

North Tucson Weed and Seed Coalition

Jan - Feb - Mar - 2010



AMPHI, Balboa Heights, Coronado Heights, El Cortez, Keeling, Northwest

Neighborhood Associations Working Together.....

Who, What, Where, When, Why



Six communities, Amphi, Balboa Heights, Coronado Heights, El Cortez, Keeling and Northwest have joined together to pursue the federally funded Weed and Seed Grant. This is a \$1 million federal grant under the Drug Enforcement Agency based on a 5 year program to weed out unwanted criminal elements in a specific area and at the same time seed in worthy and beneficial programs for the residents of a community.

Our group is called the North Tucson Weed and Seed Coalition (NTWSC). We hold monthly meetings at the TPD Westside Police Service Center at 1310 W. Miracle Mile every third Monday of the month at 5:45 p.m. for about one hour. In addition to community members attending Tucson Police Captain Rick Wilson and Lt. Paul Sayre also attend along with numerous organizations who are partners in the coalition. Each meeting includes updates from each neighborhood, crime update from the Tucson Police Dept. and specific goals for the coalition. Please see page three for a list of Steering Committee Members by Community and Organization and all Partner Organizations.

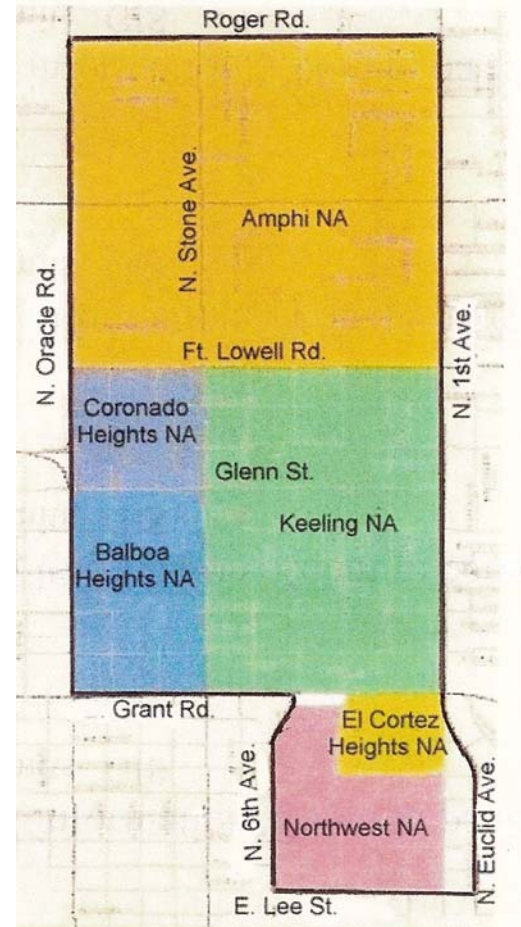
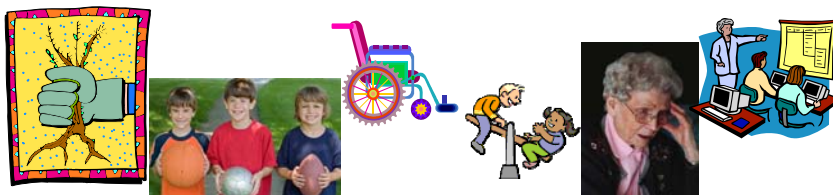
The NTWSC's main goal is to improve the overall quality of life for the residents of each community as they work together with the police department and various partners to weed out the criminal element and seed in programs such as; youth activities, better employment opportunities, housing, care for the elderly, disabled and much, much more.

The federal government awards Weed and Seed Grants each year. For 2009 they only awarded 15 instead of the anticipated 25 due to current economic conditions. The Coalition is in the process of applying again for the 2010 cycle and also working on establishing programs that will benefit the communities right now.

So stop by for one of our meetings!

All residents of the communities are welcome and encouraged to attend. This includes home owners, renters, students, businesses, young, old and in between!

Just imagine what all of us together can achieve.....



Fighting Crime.... Involves Everyone!

One of the most important things to remember when working to rid your community of crime is to **REPORT IT**....Call 911.

Don't want to use your name, no problem, you can report it anonymously.

Not sure if an actual crime is being committed....don't take a chance....let the police make that decision.

You must be their extra eyes and ears in order to be successful.

REPORT IT!



Events Page

Keeling Community Garden....

Keeling Neighborhood has recently established a Community Garden for residents and for others in the surrounding area. The garden is located at Los Altos and Laguna and 3 ft. by 20 ft. plots are available on a first come first serve basis. The cost is \$12.00 per month for watering.



So come out and meet some of your neighbors, enjoy the wonderful Tucson weather and reap the rewards of some fresh food and at the same time save some money. You can get your plot ready for spring planting....you know spring comes early in Tucson.

For more information contact Gene Zonge at zonge@aol.com or call 520-795-8823.



AMPHI NEIGHBORHOOD...Celebrates completion of project

Community members of AMPHI Neighborhood Association along with their President Rick Wicinski, Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson from District 3 and the City of Tucson Ward III Councilwoman Karin Uhlich celebrated Saturday, October 17th the near completion of a Neighborhood Reinvestment/Back to Basics Project. The project included new sidewalks along 1st Avenue, twenty plus street lights, speed bumps, and traffic circles.



Members of the Neighborhood Association, Pima County and the City of Tucson all put in a lot of time and effort to make this project a reality. The end result is a major improvement for the residents of the community.

They also took the opportunity to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the AMPHI Park.....Hot Dogs, chips, soda and cupcakes were served to everyone and plenty of kids took the opportunity to play in the park.



It was a great opportunity for neighbors to relax and visit for a few hours while the kids tossed around the football and played on the jungle gym. It was also a great time to start thinking about the future of AMPHI and what neighborhood projects they would like to do next.

Congratulations to the AMPHI NA and a hearty thank you to all who helped make this possible!!



Coronado Heights... Hosted their 1st Community Festival on September 27th

Residents of Coronado Heights welcomed autumn in with a Community Festival that took place on September 27, 2009. There were games and jumping castles for the kids. Hot dogs, chips and refreshments were served to everyone and some of the luckier folks were able to take home desert after winning at the cake walk.

The Tucson Police Department was on hand to demonstrate safe bicycle riding for youths and the Tucson Fire Department was also on site with one of their fire engines. Pima County Woods Library, Pima County Animal Care Center and numerous business sponsors took part in the festivities. Many neighborhood companies donated goods, gift certificates and money to help make the event a success. The non-profit agency PRO Neighborhood also contributed to the event.

The neighborhoods goal was to bring out the residents to meet and get to know their neighbors and to see what the community is actively doing in the area. Needless to say, it was a huge success.



Steering Committee Members by Neighborhood

Amphi

Rick Wicinski
Maureen Hazlett

Balboa Heights

Jane Baker
Carol Klamerus

Coronado Heights

Bernadette Jilka
Ann Hoy

El Cortez

Tori Stypula
Chuck Humphrey

Keeling

Nickalen Neff
Tom Huels
J. J. Moates
Nancy Reid

Northwest

Armando Vargas
Julie Summers

Steering Committee Members by Organization

City of Tucson—Ward III

Hector Arellano
Tamara Prime

DEA

Tony Coulson

Pima County—District 3

Deb Miller

Tucson Police Dept.

Melissa Martinez
Lt. Paul Sayre
Capt. Rick Wilson



Have questions or suggestions...please contact us.



Or...
CALL

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Or stop by and visit one of our monthly meetings; the 3rd Monday of every month at 5:45 p.m. They are held at the Westside Police Service Center at 1310 W Miracle Mile and usually last about one hour. You will be amazed at everything that is taking place in your neighborhoods. Everyone is WELCOME!!

Neighborhood Meeting Schedule



Amphi Neighborhood Assn.

3rd Thursday of every month
7:00 - 8:00
La Paloma Family Services
240 W. Navajo St.

El Cortez

2nd Tuesday (quarterly)
Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct @ 6:30
Parkside Terrace Apts.
2150 N. 4th Ave.

Balboa Heights Neighborhood Assn.

As needed
(Will be announced)

Keeling Neighborhood Assn.

1st Wednesday of every month
Keeling Elementary School
7:00 - 8:00
2837 N. Los Altos Ave.

Coronado Heights

1st Tuesday of each month
6:00 - 7:30
Celebrations Hall
2823 Stone

Northwest Neighborhood Assn.

1st Wednesday of every month
6:30 p.m.
International School of Tucson
715 E. Lester Street

Prevent Under Age Drinking and Over Serving of Alcohol You... can make a difference!

Lt. Mike Pryor of the Tucson Police Department and Amy Bass, MSW, with Compass Health Care are presenting a training seminar on what you can do to help stop underage drinking and the over serving of alcohol. This event is open to anyone in the community and it is **FREE!**

**Thursday, March 4th, 2010
5:00—7:30 p.m.
Westside Police Station
1310 W. Miracle Mile**

Sign up now, because it is first come, first serve, and registration is required.

Dinner is served at 5:00 and training begins at 5:30. Official training certificates will be provided the night of the event.

Contact Amy Bass at 520-205-4780 - abass@compasshc.org or Allison Jacobs at 520-882-5608 - ajoaobs@compasshc.org for more information or to register.



*Underage...or
too much?*

Participating Partners

Always Thinking Communities
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tucson
Cope Community Services
Head Start—Amphi School Dist.
KoSho Karate
Native Images
Pima Council on Aging
Primavera Foundation
Southwest Fair Housing

AZ Center Study of Children & Families
Community Extension Programs
Drug Enforcement Agency
Iskashitaa Refugee Harvesting
La Frontera Center Inc.
New Beginnings Inc.
Pima County Interfaith Council
Sacred Heart Church
U of A—AZ Nutrition Network

AZ Youth Partnership
Compass Behavioral Health Care
Goodwill Job Connection
Just Communities Inc.
La Paloma Family Services
Pima County Comm College
Pima Prevention Partnership
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