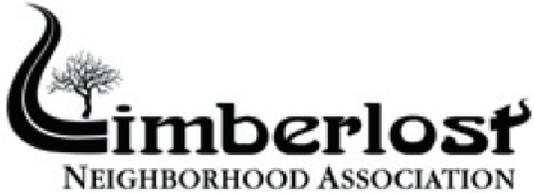


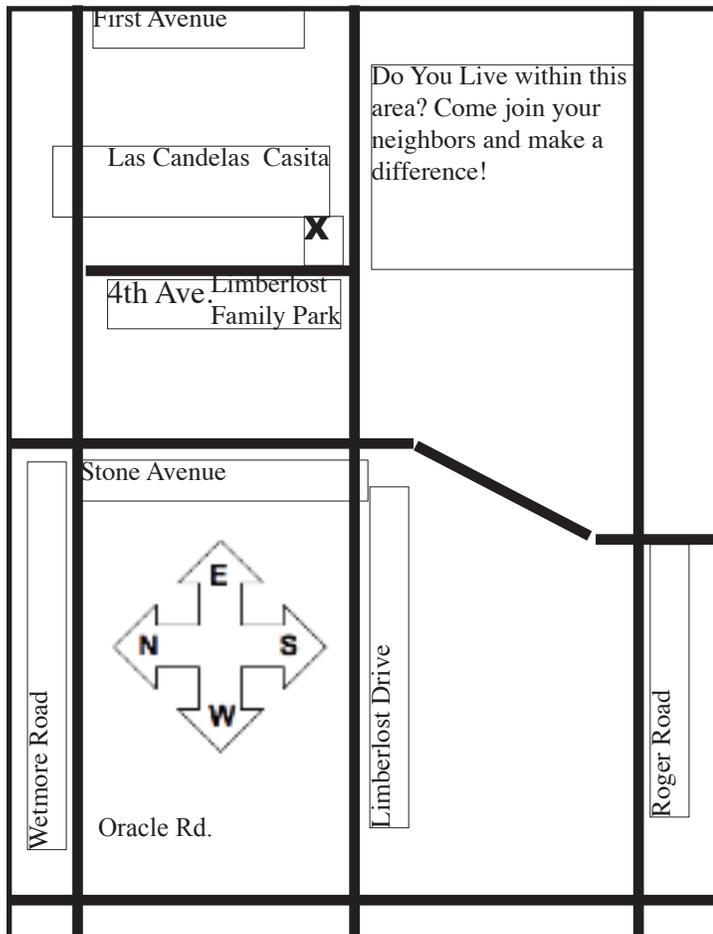


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## DATED MATERIAL



**MEETINGS (now three times a year)**  
**Saturday, September 22nd, 2012**  
**Wednesday, January 23rd, 2013**  
**Saturday, May 11th, 2013**  
 Saturday meetings from 4:30 pm-6 pm at the Limberlost Family Park  
 January Wednesday meeting at Las Candelas in the Bistro at 401 E. Limberlost from 5:00-6:00 pm.

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Faye Goodspeed, Treasurer	690-1630
Nancy Ruhl, Minutes	887-6159
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**September, 2012**

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SHADE STRUCTURES INSTALLED, TOWNWEST DEVELOPMENT, LNA ELECTIONS AND MORE

## **PARK PLAYGROUND SHADE INSTALLED**

by Michael Ray, LNA COORDINATING COMMITTEE

This time last year we were raising funds to provide shade over the relatively new playground equipment at Limberlost Family Park. This past May we celebrated the installation of the shade sails! At our May meeting we thanked the many volunteers, funders, and builders for their contribution to our neighborhood (See photo below).

### **SEPTEMBER MEETING: LIMBERLOST FAMILY PARK, SATURDAY 9/22 4:30-5:30 PM**

Join with Limberlost neighbors, representatives from Tucson Parks and Recreation, and the Tucson Police Department for a conversation about how the City responded to the July 15th Storm microburst and what we can learn from it.

### **TOWNWEST'S 1ST AND LIMBERLOST PROJECT (South-west corner).**

Raul Reyes, TownWest architect reports that on August 24th he resubmitted plans to the U.S. General Services Administration for approval. Plans had to take into account LEED Certification, and a slightly smaller office building. LEED certification provides independent, third-party verification that a building, home or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at achieving high performance in key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. Once approved, construction will start.



## A MESSAGE FROM LNA PRESIDENT MICHAEL RAY

Do you have a favorite place on earth where you go physically or in your mind when you are looking for a sense of peace or the calm that comes from the familiar? Do you recall as a child being safe to explore in such a place?

I was born in such a place - Tucson, Arizona. I grew up in what is now known as Barrio Central, on 22nd street west of Alvernon. My family lived in a two bedroom brick house across from the desert that would become Randolph Golf Course-South. I bicycled from my home across Broadway to Speedway and Dodge, where the Tucson Hobby shop stood. I bought Estes Rocket kits, built them, and flew them out of the Ajo water detention basin west of South Country Club at Ajo Road. As you can imagine, I wasn't exactly concerned about my own safety.

When I settled my new home on Limberlost Drive in 1975, it was still in the county. It would be seven years before the Tucson Mall was built. My house was spared when Stone Avenue was rerouted through to Wetmore to serve the new regional mall. This revealed the need for neighbors to work together. In 1999 I joined with Carlos Nagel and others to form the Limberlost Neighborhood Association.

What began as a core group of seven to ten people at the beginning, is now a coordinating committee of five. We hold a stewardship commitment to monitor and when we can, to influence the direction this neighborhood takes. Anyone, regardless of whether you rent or own, live alone or with family, can be an active member. Over the past decade our efforts have resulted in safer streets, a more attractive and friendly public park, and land-use decisions that are more likely to provide value for those who live in this place. Working together creates bonds that tie us to each other and our elected officials.

We regenerate our stewardship by making it easy for you to join us in that effort. We invite you to attend the September meeting. The commitment you make is up to you, but the improved neighborhood and relationships we have helped to build are benefits for all.

## ANNUAL ELECTION OF LNA OFFICERS

Our September 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**

Let us know about your preferred form of contact for neighborhood news:

Your **Name** and

- **residential address** or
- **email address** or
- **phone number**

## 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.**

## May 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was convened at 5:00 pm at Limberlost Family Park. Las Candelas provided chairs and tables. Cha Cha the clown provided face painting for the kids.

The first item on the agenda was the dedication of the shade structure. Michael Ray introduced the LNA coordinating committee and special guests.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to project partners:

- Karen Uhlich, Ward III Council
- Peg Weber, Tucson Parks and Recreation
- Kevin MCElheny, Tucson Parks and Rec.
- Claque Van Slyke, Tucson Parks Foundation
- Don Gates, Pima County Health Dept.
- Sharon Bronson, Pima County
- Deb Miller, Pima County
- Ron Plocki, M. Anderson Construction
- Marco Quinonez, Tucson Parks and Rec.
- Larry Esquivel, Tucson Parks and Rec.
- Wayne Barnett, Tucson Parks and Rec.
- Reenie Ochoa, Tucson Parks and Rec.
- Marc Haberman, Ward III Neighbors Alliance
- R&R Painting
- Dunn Edwards
- Sherwin Williams
- Fry's Food Store
- Faye Goodspeed
- Carlos Nagel
- Karen Van Stelle
- Nancy Ruhl

The second item on the agenda was an update on the Limberlost N.A. Michael covered accomplishments over the past year:

- Approved efforts to shorten a median opposite the north exit of the Dollar Store so that traffic can exit to the west on Limberlost.
- Completed fund raising for Shade Structure at Limberlost Family Park.
- Sponsored a roll-off for clean up of the mural wall and use by neighbors for spring cleaning.
- Met with TownWest re: approving request for rezoning and seeing that the plan for a professional building and small retail on First Ave. between Limberlost and Calle Arizona met the covenant requirements of neighbors.

- Collaborated with Tucson Police Department regarding neighborhood crime and safety concerns, including helping neighbors in addressing problem properties.
- Calling in graffiti removal requests.
- Repairing tagging on the wall mural.
- Responded to neighbor requests for resource information.
- Providing E-News Blasts and a yearly print newsletter.
- Conducting three neighborhood meetings a year.
- Collaborated with Ward III Neighbors Alliance to provide 501-C3 tax exemption coverage while they seek their own federal tax exempt status.
- LNA coordinating committee members are active participants in Ward III Neighbors Alliance, Lend-A-Hand, Imagine Greater Tucson, City of Tucson General Plan Process, and the Tucson Green Chamber of Commerce.

The next meeting was announced for September 22nd, 2012.

(Below) Shade Project Partner Peg Weber awarded by LNA President Michael Ray.

