



West University Neighborhood Association

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WUNA NEWSLETTER – January/February, 2007

Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 28, 2007, 5:00 PM

Board Meeting – Thursday, February 1, 2007, 6:30 PM

Postal History Museum, 920 N. First Avenue

All West University Neighborhood residents are invited

President's Section

By Brian McCarthy

It's been an eventful year, and I have enjoyed being your President. I am pleased to see such a competent and energetic group of candidates for the new Board. In the new year, we plan to continue working with the residents of the 2nd Avenue and 5th Street area to address the problems with the Tucson High students. We will, of course, continue to work with the Fourth Avenue Merchants Association regarding parking during the Street Fairs. The Home Tour will be coming up in the spring, and we are hoping you will volunteer your house and services (contact Bob Morrison at 628-4110 or morrisonr@qwest.net). The February 17 Cleanup effort also needs to be supported (see the article below).

It's been a pleasure to work with such a dedicated group of Board members, and I will continue to work on the Board in my capacity as Past President.

Annual Meeting: January 28, 2007 at 5:00 PM, Potluck

By Carolyn Niethammer

As chair of the WUNA nominating committee, I'd like to propose the following slate of officers for 2007. We will be voting at the annual meeting on January 28. All of those nominated come with great energy to face the projects and challenges ahead of us this year. Of course, the slate is open to nominations from the floor as well. By working together, we have the opportunity to make real progress on

some of the issues facing our historic neighborhood. I urge everyone nominated to make every effort to attend the annual meeting so that folks can see who they are voting for.

Here is our proposed slate of candidates:

President: Lori Boston

Vice President: Gal Witmer

Treasurer: Cheri Wiens

Secretary: Joel Ireland

Historian: Bridget Werchan

Past President: Brian McCarthy (not open for nominations)

Area 1 Reps: Jan Labate and Dave Knudson
Area 2 Rep: Adrienne Parry
Area 3 Reps: Josh Conzemius and Erica Hoffman
Area 4 Rep: Carolyn Niethammer
Area 5 Rep: Brian McCarthy
Area 6 Reps: Noah and Judy Sensibar
Area 7 Reps: Dave and Lori Boston
Area 8 Reps: Chris and Mary Nichols
Area 9 Reps: Patricia Pinzon-Pitts/Robert Pitts
Area 10 Rep: Barbara Kennedy

Members at Large:

Jerry Juliani
John Patterson
Dave Croteau
Chris Gans
Sandra Morse
Matt Williams
Marlena Hanlon
Jennifer O'Connor

We will also appoint committee chairs for the following committees:

Crime Prevention
Events
Home Tour
CRCC
Parks/Openspace/Community Improvements
Preservation/Planning
Downtown Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Website

February 17 Clean-up Coming Soon!

The Clean-up Day is scheduled for February 17, 2007 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Kaytee Quarenghi with Collegiate Leadership Conference Volunteers has been working very hard to make this happen. She has arranged for about 100 volunteers to clean the West University neighborhood. She has written letters to Ace Hardware to donate gloves and yard bags. She has contacted the City for tools from their lending library and for rolloffs. She has talked with the UA Visitors Center about reserving the facilities and parking lot. She has also been working with several neighbors in organizing this effort.

If you need your yard cleaned or have a suggestion of a neighbor who does, please call Kaytee at 626-1572 or e-mail her at adlc@email.arizona.edu (subject: neighborhood service). Also, if you would like to volunteer on February 17 to assist in directing the cleanup volunteers in your area, call Kaytee.

United Way Helps With Tax Preparation

By Elaine Jackson

We urge eligible taxpayers to take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and free tax preparation help. The EITC is the largest federal program to help the working poor, and removes more children from poverty than any single federal program. Yet, last year, an estimated 15% of Pima County families who qualified for EITC did not claim it. The average tax credit is nearly \$1,700 per family, but some families with children may receive over \$4,000. Because of the EITC's effectiveness in reducing poverty, United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona formed a Task Force to expand awareness of the credit and offer free tax preparation to those eligible for EITC. To find out if you are eligible for EITC go to www.unitedwaytucson.org or call 1-800-TAX-1040. To learn where to find a free tax preparation location, visit the same website or call Community Information & Referral at 1-800-352-3792.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

Regular Board meetings in 2007 will be held on the following dates: February 1, 2007; March 1, 2007; April 6, 2007. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at the Postal History Museum, 920 N. 1st Avenue. Parking is located in the rear.

Memberships Are Due

By Carolyn Niethammer, WUNA Membership Chair

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