

South Park Neighborhood Association

October 2011 Newsletter

Got Questions?

Get Answers!



ANNUAL MEETING:

Tuesday, October 11, 6:00 PM Quincie
Douglas Center

WILL YOU BE THERE?

This will be SPNA's Annual Meeting and Elections. We'll have our Social Hour with refreshments at 6:00 pm. The meeting begins at about 6:20. We'll have drinks and some snacks—You can bring something to share, too. Come with your questions and ideas!

As usual, representatives from TPD and Ward 5 will be present. And we'll be reporting progress on developments in the neighborhood.

CHANGES AT 22ND AND KINO

You've probably noticed that something has happened on 22nd Street, east of the railroad overpass, and also between Cherry and Kino. Houses and buildings have been taken down in preparation for work on the new grade-separated interchange and 22nd and Kino. To the east, between Plumer and Tucson Boulevard, where the houses were removed, a wall and landscaping will be done, beginning about the end of the year. This is an extensive project that will take several years to complete. The project's Citizens Advisory Committee will be meeting this fall, and more information will be available then.

HELP US OUT! AND GET EXERCISE TOO!

Your SPNA sponsors an Adopt-A-Park Work Party each first Saturday at 6 a.m. (This will change in November to 7 a.m.) Bring the family and spend an hour picking up litter. A \$10 stipend is given to the first five adults or families to sign in. Meet at a picnic table near the children's playground. Gloves, litter bags and water are furnished.

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Tucson Marketplace at The Bridges

Site preparation has begun toward the west end of The Bridges commercial area, where the Wal-Mart Supercenter will be built. If everything stays on schedule, the store will be up and running next Fall. Final construction drawings, leading to City Building Permits, will be submitted soon.

The construction on Park Avenue, south of 36th Street, is also related to The Bridges. Park will be widened to four traffic lanes, two bike lanes, with a median. There will be a new traffic light at the entrance to The Marketplace from Park. Sidewalks will be installed on the west side of Park, and a wide walking path on the east side. It will be landscaped and completed in March.

TAKE PRIDE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

As a resident of South Park Neighborhood, you are eligible to be a member of the South Park Neighborhood Association. SPNA works to keep neighbors informed, to bring improvements, to encourage education and literacy, to sponsor or co-sponsor interesting, fun events. We can do this only with the help of people who participate in SPNA. Come to the next meeting, **Tuesday, October 11, 6 pm, Quincie Douglas Center, 35th and Kino**. Bring a neighbor with you! Until then, here are some things we can do to make us all proud:

- ✓ **Clean up weeds, dead branches, cuttings, trash and put them in the rollofts that will be available the weekend of October 22nd.** Rollofts will be placed at 4 locations around our area: Cherry Ave. near 28th St.; New St. (one block east of Park, between 24th and 25th); Euclid near 36th St.; and 30th St. in the cul-de-sac next to Silverlake Park. Put it all into the rolloff and help keep the area around it clean. **No tires, please!**
- ✓ **Sidewalks are for people, not vehicles.** It is illegal to block sidewalks, even partially. It is okay to park on the curb if there is room for the vehicle to be entirely off the sidewalk. You can get a ticket for blocking the sidewalk. Please be considerate of pedestrians!
- ✓ **Curbs and alleys are to be maintained by residents.** We are all responsible for keeping these free of litter and trash. If on a corner, both curbs must be maintained so drivers can see oncoming traffic at the corner. It is a violation of the City Code to dump trash, cuttings, junk in the alley. "Curb" means the whole area out to the edge of the pavement. The "alley" is from the back of your lot to the middle of the alley. Please keep these areas free of trash and bushes which block a driver's view.
- ✓ **Be ready for the next Brush & Bulky pickup.** The next one is scheduled for Monday, December 3. All items must be placed on the front curb, where our garbage and recycle are picked up every week. (There are still a very few people in our neighborhood who use a bin in the alley: only those people can put B & B "stuff" in the alley!) Appliances, large furniture, large branches, and even tires will be picked up.
- ✓ **If you need help cleaning up, ask a neighbor or call 624-8918 and we'll try to arrange for someone to help you.**

OTHER TOPICS OF INTEREST OR CONCERN

Do you have pets? There are many complaints about dogs running loose, and barking dogs. Help your pet be a good neighbor: Follow city leash laws and keep your pet fenced in or on a leash. Pets allowed to run free risk being injured, being infected with diseases or picked up by animal control. If they injure someone or cause property damage, the owner is responsible. Clean up after your dog, especially when walking them in the park. Keep your dog comfortable by providing shade and fresh food and water. Walk your dog or take time to play everyday and don't leave your dog alone in the yard for extended periods of time. There are good tips on how to teach dogs not to bark too much at www.stopdogfrombarking.com and <http://perfectpaws.com/bark.html>.

DON'T put the Brush & Bulky out too soon! Curbs piled with trash, tires, furniture, appliances for weeks before the pickup make our neighborhood look crummy! If you have an accumulation, bring it to the rollofs October 21 through 24, or keep it in one area of your yard, then move it to the curb in early December.

The rains bring WEEDS! Residents are responsible for removal of all weeds in the yard, curb, and alley. As the weeds dry out, they become a *dangerous fire hazard*. If your "harvested" weeds won't all fit in your trash bin, bag them and take them to one of the rollofs in October. If you need help cleaning your yard, call SPNA at 624-8918. We'll try to arrange help for you.

Please remember that your blue bin is for RECYCLED materials ONLY, and is NEVER to be used for trash or garbage. Misused blue bins are subject to a violation citation from the city. If you need information on what can be recycled, come to the next SPNA meeting and find out! Or call 791-5000 or go to www.tucsonrecycles.org And, you may win in the new Do More Blue campaign.

SOUTH PARK—

AND PROUD!

WIN A "DO MORE BLUE" CARD!

Beginning the week of September 19th, Environmental Services (ES) will kick-off a new Recycle Rewards Program that will provide winning residents with a Do More Blue Card. The Do More Blue Card will offer discounts at local restaurants and eateries.

From September through December 2011, ES supervisors will be checking blue barrels in areas all across Tucson to see how well residents are recycling. Winners will be given the Do More Blue Card, along with ES's thanks for recycling correctly.

WHAT ABOUT THOSE "JUNK" CARS?

It is a violation of the Municipal Code's Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance to store an inoperable vehicle on private property without current registration unless it is completely enclosed in a garage or covered by an opaque car cover. Tarps, bed sheets, plastic sheeting or similar materials do not meet the definition of opaque car cover.

Junk cars make our neighborhood look run down and neglected. If you need help getting rid of an unwanted, broken down vehicle, call SPNA at 624-8918, or come to our meeting and find out how. If your neighbors have one on these in their yard, talk to them about it—tell them it is ugly and they need to get rid of it! In a nice, neighborly way, of course.

Junk vehicles can be reported to the City at 791-5843, or reported to the police on the non-emergency line: 791-4949 (Santa Cruz Substation).





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FINAL NOTES:

The next South Park Neighborhood Association meeting is Tuesday, October 11 in the Quincie Douglas Center Multi-Purpose Room, 36th and Kino. It's our Annual Meeting and Elections. We have a social hour at 6:00 pm with drinks and snacks—bring a snack or dessert to share with your neighbors! Regular meeting will begin at 6:15 pm. Door prizes, too!

The Quincie Douglas Pool is open, just until November 1st. Get in your last swim of the season! Call 791-5941.

Does your STUDENT need help with HOMEWORK? That's one of many activities now going on at the Community Literacy Center, 35th and Park. Beginning October 4th Homework Help is scheduled Tuesday through Thursday from 5 – 7 pm. For more information, call 791-5214.

GED classes are also being offered at the Community Literacy Center, 35th and Park. Beginning October 1, the drop-in classes are from 9 – 12 Saturday morning, and from 4:30 to 7:30 Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. No need to register, just come when it's convenient. All residents without a high school diploma are welcome. Having a GED greatly increases your chances of getting a job.

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