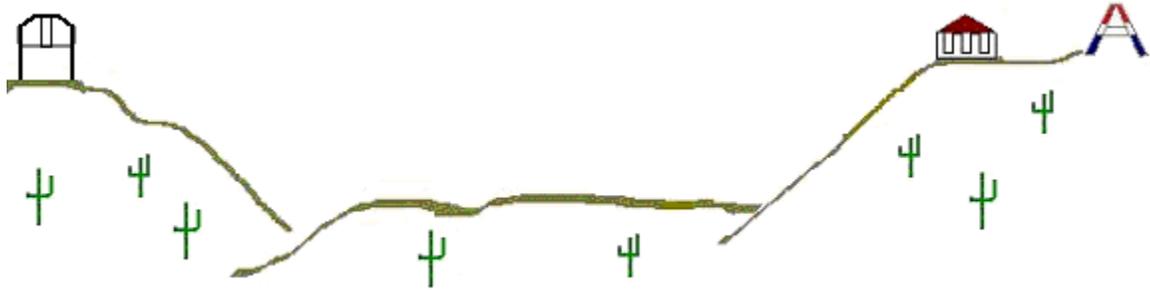


'A' Mountain Community Association



May 2014

'A' Mountain Community Newsletter

The City of Tucson provides one neighborhood newsletter mailing per year, per neighborhood. If you would like to be put on the mailing list for other neighborhood mailings contact Barbara Elbrandt 624-3024 or send an email to brelf@cox.net

Illegal Dumping

Please help keep our neighborhood clean. The City of Tucson DOES NOT clean up the illegal dumping that takes place on our neighborhood street easements. Neighborhood Volunteers Do. The only time Environmental Services will pick up Bulk and Brushy items is in January and July for our neighborhood. Illegal dumping on our neighborhood streets hurt all of our property values. For many of our neighbors, their property values are all they have as a way to prepare for the future. If we have a trashy neighborhood our property values will reflect low values. Real Estate agents look closely at the condition of homes and whether residents take pride in the condition and cleanliness of their neighborhood. To help abate illegal dumping The 'A' Mountain Community Association can order 8 roll offs per year from Environmental Services for neighborhood use. The roll off will be available for a Fri, Sat, Sun, and Mon only, during the first weekend of the month for the following months of June, September, October, and November with Bulk and Brushy Pickup dates in July 2014 and January of 2015.

NOTE: The Roll Off will be placed on the Southeast Corner of San Marcos Blvd and San Jacinto Blvd during these months only. DO NOT Leave Items There For the Next Roll Off.

Please Be Considerate, Observe Roll Off Rules:

Load the Roll Off from the Back to the Front to allow everyone access when needed.

Load the Roll Off no higher than the top of the sides, then move forward toward the doors.

BE AWARE: If this service is abused by residents overfilling the roll off or leaving items outside of the roll off for neighborhood volunteers to pick up. THIS SERVICE WILL CEASE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IMMEDIATELY.

Also be aware that Environmental Services will only pick up bulk and brushy items from the street easement if you are a paying customer, which they determine by your trash receptacles being picked up on an ongoing basis.

Please do not dump your kitchen garbage in the bus stop trash cans for animals to strew up and down the street. Bus Stop trash cans are for folks riding the bus and pedestrians only. If you see anyone illegal dumping on our neighborhood streets, neighborhood parks, Cholla Wash, or dumping their kitchen garbage in the City Bus Stop trash cans, please get a license plate number on the vehicle, or if possible a picture with your cell phone, a description of the vehicle, and a description of the person doing the dumping and call Tucson Police Department @ 791-4949. Also phone in any wildcat dumping to 791-5843. Your help in getting this problem resolved in our neighborhood will truly be appreciated.

Neighborhood Buffel Grass

With the extreme drought we are facing all over the west, residents should be clearing their properties and easements around their homes of dried brush, native weeds, dried up wildflowers, and especially the highly flammable buffel grass which is along our arterial streets and vacant properties in our neighborhood. Buffel grass burns much hotter and tremendously fast when it catches fire. It can threaten your home within 3 minutes of ignition. For the last 5 years, volunteers in our neighborhood, along with volunteers from the "Beat Back Buffel Grass Coordination Center" have been working to rid our city and neighborhood streets of Buffel Grass. With all the beautiful open space lands that surround our neighborhood, we face an extreme threat if the open space lands were ever to catch fire. We urge you to clean up now to avoid any dangers to your home. The A Mountain Community will send buffel grass identification information out to residents in the near future to help you to identify this highly flammable grass in your yard and surrounding property. We will continue our efforts to eliminate this threat from our neighborhood streets as well.

If any resident would like to volunteer to help clean up our neighborhood during the twice per year 'A' Mountain Neighborhood Cleanup events which are held in April the weekend nearest Earth Day each year, and in October after the monsoons, OR volunteer to rid buffel grass from our community during the annual "Beat Back Buffel Grass Day" Event that is held throughout the City and County on January 24, 2015, please send an email to: amountaincommunity@cox.net to add your name to a contact list for any of the events.

Community Updates

Many Thanks go to 'A' Mountain Community resident John Kelly who has been working with the City of Tucson to get a neighborhood kiosk installed in Vista del Pueblo Park on San Marcos Blvd, near the existing swing sets in the park. This Kiosk will be available for 'A' Mountain Community residents to post information on any neighborhood meetings, events, yard sales, or other information of importance to residents in the neighborhood. Watch for it to come in the near future.

Many Thanks also go out to all of the volunteers who come out and help clean up the 'A' Mountain Community whenever they are needed, and the volunteers who clean up our neighborhood on an ongoing basis. You make our neighborhood a great place to live. Thank You

Bus Stop Upgrades

The Bus Stops along San Marcos Blvd are scheduled to be upgraded and improved to make them ADA accessible. The improvements will also include bus shelters at a few of the locations with more to come in the future. The bus stop locations on San Marcos Blvd and San Jacinto Blvd will also be moved west of their current locations. Several locations will be eliminated.

San Juan Park Update

The 'A' Mountain Community has applied for several grants in the past to do upgrades to San Juan Natural Desert Park. As of yet, we have been unable to identify any funding available to complete projects in the park. Some of the projects consisted of walking paths, ramadas, seating benches, planting more trees to provide shade for the walking paths, etc. The 'A' Mountain Community surveyed the neighborhood in 2008 to come up with a plan to present as a guide for San Juan Park improvements. Unfortunately, since the economic crisis money has not been available for many park improvements. The AMCA will continue to look for grants and monies available for these improvements to take place going forward.

'A' Mountain Community Scholarships

If you are a 2014 High School Graduate who plans to attend an Arizona University or Pima Community College and who currently resides in the 'A' Mountain Community you automatically qualify for the 'A' Mountain Community's Annual Scholarships that are given out to students in May. You must complete an application and an essay to qualify for the scholarship. To inquire about an application Contact Betty Howard at 884-9109

'A' Mountain Community Association Board Elections

The 'A' Mountain Community Association will be holding elections in June for Chairperson and Neighborhood Advocates. If interested holding a position on the AMCA Board and in being a liaison between 'A' Mountain Community residents, the Ward 1 Council Office, and Mayor Jonathan Rothschild's office contact Barbara Elfbrandt 624-3024 or brelf@cox.net

Current 'A' Mountain Community Board Members Are:

Chairperson – Betty Howard - 884-9109
Vice Chair – Barbara Elfbrandt - 624-3024
Treasurer – John Roldan
Secretary/Recorder – Pat Donnelly

Richard Murdick - Neighborhood Advocate
Peggy Williams - Neighborhood Advocate
Lucy Delgado - Neighborhood Advocate

'A' Mountain Community Association Meetings are held 6 times per year in the meeting room at the Fred Archer Neighborhood Center, 1665 S. La Cholla Blvd, at 8:30 AM on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

The 2014 'A' Mountain Community Meeting Schedule:

April 19, June 21, August 16, October 18, December 20, & February 21, 2015
All Saturdays @ 8:30 AM



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Dated Material

Important Phone Numbers

AMCA Chairperson Betty Howard – 884-9109
Ward 1 Councilwoman Regina Romero – 791-4040
A Mountain Community TPD Officer – 791-4949
Pima Animal Care – 743-7550
Tucson Humane Society – 327-6088
Fred Archer Neighborhood Center – 791-5388
Graffiti Removal – 792-2489
Street Light Repair & Street Potholes – 791-3154
Illegal Dumping – 791-5843
Neighborhood Code Enforcement – 791-4605

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