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Mission Manor Park, Built With Love and Pride

Today it's hard to visualize that Mission Manor Park was once all desert. Mission Manor Park was only a dream. The echoes of childrens' voices and laughter, playing kick the can or baseball out on the dirt streets, or basketball in someone's back yard, were the sounds of recreation in the early days of the neighborhood.

The man who developed the neighborhood homes, Mr. Hoffman, set aside the area from Calle Ramona to Bilby, and from 12th Ave. to Santa Clara for a park. One day two men, Manny Arriola and Jim Hart, started going door to door to find out if any boys living there would like to get together to play sandlot baseball, and that was the beginning of getting the park, and eventually Sunnyside Little League, started. The fathers of these boys and the other men in the neighborhood got together to get a field ready for them to really play ball. The men formed crews and began clearing the grounds of the park. They spent many weekends clearing the desert area of bushes and cactus and leveled the ground for the ball fields. This project was labor done with love and pride. The City came in later and helped, especially Councilman Ray Castillo, who helped get the ramadas, basketball and tennis courts, and lights put up. A lovely lady named Mary Muir went door to door and collected at least one dollar from each house and she is responsible for the purchase of all the big beautiful pine trees that now shade the park.

The men and women who had a dream can today be full of pride to see that dream of Mission Manor Park fulfilled, and still growing. The following people are just some of those who helped make the dream a reality: Manny Arriola, Jim Hart, Easy Aragon, Alex Leyva, Wally Rivers, Joe Castillo, Clarence Smith, Jim Rainey, Rusty Greer, Ruth Davis, Virginia Black, Kathryn Hunnicut, Gloria Rios, Rita Rivers, Bobby Aragon, Virgil Heath, Ray Basham, Sal Lievanos, Al Keim, Helen Quiroga, Ruth Collins, Freda Jericho, Ken Jericho, Glenna Craw, Art Craw, Sylvia Federico, Pat Robertson, Joe Palomarez, Mike Aldecoa, Art Olivas, Fred Garcia, Liva Arellano, Mike Willbrandt, Ruben Robles, John Corral, Maria Galvan, Sam Rostenhausler, Tom Tolley, Gilbert Valenzuela, and Manny Gastellum. Apologies to all others who helped make the dream of a beautiful park and a successful Little League come true.

By Rita Rivers

Wally Rivers and Sunnyside Little League

Wally started serving the league as a board member, then as a coach, scorekeeper, and as Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President. He later became the purchasing agent for the concession stand, player agent, and finally the position he loved the best, the equipment manager. Wally purchased all equipment—balls, bats, helmets, catcher's gear, catcher's mitts, and bases. Even more important for the financial success of the league, Wally repaired everything. He put new straps on shin guards and chest protectors, new foam inside helmets, taped the grips on bats, and found people who would fix catcher's mitts. Wally not only knew the best places to buy everything, but he then saved the league a fortune through his repairs. Even when equipment had seen better days, Wally

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would take it to the park, where you could see him sitting under a shade tree with an assortment of bats, helmets, catcher's gear, and balls, all marked down so low that kids could afford to buy it. These small sales were enough that Wally could buy the glue and other repair supplies he needed. In addition, Wally also kept all this equipment at his house, in various sheds in his back yard, and kept track of each team's bag, checking it in from the coaches at the end of each season, and checking it back out again the next spring. Wally used to enjoy meeting all the coaches as they came to his back yard to get their equipment, often answering their questions about the league's history, rules, and the equipment. Wally saw the children grow up and bring their children into the league, and then their grandchildren. In a way Wally looked upon all the people he met through Sunnyside Little League as his extended family, and he felt a real bond with all the families he got to know through his service.



Thank you from the
The Shyann Kindness Project.
They wish to thank everyone
who brought a toy for the Peace
Garden's Birthday to benefit
their program on
February 2, 2013
I would also like to thank all who
helped us celebrate the Peace
Garden's 9th birthday.

The Divine Appointment Dance
Company
El Kora's Hotdogs
Fiesta Party Supply
Gabriel's Angels
Sun's Printing
West District Parks & Rec
..And all the volunteers who
came and helped with the
kindness activities and clean up
of the garden.



A **Brush with Kindness** **with Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity Tucson is working hard to partner with Habitat volunteers and community residents to conduct regular neighborhood improvement projects, such as A Brush with Kindness (ABWK), in the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association. They have set a goal to enlist 100 Habitat volunteers and 100 neighborhood residents to commit to volunteering on at least **two** neighborhood improvement projects each calendar year. We believe that the continued commitment will help to foster sustainable community care and positive relationships among neighborhood residents. If you would like to help out one of our neighbors with painting or cleaning, please call :**Danny** or **Kendra** at: 326-1217 ext. 208 to get on the list.

The next clean up will be March 9, 2013.
It will be at 740 W Calle Colado.

Looking for a job this year?



C3 is hiring Customer Service Representatives

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Buffel Grass Removal Day February 9, 2013

We will meet at Missiondale and Drexel at 8:30 a.m to 11:00 a.m. to remove buffelgrass along Drexel.

Please consider volunteering☺

**The El Pueblo Market will
RE-OPEN on Feb 25, 2013.
Mondays, 3-5 PM**

PIMA COUNTY SUMMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT (ages 14-21years old)

Beginning Friday January 25th youth can go online to apply for a job for the summer program.

<https://secure.pima.gov/summeryouth>

Important!

An assessment is required for application completion.

**STEP1 - Complete the online application.
STEP2 - Please call 798-0546 for an assessment appointment.**

Your application will not be complete until you finish the assessment process.

*If you need further information please call 798-0546 or visit us at our One-Stop Career Center located at:
340 N. Commerce Park Loop, Tortolita Building*



The Pima County Attorney's Office Victim Services Division is currently recruiting community volunteers to serve as advocates for crime victims. Victim Advocates support victims after a crime or other trauma has occurred, responding both to individual crime scenes, as well as large scale incidents like the January 8, 2011 Tucson Tragedy.

Victim Advocates help survivors of trauma and victimization as they recover

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and heal by providing them with crisis intervention services, emotional support, resources, and referrals. Anyone interested in hearing more about volunteer opportunities in the Victim Services Division and learning what Victim Services is doing to help the residents of Pima County should attend:

- **Tuesday, February 12, 2013
from 6:00-8:00 pm**

This session will be held at the Tucson Police Department Substation, [1310 W. Miracle Mile](#). This opportunity is open to anyone in the community. The Victim Services Division provides volunteers and interested community members with extensive training. The Crisis Intervention and Victimology Training will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for six weeks beginning February 26, 2013. Those interested in attending the training or volunteering must first attend the information session. After attending the information session, there will be an application and interview process for prospective volunteers. Please call **740-5525** for more information about volunteering and to sign up for one of the information sessions.



Peace Garden Work Days

5901 S Fiesta

February 16, 2013

10:00 to 2:00 p.m. garden

Come help in the garden and then work on and art activity for the Year of the Snake.



The 2nd Annual Peace Conference
will be March 16th at Doolen Middle School located at 2400 N Country Club We will begin at 10:00a.m. and end at 4:00p.m. Registration will be at 9:30a.m. You can get more information at :
[**youthandpeaceconference@gmail.com**](mailto:youthandpeaceconference@gmail.com)



Next Sunnyside Neighborhood Association Meeting
February 25
The Valencia Library
202 W Valencia
7:00p.m

A few things on the agenda:
TPD Reports
Bond Information

THANK YOU TO OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS

Dynamite Carwash
Betsy A's Beauty Salon
CREATIVE PRINTERS
Fiesta Party Supply
Sun's Printing