

Mountain/1st Neighborhood Newsletter

NEW IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO MITCHELL PARK

Over the course of this next half-year, changes are coming to Mitchell Park. A Conserve to Enhance grant has been awarded to our Neighborhood to construct wildlife habitat within the park that will be supported by water harvested off the surrounding streets. Potable water that has historically supplied these areas will be removed or reduced, saving limited and precious imported water.

Funding is coming from the Conserve to Enhance program that encourages Tucson Water consumers to reduce their annual water usage. The water saved is then attributed a monetary value. This money is then pooled to support environmental enhancement projects, ranging from securing instream flows, to restoring riparian areas, to building green infrastructure projects like curb cuts and rainwater harvesting basins.

Most of the historic usage of the park will remain unchanged, but subtle earth berming will be created just west of the large playing field, planted with native shrubs, trees, and flowering plants. And more trees will be planted in the open spots along Mitchell St. The final design awaits information that will be gathered in the next several months as we survey the underground watering system and other infrastructure to see what constraints and opportunities exist to maximize the project.

We have already had some great input from neighbors including: maintaining walking continuity between areas in the park and the plant varieties we will choose from. If you have ideas to contribute we want to hear them!

We are partnering with Tucson Parks and Recreation, the Tucson Department of Transportation, and the Watershed Management Group. All work is to be completed by the end of this December and **WE ARE REACHING OUT TO YOU TO HELP**. We will need help distributing flyers, helping with the Educational Event, and getting your hands dirty during Fall Construction. Please contact Ron Proctor at 629-9788 to find out where you would most like to participate.

For more information about the Conserve 2 Enhance project or for more information about Watershed Management Group please go to their website at:

<http://wrrc.arizona.edu/conserv2enhance.html>

Notes from the last Neighborhood Association Meeting!

Major points of discussion:

- Traffic light at Mountain and Glenn
- Exit/entrance to and from Sal Pointe
- Communication committee
- Single family apartments being constructed on Glenn
- Lend a Hand food distribution project
- Conserve to Enhance grant (C2E)

During the May 11th meeting of the Neighborhood Association, Mr. Greg Aiken, Director of Operations at Sal Poitne high school, made an appearance and informed us on current projects and possible upcoming projects at Sal Pointe. He has been making appearances at the Samos and Hedrick Acres meetings as well trying to get some input about the entrances and exits at Sal Pointe. Some options, such as making any exits from Sal Pointe into right-turn-only exits or changing the entrance on Mountain into a one-way entrance, were discussed.

Another topic of interest was the intersection of Mountain and Glenn. During rush hour this intersection is near impossible to get through, partly due to the influx of Sal Pointe students and partly due to regular traffic. One way to mitigate the traffic problem is to change the lights from blinking red to a full traffic light, cycling through red yellow and green.

Mr. Aiken suggested contacting the City of Tucson regarding any traffic problems.

In coming months construction will start on single-family apartments located on the north side of Glenn in between Park and Mountain. This will surely add to the problem of traffic at the nearby intersections. Unfortunately, any public discussion has already been scheduled regarding the construction of the apartments.

Lend a Hand is a nonprofit organization which assists senior citizens with basic tasks such as transportation and yard work. Lend a Hand has also taken steps to distribute food once a month through Market on the Move and they need your help! If you are interested in volunteering you can find any information at:

<http://www.lahseniorhelp.org/>

Safety in the Neighborhood

There have been some recent burglaries of cars and carports, as well as other crime in the neighborhood.

Please use common sense approaches to prevent being a victim of property crime such as:

1. Never leave anything of value in a car/carport or in view of a potential perpetrator. If you value something keep it either inside of your house or in your backyard.
2. CALL 911 IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OF ANY KIND!!! The police want to be called and if they will get there they can. They document suspicious activity and will increase patrols accordingly. They can only act on information if they have it, so please call.
3. DO NOT CALL TPD OR THE BEAT COP- THEY WILL ONLY REFER YOU BACK TO 911. Tell the 911 Operator you have a non-emergency call and they will transfer you to the correct dispatch personnel.
4. Go to this website for tips on how to make your home safer and less of a target: http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/police/home_security_booklet.pdf
5. Get involved in your neighborhood association! The more people that you know and that know you, the stronger our neighborhood.

Clip this Coupon to pay your Annual Association dues **or** sign up for the Mountain / 1st Yahoo Group

Make checks for \$12.00 per household payable to:

Mountain/1st Neighborhood Association. Bring to our next meeting or mail to our Treasurer:

Alice Blistein, 2666 North Fremont, Tucson, AZ. 85719

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

E-Mail _____

Willing to volunteer for:

C2E Park Beautification Project _____ Neighborhood Association / Officer _____
Newsletters _____ Website _____

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Meeting Times:

- **Monthly meetings are scheduled 8:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month during the summer**
- **The communication committee for the C2E grant meets on the first Saturday of each month, information inside**

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