

DODGE/FLOWER

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Greetings Neighbors,

The City has limited us to a once-a-year newsletter mailing. In years past, we had the option to mail newsletters every month. Not having that connection with our neighbors has left us without the means to have regular on-going contact with new neighbors. So we try to pack as much information as possible into this annual newsletter, including phone numbers and website links to City resources and other information that we believe is useful to neighbors. Another year has rolled around and it is time again for our annual Election meeting.

Did you know that our neighborhood association has been around since 1999? We've weathered good times, and tough times, boundary changes, times when we have really pulled together and times when we wonder if we need an association at all. We believe in the value that an active neighborhood association has for our community, and hope that you will take the opportunity to come to a meeting and get involved.

What is a neighborhood association and what do we do? If you live (either rent or own property) within our boundaries you are automatically a member. We work under the theory that a neighborhood is safer if people know one another. In an emergency, it is often neighbors helping neighbors that make the difference. We also stand as an advocate for the interests and needs of our residents when the community at large has offerings that we can benefit from or that threaten to affect us adversely.

What would you like to see Dodge/Flower working on? Come to our meetings with your ideas, your concerns and your willingness to pitch in. In the past, the projects that have been successful have had people willing to put their time behind their ideas. Together we can accomplish many things. **We are only as strong and effective as the number of people who are involved.**

Please get out and meet your neighbors. You'll be happy to find you are surrounded by some pretty wonderful folks – people just like you who want to live in a safe, friendly and attractive neighborhood. Read on for useful information and good news about living in Dodge/Flower.

Barbara and Beverly

	Annual Meeting Tuesday, Sept 25, 2012 6:30 pm Emerge! meeting room – 2425 N. Haskell	
<u>Agenda</u> Election of new officers Review and approve changes to Bylaws Create calendar of events for coming year Evaluate Neighborhood Needs	Proposed Changes to Bylaws include changes in leadership, meeting schedule, meeting notification and membership requirements	



Neighborhood Wide Yard Sale – We will be coordinating a neighborhood yard sale to be held at participating neighbors' yards all on the same date. Please come to our September 25th meeting for more details. Send us your email address for updates. Leave a voicemail at 795-5494 with your name and phone number if you want to be on the participant list.

Stay In Touch SAVE this Newsletter and Subscribe to the D/FNA email list

As stated above, the City has cut the neighborhood mailing budget so that we can send only one newsletter each fiscal year. Because of the high cost of mailings, our primary method of communication will continue to be via email. To stay in touch, it's important to subscribe to our email list by sending an email to dodgeflowerna@cs.com with the message "Please add to DFNA listserv" in the subject bar. We will send you periodic news items of interest to the community. If you need to contact us, email dodgeflowerna@cs.com or leave a message at 795-5494. If you don't have email and internet access, *consider asking a neighbor, friend or relative to help keep you informed.*

Neighborhood Watch
Your commitment? -- ONE meeting ONCE a year.
Concerned about crime?

Want to advertise to the Bad Guys not to bother with criminal activity on your block?

Neighborhood Watch unites your block to "Harden the Target" and notifies criminals that they are more likely to get caught on your street. That the people who live on this block have taken steps to make themselves and their homes and possessions more secure.

Belonging to a Neighborhood Watch means:

- * We know each other and watch out for one another.
- * We have been trained by the police on home and neighborhood security.
- * We communicate with each other and the police about all suspicious activity.

It's wonderful that so many residents say that they know their neighbors and look out for one another, BUT have you alerted the Bad Guys to that fact?!?!? A Neighborhood Watch sign posted on each end of your block is like putting the club on your car's steering wheel. Is the bad guy more likely to break into the car with the club or the car without the club? Is the bad guy more likely to commit criminal activities on the street with a Watch sign posted at each end of the block or the one without a Watch sign?

Neighborhood Watch will not prevent every crime, but it will empower you against crime by uniting your block with knowledge, with neighbors' phone numbers, and with information.

Interested in participating in Neighborhood Watch on your block?

Contact Becky Noel with TPD to start a watch: Rebecca.Noel@tucsonaz.gov (520) 837-7438 **OR**

Contact us if you would like assistance from the neighborhood association in getting started at dodgeflowerna@cs.com or 795-5494. *(Thank you to Meg Johnson, our Friend in the Garden District, for sharing this with us)*

REPORTING GRAFFITI IS EASY and you remain anonymous

Less graffiti helps us to be more crime free!

Don't assume someone else is going to take action – take action yourself. A simple phone call or email will make your neighborhood a cleaner, safer, more attractive place to live. If you see Graffiti on walls, curbs, mailboxes in front of your apartment complex, on your street -- anywhere in Dodge/Flower, please do all of us a favor and report it!

Call: 792-CITY (2489) OR Email to: graffiti@tucsonaz.gov

OR

Go to this internet site: <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti/report>

OR

SeeClickFix website - You do not need an exact address when using this program.

<http://www.seeclickfix.com/tucson>

OR

An app called "My Tucson", available on any smart phone, iphone, or Android.

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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. Neighbors meet with Tucson Police Dept reps. 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 and documentation to this meeting. All information is confidential. The function of AGI is also to address crime prevention, relationship building, neighborhood watch and quality of life issues. Besides being an effective venue to educate neighbors about crime reporting and crime prevention, AGI acts as a springboard from which to launch other groups and activities such as the Graffiti Action Forum created with participation from neighborhoods City-wide to attack the graffiti damage to Tucson. We also work together to address other common issues such as liquor license protests.

IMPORTANT - if you see suspicious activity in progress call 9-1-1 immediately. Don't wait to report the activity at the AGI meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT IN DFNA:

HOW TO REPORT VIOLATIONS AND KEEP US LOOKING CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL

Reporting code violations is an important way to help ensure that our neighborhood remains looking good and, more importantly, is safe. Sometimes our neighbors may not know the codes which govern what is or isn't an acceptable way to maintain their property. Examples of code violations are excessively overgrown weeds or plants, abandoned or inoperable cars, and excessive junk, litter or debris. Code enforcement is a nice way to politely remind them that we expect our neighborhood to comply with the city codes so that it can be a safe and enjoyable place for all of us! Below are some easy to follow steps you

can use to report code violations using on-line resources through the Tucson Housing and Community Development Department (<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd>). (If you don't have access to a computer, call 791-4171 or 791-5843 to report violations.)

- 1) Become familiar with the codes that govern what violations city inspectors can act on. You can find out this information at the website <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/code-enforcement>. If you see suspicious activity, criminal activity, or an emergency situation you should contact the police. For information about how to report graffiti visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti/>.
- 2) If you see a violation, make sure you have the correct address and are able to make a clear concise description of the property violation. If you are unsure of the address, then report the nearest house number or intersection and describe the location of the property from that point.
- 3) Report the violation on-line using the website <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/violation>, follow the instructions on the screen. Reports can be made anonymously, but you will need a valid email address so you can receive a confirmation report and activity number that you can use to check the status of the inspection results.
- 4) Check the status of your report (have your activity number ready to type so you can access the status report) by visiting the website <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/webapp/DevSvcsWebApp/ires/inspresults.html>,

That's all! **Make sure you don't abuse this service:** only report actual violations; check the status of your report before re-filing the complaint; only submit one report per property; be clear, concise, and polite in the complaints you report. For more information and to find out how to report violations by phone, fax, or by mail, you can visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/code-enforcement>. Thanks for helping to keep D/FNA a safe and enjoyable place to live!

Excessive Junk, Noise, and Loose Dogs send messages that our neighborhood is not safe. We can change that. Each of us must do our part to eliminate junk, quiet our streets, and corral our pets. Here's how:

JUNK	NOISE	DOGS
<p>Junk vehicles and garbage cannot be visible from the street. Unlicensed cars must be covered or concealed Garbage dumpsters must be rolled away from the curb every day EXCEPT pick-up-day. To Report a Problem: Call 791-CITY (792-2489). Describe the problem and give the address.</p>	<p>Loud parties with 5 or more people are unruly gatherings and can be shut down by police and the residence will be red-tagged. Music from a car or home which can be heard beyond the property line is a nuisance. To Report a Problem: Get house address and/or auto license plate number and call 9-1-1 with the information.</p>	<p>Dogs must be on a leash at all times, or in a confined area. Leash Law citations require a photo of the loose dog with a date and time of the photo, PLUS the address where the dog lives. If no photo, testimony of two witnesses who saw the dog loose, date, time, and dog's home address will suffice. To Report a Problem: Call Pima Animal Care Center at 243-5900</p>

RENTERS HAVE RIGHTS



**Renters' Bill of Rights:
Under Arizona & City of Tucson Law**

You have the right to:

1. Plumbing that doesn't leak or back up
2. Safe electrical wiring, outlets and switches
3. A home that is free of insect, vermin and rodent infestation
4. Heating in the winter and cooling in the summer
5. Hot and cold running water at all times
6. A working toilet that provide privacy
7. Roof, walls and windows that don't leak
8. Smoke detectors that work
9. A safe exit from your home
10. Outside containers for garbage

As a renter, if your residence doesn't meet these standards, you have rights. Please call the City of Tucson 791-5843 for help or information. It's free and it works!

LOS INQUILINOS TIENEN DERECHOS

**Declaracion de Derechos de Los Inquilinos:
Bajo las leyes de Arizona y de la Ciudad de Tucson**

Usted tiene el derecho de tener:

1. Instalaciones sanitarias que no tengan fugas o se tapen
2. Alambrados, enchufes y apagadores eléctricos seguros
3. Un hogar libre de infestación de insectos, sabandijas y roedores
4. Calefacción en el invierno y refrigeración en el verano
5. Aqua corriente fría y caliente en todo momento
6. Un excusado que funcione y que le dé privacidad
7. Techos, muros y ventanas que no goteen
8. Detectores de humo que funcionen
9. Una salida segura de su casa
10. Recipientes para basura en exteriors

Como inquilino, si su lugar de residencia no cumple con estas normas, usted tiene derechos. Por favor, llámenos para proporcionarle ayuda o información. Es gratuito y funciona! Llame al 791-5843

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Dodge/Flower NA Contacts:

Barbara Lehmann, Co-Facilitator 795-5494
 Beverly Van Den Borre, Co-Facilitator..... 881-6533
 Newsletter.....dodgeflowerna@cs.com

Important Numbers:

Ward III Office 791-4711
 Ofc. Becky Noel, TPD Neighborhood Watch and Crime-Free
 Multi-Housing..... 837-7428
 Meth Addiction Help: 622-6000
 Meth-Free-Alliance.org
 Code Violations – Community & Housing Development..... 791-5843
 Zoning Violations..... 791-5550
 Shopping Cart Removal1-800-843-2278
 Graffiti Removal.....792-CITY (792-2489)
 Report a Feral Cat Colony – Sharon Chamberlain 327-3037
 Emergencies 9-1-1
 TPD non-emergencies 791-4444
 Animal Control..... 243-5900

Monthly Events Schedule

DFNA Annual Meeting
 4th Tuesday, 6:30pm-7:30pm
 Sept, Oct, Jan-June (no meetings November
 December July August)
 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 Monthly, 8am-9am Oct-April;
 - Summer hours 7:30-8:30 May-Sept
 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 a computer savvy neighborhood volunteer to help us develop and maintain a new website that is more easily accessible, user-friendly and packed with information. Please contact us at DodgeFlowerNA@cs.com. Thanks!

October 2 is National Night Out – Please make this the night you decide to get to know your neighbors, to form a Neighborhood Watch on your block, to resolve to report graffiti, to pick up litter on your street, to report code violations that create blight and invite crime, and to call 9-1-1 to report suspicious activity when you witness it. Doing those simple things will improve our quality of life in our neighborhood. Thank you for caring about this community you call home.