

Neighbor to Neighbor

SOUTH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

March 2016

With the New Year, the South Park Neighborhood Association begins a new roster of officers, new programs, and new prospects, promises, and opportunities. South Park Neighborhood residents are encouraged to attend South Park Neighborhood Association meetings to meet your neighbors, learn of neighborhood resources, and be advised of changes and developments within the South Park Neighborhood boundaries.

Current South Park Neighborhood Association officers are:

Sara L. O'Neil: First Co-Chair

Shirley Hockett: Treasurer

Jim Sardella: 1st Director

Tom Pyle: 2nd Director

South Park Neighborhood Association 2016 Meetings

The South Park Neighborhood Association meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Quincie Douglas Activities Center at the corner of Kino Parkway and 36th Street. If the first Monday of a given month is a holiday, the South Park Neighborhood Association meeting takes place the following Monday. The 2016 South Park Neighborhood Association meeting dates and tentative/subject to change programs are as follows:

- Monday, March 7: Tucson Waste Management – Recycling
- Monday, April 4: Quincie Douglas Library – Library Employment Resources
- Monday, May 2: Silverlake Park Natural History
- Monday, June 6: Tucson Urban League
- Monday, July 11: 4th of July Picnic/Salute to Our Veterans
- Monday, August 1: El Rio Clinic/Health/Medical update
- Monday, September 5: Arizona Historical Society: South Park Neighborhood History
- Monday, October 3: Annual Elections

***Throughout the year, the South Park Neighborhood Association considers and votes on a variety of South Park Neighborhood issues. Those qualified to vote on such issues are South Park Neighborhood residents in good standing, i.e. " Good standing shall consist of a resident, being present, prior to a meeting which includes non-consensus voting issues, or the Annual Meeting, at a minimum of four (4) meetings during the previous twelve months as recorded on the sign-in sheet at each meeting." (Charter & Bylaws of the South Park Neighborhood Association, February 9, 2010 revision).

*** **TUCSON POLICE DEPARTMENT representation:** A representative from the Tucson Police Department will be available at South Park Neighborhood Association meetings to answer questions and address concerns regarding neighborhood safety and security issues.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

***Calls to these telephone numbers are anonymous. It is important to make these telephone calls to initiate police or P activity.

Tucson Police Department (Santa Cruz Substation): 791-4949

Noisy/Unruly neighborhood parties: 911 (including parking violations)

Park Wise: (to report daytime neighborhood parking violations, suspicious vehicles): **791-5071**

Ward 5 Council Office (city services including trash, debris, and "wildcat" dumping): **791-4231**

Pima County Animal Control (barking dogs, injured, stray, or dead animals, etc.): **724-5900**

Solid Waste Management Department/Environmental Services (Information re: junk, litter, debris, trees and overgrowth, residential storage, vacant buildings, and "wildcat dumping," etc.): **791-3171**

Neighborhood drug problems: 547-8856

Suspicious activity, stolen property, burglary/theft: 882-7463 (88-Crime)

Graffiti: 792-8224

TO CONTACT THE SOUTH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

**By Mail: South Park Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 26302
Tucson, Arizona 85726**

South Park Neighborhood information on-line:

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/neighborhoods/housing>

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SOUTH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY: Brief overview

Tucson's historical time line begins ca. 10,000 B.C. with the migration of the paleoindian and Archaic hunters and gatherers into the Tucson basin. There is evidence of agricultural settlements along the Santa Cruz river well into A.D. 200 and 1450. During this time, the Hohokam culture left evidence of an advanced civilization. The Pima and Tohono O'odham descended from this Hohokam civilization.

Searching for the "Seven Cities of Gold," in 1540, the Coronado Expedition crossed Arizona. Following the Coronado Expedition, Father Francisco Kino, between 1699 and 1797, established Mission San Xavier del Bac. on the West bank of the Santa Cruz River.

In 1775, the Tucson Presidio, was created by Hugh O'Connor. In 1880, Tucson was connected to the East and West Coasts by the Southern Pacific Railroad. Between 1910 and 1912, Arizona commercial cotton production began. World War I created a demand for premium long fiber Pima cotton when cotton fibers were required for the production of Goodyear tires.

Migrant workers from Texas moved into Arizona, specifically, Tucson, on their way to the Phoenix cotton fields. At the time, South Tucson was the only Tucson location which allowed these migrant workers a place for their tent homes.

For many years, these field hands were shuttled, with daily shuttle buses, between Tucson and the Phoenix cotton fields. In time, it was possible to replace tents with homes and to purchase the land upon which those tents had been placed. The hard working migrant workers, seeing opportunity, developed, within the South Tucson community, viable restaurants, shops, and service oriented enterprises. Many of these, restaurants, shops, and service oriented enterprises continue today.

South Tucson has a rich history and legacy of diverse communities, hard working residents with great purpose and long term vision. With time, the South Park Neighborhood changes, and with great purpose and long term vision, the South Park Neighborhood continues to improve upon itself.