

DODGE/FLOWER

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Dodge/Flower Newsletter Suspended

The City has had to suspend neighborhood newsletter mailings and this will be our only newsletter to come to your mailbox this year. The City budget has provided Dodge/Flower, as well as countless other neighborhood associations, funding for printing, postage and processing newsletters, making it possible for us to mail this newsletter to you up to 12 times a year. However, in these tough economic times, the City must eliminate this support. This is a great loss for us. We mail this newsletter to about 1,400 homes and apartments in Dodge/Flower, and we get enough calls and feedback to know that many of you read and use the information the newsletter provides.

It is our intent to continue to produce a regular newsletter online. So, those of you who regularly go online will be able to access our newsletter at: <http://groups.google.com/group/dodgeflower>, or the City website neighborhood page at <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/d/Neighborhoods/neighborhoods.html>. You can also sign onto our Active Neighbors email list, by sending your email address to: dodgeflowerna@cs.com. If you are not able to access the online version of the newsletter, consider asking a neighbor, friend or relative to do so and print a copy for you. We are also interested in hearing your ideas for alternative ways to distribute the newsletter; e.g., would you be willing to distribute the newsletter to your neighbors in your apartment complex or on your block? If you have a suggestion please contact us via phone at 795-5494 (leave a message), by mail addressed to Dodge/Flower N.A., P.O. Box 57004, Tucson, AZ 85732-7004, email us at dodgeflowerna@cs.com or bring your ideas to our next D/FNA meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., at Emerge!, 2425 N. Haskell. Most importantly, **SAVE THIS NEWSLETTER** so you have names and contact information.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

This is a program of neighbors watching out for each other during the workday, evenings, vacations, etc. The purpose is to create an alert neighborhood by using simple crime prevention methods.

Neighborhood Watch does not promote vigilantism. Members of Neighborhood Watch are never asked to put themselves in harm's way to prevent crime. They should only observe and report suspicious activities to TPD.

51% of your neighbors on the block (your hundred block – example – 2600 N or 3500 E) must participate by: 1) attending a yearly meeting with TPD; 2) Painting the address on the curb and back wall/fence; 3) maintaining a current phone list. Call Barbara to see if your block is involved. The small time commitment to start a watch has vast rewards!

Doolen Middle School Clothing Closet



As you may know, two years ago Doolen Middle School decided to require students to wear uniforms. This policy has greatly improved school climate and student success. Principal Charlotte Patterson says there is always a need for donations of "gently used" clothing that matches the uniform requirements. Here's a description:

--Shirts—need to be collared, plain, and either maroon, gray, or white in color

--Pants—can be khaki or blue in color, and non-denim

Students can also use the following items during the winter months:

--Sweatshirts and jackets

--Shoes (gently used)

If you individually would like to support the Doolen Middle School students, here is one way you can. Drop off any of the above items between the hours of 7:30 and 5:00, Monday through Friday, at the school's front office. **Please support our neighborhood public schools and our student neighbors who attend them.**

Contributed by Kali Van Campen, Co-Chair Doolen/Fruitvale Neighborhood Assn.

2010 Dodge/Flower Calendar of Events and Activities

(subject to change)

Please keep this list handy since this is the only written notification we can provide by mail this year.

Dodge/Flower Neighborhood Assn Meetings

4th Tuesday of every month (except July, August and December)

6:30 PM at Emerge!, 2425 N. Haskell

January 26	Speaker – Andrew Quigley, COT Environmental Services
February 23	Speaker – Maria Harvey Montes de Oca, Youth Empowerment Services
March 23	Speaker – Jean D’Andrea, TUSD Language Acquisition Specialist - Refugees in Our Community
April 27	Speaker – (to be announced) Neighborhood Business / agency / non-profit
May 25	Annual Election of Officers; Speaker – PCOA Elder Abuse Prevention
June 22	Speaker – Tucson Fire Department safety rep

July & August – No Meeting

September 28	Speaker – (to be announced) Neighborhood Business / agency / non-profit
October 26	Speaker – (to be announced) Neighborhood Business / agency / non-profit
November 23	Speaker – (to be announced) Neighborhood Business / agency / non-profit

December – No Meeting

TNBC/AGI Community & Law Enforcement Task Force Meetings

2nd Tuesday of every month

6:30 PM at Emerge!, 2425 N. Haskell

This Task force has proven to be one of the most effective means of reducing crime in our neighborhoods. Your voice is heard! Please join us. If you have concerns about suspected drug activity, criminal activity or observe ongoing activity and your gut feeling is that it just “doesn’t look right” – trust your feelings. Bring addresses / descriptions / documentation to this meeting. All information is confidential.

Dodge/Flower Clean & Beautiful Project

1st Saturday of every month for 1 hour, meet at Oasis Apts Flower and Dodge parking lot

8am – 9am October-May

7am – 8 am June-September

Quarterly AGI Beautification Tool Training & Alley Cleanups

Saturday, January 30 at 8am - Baxter/Dodge alley cleanup

Saturday, May 1 at 8am - Haskell/Winstel alley cleanup

Saturday, July 31 at 7am (location to be determined)

Saturday, November 6 at 8am (location to be determined)

ALVERNON-GRANT INITIATIVE FAITH-BASED PARTNERS – YOUTH PROGRAMS

We are working with the churches in our neighborhoods to offer youth activities open to all neighborhood school-aged children. The following is a list of activities currently available at the churches.

<i>Faith-Based</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Grades</i>	<i>Description</i>
Emmanuel Baptist	Free Skate Park & Open Gym	Wed	6-8 PM	6-12	Students may bring their skateboards to use our skate ramps & half pipe. Helmets & parental release forms required. Also, a short bible study is taught.
WorshipMall	K-5 Club	Fri	6-8 PM	K-5	Children learn crafts and earn prizes. There is a game time, Bible lesson and treats. Optional hunting, hiking and camping trips take place regularly.
WorshipMall	Youth Group	Fri	7-9 PM	6-12	Youth room with pool table, air hockey, foosball. Gym for basketball & volleyball. Structured playtime along with a Bible study and snack time. Sometimes a meal is served.
Christian Faith	Hangout	Sat	6-8 PM	6-12	Frontline Youth – Short Bible Study and then time to hang out, x-box, etc.
Christian Faith	Quarterly Outreach	Sat	6-8 PM	6-12	Hamburger Nights, Pizza Nights, etc. Outreach to offer a setting of food and fun.
Emmanuel Baptist	Fun Youth Nights!	Sun	5-7 PM	6-12	Fun events provided: basketball, video game tourneys, black light dodge ball, etc. For a list of scheduled events, download the church’s monthly newsletter at our website.

LOCATIONS: *Christian Faith Ctr*, 4108 E. North St, 722-2217; *Emmanuel Baptist Church*, 1825 N. Alvernon, 323-9379; *WorshipMall*, 2151 N. Palo Verde 327-6233

Dodge/Flower Neighborhood 10 Year Anniversary Birthday Party Celebration



Our November 7th celebration was a great success! Neighbors turned out to enjoy cake and ice cream, raffle prizes, a birthday gift exchange, and visiting with each other. There was also a jumping castle for the kids. This celebration would not have happened without our wonderful volunteers. They contributed to the planning and preparation, getting the word out, solicited and made donations, and helped to make sure everything ran smoothly during the event.

Thank you for your volunteer spirit

Pat ~ Edie ~ Marvin ~ Beverly ~ Crystal ~ Paula
Fred ~ Barbara ~ Lindsay ~ Shannon ~ Warren ~ Dennis ~ Paul

Special thanks to our sponsors:

Catalina Heights Church – Pastor Bob (location) ~ Costco (supplies) ~ Fry's Food Stores
(cake & ice cream)

TMM Family Services (cash donation for jumping castle)

Dodge/Flower Beautification – Saturday, January 30, 8am

A tool training session and alley cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, January 30 at 8am. We will meet at the corner of Bermuda and Dodge. After about a half hour training session, we'll tackle the Dodge/Baxter alley. All neighbors are welcome, but the residents in the 2700 block of Dodge and Baxter especially invited to participate. For more details about volunteering (*the time is now!*) or requesting assistance, please call Barbara at 795-5494 (please leave a message).



AGI BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT – WHAT IT IS ... AND IS NOT

We are looking for disabled or elderly neighbors who need assistance with cleaning up their properties. (*We are also looking for you wonderful neighbors who are willing and able to help with cleanups, but are just waiting for the right time to get involved and share their skills and helpful nature.*) If you request assistance, here are the project guidelines:

WHAT TRAINED NEIGHBORHOOD VOLUNTEERS CAN DO:

1. Trim reasonable size tree limbs or bushes that are covering windows or obstructing right-of-ways (making safe passage/eliminating hiding places)

2. Weed whack yards/right-of-ways/curbs to remove grass or weeds
3. Remove any accumulation or untended growth of vegetation that may create a fire, safety or health hazard, or attract vermin to the property
4. Clean one-half of the width of abutting alley/easement so the property is in compliance with the Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance

WHAT WE CANNOT DO:

1. Provide weekly or monthly landscaping/maintenance service
2. Plant lawns or gardens
3. Perform scheduled watering maintenance
4. Remove tree branches that have grown into power lines
5. Remove entire trees that need professional expertise

EXPECTATION OF THE REQUESTOR:

1. Pay a reasonable amount for maintenance of the equipment, replenishing of gas, filters, weed-line, chain sharpening, etc.
2. Give back to your community – Time Banking – start a Neighborhood Watch on your block; be involved in one if there is an active Block Watch; solicit donations from local businesses for DFNA raffles, donate food-stuff for events.....
3. If relatives live in Tucson, they are expected to assist with the clean-up of the property.

BORROWING THE TOOLS:

Tool training taught by Ronni and Roland Kotwica is required before borrowing the equipment.



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Dodge/Flower NA Contacts:

- Barbara Lehmann, Co-Facilitator 795-5494
- Beverly Van Den Borre, Co-Facilitator 881-6533
- Lindsay Gensinger, Newsletter contact@lindsaygensinger.com

Other Numbers:

- George Pettit, Ward 3 Council Aide 791-4711
- Ofc. Becky Noel, Neighborhood Watch and Crime-Free
- Multi-Housing 791-4806x1019
- Meth Addiction Help 622-6000
- Meth-Free-Alliance.org
- Code Violations – Community Services Dept 791-5843
- Shopping Cart Removal 1-800-843-2278
- Graffiti Removal 792-CITY (792-2489)
- Report a Feral Cat Colony – Sharon Chamberlain 327-3037

Monthly Events Schedule

DFNA Regular Meetings

4th Tuesday, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Emerge! Meeting Room
2425 N. Haskell

AGI/TNBC Community & Law Enforcement Task Force

2nd Tuesday 6:30-8pm

Location: Emerge! Meeting Room
2425 N. Haskell

Dodge/Flower Clean & Beautiful

1st Saturday, 8am-9am

Location: Dodge and Flower intersection

Street Lighting ~ Flip your switch. There are many dark pockets on our blocks which impact our sense of safety and invite crime. If everyone were to leave their porch lights on, we'd have nearly as much lighting as from streetlights.

Website help needed: We need to upgrade our website and need a computer savvy neighborhood volunteer to help us develop a new site that is more easily accessible and user-friendly. If you have the time and talent please contact Barbara at 795-5494 or DodgeFlowerNA@cs.com. Thank you!