors listened with interest when Jeanne Smelker and other longtime residents told what our neighborhood was like half a century ago: mostly unpopulated desert, very quiet, with dirt roads and lots of jackrabbits and rattlesnakes. "Swan Road was like a bunny trail then," said Jeanne.

Out on the park grass, Jim Marx got kids and adults to face off in a cool and challenging game, Blongo Ball. Over at the RWNA Board tables, neighbors signed up to barter services and/or to list the many kinds of work they are available to do.* Board members had sign up sheets for membership and Neighborhood Watch and passed out Welcome Letters and *Desert Living Is Different!* books to new neighbors.



It was great to have our Ward VI City Council member, Nina Trasoff, stop by and answer questions and to have representatives from City of Tucson Environmental Services on hand to give out information.

An unexpected and wonderful treat was a harp concert by Nicolette Mortensen (left). The picture of Nicolette playing her harp in the park was almost as lovely as her lyrical playing; both will long be remembered and treasured.

It's truly wonderful to live in this amazing neighborhood where we really are a community of caring people. Special thanks to the following neighbors, whose hard work helped make this picnic one of the most successful ever: Steve Campbell, Rick and Shirlyn Green, Barbara Haffner, Terry Hefernan, Pat and Arleen Heimann, Mary Ann Johnson, Jim Marx, Theresa Riel and sons Pascal and Laurent, Barb Stoddard, Loren and Elsie Stoeckel, Janine and Bill Swink, Victor Ceballos.

*[If you missed this opportunity, email or call Kitty Reeve for information and/or to sign up: kittyreeve@yahoo.com; 327-0813.]

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RWNA board members Mary Ann Johnson, Theresa Riel and Barbara Stoddard offered information on neighborhood programs and signed up new members. (see our plug for membership on page 3!)



These neighbors clearly enjoyed the hot dogs and tasty food contributed for the side dish potluck!



Shirlyn and Rick Green enjoyed the picnic and time with their neighbors and friends!



Rosalee...How much fun did you have at the picnic?



Parker Swink, with dad Jerome, was rockin' and rollin' all around the park!



Jeanne Smelker and her family were the first people to move into the neighborhood. Her son Brian and his siblings grew up here.



Hot dog, anyone?



We may have missed your names, but not your smiles!



Be Prepared for Emergencies with CERT training in the neighborhood

CERT is a training program that prepares you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a disaster. During an incident, emergency service personnel may not be able to reach everyone right away. By getting trained in CERT, you will have the skills to help emergency responders save lives and protect property. CERT training takes about 20 hours to complete and provides critical skills in emergency preparedness and response.

Participants learn to identify and anticipate hazards, reduce fire hazards in the home and work place, extinguish small fires, assist emergency responders, conduct light search and rescue, set up medical treatment areas, apply basic medical techniques and help reduce survivor stress.

Only \$15 for 20 hours of training.

Location: Rosemont Community Church, 5005 E. Winsett

20 hours of training on three days:

9/11: 4:00 - 7:30 PM (Friday night)

9/12: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Saturday)

9/19: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM (next Sat)

Call 326-2643 for more information & registration.

What Is Neighborhood Watch?

Neighborhood Watch is simply a program of neighbors watching other neighbors' property during vacations, the workday, evenings, or during any absence.

How Does It Work?

The purpose of the Neighborhood Watch program is to create an alert neighborhood by using simple crime prevention methods. The program works through mutual aid—neighbors watching the property of other neighbors. This has several advantages, including the fact that the neighbors know who you are, what type of car you drive, and when you will be away. It does not promote vigilantism.

Group Meeting Programs

Typically, the first meeting of a Neighborhood Watch group will include discussion with a member of the Tucson Police Department on the topics of Neighborhood Watch, Home Security, and calling 9-1-1 vs. 791-4444. Other meetings may be arranged at the discretion of the group. You are encouraged to have more than the required one meeting per year, and you are not limited to topics presented by the Tucson Police Department. Poll your neighbors to determine what is of interest to your particular group (e.g., fire prevention, CPR, potlucks, holiday get-togethers, etc.). There is nothing like a shared sense of community to help ensure the safety of your home and family.

Would you like to start a Neighborhood Watch on your block?

To get started on your block, please contact Mary Ann Johnson, RWNA Vice-President for further information at 881-8372 (evening phone) or mary_ann_johnson@hotmail.com (e-mail).

City of Tucson Info Line
792-2489 (all city departments)

INFO AND REFERRAL:
881-1794
(24/7 problem solving and referral)

TUCSON POLICE DEPT:
791-4444
(non-emergencies: junked cars, dumping, etc)

PIMA ANIMAL CARE CENTER:
243-5900

GRAFFITI REMOVAL:
792-CITY (2489)

CITY TRANSPORTATION:
791-3154
(signs, lights, potholes, washes, sight obstructions)

WARD 6 OFFICE:
791-4601

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES:
791-4605
(preservation, protection, neighbor rights)

PIMA COUNCIL ON AGING:
790-7262

SUNTRAN: 792-9222

TUSD SECURITY:
584-7676

VOLUNTEER CENTER:
881-3300

EASTSIDE NEIGHBORS VOLUNTEERS
245-4729

CRIME IN PROGRESS
(even suspicious activity)
911

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Stipend

Greetings, Neighbors! Very soon, you'll receive an application for membership in the Rosemont West Neighborhood Association. You've just read about the wonderful picnic in the park where the Association donated hot-dogs and soft drinks for the festivities. Donations like this come from the membership dues collected by the association.

Like most of us in the neighborhood, you are probably watching your spending - giving up luxuries in order to stay ahead of the necessities. And even the modest fee of \$5.00 for a neighborhood membership can be a difficult choice. While membership is not required to participate in neighborhood activities, the funds generated by increased membership means we can continue to have picnics and take care of graffiti and generally keep our neighborhood attractive.

Please consider joining today. The Association uses all the dues collected for neighborhood events and business; all the work to put on these events comes from the individual "sweat equity" of our neighborhood volunteers.

For less than a hamburger, beverage and fries from your favorite fast food or the cost of two lattes, you can make a difference in your friendly, beautiful neighborhood!

Throughout the year, the members of the Rosemont Community Church graciously lend RWNA their church facilities for our annual and monthly meetings. Won't you come out on August 29th and join them for another terrific picnic? And be sure to say, "Thanks!"

“Meat” and Greet Back-to-school Picnic

**When: Saturday, August 29th
11 am – 2 pm**

Where: Hoffman Park

For: the Rosemont Neighborhood Food, drink, and cooking provided by Rosemont Community Church

Bring your own chairs

GAMES - FOOD - FUN - FAMILY

See you there!

<http://www.rwna.org>