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BARRIO BLUE MOON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/tucson/bluemoon>

- Neighborhood Association Meetings have been moved to the second **Wednesday** of every other month

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

• **September 22nd:**

Tucson Police Department West Substation will host a **FREE** movie night and **BBQ** in **ESQUER PARK**. Free hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and soda will be provided for residents of **BBM**. Come check out the improvements in **ESQUER PARK**, meet your neighbors. Come enjoy a **FREE BBQ** and movie!

• **OCTOBER 21st:**

BBM Street Tree Planting Event!

BBM and TPD 'Clean Up' Esquer Park

Esquer Park has seen some positive changes in the last month with the combined efforts of the **BBM** Neighborhood residents **BBM** officers, Heather Newman, the Tucson Police Department, and Ward 3.

TPD has been a strong presence in the park over the last few weeks. They have been actively reminding transient and homeless populations of the park hours and have strongly encouraged them

to move along elsewhere.

TPD is working with the City Parks department to take additional steps to make our park a safe and enjoyable place. These measures include additional gates, fencing and signage, and are to be implemented in the coming months.

TPD will continue to monitor the park, washes and surrounding areas to continue to assist us to minimize unwanted activity.

Officer Dimas, our Westside Contact Officer, encourages any resident who sees suspicious persons or activities in the park at any time to call 911, or contact him directly at 791.4667. The more reports to TPD, the more resources can be assigned to our neighborhood.

Esquer Park hours are 7:30 am to 10:30 pm.

Join us on September 22nd for free movie night and **BBQ** at the park.

We want YOU!

YOUR NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Wednesday, October 11th

6:30-7:30pm

422 W. Speedway, enter from Calle Granillo

2006 BARRIO BLUE MOON SUPER SALSA SHOWDOWN!

Neighbors and Officers from TPD enjoyed a festive gathering at the first annual Barrio Blue Moon Super Salsa Showdown! From among 7 salsa entries, three were selected by those in attendance for prizes: (pictured left to right)

Jose Rivera: Hottest Salsa

Lorraine Marquez: Best Overall Salsa

Kristen Bode: Most Creative Salsa Presentation



September 22nd:

**FREE BBQ in
conjunction with
Movie Night at
Esquer Park!
Come see the
improvements and
catch a movie!**



Barrio Blue Moon Movies in the Park



Come join your neighbors in the Park and enjoy a family movie! (movie titles are subject to change). Weed and Seed funding has provided this chance to have the Tucson Police Department bring their Mobile Movie Unit to our Neighborhood! There will be discussion topics at each event before the movie to help educate our children.

6:30 pm at Esquer Park

Sept 22 "Honey I Shrunk The Kids" – FREE BBQ!!

Oct 20 "Rebound"



GRAFFITI REMOVAL: it's up to you

The City of Tucson has had a recent change in contractor for graffiti abatement. Graffiti can be reported by anyone; however, **the individual resident or property owner must fill out a permission form in order to obtain graffiti removal services.**

You can pick up a form at 422 W. Speedway, or quickly online at :

<http://www.tucsonaz.gov/dnr/Other/graffiti.html>.

You can also call 792-CITY (2489), for assistance. The form must be mailed or faxed to Neighborhood Resources at 791.2556 before removal can occur.

If you see someone "tagging" in our neighborhood, please call 911 immediately. This criminal activity must be reported. Reporting graffiti also helps the Police Department track occurrences and assign the appropriate resources to our neighborhood.

Planting vegetation, and/or installing a motion or other type of exterior lighting can help deter future graffiti. Graffiti that stays in place often encourages more graffiti.

Graffiti is not welcome in BBM, and we encourage all residents to report and remove it as quickly as possible. Faxing in permission forms promptly is a benefit to everyone in Barrio Blue Moon. If you need help, please call 792-2489 or 791.7035 for assistance.

STANDING WATER BREEDS MOSQUITOES

Mosquitoes are a nuisance, but also can carry and transmit the serious West Nile Virus.

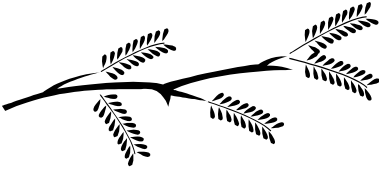
Reduce your risk by eliminating sources of standing water.

To Help Prevent Mosquito Breeding:

1. Destroy or dispose of tin cans, old tires, buckets, unused plastic swimming pools or other containers that collect and hold water.
2. Do not allow water to accumulate in the saucers of flowerpots or decorative ornaments, or to remain in pet dishes for more than 2 days.
3. Clean debris from rain gutters and remove any standing water under or around structures, or on flat roofs.
4. Check around faucets and air conditioner units and repair leaks or eliminate puddles that remain for several days.
5. Change the water in birdbaths and wading pools at least twice a week.
6. Fill or drain puddles, ditches and swampy areas, and either remove, drain or fill tree holes and stumps with mortar.
7. Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats, pools, etc. Arrange the tarp to drain the water.
8. Irrigate carefully to prevent water from ponding, especially if the water can stand for several days.
9. Stock ornamental pools with top feeding predacious minnows, also known as mosquito fish.
10. Use a larvicide (larvae-killing) product containing BTI or insect growth regulator, available at local hardware and home improvement centers, to treat standing water that can't be removed.

For more visit www.pimahealth.org

TREES FOR BARRIO BLUE MOON



The Barrio Blue Moon Neighborhood is organizing a Trees For Tucson street tree planting event for October through a program with Tucson Clean and Beautiful. We can plant trees along streets in the public right-of-way at a cost of only \$6 per tree. The cost of the trees will be covered by each individual resident.

The neighborhood planting event will take place on OCTOBER 21st
If you would like a tree but are unable to plant one, neighborhood volunteers

will help plant it for you.

If you are interested in planting a tree in front of your house between the sidewalk and the street, please fill out a request form at 422 W. Speedway, or email your request to a.etheridge@cox.net.

At a minimum, the space between the sidewalk and the street should be 3 feet.

After the tree is planted in front of your house, you will be responsible for trimming and watering.

The trees are desert appropriate species, and the available choices are **Velvet Mesquite, Desert Willow, Blue Palo Verde, or Sweet Acacia.**

Please come to the next neighborhood meetings at 7:30pm on October 11, 2006 at 422 W Speedway to help plan and prepare for the tree-planting event. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with planting for those who are unable.

Join us in this BBM beautification process!

BBM Neighborhood Watch + Home Safety



At the August BBM neighborhood meeting, TPD was on hand to talk to us about the neighborhood watch program. To start our own program in BBM, we need at least 50% of our residents to join in. We need you! To get out the information to our neighborhood, a contingency of neighbors will be going door-to-door to share information and sign-up interested residents.

If you're interested in participating it is important to attend the October BBM meeting. In the meantime, look forward to a visit from your neighbors who will stop by with more information.

Integral to the Neighborhood Watch program is "**Operation ID**". We are all strongly encouraged to photograph and label all valuables (electronics, computers, tools, bicycles,

etc.) and document all important serial numbers. By taking the time to inventory and label these items, it makes it easier for the Police to return goods in the event that they are stolen and recovered. The City of Tucson monitors many local Pawn Shops looking for merchandise reported as stolen. With your inventory, serial numbers, and photographs, chances are greater for your items to be returned.

STRAY and LOOSE ANIMALS

Our neighbors have reported an increase in loose dogs, stray pets and feral cats in the neighborhood. Many un-chaperoned dogs have created a safety hazard for pedestrians in the neighborhood. For their safety, and the safety of others, dogs are not permitted to roam unaccompanied. Please check your home for holes or breeches in the site fencing and gates and make any necessary repairs to be sure that your pets have a secure yard. Neighbors can report dangerous and/or loose pets to Pima County animal control at **743-7550**.

To reduce the population of unwanted animals, **please** have your pets spayed or neutered. There are FREE and low cost clinics available, a few include:

- Animal Birth Control - West Side at 624-5005.
- Those on food stamps or AHCCCS may qualify for spay/neuter assistance program. Application fee is \$10. Call 881-0321 for more information and to request an application. This is a program of the Humane Society of Southern Arizona.

Barrio Blue Moon Neighborhood Association

422 W. Speedway

PHONE:
520.791.7035

E-MAIL:
barriobluemoon@hotmail.com

We're on the Web!

[www.neighborhoodlink.com
/tucson/barriobluemoon](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/tucson/barriobluemoon)

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergencies and Non-Emergencies (Graffiti, Vandalism, Suspicious Activity, etc) **911**

If a Street Light is out **791-3154** City of Tucson Street lights

Roaches **319-4601** Pima County Wastewater

If there is a stray animal **743-7550** Pima County Animal Control

If there is a problem with trash **791-3272** City of Tucson Solid Waste

Need help dealing with the City of Tucson? **791-4711** is your Ward 3 Council

Are you a senior and need help? **790-7262 x5040** for Carol Ostander of Pima Council on Aging or Westside Hope **628.4700**

Need help with food or a food garden? **622-0525** Community Food Bank

To report a junk car, contact **791.4444**. Other resources are: The Tucson Police Department (if the vehicle is on the street) and Neighborhood Resources Property and Housing Complaints help line at **791-5843** (if the vehicle is on private property).

To report GRAFFITTI already in place, call **792-2489**. **Graffiti in progress, call 911.**

For removal of stray shopping carts, call **791.5843**

TPD Officer Dimas (our Westside contact Officer), direct line, **791.4667**

About Our Organization...

Barrio Blue Moon Association Officers

President – Page W. Repp Jr.

Vice President – Jose Rivera

Secretary – Stacy Burnett

Treasurer – Joyce Hendricks

