



Richland Heights East

Neighborhood
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Newsletter

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Spring Party is Coming !

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WHAT? RHENA annual neighborhood party

WHEN? Saturday, April 24th, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm

WHERE? Tom and Ellie Patterson's beautiful backyard at 1940 E Lind Rd

WHAT will be happening? A short meeting will be conducted at the beginning to keep you updated on neighborhood happenings and answer questions. We will update you on the Campbell/Fort Lowell construction project and talk about the newsletter and Neighborhood ID signs. After the meeting it's party time!

WHAT will be provided? The NA will provide burgers and dogs, with buns and all the fixings, as well as soda pop and water. Home made ice cream will make a repeat appearance.

WHAT should you bring? A side dish to share, a lawn chair or two (have your name on your chairs), yourself, your family, your neighbors. (You can BYOB if you desire.) If you haven't paid your dues for this year, you can do so at the party (dues are \$5.00 per adult per household; dues are voluntary, but very needed and much appreciated). Membership forms will be available. We have a listing of all neighbors and will be able to check if your dues are up to date. Also, bring your email address if you want to be added you to our Crime Watch and/or General Info email lists.

WHAT else can you do? If you have a folding table we can use, call Linda at 390-8831 to arrange pick up on the morning of the party. Have your name on the table.

WHAT's new this year? We will not have a band performing at the party, or political candidates bending your ear.

Got Graffiti?

There is a Graffiti Committee in RHE, made up of six to eight neighbors who take turns walking the neighborhood and removing graffiti they find on public property. They have purchased spray paint to match the green and blue trash and recycle barrels that can be used to cover graffiti on them. If your barrels have graffiti, you can call Linda at 390-8831, or email her at linda@basicwesternusa.com, to arrange a time to borrow the paint to cover the graffiti. If you need assistance, they will be glad to help.

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THE LAST NEWSLETTER?

As detailed in the last newsletter, the City can no longer fund the printing and mailing of neighborhood association newsletters. RHENA has to come up with funds for the newsletter on its own. We have the list of mailing addresses in RHE that the City used for mailing. Since the last newsletter came out, Sandy has heard from four (**only 4!!**) people who do not have access to email and would like to continue receiving the newsletter by mail, and she has not heard from **anybody** who would be willing to receive the newsletter via email or by reading it from a web page. If there is not enough interest, perhaps it is time to retire the newsletter altogether. Below is the information requested in the last newsletter which we need from you in order to continue to provide you with a periodic newsletter.

What we need from you:

This may be the last paper newsletter you will receive.

- We need you to let us know if you don't have access to email, and let us know your **street address** (call Sandy at 325-6496 or write her at 3443 N Jackson Ave).
- We need you to let us know if you would be willing to receive the newsletter via email, and let us know your **email address** (email Sandy at slm949@gmail.com).
- We need your **opinions** so the Board can determine if the newsletter is serving a function, or if it has outlived its usefulness. Email or call any board member (contact information is on the first page of the newsletter).
- We need **volunteers**, especially anybody with experience selling advertising. (One neighbor who has some experience with advertising has volunteered to help us. Is there another willing to help?)

Neighborhood ID Signs

As you drive around Tucson, you may have noticed that many neighborhoods have signs installed below street signs at entrances to the neighborhood that identify the neighborhood (for example, Hedrick Acres, Samos, Blenman Elm, Sam Hughes). We would like to have Neighborhood ID Signs for RHE. To get started we established a committee to look into the process. There are 4 major steps:

1. Develop a design for the signs (the City has right of approval).
2. Find a sign shop to produce the signs.
3. Have the City install the signs (only the City can do this).
4. Determine the cost and come up with funding to pay for the production and installation of the signs.

The committee has investigated the process and contacted personnel at Ward 3, at Tucson Department of Transportation, and people in neighborhoods that have signs. They received names of four sign shops and will be requesting estimates for producing the signs.

The committee has been working to develop a design for our signs and will have an example of the winning design available to be viewed at the neighborhood party (another good reason to come!).

The committee has estimated the cost of producing and installing the signs at the 14 entrances to RHE to be approximately \$3500. The 14 entrances are the north and south ends of Jackson, Wilson and Olsen, the east and west ends of Greenlee, Kleindale and Lind, Richland Dr off of Campbell, and Avia Rica off of Ft Lowell. (The City will not place signs on interior intersections.)

Now we need to come up with the funds. We will **NOT** be assessing homeowners through their property taxes for funding (as was done for traffic circles and speed humps). If you would like to donate towards the signs call Sandy at 325-6496 for information. We will not go forward with the production of signs until funds have been secured.

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Dated Material

It's Party Time!! It's Party Time!! It's Party Time!!



Look inside for details.