

# Peter Howell Neighborhood Association

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**SAVE THE DATE:**

## **Annual Neighborhood Association Meeting October 10th, Wednesday, Peter Howell School (library) 401 N. Irving Ave., 6:30pm**

Speakers, guests:  
City Councilmember Steve Kozachik  
David Overstreet, Principal of Peter Howell School  
Proposal to Amend PHNA By-Laws  
Don Ijams will report on Neighborhood Support Network and Graffiti Group  
Representative from Tucson Water will talk about Rainwater Harvesting rebates  
Gary Stone will give update on "reclaimed water"

If you have not attended a meeting recently, please try to attend this meeting: neighbor's rights, volunteer opportunities, news from our Ward 6 Office, and your chance to be heard. Please bring questions, comments, ideas to make our neighborhood a better place.

At this time, City support for printing and mailing of neighborhood newsletters is only 1 newsletter per year. The internet is now the best way to get you information. If you have neighbors without computers, please share with them, or print out any info they may need to know. Or, tell a board member, and we will share with them. Please go to the new blogspot at <http://peterhowellna.blogspot.com> for postings.

"**Dave's Dinner**," the first **Peter Howell (PH) Community dinner at Peter Howell school** (cafeteria) **6pm October 10th** (please note: this month the dinner will overlap with the PHNA Annual Meeting).

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month** (Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13)  
Principal Dave Overstreet will host a **FREE dinner** for all PH community members. Please come meet your neighbors, like the teachers and staff members of Peter Howell school.

In the **spring**, usually April, we have the **Neighborhood Picnic in Alvernon Park**, starting at 4 PM. All are welcome - try to bring a neighbor. You can bring a dish to share, something to sit on, and food to eat, if you would like. We need many people to help with grills, tables, coolers, games, and more. Please volunteer by talking to board members ahead of time.

## ALVERNON PARK night lights

Back in April, Nancy Huff mentioned the park was in need of lighting to deter criminal activity. Council Member Steve Kozachik and I thought that the park might be a candidate for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in order to install lights. I then spoke with people at the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development, and the City of Tucson Parks & Recreation Department (P&R) regarding this idea. P&R thought they could do the project through a partnership with Tucson Electric Power rather than CDBG.

Just so happens, there were already lights at this park. They just needed to be repaired. That's how the lights ended up being turned on!

Bonnie Medler  
Aide to Council Member Steve Kozachik  
Ward 6, City of Tucson

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## Gas Station

There has been a gas station at the southeast corner of Alvernon Way and 5<sup>th</sup> Street (550 N. Alvernon Way) since the early 1950s. For example, the 1953 City Directory lists Leon Ellis Union (Gas) Station at that address. However, the use of this property may change. The current owners plan to remove all of the underground tanks in the near future.

Gary Stone  
PHNA Board Member

## **NEW BOARD MEMBERS?**

It would be helpful for anyone interested to please e-mail one of the existing Board Members in advance. This is so we can have some assurance there will be a Board for the coming year. Board Members are elected at our Annual Meeting (10/10/2012). You just have to show up. Officers are elected, from among Board Members, at the first Board Meeting after the Annual Meeting. We need a few good neighbors to join, this year, to replace those who will be leaving.

Chris Brooks  
PHNA President

## PROPOSAL TO AMEND PHNA BY-LAWS

Part of the statement of purpose of this annual meeting (10/10/12) is to amend the PHNA By-Laws. Article 4, Section 4.1 of the By-Laws say (in part): "The annual meeting of the Association membership shall be held on the third Wednesday in September of each year..."

Proposal: change the word "September" to "October." That way there will not be a yearly conflict with holidays.

To pass, the proposal needs 2/3rds approval of at least 20 members who attend the meeting.

## Potholes & Cracks

It took a year and a half, but we got the worst ones repaired in our neighborhood this April. The 25 potholes and cracks on our list were fixed plus many more. Big thanks to Councilman Steve Kozachik who paid for about 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of the project from his Ward 6 budget; Ward 6 Council Aide Bonnie Medler; the Tucson Department Of Transportation (TDOT) who paid for and did around 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the job; Gary Scheer of Alvernon Optical who got TDOT to fill huge potholes in the alley east of Alvernon Way, between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Holmes Street; Nancy Huff who communicated the idea to key people; Tucson Asphalt and Southern Arizona Paving who did most of the work.

P.S. There were potholes that appeared after our list was given to TDOT. Efforts were made to take care of them all, but we missed a few. Given today's economy and City budget, we did well. If you have a **pothole** near you call **TDOT** at **791-3154** and give this kind of info:

Texas Circle & Bryant Avenue intersection  
18 ½' northeast of Bike Route sign at  
4234 E. Texas Circle  
1'10" X 1'9", 2 ½" deep

Please understand, it will probably take a long time. They have already done right by us.

Gary Stone  
PHNA Board Member

## **OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL, PETER HOWELL, CAN ALWAYS USE HELP FROM VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS OF GENTLY USED KIDS CLOTHES OR KIDS BOOKS.**

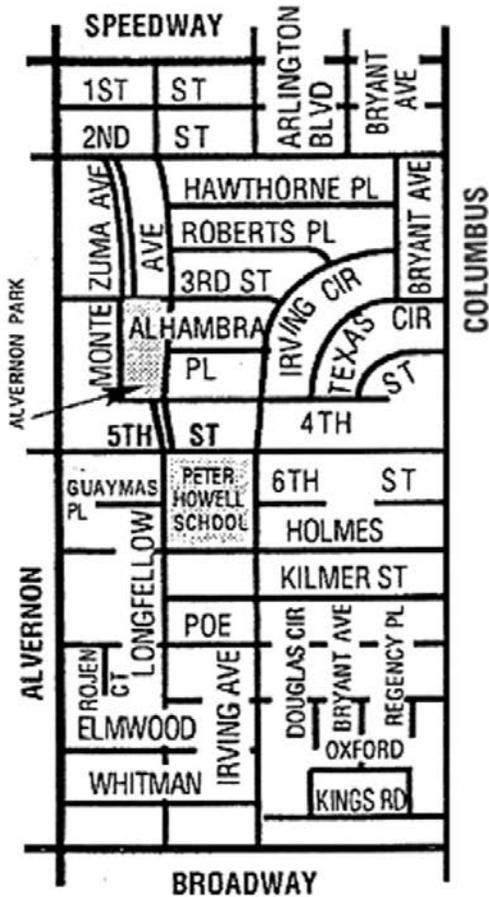
The dynamic principal, Dave Overstreet, is working to empower all students to be responsible for their own growth and development. At PH they are building a program around the student's strengths and abilities. PH is not your average TUSD school. Personally I have spent some time volunteering there and am so impressed with the teachers, support staff and the principal. It is a thriving environment. But I am also surprised at how few PHNA addresses are present. Where are our local PHNA kids going to school if not at the local school within walking distance? (Nancy Huff comments.)



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# Peter Howell Neighborhood Newsletter



The Peter Howell Neighborhood Association (PHNA) hosts two meetings per year unless there is a need for additional meetings. The annual meeting, when board members are elected, is held during the latter part of September each year. The spring meeting is usually in March.

Notes from the most recent neighborhood meetings can be seen here: <http://phna.soaz.info/last.html>

Neighborhood Support Network: <http://nsn.soaz.info>

## YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

When you add your e-mail address to our list it is important. Why? Because it allows you to connect with neighborhood events, meetings, and alerts. No spam allowed. Otherwise, with over 900 households and businesses in our area, we have no other way to reach you during the year.

You can e-mail a Board Member, send your info to [PHNAemail@gmail.com](mailto:PHNAemail@gmail.com), or go to the PHNA website and Blog: <http://peterhowellna.blogspot.com/> and sign up on the main page, lower right.

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