

WILSHIRE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Wilshire Heights Neighborhood Association seeks to encourage community engagement by taking on neighborhood projects, arranging community events and providing valuable information to neighbors through email and occasional newsletters.

Neighbors are welcome to sign up for the e-news and attend events whether you are a member or not, but the modest membership fee of \$10.00 is what helps to pay for these activities. We welcome your participation at any time!

Sincerely yours

*Ellen Brown,
President*

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Once a month on the second Saturday, early risers may have noticed their neighbors out on Craycroft Boulevard dressed in fluorescent vests with gardening tools in hand. The association has taken on the task of maintaining the boulevard leading into the neighborhood. Tucson Clean and Beautiful provides the bags and the vests and the sweat equity is from the neighborhood itself.



JOIN THE FUN! BOULEVARD CLEAN UP

When: 2nd Saturday each month - 7:00 am - 9:00 am

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

If you are interested in getting involved in the Neighborhood Association Board of Directors, please contact Mel at whnasec@gmail.com

So far, WHNA has been maintaining the two blocks from South Wilshire to North Wilshire but the October clean-up has added a third block - from South Wilshire to 18th Street.

Everyone is welcome to volunteer and gardening skills are not required. It takes just a couple of hours once a month. Bring a broom or a rake if you have it and enjoy meeting your neighbors as we make our neighborhood entrance an attractive and welcoming environment!

DON'T MISS THE FALL PICNIC! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. WILSHIRE PARK

Join your neighbors for an afternoon picnic featuring Eege's subs and frozen fruit slush, ice water and cookies for dessert!



WHAT'S NEXT?

The WHNA is working on getting a community bulletin board! The bulletin board which will be a locked unit behind glass needs a place to call home. One suggestion is by the bend at the very east end of South Wilshire. Some feel this location would work because many neighbors enjoy recreational walking in the neighborhood and this location could be "en route". Some have suggested placing it by the narrow entrance to Wilshire Park that is on North Wilshire. What do you think? Or, do you have other ideas for a location or for other neighborhood projects that could be considered? Bring your ideas to the neighborhood picnic or email them to the secretary at whnasec@gmail.com

KNOW WHERE TO THROW

On October 3, 2011, City of Tucson Environmental Services (ES) kicked off *Know Where to Throw*, a new waste diversion program that will help Tucsonans in need and save landfill space. The goal of the program is to inform Tucsonans about recycling and reuse options available in the community. "In Tucson, we can recycle about 35% of our waste in the blue barrels," said Nancy Petersen, deputy director of Environmental Services. "We hope this program will increase our waste diversion by letting residents know that there are many recycling and reuse options in Tucson."

To kick off *Know Where to Throw*, ES will hold a community drive to collect recyclable and reusable "stuff" that we often overlook: items that can't be put in the blue barrel, but can be dropped off at locations in our community. For this drive, ES has identified four items - crayons, eyeglasses, bras, and athletic shoes -- that will be collected from October 3 through October 28 at City Hall and City Council Offices:

Crayons will be donated to the City's Parks and Recreation Department for use in classes

and programs for school-age children.

Eyeglasses will be delivered to the Lions Clubs International which distributes the glasses collected worldwide.

Bras will be collected and delivered to the Bra Recyclers, a company that has partnered with New Beginnings, Primavera Foundation, and the Gospel Rescue Mission to provide the undergarments to women in need. This October drive coincides with Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Athletic shoes will be shipped to Nike, where they are broken down and shredded and used for athletic court surfaces and in new shoes.

If you would like to help and clear some space at home, bring your items to any City Council Ward Office and City Hall. The drop-off locations are as follows:

City Hall, 250 W. Alameda St.

Ward Offices:

Ward I, 940 W. Alameda St.

Ward II, 7575 E. Speedway Blvd.

Ward III, 1510 E. Grant Rd.

Ward IV, 8123 E. Poinciana

Ward V, 4300 S. Park Ave.

Ward VI, 3202 E. 1st St.

ROGERS SCHOOL NEWS



There are still no concrete plans for what the future holds for Rogers School, however, new proposals are currently being solicited.

Meanwhile, should you see any problems involving school safety, call 584-7676. This line is available 24 hours a day.

For problems involving repairs or maintenance, call Planning at 225-4949 or Operations at 225-4912.

BOOKMARK THE ASSOCIATION WEB-SITE!

We admit its not an easy e-ddress to remember, but if you type it in once, then you can click on it and save it as a Favorite to find the next time. The Wilshire Heights Neighborhood Association website is one great way to keep up on what is happening in our neighborhood. So, here's the address: <https://sites.google.com/site/wilshireheightstucson/>

HOW TO WIN IN THE NEW RECYCLE REWARDS PROGRAM

Environmental Services (ES) has begun 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. "Environmental Services wants to thank those who make an effort to recycle correctly," said Andrew Quigley, Environmental Services Director. "We want to encourage customers to look at the recycling list and see if they are recycling all they can, but also to see they are recycling the right things."

Residents who do not receive a Do More Blue Card will be given a flyer letting them know that their recycling bin was checked and did not meet the standards. Some common items that shouldn't go into a blue recycling barrel include:

- Plastic film. For example, plastic bags, dry cleaning bags, and film packaging should be taken to your grocery store for recycling.
- Food or used food containers.
- Green waste such as palm fronds, trimmings, grass cutting, leaves, dirt and cactus.

Want to improve your recycling knowledge? Go to www.tucsonrecycles.org to find a list of recyclables and fill your blue barrel to the brim.



GRAFFITI ABATEMENT

The city's graffiti abatement program is still running. If you need their services, contact this website: <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti/>

RESOURCES

Tucson Police Department
(non emergency) 791-4444

Mayor and Council comment line:
791-4700

Animal Control
243-5900

Gas Emergency (gas links)
889-1888

West Nile Virus Hotline
243-7999

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

Ward VI Office of Council Member
Steve Kozachik
791-4601

The City of Tucson Info Guide is no longer available in print, however it is downloadable from the following website:

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide>

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR UTILITY BILL?

In these trying economic times, the Tucson Urban League is offering help for those who are having trouble paying their utility or water bills. Subsidies are available for electricity and gas and are subject to meeting required income criteria.

For more details, call 791-9522 ext. 2519. People may also come to the Urban League offices as a Walk In on Monday through Friday from 8 am to 11 am.

The offices are located at 2305 S. Park Ave, Tucson 95713.

The Tucson Urban League is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Their website:
www.tucsonurbanleague.org



Housing and Community Development Department
 P.O. Box 27210
 Tucson, AZ 85726-7210

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Dated Material

BOARD ELECTIONS

It's fall again, and that means elections for half of the seats on the association board. If you are interested in helping out in your neighborhood, contact the, Board Secretary at whnasec@gmail.com or call Mel Levine at 512-0371.

BRUSH AND BULKY PICKUP

Our next Brush and Bulky pickup is scheduled for the week of October 23!

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TIME TO JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

If you have never had a membership in the Neighborhood Association, please consider joining now! Of, if you paid your membership last fall at the picnic or in response to the mailing, please consider renewing your membership. (If you paid at the spring meeting, your membership does not yet require renewal.)

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Email (optional) _____

Phone (optional) _____

I am a new renewing member.

Annual dues: \$10.00

Dues may be paid by cash or check payable to Wilshire Heights Neighborhood Association. Bring your membership with you to the picnic on October 23, or mail to WHNA/c/o 5888 E South Wilshire Drive, Tucson 85711

WHNA can be contacted by calling the secretary Mel Levine: 512-0371; emailing the secretary: whnasec@gmail.com or mailing c/o 5847 E South Wilshire Dr. Tucson 85711