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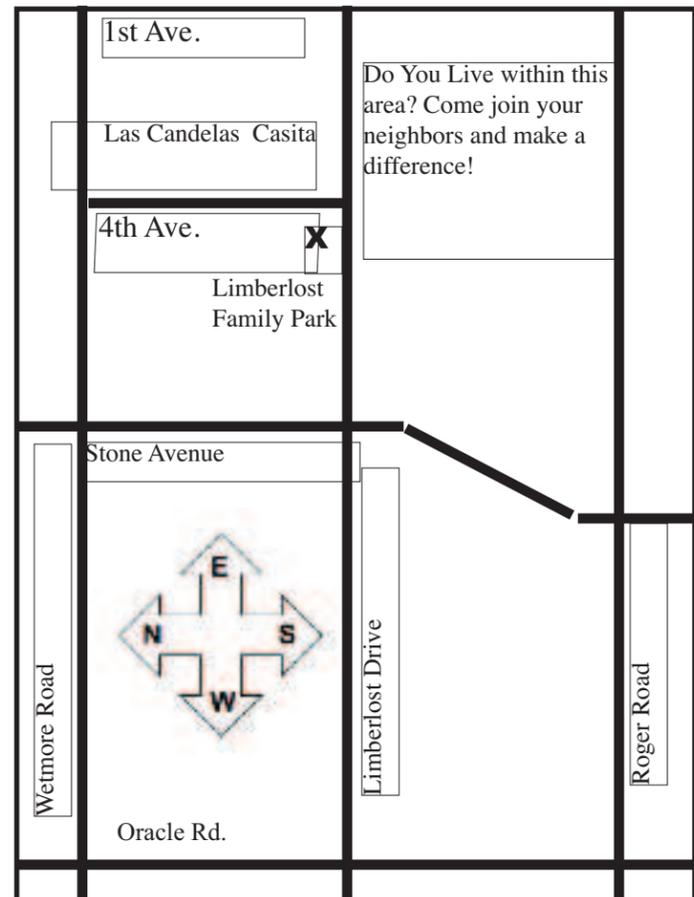


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### DATED MATERIAL



**MEETINGS (now three times a year)**  
**Saturday, October 26th, 2013**  
**Wednesday, February 5th, 2014**  
**Saturday, May 10th, 2014**  
 Saturday meetings from 4:30-6 pm at the *Limberlost Family Park.*  
*February Wednesday meeting at Las Candelas in the Casita at 401 E. Limberlost from 4:30-6:00 pm.*

**LNA CONTACTS**

Michael Ray, President	609-3653
Carlos Nagel, Facilitation	465-0120
Faye Goodspeed, Treasurer	690-1630
Nancy Ruhl, Minutes	887-6159
Lend A Hand	248-6882
Ward III Council	791-4711
Michael Ray, Website/Newsletter	609-3653



**October, 2013**  
**INSIDE THIS ISSUE:**  
 FUTURE HEAT EMERGENCIES, SHADOW PINES MAY GET A NEW OWNER, LNA ELECTIONS AND MORE

## FUTURE HEAT EMERGENCIES: ARE WE READY?

by Michael Ray, LNA COORDINATING COMMITTEE

What would happen if your electricity failed for several days during a heat wave of successive 105 plus degree days? Where would you find a place to shelter where you could keep your body from plunging into heat exhaustion or stroke?

At our October meeting Michael Ray and Carlos Nagel will report on findings from the recent "Climate Smart Southwest: Ready or Hot" Conference. One of the clear findings: those most at risk (the elderly, infirm, and children) are most resilient when supported by friends or family. Those most at risk of death are isolated shut-ins.

Those that attend will receive self-assessments, and discuss several options for action.

**OCTOBER MEETING: LIMBERLOST FAMILY PARK (SOUTH-EAST CORNER), SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH, 4:30-6:00 PM**

### SHADOW PINES APARTMENTS MAY GET A NEW OWNER.

A Developer with Sustainable Building Credentials wants to Invest in Our Neighborhood!

Ward 3 Council member Karen Uhlich brought LNA members together with members of Thomas Development Company August 15th. Thomas is in contract purchase process for buying Shadow Pines Apartments at the southeast corner of 1st Ave. and Roger Road.



Thomas is one of the original founding sponsors of the Idaho chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council. He is committed to sustainable building practices using the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for Platinum certification which their last four multifamily developments received.

This commitment to sustainable development made it easy for Michael and Carlos to share our concern about the habitability of this housing in a heat emergency. The property is well maintained, but has (like many Tucson properties) employed Zero-scape principles in practice: as little landscaping as possible, with gravel replacing any living plant life.

We suggested that the company emulate the approach of their next door neighbor - Sonora Cohousing community. We recommended they start with providing shade for the small playground on site. Sonora Cohousing member Grant McCormick has agreed to liaison with Thomas as part of a "good neighbor" effort to communicate. Thomas is also committed to creating a community meeting space in the complex, and will look into the possibility of establishing a community garden.

Thomas plans to replace all single pane windows with insulating windows, reroof with thicker insulation, and get 50% of the hot water from solar panels. Exterior lighting will get an upgrade, as will interior cabinets, appliances and paint. 70%-80% of the materials and work will come from local suppliers. Five apartments will be converted to ADA standards.

The work will be accomplished with most residents able to stay in place, or move briefly within the complex. Work should begin early in 2014 and be completed in 10 months, with ten units a month undergoing renovation.

We welcome Thomas Development's approach to development. It is all too rare to find a developer who embraces sustainable practices as a core value. We hope this improves conditions for the people who live in Shadow Pines. We look forward to a future in which they actually can feel comfortable being outside in a shadier environment.

## MAY 22, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Held at Limberlost Family Park

- I. 6:00 p.m. - Meet your neighbors and announcements. Michael Ray
- II. 6:30 p.m. - Business meeting.
  - A. Treasury report given by Faye Goodspeed. We have \$431.21 in the treasury plus \$500.00 that will be used for a plaque recognizing those that contributed to the playground equipment.
  - B. TPD Officer Cara Curtis addressed some issues concerning our area. Burglaries are up - they're kicking the doors down so she recommended that the screws in the striker plate be longer than the original screws. There have been two homes on Hadley that have been broken into recently. Keep serial numbers of your possessions, engrave numbers on items, and take photos of jewelry. Her captain addresses the burglaries.
  - C. Minutes were approved by Carlos Nagel and David Shropshire.
  - D. Raul Medina was recognized for working on the weeds on the Curve. Michael presented him with a thank you card and a \$50 gift card to Lowe's.
  - E. Raul Reyes, architect for Townwest, discussed the property at 1st Ave. and Limberlost. It has two different zonings and he would like to see the southern section changed to B1 like the norther section. He talked about Townwest's project at Casa Presidio, previously a deserted apartment complex that the druggies and graffiti artists occupied but after reconstruction it's 90% rented. The lot at 1st Ave. and Limberlost is in need of a clean-up and Raul said Townwest will be hiring someone to clean the lot up on a quarterly basis. He said the existing covenant will need to be re-written to make the B1 change.
  - F. Michelle Brubaker of Lend-A-Hand passed out pamphlets and shared information about the organization. They're in need of volunteers to do yard clean up and also drivers.
  - G. Carlos Nagel discussed the wall mural restoration. This project was subsequently put on hold pending need for fundraising.
  - H. Faye discussed the proposed walking trail around the park. Asphalt path would be \$34,000, concrete path would be \$54,000 which has a longer life and lower maintenance. LNA

will be applying for a grant through the Tohono O'odoom nation. (That grant was not funded).

- I. The sprinkler heads in the park are being changed out. The City has filled the critter holes with sand.
  - J. Michael discussed geo-caching. There are two spots in the park.
  - K. A resident asked about the property at Limberlost and Stone. No information available per Michael.
  - L. The next meeting will be in September. (changed to October 5th)
  - III. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m
- Respectively submitted by Nancy Ruhl (887-6159)

## ANNUAL ELECTION OF LNA OFFICERS

Our October meeting will serve as the Annual meeting for purposes of election of officers. Our slate will remain the same:

- Michael Ray agrees to serve as President
- Carlos Nagel agrees to serve as Vice President
- Faye Goodspeed agrees to serve as Treasurer
- Nancy Ruhl agrees to serve as Secretary

**Do you have a project idea or interest that would help the neighborhood?** Bring it to a meeting and join with others in coordination to make it happen.

## SIGN UP FOR LIMBERLOST E-NEWS

If you want timely notices about events in the Limberlost Neighborhood, as well as information about City and County policies and news impacting neighborhoods, please let us know by calling, mailing or emailing us your preference.

**CALL 609-3653** (leave message)  
**Email mray@dakotacom.net**  
**Mail to LNA News**  
**232 E. Limberlost Dr. 85705**

## In Memoriam

Ron Ruhl, Husband to Nancy our Secretary, passed away this summer. Ron was a constant presence and support for clean-ups and other neighborhood events. We miss him, and wish Nancy healing strength as she experiences Life without Ron.

## Lend A Hand

Lend A Hand Senior Assistance, Inc. a growing coalition of central Tucson neighborhoods, faith-based communities, and business partnerships. Our FREE services include transportation, errands, friendly visits, friendly phone calls, light yard work and light housekeeping. You do not need to reside in one of our neighborhoods to volunteer.

**Please join us and make a difference in a senior's life. For information and to learn more about services and volunteer opportunities, call Michele Brubaker, the Coordinator of Lend A Hand, at (520) 248-6882.**

## Ward 3Neighbors Alliance, Inc

We are looking for more people interested in serving on the initial Board of the Ward 3 Neighbors Alliance, Inc. We have heard from several interested folks, but we could use more.

The responsibilities of the Board include: (1) overseeing the existing Program Steering Committee (not much work, since this is already an experienced, well-coordinated group), (2) overseeing the Fiduciary Committee that is responsible for the non-profit aspect of the organization, and (3) at the end of the term, establishing a Nominating Committee to find people to run to fill any vacant slots.

Additional responsibilities of the initial Board include establishing the Bylaws and setting the direction of the organization. The individuals who worked to establish the Ward 3 Neighbors Alliance, Inc. will be available as resources to the initial Board of Directors.

We would like to have the slate of candidates and their bios available approximately one month prior to the election, which is scheduled for, Thursday, Oct 24, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Sincerely,  
The Nominating Committee,  
Carlos Nagel, Ron Proctor, Sandy Miller  
Contact Carlos at closfree@gmail.com