

The Feldman Chronicle

A newsletter for Feldman's Neighborhood Association (FNA)

Bounded by Stone, Lee, Park, and Speedway -- It's where we all live

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Feldman's Neighborhood Meetings

All who live, work, or own property in Feldman's Neighborhood are welcome to meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. Meetings are held at the Chapel of St. Luke's Home, SW corner of N. 1st Avenue and Lee Street. Upcoming meetings will be 3/2 and 4/6. **The March 2 meeting will feature a forum on the RTA (Regional Transportation Authority).**

Do You Have House Mice?

The Nachman lab at the UA Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology is conducting research on wild house mice throughout the Tucson area and could use your unwanted house mice. Researchers will come to your house/business, etc. and set up live traps. Call/leave a message for Kim or Tovah at 626-4747 or email 1smith@email.arizona.edu.

Share Your Fruits and Vegetables

Local volunteers are working with recently arrived African refugees on a project to identify and map food resources growing in Tucson. The project involves making a computer-generated map and database of fruit tree and vegetable garden locations in neighborhoods like ours. The map will be used to determine how these resources are used and to develop a re-distribution network for any available food surpluses. Surplus will be donated to organizations, including the Community Food Bank. If you are able to contribute/donate excess fruit or vegetables OR would simply like your garden/trees added to our database, please contact us: Barbara 440-0100, Eiswerth@cox.net. Visit our websites: www.tug.bara.arizona.edu, <http://www.volunteersolutions.org/vctucson/org/1680206.html>. Volunteers can harvest and transport your fruit (as much as you desire) or you can harvest.

Contribute to the Chronicle

Articles are always welcome at any time. The Feldman *Chronicle* regrets that advertisements and items for sale cannot be accepted. Send your articles or ideas for articles to AZCactusGarten@aol.com.

Feldman's Neighborhood Computers

All neighbors are welcome to use the Computer Room at St. Luke's Home, 615 E. Adams Street. Facilities include two computers, two printers, a scanner, and wireless DSL Internet service. To cooperate with the staff at St. Lukes, Computer Room hours have changed. **The Computer Room is now open Monday - Friday 8 AM - 4 PM.** If the door is locked, please ask staff to let you in.

Also please note the following updated policies for use of the Computer Room:

- **Please sign in and out. There are two log books: one in the lobby of St. Luke's, one in the Computer Room. Sign both log books. Our continued access to the facility depends on your cooperation.**
- St. Luke's residents and neighbors 60 and older have priority access. All other users must step aside if an elder wishes to use a communal computer or printer.
- Computers are reserved for instructional purposes **every Wednesday 1 to 2 PM** and Friday 10 to 11:30 AM.
- Personal files should be saved to removable media, not to the hard drives on the communal computers.
- Please do not download or install software, change settings, or change the appearance of the desktop on the communal computers.

Civil Rights Protection is a Phone Call Away

Were you ever denied fair access to housing, employment, voting, or public accommodation? Were you turned away because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, family status, physical or mental disability? Were you the target of a hate crime? The Civil Rights Division of the Arizona Attorney General's Office exists to help you with these issues. Call the Civil Rights Division at 628-6500 or 628-6872 (TDD) if you even suspect you have been discriminated against. If they are unable to assist you directly, they will refer you to other services that can help you.

Consumer Protection Expands in Tucson

The Sam Lena Library at 1607 S. 6th Avenue and the Pima Council on Aging Office at 8467 E. Broadway house Satellite Offices of the Arizona Attorney General's Office to assist you in dealing with consumer fraud, identity theft, and fair housing. Call 1-866-358-6661 for info and hours.

Neighborhood Improvements Update

Our neighborhood has been working to obtain additional handicap access ramps and sidewalks. The ramps and sidewalks have been designed. We are now waiting for the Board of Supervisors to ratify the IGA (Inter-Governmental Agreement) between the city and county. Then we expect to move rapidly into the construction phase.

Northwest Neighborhood Center Expansion Complete

Northwest Neighborhood Center held a grand opening of its new gym and fitness center on February 4. Public art at the facility includes a wall honoring individuals who contributed to the neighborhood surrounding the Northwest Center . . . And now, it's our turn to contribute. The Mansfield Park Coalition is forming to address the issues of crime and vandalism in the park and surrounding neighborhood. The coalition meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 PM. FNA has been invited to send a representative. If you'd like to be that representative, call Diana at 623-8233.

FREE Neighborhood Events and Classes

FREE events and classes take place every week at St. Luke's Home, 615 E. Adams St. These programs are primarily designed for neighbors 60 and older, but younger neighbors are always welcome as volunteers!

- **Game Night** each Tuesday 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Board games are provided at no charge. Dinner is available for \$4. Dinner must be requested in advance by calling St. Luke's at 628-1512.
- **Knit-Crochet Club** each Friday 10 to 11 AM. Free supplies are provided for your use in the club. If you buy your own supplies and take the project home, we can reimburse you.
- **Computer Class** each Wednesday 1 to 2 PM and Friday 10 to 11:30 AM. Learn how to send e-mails and photographs to grandchildren. Look up long-lost friends on the Internet.
- **Arts and Crafts Class** first and third Tuesday 1:30 to 2:30 PM. Make a craft project from start to finish in one hour. Each session features a different project. All materials are FREE. You will be assisted by an experienced teacher.
- **Topic of the Month** fourth Tuesday 9 to 10 AM. The topic on March 28 will be the importance of friendship to your health.
- Additional projects depend on your interest and participation. We would like to create a community garden and stuffed animal class. Contact Diana at 623-8233 if interested.

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