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Mountain/1st

Neighborhood Association

Next Meetings:

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Thursday, November 15th, 2007
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Ward III Community Room
1510 East Grant Road

Previous month: October 18th, 2007

2007 Officers:

Co-Chairs

Celine Hayden 740-0426
Ron Proctor 629-9788

Secretary

Elizabeth Lawrence 903-0391

Treasurer

Elva Davis 624-1126

Sergeant at arms

Darla Wandell 622-5906

Newsletter

Elizabeth Lawrence 903-0391

Park Cleanup Phil Alderink 622-2767

Tucson Police Dept. Emergencies 911

Non-emergencies 791-4444

Beat Cop 791-4253

Ward 3 Council Office 791-4711

Citizen Comment Line 791-4700

Independent Police Auditor 791-5176

Department of Neighborhood Resources 792-2489

Graffiti Removal Hotline 792-2489

Lend A Hand senior assistance 248-6882

Ambassador Program service referrals 623-9805

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Mountain/1st

Neighborhood Association
www.mtn1st.org

October 2007

WELCOME, AUTUMN!

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you!

Report on Last Meeting

Minutes of Mountain/1st Neighborhood Meeting
September 20th, 2007 at the Ward 3 Office
10 Neighbors present
Ward Office Staff: 1
Visitors: 5

Tucson Police Department Officer Report

Representatives from TPD introduced themselves:

Lewis Gosset—Sector 7 officer, adjacent to sector 5
Justin Gilbert—Our beat cop
Heather Mah—Works in and out of Sector 5
Karrie Fuller—In and out of Sector 5
Kara Curtis—Our Community Service Officer

Presently Mountain/1st Neighborhood is part of Sector 5. The division has expanded recently. They are now taking more calls than before. There are 5 divisions in the city, 2 Teams, with several Sectors in each Team. Sector 5 encompasses Stone to Campbell and Grant to Prince. Please inform our sector officer, Justin Gilbert, or our Community Service Officer, Kara Curtis, if we suspect drug houses, etc (837-7241). Call the non-emergency line for running stop signs, mailboxes being hit, etc. (791-4444 or report online). They will try to call back within 1-2 days.

Ward Office representative Tamara Prime also mentioned that the Ward III office has a “suspicious activity” form online. Or you can email Kara directly with suspicious activity. She can check a license plate or follow up on the report.

Officer Gilbert is looking for a project for his probationary period (completion of training period) and would like to help our neighborhood with a problem issue. It could be graffiti, problem vegetation in alleys (used by transients), or any other project. Officer Mah also has to broach a project in our sector and their proposed projects are due in December and July, respectively. If you have any ideas for projects, come to the next neighborhood meeting and let us know how our officers can improve our neighborhood. Kara will have a direct line (837-7241) if we want to request an officer at our neighborhood meeting.

Announcements

- **NSN—Neighborhood Support Network** is in its infancy. Two initial meetings Sat. Oct. 6, 1-4pm (Freedom Center, 5000 E. 29th) and Oct. 16, 6-9pm (at NorthWest Center).

Agenda For Last Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 2007

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

<i>RTA Presentation & Discussion</i>	7:00-7:45
<i>Announcements</i>	7:45-8:00
<i>Committee Reports, including discussion of traffic mitigation on Glenn</i>	8:00-8:20
<i>Open to the floor</i>	8:20-8:30

- **Lend-a-Hand Yard Sale**—Veteran’s Day weekend. Help support our seniors! Nov. 10, 7am-12pm. See flier in this newsletter for more information.
- **Workshop: How to Research Property Changes in My Neighborhood**—Oct. 25, 5:30-8pm, Sentinel Bldg, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop. More info at 882-5885 or <http://www.proneighborhoods.org/registration.html>
- **Suicide Prevention Conference**—Oct. 25-26 at the Sheraton, info at www.azspsc.org or call Sawsan Madanat at 602-364-4324
- **110° Magazine Project** now hiring writers and photographers—For ages 14-21, Oct. 1-May 16. More info at 520-622-7458 ext. 204, www.voicesinc.org.

Park Ave. Improvements

This project is going to the state level in October. Stay tuned!

Nomination Committee

One existing board member is interested in running again this coming year. We need people interested in being president, vice-president, and secretary. Please come to the next meeting if you’d like to participate in the board activities.

Open Business

John and Laurie would like to initiate traffic calming on Glenn. There have been multiple accidents, including fatalities, on the stretch between Mountain and 1st Ave. They would like to see speed tables between Mountain and Park. Problems include lots of noise, racing from Mountain to Park, and passing in the turn lane.

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To address the Glenn Street problem, Celine suggests going after Back to Basics money, and Lisa suggests they might be able to get money from the RTA

allocation for Grant Road. We'll talk about this more next meeting.

Presentation on the RTA at the October 15 Meeting

Come to our next neighborhood association meeting to learn more about the plans for the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), including Grant Road widening. There will be a question and answer period.

Your Safety Messages From the Tucson Fire Department

As schools and universities are back in session, the Tucson Fire Department would like to remind you of these bicycle and pedestrian safety tips.

Bicycles

Helmets are required by law for someone under the age of 18 but should be worn by riders of all ages. Helmets save lives if and when an accident occurs.

Stop before riding out into traffic from a driveway, sidewalk, alley, or parking lot. Look left, right, and left again. Make sure all traffic is clear before entering the roadway. Ride on the right going with the flow of traffic. Obey all stop signs and traffic lights. Look back and yield to traffic coming from behind before turning at an intersection.

Pedestrians

Cross the street only in a crosswalk or at an intersection. Stop at the curb or edge of the road. Never run into a street. Listen and Look for traffic to the left, right, and left again. Wait until the street is clear and keep looking until you are safely across. Use sidewalks when available but when they are not, keep to the left and walk facing the traffic. Make sure you are visible when walking at night or when the lighting is low.

Whether walking or riding, always expect the unexpected and don't assume that drivers see you. Walk and Ride defensively.

October is Fire Prevention Month, so the Tucson Fire Department would like to take this time to remind you of some fire safety precautions.

It is of the utmost importance to have at least two exits from every room of your home and to have working smoke detectors through out your house. Establish and post an evacuation plan and meeting place. In case of a fire, get out and stay out. Fire is deadly and travels quickly. From the time a fire starts, you have approximately 2 minutes until the smoke becomes deadly. Material possessions can be replaced but you can never replace a human life. Remember to test your smoke detectors every month.

With cooler weather on the way, this a perfect time to make sure your heater is in good working order and to change the filter. Never store things near your furnace or hot water heater and make sure these areas are free of dust and dirt. Before using your fireplace for the first time this season, make sure the flue is open and the chimney is unobstructed. Clear away any brush and/or clutter that may have accumulated around the outside of your home during the summer. It is especially important to make sure that tree branches or vines have not grown too close to your chimney or roof mounted heating unit.

For more safety information, visit our website at

http://www.ci.tucson.az.us/fire/Code_Administration/_Community_Safety/Safe_Kids/safe_kids.

Clip this Coupon to pay your Annual Association dues.

Make checks for \$12.00 per household payable to:

Mountain/1st Neighborhood Association. Bring to our next meeting or mail to our Treasurer:

Elva Davis, 2714 North Tyndall, Tucson, AZ. 85719

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-Mail _____

Willing to volunteer for

Mitchell Park Cleanup _____ Phone Tree _____ Meeting Refreshments _____ Newsletters _____

Birthday _____ Anniversary _____

Hey Neighbor! We need your good Junk!

Yard Sale Fundraiser!

Veterans Day Weekend

Saturday, November 10

7 a.m. - Noon

Benefiting

Lend A Hand Senior Outreach

and

**Mountain 1st Neighborhood
Association**

- We have a goal of at least one piece from every household!
- Drop off or pick up service available
- Pricing and selling help needed
- **Contact: Joan @ 623-1458**

Have you noticed:

New Sidewalks around Mitchell Park? ----- Cleaner Alleys in the west side of the Neighborhood? ----- Been to the Park Ave Improvement Workshops? ----- Seen the Ward 3 office Waterharvesting?

The Neighborhood Association is making it happen!!!

We need your help, your friendship, your support