



Stella Mann Neighborhood Association

Fall 2013

Newsletter Update

Many City notices are now sent by email. If you would like to receive this information please send me an email Stella.Mann@cox.net. Enter 'Subscribe' in the Subject line and include your email address.

Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse

provides domestic abuse crisis intervention and housing, prevention and education, and support and advocacy services to anyone experiencing domestic abuse. Emerge! is the largest domestic abuse shelter and provider of domestic abuse prevention and abuse programs in Southern Arizona.

24-Hour Bilingual Crisis Hotline

If you or someone you know is in danger or at risk for domestic abuse, call 520-795-4266 or 1-888-428-0101 toll-free for crisis intervention, safety planning, information and referrals. Call 911 for immediate response to a situation.

Welcome to the Stella Mann Neighborhood Association.

Our Annual Meeting is Thursday, November 7, 7:00 PM, at Erickson Elementary School, 6750 E. Stella Road. We are a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers. Membership is open to all residents, renters and homeowners alike. We have not been very active for the past few years, but that can change with your help.

The election of Officers will be held. If you are interested in being an officer please let us know.

Officer Perez from TPD will be present to discuss Neighborhood Watch programs

and how to begin a program in your area.

An achievement of the neighborhood association was getting the Escalante Pool re-opened in May. The Mayor's office was essential in this effort. We are now in discussion with Parks and Recreation directors in regard to improvements in both Escalante and Vista del Prado parks. Some of the ideas include more shade, a ramada, a skate park, additional play structures for children. Please join us on Nov. 7 as Parks & Rec will be guests to hear your comments. You may contact a SMNA officer with ideas and concerns within the neighborhood.

-Mary Williams

Tucson Parks and Recreation has been busy improving Vista del Prado Park, on Stella between Elson and Jessica, recently. In August the play equipment was ready for children to use. In September saplings were planted to replace trees lost several years ago. The new trees will provide welcome shade. This summer we, leaders in Stella Mann Neighborhood Assn., have been meeting with various directors of Parks and Recreation about improving both Vista del Prado and Escalante Parks. Although funding has not been dedicated for this effort we want to get some plans together so it would be ready to go when funding is available. A ramada in V. del Prado park so that the neighborhood could host events as well as being available to you is one of our top priorities. Also discussed is a skateboard park so that kids can have a safe place to play; I have seen them in the wash where rusty rebar pokes through the cement, others have developed their own ramps and dips on the roadways. When they are asked why they don't go to a proper facility the answers vary from too costly (\$10 a day at the Y) to too far away (Purple Heart Park is in Rita Ranch). They would appreciate having a safe place for their activity. You are invited to comment on November 7th, 7 PM, when Parks & Rec will be at the Annual Neighborhood meeting. The residents need to voice ideas of how the parks should be developed.

Air Force volunteers from Davis Monthan will begin volunteering in our neighborhood, especially along Nicaragua to help keep the weeds down. Please feel free to thank them or join in on the clean up of your neighborhood.

Residents who keep the medians on Mann cleaned up are thanked for their service. Recently some of the volunteers have mentioned that people think the volunteers are serving community service for a crime, this is not the case, they are giving back to their neighborhood because they like a nice place to live.

Donations to the neighborhood association for grass/weed chemicals are appreciated.

Tucson Clean and Beautiful has informed us that Living Social has adopted Escalante Park for clean up.

The next Brush & Bulky pick up is the week of December 9, 2013. This is a reminder that residents are responsible to maintain from the curb to midpoint in the alley for weeds, grasses and overgrowth. The city will issue notices and fines if your property is overgrown.

In June 2013, Stella Mann Neighborhood Association applied and won a Good Neighbor Ventures' *Basic Engagement Service Grant*. The purpose of this grant is to **increase and improve neighborhood communication through monthly e-newsletters**. Please register for the monthly e-newsletter. There will be sign up sheets at the November 7th meeting, or at <http://mygoodneighbor.org/> to subscribe.



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Free Homework
Help:
Information
791-4010 or
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Trees for Tucson trees now available for residences! Customers of Tucson Electric Power Co. can obtain low-cost trees to plant at their home, if the trees will grow to shade the home. Visit <http://www.treesfortucson.org/> to print an application form to request trees. For more information call (520)791-3109. Trees are typically delivered within approximately 6-8 weeks.



Pima Council on Aging can offer information, resources and support to family caregivers as well as individuals. They can be contacted at 790-7262 or www.pcoa.org

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

Each year, for the last several years, the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, along with its partners, has facilitated the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program in Tucson and Southern Arizona. During this time, they offer free tax preparation to low- and mid-income families and individuals and are the largest tax preparer in the state of Arizona.

Again this next tax season (February – mid-April 2014), VITA will be offering this service in your area. However, in order to do this effectively, we need 200+ volunteers, including Greeter Intake Specialists, Tax Preparers, and Interpreters (English and a second language). Training workshops and training materials are provided free of charge, and there is no prior experience needed.

For more information on VITA or to complete a volunteer application,

<http://www.unitedwaytucson.org/preparing-taxes-working-poor>. Or, if you have questions, please contact Janet Averitt at javeritt@unitedwaytucson.org or 903-3977.

Code Enforcement or Neighborhood Preservation

The Stella Mann Neighborhood Association is asking for every household to maintain your yard. To do so pride within our community. The following violations are reportable per the City of Tucson Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance

Overgrown weeds and grass- weeds or grass above 6 inches in height. You are responsible for maintenance of the abutting sidewalks, street easements and one half of the width of the alley in removing weeds and trash. .

Junked or Inoperable Vehicles - Junked or inoperable motor vehicles, trailer or camper shell which exhibit more of the following conditions is deemed a JMV * Wrecked *Abandoned*Scrapped*Cannot Be Safely Operated*Dismantled*Inoperable*Stripped.

Fines up to \$2,500 can be levied against the resident for violations.

Contact the Code Enforcement Division at 791-5843, TTY 791-2639,

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/code-enforcement> for more information or to report a violation.

Please be kind to your neighbors and keep your grass and weeds under control. Many people have allergies and asthma, so it is important for all of us to maintain not only our yard, but the alley and curbs to be weed free.

-Rhoni Moore

SENIOR LUNCH AND RECREATION PROGRAM AT CLEMENTS CENTER– The Parks and Rec. Department and the Pima Council on Aging are offering a recreation and socialization program for people 60 years of age and older that will include activities, socialization and a lunch program at the William Clements Regional Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive. Meals will be served at noon Monday through Friday. Individuals ages 60 and over and their spouses of any age are invited to participate. A donation of \$2 per meal is requested, which helps to support the program. Meals are provided on a reservation basis and must be reserved the week prior.

To coincide with the lunch, there will be a Healthy Aging program designed to enhance the quality of life and the opportunity for a lifetime of independent living. Healthy Aging programs include fitness programs, arts and crafts, speakers, special events and day trips just to name a few of the exciting things to come. Also available is an enhanced fitness program that will improve coordination, strength and lifestyle. The program hours will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with lunch served at noon.

Call 791-5787 or visit the William Clements Center for more information or to sign up.

A Community Resource Fair, hosted by Our Mother of Sorrows Church at 1800 S. Kolb Rd., will be held November 9 from 9:00AM – 1:00PM. Representatives from Jobpath, Pima County One Stop, Pima College Adult Ed, Beacon Foundation, La Frontera, healthcare resources for behavioral health, Pima Council on Aging will be on site.



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STELLA/MANN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
A non-profit volunteer organization (501(c)3)
MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership dues are \$5.00 per family, any donation above that amount would be gladly accepted and appreciated. Dues are for the current year and ALL dues expire on December 31 and need to be renewed for the following year.

Date _____ Original membership \$5.00 _____ Renewal membership \$5.00 _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Spouse's First Name _____ MI _____

Address _____ Apt. _____ Tucson, AZ 85730

Home phone (520) _____ Email Address _____

Please make **checks payable to Stella/Mann Neighborhood Association, Inc.** and mail with this form to :

Stella/Mann Neighborhood Association
 C/o Mary Williams
 7043 E. Nelson Drive
 Tucson, AZ 85730

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Community Phone Numbers

Tucson Police Department 911
 or
 791-4444 non-emergency

Mayor & Council Comment Line
 791-4700

Council Member Ward 4
 Shirley Scott
 8123 E. Poinciana
 Phone: (520) 791-3199
 E-Mail: ward4@tucsonaz.gov

Neighborhood Resources
 791-4605

Pima County Animal Control
 243-5900

Street Maintenance
 791-3154

Development Services
 791-4505

Southwest Gas
 889-1888

Gas Emergency/Gas Leaks
 889-1888

Water Issues
 791-3242

Street Maintenance
 791-3154

Environment Service
 791-3171

Graffiti Removal by the City
 791-4259

Graffiti Cover Up by the Neighborhood
 747-0241

West Nile Virus
 Hotline 243-7999

Emerge Center against Domestic Violence
 795-4266

Code Enforcement Division
 791-5843, TTY 791-2639,

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Dates to remember:

**November 7, 7 PM, Stella Mann NA Mtg
@ Erickson Elementary School**

November 5, General Election. Pima County Recorder
phone: 724-4330
http://www.recorder.pima.gov/public/voter_info.aspx

Nov. 9, Community Resource Fair @ Our Mother of Sorrows Church

Neighborhood Tree Lighting in the Park date TBD.

Watch for upcoming events to be posted on the signboard along Stella Road in front of Vista del Prado Park.

Facebook will also become a way of communicating with our neighbors.



Save this page for event dates and to have the useful phone numbers on reverse.

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