

GARDEN DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Boundaries: Alvernon to Swan and Speedway to Grant

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www.thegardendistrict.org

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THIS IS YOUR ONLY MAILING FOR THE YEAR FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

The City of Tucson provides one neighborhood newsletter mailing per year, per neighborhood. Stay in touch with what is happening in Garden District. Receive up-to-date info on crime, celebrations, events, zoning, and other items of interest to GDNA residents.

IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION:

1. SIGN UP FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD E-NEWSLETTER. Go to: www.thegardendistrict.org or email Meg at mmcjohnson@cox.net

2. CHECK THE INFORMATION KIOSKS at the following locations:

- SW corner of Bryant St. & Fairmount St.
- NW corner of Catalina Ave. & Linden St.
- Martha Cooper Library - SW corner of Catalina Ave & Fairmount St.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GD2 Community Garden Meeting – The FIRST Saturday of every month. 8 am March to October, 9 am November to February, at 1933 N. Bell (one block west of Swan and 2 blocks north of Pima) - Anyone interested in learning more about gardening in Tucson is invited. You do not need to be a member of the garden to attend. Interested in having a plot at the garden? Contact www.thegardendistrict.org

Alvernon-Grant Initiative (AGI) Community and Law Enforcement Task Force - The SECOND Tuesday of Every Month, 6:30 – 7:30 at Emerge at 2425 N. Haskell (west of the Walgreen's at Grant and Alvernon) - All are welcome to this monthly meeting with neighbors and Tucson Police officers to recognize, report, and prevent criminal activity in our neighborhood!

Garden District Neighborhood Association Meeting - The 3rd Tuesday of many months, (but not all, check calendar on website) at 6:30 pm, Martha Cooper Library, 1377 N. Catalina Ave. Topics vary. Great way to meet neighbors and find out what is going on.

GARDEN DISTRICT: THE HEART OF TUCSON

“A safe neighborhood in the heart of Tucson where a diverse and engaged community cultivates a beautiful environment within easy access to urban services.”



THE GARDEN DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD WEBSITE has detailed information on Code Enforcement, our Community Garden, crime, , graffiti abatement, helpful phone numbers, GDNA businesses, etc. www.thegardendistrict.org

Scan to access Garden District website.



GARDEN DISTRICT IS ON FACEBOOK! A great way to communicate with other residents. www.facebook.com/thegardendistrict.org

VISIT THE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY – A “Take a Book. Leave a Book.” lending library at the corner of Justin and Lester. (1 block north of Pima. 1 block west of Columbus.)

EVENTS TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR: Dates will be posted on www.thegradendistrict.org and details will be published in Garden District Online E-Newsletter.

- Potlucks at the Community Garden
- Holiday Party
- Porch Fest
- Community Wide Yard Sale
- Roll-off Dumpsters for Community use
- Little Free Parties at the Little Free Library
- Audubon Neighborhood Bird Walk.
- Annual Meeting and Board Elections

GDNA BOARD

President – Lois Pawlak loispawlak@cox.net

Vice President - Kris Yarter kyarter@msn.com

Treasurer – Anna Marie Patti ampatti@cox.net

Secretary – Meg Johnson mmcjohnson@cox.net

President Emeritus – Ida Plotkin iplotkin@cox.net

GDNA MAILING ADDRESS: Garden District
P.O. Box 32384 Tucson, AZ 85751 Phone: (520) 325-7611

GDNA QUADRANT LEADERS – GDNA is one square mile with 3400 households, so we are broken into four quadrants. Your Quadrant leader whom you can contact if you have questions or concerns.

NW Quadrant (Alvernon to Columbus, Pima to Grant)

Lois Pawlak, 325-7611 loispawlak@cox.net

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Juan Jorquera 981-374 jjorquera@cox.net

SW Quadrant (Pima to Speedway, Alvernon to Columbus)

Phyllis Montgomery 248-9915
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SE Quadrant (Pima to Speedway, Swan to Columbus)

Judy Ostermeyer 326-1517
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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH - One meeting once a year for one hour!!!! Neighborhood Watch will not prevent every crime, but it unites your block to “Harden the Target” and notifies criminals that the people who live on this block have taken steps to make themselves and their homes and possessions more secure. Criminals are more likely to get caught on your street. A Neighborhood Watch empowers you against crime with knowledge, with neighbor's phone numbers, and with information about your community. Crime prevention is a COMMUNITY commitment!

For more information, contact Becky Noel with TPD at Rebecca.Noel@tucsonaz.gov OR go to www.thegardendistrict.org to “Crime Prevention: Neighborhood Watch”.

**Unless someone like you
cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better.
It's not!
Dr. Seuss in The Lorax**

**INVEST IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD . . .
INVEST IN YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE . . .**

1. VOLUNTEER - Together we can accomplish many things. Garden District is only as strong and effective as the number of people who are involved. Follow your dreams for what kind of neighborhood you want to live in and act to create that dream. Plant trees, Pick up litter. Report graffiti. Plan a block party. Volunteer at Martha Cooper Library or Wright Elementary. Help an elderly neighbor with yard work. Help write a grant. Organize a walking group. Contact GDNA and pitch in and help on activities that interest you. Projects are successful when people are willing to put a little time and energy behind their ideas. There are many ways to contribute and participate in the Garden District. **YOU** can truly make a difference in our part of the world!

2. DONATE - Garden District Neighborhood Association does not charge dues and has no means other than fundraisers and your generous donations for raising funds for GDNA's many different projects and programs in the neighborhood.

Please consider an investment in your community and donate \$5 or more to the Garden District Neighborhood Association. Here are just a few of the many items you'll help fund:

- Graffiti abatement
- Constant Contact Program for the E-Newsletter
- Building more Little Free Libraries
- Copy costs for Kiosks
- Celebrations – Holiday Party, Stone Soup
- Planting street trees and water harvesting
- GEM award acknowledging pride in home
- “Garden District” Street signs
- Sowing native wildflower seeds

Contact any Board member to make your tax deductible donation by check, cash, or credit card. Yes, GDNA can accept credit cards!!! If you pay by check, please make payable to "Garden District" and mail to.

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3. GET OUT AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS -. You'll be happy to find you are surrounded by some pretty wonderful folks – people just like you who want to live in a safe, friendly and attractive neighborhood.

HELP REPORT GRAFFITI - It is important to have graffiti painted over as soon as possible to prevent more graffiti from occurring. Please don't wait for someone else to report it. Take initiative and report it yourself. Your neighbors will appreciate it!

Call the City of Tucson, Graffiti Removal Program at **792-2489 (CITY)** OR complete the on-line form.

<http://www.tucsonaz.gov/dnr/Other/graffiti.html>

OR send info to: graffiti@tucsonaz.gov

Be prepared to provide an address (or precise location if no address), the type of surface (block, metal, wood).

BRUSH AND BULKY PICK UP ANY TIME FOR A NOMINAL FEE - In addition to the twice a year FREE pick up, for a reasonable fee (beginning at \$55), you can arrange for the City to pick up your couch, mattress, yard waste, and other debris. Call Environmental Service at 791-3171 to get an estimate and schedule a pick up.

TRASH AND FURNITURE AT THE CURB???

You can do something about couches, mattresses, and other trash left at the curb. Please don't expect someone else to report it. **Take initiative and report it yourself.** Call DNR Code Enforcement at 791-5843 or email to neighborhood@tucsonaz.gov. Be prepared to give them the exact address or specific location.

REPORT ABANDONED SHOPPING CARTS to the City of Tucson 791-3171 or 792- CITY. If you see a shopping cart off store property, in the street or right-of-way, or at an apartment complex, please call the City of Tucson's Environmental Services Department to have it removed.

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF A CRIME, no matter how small the crime, be sure to always, always file a police report. Police take many factors into consideration when determining the number of officers and resources to put into an area. One of these factors is number of police reports filed. You can do so by phone to the non-emergency police number **791-4444** or by completing an online form. Go to the www.thegardendistrict.com

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.

If you see something that does not look right, chances are that it is not --- call 911.

PAINT YOUR HOUSE OR APARTMENT

NUMBER ON THE CURB- Be sure police, fire, and emergency personnel can find your home quickly, even at night.

"All that is necessary
for the triumph of evil
is for good men to do nothing."
Edmund Burke

KEEP EASEMENTS, ALLEYS, AND CURBS

CLEAN! If you own **or rent** property adjacent to an easement, it is your responsibility to keep the half nearest your property cleared of overgrowth. If there is a property that has issues that need to be addressed, the best course of action is to politely talk with your neighbor about it. Most likely he or she will be happy to address the issue. If, however, you are unable to do so, you can report a property code violation, to the City of Tucson by phone at **792-2489 (CITY)** or online using the City of Tucson form at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/violation>.

CODE VIOLATIONS : SAFETY AND QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES-

There is a huge correlation between the appearance of a neighborhood and crime and safety. Reporting code violations is an important way to help ensure that our neighborhood remains looking good and, more importantly, is safe. Sometimes our neighbors may not know the codes which govern what is or isn't an acceptable way to maintain their property.

Report Code Violations: Weeds/grass over 6 inches - Non-operating Vehicles- Illegal Dumping (couches, yard waste, trash)- Excessive Storage- Vacant Structures- Dog Waste-Unsafe structures-Trash on the property- -Excessive yard sales-

If you feel comfortable, talk with your neighbor first and see if they will fix the problem. If not, you can use any of the following methods to submit a complaint. All reports are anonymous.

- Contact the code compliance center (520) 791-5843 or
- Submit a complaint electronically at <http://pdsd.tucsonaz.gov/pdsd/code-enforcement-violation-report>

A CRIMINAL'S WORST ENEMY is neighbors -- friendly neighbors walking on the street, working in their front yards, driving by in a car, watching out for each other. Criminals look for neighborhoods where they will not be noticed and remembered. Friendly neighbors saying or nodding hello, making eye contact and noticing who is in their neighborhood are a huge deterrent to criminal activity.

CRIMINAL FOR A NEIGHBOR? When shopping for a house or apartment to live, criminals look for neighborhoods with signs of neglect (litter, weeds, unmaintained buildings, junk vehicles in yards, etc.). They know those neighborhoods are safe places for them to live and "work".

Become Involved in your Neighborhood

~ Let your voice be heard. ~

Take pride in your home.

Take pride in your neighborhood.

EMERGENCIES – 911

CALL 792-CITY (2489): they will route you to correct department.

Animal Control 243-5900
Animal Waste 243-5900
Barking Dogs/Excessive Animal Noise 243-5900
Bus stop trash cans 292-6200, ext 23
Cars parked illegally 791-5071
Code Enforcement 792-2489 (CITY) or 791-5843
Crime Reporting Non-emergency 791-4444
Dead Animal Removal 243-5900
Electricity outage 623-3451
Garbage Cans left at curb: Sanitation 791-3171
Garbage or Recycling Cans - Replace 792-2489
Gas - emergency 746-1076 AND 911
Graffiti Reporting 792-CITY (2489)
Midtown Police 791-4253
Non-Emergency TPD 791-4444
Poison Hotline 1-800-222-1222
Street Maintenance 791-3154
Gas Emergency 889-1888
Shopping Cart Pick-up: Sanitation 791-3171
Traffic Sign Missing 791-3154
Water Emergency 791-4133



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