

Community Bulletin

Fall 2011

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IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED.....

After the original Bingo Night was washed out, we had a beautiful afternoon for our rescheduled Bingo "Afternoon". Even on short notice the turnout was great. It was fun to see all our neighbors show up to support the neighborhood. And there were great prizes for the lucky winners. Bingo Afternoon raised \$900.00 to be used for a shade structure in the play area at the park.



Our fearless Bingo caller Ken Walter

Special points of interest:

- Annual Meeting: December 4th, 1 pm
- Highland Vista's new web address: HVNA.tucson.org
- Newsletter email address: HVNews@gmx.com

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday December 4th, at 1 PM, at the pool

The Highland Vista Neighborhood Association holds its annual meeting every December. This is when your neighborhood power players are elected to the Neighborhood Board. This is also your opportunity to get involved and have a positive impact on your neighborhood. Don't miss this exciting event! We are not "Your Father's Neighborhood Board", so come see for yourself!

Highland Vista Executive Board

- President: Eric Shepp treat4sage@hotmail.com
- Vice-President: Jim Riley irjay2@gmail.com
- Treasurer: Rob Foth rfoth@cox.net
- Secretary: Darin Frazier Hey_you_its_me@cox.net

HIGHLAND VISTA & 20/30 CLUB ANGELS

Have you spotted one of the Angels? They have been busy combating graffiti, trimming trees and pulling weeds in our park. We are grateful to these angels but we don't want to let them think they are alone. On December 10th at 9 AM members of the 20/30 Club and our neighbors will have a "meet and greet" at the park to do some cleanup and make plans for future activities. Join us! Bring your gloves, gardening tools and ideas.



GRAFFITI ABATEMENT

Graffiti needs to be removed as soon as possible. It feeds and multiplies on itself while devaluing our property. Report the graffiti to the city and request a cleanup through:

- 1) <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti/report>
- 2) SmartPhone application "mytucson"
- 3) 792-city
- 4) Transportation Department 791-3154

There will be more information on our website. You can also email the newsletter at HVNews@gmx.com and we can ask our Angles for their help.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My family and I moved into the Highland Vista neighborhood in 1999. It took us a little while to fully realize how great of a neighborhood we had found. Quickly we discovered how convenient it is to be able to walk to restaurants, the book store, Target, or bicycle to the movies, the gym and other areas around Broadway or Speedway. It took a little longer (having kids) to learn how lucky we are to have the pool and the park, which serve as the figurative and literal heart of our neighborhood. Finally, as I started attending our neighborhood association meetings

and I realized that our best asset is our neighbors.

Your neighborhood association board is a group of very dedicated volunteers who do a variety of important tasks like managing the pool, scheduling lifeguards and parties, dealing with plumbers and landscapers, fundraising for improvements, keeping the books, communicating with City government and relaying that information to you. Your neighbors give a lot of time and energy to make our neighborhood better. If you would like to take part in improving the neighborhood, there is

no shortage of great things to accomplish and wonderful people to meet. Bring your energy and your ideas to the annual Board meeting on December 4 at 1:00 PM at the pool. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you,
Eric Shepp



NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

The Code Enforcement Division of Housing and Community Development investigates complaints that impact health, safety and welfare of residents.

Example of violations include:

- 1) Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance: this includes general maintenance of buildings and structures, trash, debris, work occurring without a permit or storage violations.
- 2) Zoning Enforcement: Land use Code: Illegal business, setback violations, site plan review requirements, etc.

- 3) Sign Code: Illegal signs displayed on right-of-way, illegal banners, etc

To report a code violations call 791-5843 or online at:

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/violation>

Check our website for more information @ HVNA.tucson.org



December 4, 2011	Annual Meeting at the Pool 1 PM
January 1, 2012	Happy New Year
January 25, 2012	Neighborhood Association Meeting 7 PM
February 22, 2012	Neighborhood Association Meeting 7 PM

Party Scheduling

Want to schedule a party or event at the pool? Reserve your dates now! Contact Michelle Foth at mfoth@cox.net



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our community garden is beginning it's prolific winter growing season. The garden has been a great addition to our neighborhood, thanks to Natalie and Eric Shepp. If you are interested in a plot contact Natalie at: Shmat@hotmail.com. You may need to be put on a waiting list

for the Highland Vista community garden. Or you might like to join one of the many other Community gardens in Tucson. Once a month the gardeners meet to discuss their gardening experience, what is working and what is not working. And often there are fresh vegetables shared.

For more information on Community Gardens of Tucson check out: Communitygardensoftucson.org



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

A new year will be upon us soon, and now is the time to volunteer with your fresh ideas and your energy in any of the following areas:

1) Pool Manager

This position will be the point person for all things pool related, including maintenance and grounds. Recruit your friends and neighbors.

2) Membership

They would be responsible for distributing pool keys and membership information.

3) Party Coordinator

Fees from private parties can keep our membership costs low. We need someone who can coordinate member and non-member parties. As well as keeping a current schedule posted.

4) Lifeguard Manager

Lifeguards are the only employees at the pool. We need someone who will help manage our lifeguards.

5) Activity Coordinator

This is where the fun is! The pool hosts three community events each year; Memorial Day,

Independence Day and Labor Day. The Activity Coordinator can also plan other events for the neighborhood. Past events have included Luau's, Bingo, Movies and Chili Cook-offs. Again, recruit as many friends as you need!

6) Fundraiser

Develop ideas and activities to promote neighborhood goals.

There are plenty of "old timers" willing to share their experience in these positions; you will not be alone.



HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPE VINE

It's with great sadness that we report the November passing of a Highland Vista original, Loraine Knipp. Loraine was instrumental in the efforts to build the pool in the early 1950's and she was a dedicated promoter of the HV neighborhood. Serving as the original lifeguard and pool manager, Loraine also taught more than several generations of HVAC kids how to swim. Loraine's legacy continues though with the September birth of her great-granddaughter - a future fourth generation swim team champ - Welcome Reece and Congratulations Monique and Joe Bennett!

Don't forget to email us with your news!
HVNews@gmx.com

Next Newsletter Coming February 2012

Items included: Membership Updates and Clean-up Dates
Please submit your ideas for our next newsletter, ideas for social events and any neighborhood news fit to print.

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