

ELVIRA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER FALL EDITION 2013

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MEETING TIME: THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH 6740 S. SANTA CLARA AVENUE 7:00 PM

Elvira Neighborhood October Night Out 2013! Free hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks and dessert. **October 1: Dinner served from 6:00-8:00. Come for the free bicycle drawing!**

Last year's Night Out was a great success. **Councilwoman Romero, Mayor Rothschild, Supervisor Elias, and Captain Batista** were among our guests. More than 125 people were served and had an opportunity to meet public officials.



Message from President David Densmore: I have been the president of your neighborhood association since 2010 and vice president for six years prior to that. Besides me you have a board of officers and council members who have devoted an hour or more every month for many years to help make the Elvira Neighborhood a better place for everyone; you, your neighbors and your children.

Over the years we have donated hundreds of hours on projects to help improve the neighborhood. We worked to get speed bumps on Santa Clara, streetlights for several streets, a walking path and much more.

We have held a night out party every year, and this year it will be held on October 1ST. We have hosted a health fair, a bicycle rodeo and repaired over 80 bicycles for neighborhood kids and also held several neighborhood cleanups. We are presently looking for a way to get funds for a neighborhood park.

This year we are asking for you to pitch in. We would like to encourage you to take time to attend a neighborhood meeting. We are asking that you take pride in the neighborhood and to help keep your yards, sidewalks and alleys clean.

The Elvira Neighborhood is a great place to live and raise a family. We live in a good school district with a wonderful elementary School that has a very good principal, Eddie Islas. The Hope United Methodist Church allows us to hold our meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM and they have also allowed us to hold our yearly night out celebration each year.

If you are unable to join us for the meetings I would ask you to take pride in the neighborhood and help make it a clean, safe place to live and get to know your neighbors.

Announcements

Elvira Neighborhood Association Meeting October 21, 7 pm. Planning for a **free bicycle clinic** for people in Elvira who need their bicycles repaired will be on the agenda. *Everybody gets a chance to speak.*

The University of Arizona Mobile Health Program supplies prenatal care and other health needs at Hope Church, 6740 S. Santa Clara Avenue, Wednesdays from 9am-12. **The University of Arizona Family Medicine** offers prenatal/cuidado prenatal. Call the mobile health program 520 349 6594. This is for people with or without insurance. Teenagers welcome. Spanish spoken. Hable Espanol.

Hope Methodist Church offers a food pantry and diaper bank open Monday-Friday 9am - 1pm and guitar lessons on your own guitar Saturdays at 9am, and the rummage room is open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays.

The Elvira Neighborhood Christmas Lights Contest and Christmas party is December 16: 1st prize \$50, 2nd prize \$30, 3rd prize \$25. . **Oscar and Rachel Tosa** have also donated a bicycle for a free drawing.

Los Descendientes del Presidio de Tucson, P.O. Box 50871, Tucson, Arizona is an organization of descendants of the original Spanish settlers in southern Arizona. They are looking for members and give a student discount.



Historical Note: Here's what I found out in an 1970s list of cemeteries about the old Los Reales Cemetery right here in Elvira Neighborhood: "Los Reales Cemetery lies off Los Reales Road, Tucson, Pima County, at the end of the road: It is nearly surrounded by the Los Reales Heights Housing Development. The cemetery is wholly uncared for and has been vandalized. The now vanished mining settlement of Los Reales accounts for the location of San Xavier Mission. Of the many more than one hundred burials, the only four being even partially legible markings. It is said that members of the "**Federico, Sanchez, Bustamente,**

Vellegas, and Salcido families are interred here...." If you think you have a relative buried here or are interested in the graveyard, call Mikki at 520 260-0947.

Recent Events: Tucson's 239th Birthday Celebration at the reconstructed El Presidio downtown was well attended, with music by **Mariachi Los Changuitos Feos de Tucson** and a large birthday cake. All the flags that are symbols of the peoples who claimed Tucson in the past: Yaqui, Tohono d Odham, Spanish, Mexican, Confederate and United States flags were displayed during a solemn ceremony. The Donas were introduced as the oldest female relatives of the original Spanish settlers in Tucson and they wore gorgeous costumes. **Supervisor Richard Elias** and **Mayor Rothschild** commemorated the occasion with speeches. It was a cool, cloudy evening in August and the whole crowd enjoyed themselves...

Use the **Elvira Neighborhood Facebook** account for neighborhood concerns. If Elvira residents use social media to publish their ideas and needs, I think elected officials will listen more intently. If you don't know how to use it, ask the kids! **Elvira Association is free to join and if you live in Elvira, you have a vote!** **Graffiti Paint** is available free. Call Dave at 889-1241. **Report potholes** at 837-6691.



The last **Elvira neighborhood cleanup** was a huge success. Dumpsters placed around the neighborhood were full and brush and bulky pickups were at record levels. A volunteer group walked the streets picking up trash, helped by **Laura Dent of Councilwoman Regina Romero's** office, who isn't in the picture but we appreciated her help!

Another Brush and Bulky pickup is not coming up until 2014, according to the schedule.

DID YOU SEE THIS HAPPENING ON SANTA CLARA?



Elvira native **David Gonzalez** of **Cryptic Wisdom** and his buddies were making a meaningful Utube video in front of Hope Church. I interviewed David and he said the video is about bullying in the community and the need to understand that bullying

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<http://www.Youtube.com/CrypticWisdom>

News Update: The August meeting of the Elvira Neighborhood Association had two guests from City Hall. **Leyla A. Marquez**, license Investigator and **Russlyn W. Wells**, a Principal Planner for the city made presentations concerning home businesses and how to set up a home business. Both ladies were very nice and professional and would be a valuable resource for anyone who wants to set up a home business. Contact numbers: Leyla at 837-4404 and Russlyn at 837-4948.



Four young men with **skateboards** also attended the August meeting in support of a skate park in Elvira Neighborhood at either the Challenger location or at the end of Los Reales and Santa Clara. How about a park in both places! The students said we need more things

to do right here in the neighborhood and I agree with them! Remember that every time you attend a meeting, you get a free ticket for a drawing and Elvira Neighborhood Association is giving away a **free aluminum bicycle**. **Every time a person attends a meeting, free tickets for the drawing will be given out. Children are also eligible to win upon permission of a parent.** Drawing is Oct. 1 and you must be present to win! **Steve Anderson** of Pima County Parks and Recreation proposes an International hiking trail could be part of the Elvira landscape at the end of Los Reales and Santa Clara in the near future, along with a new park for the neighborhood. Steve will be at the October 21 meeting.

Annual Elvira Nite Out Tuesday October 1 6-8 pm Free hotdogs and burgers!

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