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Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association

It's your neighborhood - Stay Informed!

Special Thanks....

to the University of Arizona's
ALPHA KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY,
who have worked to clean up a one-mile stretch of Park Avenue between Speedway and Grant Road for the last 6 months!

JEFFERSON PARK - IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Dyer Lytle	President	881-6122	dyer@lpl.arizona.edu
Bob Schlanger	Vice President	624-7783	rlsbcs@livelline.com
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Jessie Byrd	Secretary	325-7020	jessie-byrd@hotmail.com
Nina Carter	Treasurer	326-9177	

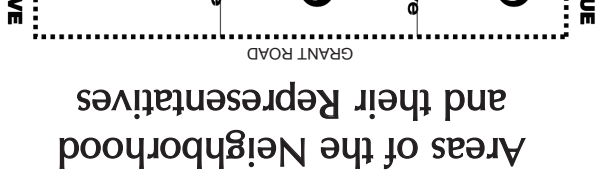
Non-Emergency Calls to the Police	791-4444 Daytime
Mid- Town Police Office	791-4253
Helicopter Noise Calls	694-3000/800-642-7828
Tucson City Weed Violation	791-3171
Karin Uhlich, Council Member	791-4711
Ward III Office	www.tucsonaz.gov/wardthre.html
Miguel Ortega, Ward III Office, Chief of Staff	791-4711
Animal Control (to report strays)	743-7550

JPNA MEETINGS: Third Tuesday of every month, 7:00 pm at Ward III office

HISTORIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Second Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm
Call Joan at 323-2165 for directions.

Would you like to be on the Jefferson Park Email List?
If so, send an email to Dyer Lytle dyer@lpl.arizona.edu

Areas of the Neighborhood and their Representatives



AREA 1:	Shirley Wetmore 326-1672 or wetmore@geo.arizona.edu
AREA 2:	Linda Small 326-0294
AREA 3:	Tom O'Dell & Earl Stutzman 884-1834 or tomodell@cox.net
AREA 4:	*open - please call to volunteer!*
AREA 5:	Janet Ornstein & Benny Clayton 622-6734/623-7473
AREA 6:	Nancy Martin/Susanne Trapmann 622-1506/740-0757

Call Dyer Lytle at 881-6122 if you are interested in representing your area.

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PARKING INFO CORRECTED!

We need to correct information in our last newsletter and add a few more rules. The following applies to parking in the neighborhood (Tucson Code Section 20).

- No parking within **5** feet of driveway curb cuts (not 4 feet)
- No parking within **30** feet of a stop sign (not 20 feet)
- No parking within 10 feet of an alley or 15 feet of a hydrant
- No parking on street with expired tags
- No parking in same spot for more than 48 hours
- No parking in right of way, whichever way you face.

Some of these are a bit of a surprise because we see it all the time. If ParkWise doesn't get you, TPD can and will ticket at any hour. Also, don't park facing the wrong direction for traffic flow...even for a minute.

JEFFERSON PARK BECOMES PART OF PILOT PROJECT OVERLAY ZONE - NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION ZONE

As a result of the Mayor and Council Meeting on April 24, 2007

-Planning for a Neighborhood Preservation Zone will continue for 90 days

-During the 90 days work will be done on the NPZ plan to make it less susceptible to proposition 207 challenges.

-Neighborhoods within a 2 mile radius of the U of A will develop an overlay zone

-Neighborhoods and stakeholders will work together to develop such things as setbacks, lot coverage and floor area ratios for their neighborhoods.

-In July or August, that zone will hopefully be put into effect by Mayor and Council

An open letter to the neighborhood by Dyer Lytle, President of JPNA, says: "This overlay pilot project has the potential to help solve our in-fill problems in Jefferson Park, however there is still quite a bit of work to be done. To me, this overlay zone pilot project marks the beginning of comprehensive land use reform in Tucson. Finally, we will begin to come to the table to talk about density distribution in the area. Assuming continued population growth, and in an effort to contain unsustainable urban sprawl, the city will increase in density. Making a plan for the distribution of this density instead of just letting it happen in unplanned ways will help preserve the quality of life for the city residents.

We would have liked to have the NPZ in place by now but I understand the pressures the city faces with proposition 207. Certainly, if there are court cases springing up from overlay zone vs prop 207, we need to craft the overlay zones so that we win those lawsuits. I think the current process is strategically sound and will be successful in the end."

GRAFFITI DEFACING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Call the new Graffiti Hot Line telephone number 792-2489 (24 hours a day). You should get a real live person! If not, leave your name and telephone number and someone will return your call promptly. Be able to give address of the graffiti. The goal is to remove it within 24 hours.

Another option is to send an email to graffiti@tucsonaz.gov. There is also an online request form that is easily accessible at www.cityoftucson.gov. If you have a digital camera, you can send a picture which lets the office know what they will be dealing with. Photos are kept on file to be used later for prosecution of vandals should the opportunity arise. You will be told when the removal will be scheduled.

Graffiti can be removed from residential, commercial and public properties such as homes, businesses, utility boxes, power poles, trash cans, etc.. It can and will be removed from unpainted block wall with a degreaser type substance and high-pressure hot water. The city does not require permission of the private property owner if the graffiti is in the public eye. Check the web-site for more information.

UMC CONSTRUCTION UPDATES are available on their web page daily.
The web link is: www.umcarizona.org/UMC/body.cfm?id=796

DON'T LET JEFFERSON PARK GO TO THE CATS AND DOGS!

FERAL CATS IN JEFFERSON PARK?

It is a sad FACT in Tucson and elsewhere that there is a huge population of homeless or unowned cats. This is NOT the cats' fault, it's people's fault. Cat overpopulation is caused by people who do not spay and neuter their pets and who allow them to run free and/or dump them to fend for themselves. Other people are then moved by pity for these homeless cats and they begin to nurture them by giving them food and water. Ostensibly this is the "kind" thing to do. Problem is, the people who do this do not seem to understand that the more they feed the cats the more fertile the cats become. Breeding is a luxury. The more people feed the cats the more kittens the cats produce. The solution? **"IF YOU'RE GOING TO FEED 'EM, FIX 'EM"**. If you have no intention of doing this then just leave the cats alone, they are very good at fending for themselves. In the long run you do the cats no service if you feed them without also taking them in for spay/neuter. Absolutely provide water when it is hot but let them handle their own feeding.

Definitions:

"Homeless cat" - a cat that was raised by a family but abandoned or lost. This kind of cat is usually "people friendly".

"Feral cat" - this cat was born and raised without human contact...a mother cat who keeps a litter under a house. Feral cat populations exist in many neighborhoods.

While the definitions are loose, we refer to an unowned cat as "feral" if it is unsocialized and afraid of people and "stray" if it is friendly.

"Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR)", refers to programs whose goal is the eventual reduction of the number of homeless cats by taking existing intact cats to a veterinarian to be surgically sterilized and then returning them to their home territory, includes both neutering male cats and spaying female cats. The Humane Society of Southern Arizona has a great TNR program that offers a special price for fixing these feral cats as long a there is a homeowner that is willing to be the caretaker of these feral cats.

For more information on the benefits of TNR programs or to learn how to start TNR in your area, call the Humane Society at 321.3704 ext. 134 or visit www.hssaz.org/services_tnr.html.

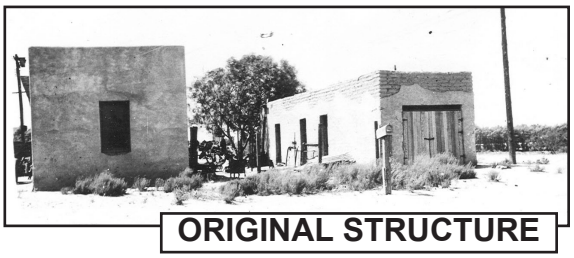
(adapted from the FACT web-site, "Friends of Alley Cats of Tucson" and HSSA website)

BE READY TO SCOOP FOR YOUR POOCH

Yes, there is even a city ordinance about your dog's waste. It is your responsibility to pick up after your dog, even in your own backyard. Ordinances require that waste be picked up within 24 hours. When walking your dog, bring a plastic bag and gloves. Should your dog be indiscrete, it is your responsibility to remove the evidence-in the street, in the right-of-way, or on private property.

Also, on the note of dog behavior, the Humane Society has a great site that provides all sorts of information on all sorts of animal (cat and dog and interspecies) behavior issues, www.hssaz.org/services_behavior.html . You may also call 795-6181, Companions for Life, to learn about training classes.

What Interesting History Our Neighborhood Homes Have...



ORIGINAL STRUCTURE

Featured Jefferson Park Home

CURRENT HOME

Architectural Style: Spanish Colonial

Year Built: No one knows when the original two adobe structures were built. When some remodeling was being done, however, some newspapers dated 1928 were discovered up in the attic.

In the late forties, Mr. & Mrs. Thompson moved here from upstate New York. They owned a talc mine that was unsuccessful so, with the remaining money they had, they bought a car and drove to Tucson. They stayed in the old Geronimo Hotel but couldn't find a place to rent despite looking all over for some time. While driving around some dusty back roads on the outskirts of town, they drove passed these two mud adobe huts. The owner, a Mexican whose name has been lost, sold the house to the couple in exchange for the car.

Soon after they moved in, they put the front addition on to join the two mud adobe structures together. The couple rented out the structure on the west side to two young ladies. They lived happily there until Mr. Thompson died suddenly the day before one of the young renters was to be married in the garden of the home. The wedding was held anyway because Mrs. Thompson felt Mr. Thompson would have wanted it that way. Mrs. Thompson then sold the home to Mrs. Fern Howe since she couldn't bear to live there now that her husband had passed. After living there a while, Fern rented it briefly. The renter during this time period of the early 1970's was the one responsible for turning the home into an ashram *(ashram=residence of a guru, used for religious retreat of instruction of Hinduism)*. This is when the Swan was painted on the front of the building which represents an Indian symbol of peace.

The current owner bought the home in 1976. The mailbox you see in the front of his home today is the same one Mr. and Mrs. Thompson had when they lived there. Mrs. Thompson later came back and introduced herself to him and visited her old home from time to time. When she passed away, the owner attended the funeral and then all the children gathered back at the home. The young renter who was married in the back yard garden has also returned to visit.

HISTORIC COMMITTEE UPDATE

Nomination for Historic Status

JPNA has been working on application for historic status for two years. The grant for JPNA submitted by the city was turned down for FY 2006. Our grant lost points in several areas that are entirely correctable. Undaunted, we are working again for resubmission. The first round deadline is May 31. This newsletter will keep you informed. In the meantime, the committee is seeking volunteers for photographing, documenting, and fundraising.

The Neighborhood Newsletter

The Historic Committee has spearheaded the resurrection of the JPNA newsletter. We have committed to a monthly newsletter in the belief that informed neighbors will make the best decisions for their neighborhood. The city provides free printing and mailing once a month to neighborhood associations. If the newsletter receives your support and several people work together, it can be monthly reality. Please submit your articles to JDCHAMA@MSN.COM or mail to 1519 E. Edison, Tucson, AZ 85719.

Committee Meetings

Please consider joining us the second Tuesday of every month. We move from house to house. Call Joan 323-2165 for directions.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

WHEN: Every Sunday morning 8:30a.m. to 9:30a.m.

WHERE: Walks begin at the Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints on Linden Ave.

WHY: To collect street garbage AND to meet your neighbors!!

WHO: Call Liz Burrola at 322-0338 or email at azliz2@cox.net for more information.