

Northwest Neighborhood News

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Community Garden in Mansfield Park

By Dan Dorsey

In 2012 the staff at the Donna R. Liggins center sent out a survey to neighborhood residents, asking, "What would like to see here at the Recreation Center and the park?"

Neighbors responded with a variety of suggestions, including re-opening the Mansfield Park pool and significant interest in building a garden where neighbors could grow their own organic food.

A series of meetings followed between Parks and Recreation, Northwest neighbors, and the non-profit Community Gardens of Tucson (CGT). All the parties came to an agreement on the design of the garden, and a generous grant from the Drachman institute on the University of Arizona campus allowed the garden to be constructed.

Currently the garden has beds available for rent. The price for a 3 foot x 16 foot bed, including all of the water supplied on a timer, ranges from just \$6 per month for low income neighbors to \$18 full price. Gardeners plant and take care of their own plots with help from other gardeners, and CGT helps oversee the operations. In addition, CGT offer one class per month at the garden on different gardening topics. Most gardeners report they more than make their monthly rent fee back in fresh healthy produce for their family.

For more information about community gardens, or to reserve a spot in our garden, call Community Gardens of Tucson at 795-8823 or visit communitygardensoftucson.org.

Northwest Neighborhood Association is a group of residents residing within the boundaries of Northwest Neighborhood who are joined together to build and maintain a strong, vibrant, and sustainable local community for all residents.

We aim to build community interaction among residents, improve and maintain neighborhood streets and public spaces, and improve health and safety of residents, through various means including implementing environmentally sustainable practices, education, the arts and advocating for improved municipal services.

Neighborhood boundaries:



The **DONNA R. LIGGINS RECREATION CENTER** is located in Mansfield Park and has numerous programs and facilities for public use. Some of which include:

- Senior lunch for 60+ Monday-Friday 10am-1pm, \$2.00 donation
- Weight room / gym certification, Sat at 9am and Tues/Thurs at 6pm
- Seniors fitness class, Mon, Wed, and Fri 10:15-11:15am. Call PCOA at 546-2000 to register

Did you know City of Tucson will clean up graffiti in public areas for free? To report graffiti and request removal, call 792-2489, email graffiti@tucsonaz.gov or access the online reporting form at <http://cm3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti/report>.

Next NWNA Meeting:

Annual Elections & Potluck!

Wednesday, May 6th

6:00-7:30pm

Mansfield Park Ramada #4

2160 N. 6th Avenue

Everyone is welcome. Bring a food/drink to share and meet your neighbors! (No alcoholic beverages or glass please.) We will also be holding our annual election of neighborhood officers.

Current officers:

Leona Davis- President

Shelly Dorsey-Vice President

Carolyn Minor - Treasurer

Open - Secretary

Join us for our potluck/annual meeting in the park!

On May 6th, we'll hold our annual elections of neighborhood officers, and we think this is a great excuse for a picnic with pizza.

Please bring a drink or dish to share, and join us at Ramada #4 (Southeast side of the park, on the walking path by the community garden) from 6-7:30pm on Wednesday, May 6th. See more details in the left box.

If you are interested in running for a Northwest Neighborhood officer position, contact Leona at leonafdavis@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there!



Delicious potluck goodies

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16th Annual Eggstravaganza in Mansfield Park

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The biggest one day event of the Year within the boundaries of our neighborhood happens at Mansfield Park and the Donna R. Liggins Center on Saturday, April 4th, 2015. Come and enjoy free family fun with carnival games, egg hunts, prizes, and the Easter Bunny. Food will be available for purchase. The egg hunt times are: ages two and under 10:30- 11:00, Ages 3-4! 11:00 to 11:30, ages 5-7 11:30- Noon, and Ages 8-12 Noon-12:30 pm. Bring your own empty basket for the hunt. Eggstravaganza is co-sponsored by Council Member Karin Ulhich, Ward III Council Office and the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation. Last year there were hundreds of people who showed up to enjoy the fun and festivities.

