

# Sunnyside Neighborhood Association Newsletter



## May 2016

### **Congratulations to our All American Award Students !**

This is the 23rd year in which the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association has raised funds and dedicated our efforts to recognizing students who have shown leadership, character and extraordinary determination in achieving their goals. This year's recipients of the All American Awards are to be congratulated for their community service, their leadership skills, their honesty and integrity. Congratulations also to their parents, teachers and mentors who have inspired them. On May 6<sup>th</sup> the students in the Sunnyside School District will be honored by our Congressman, our County Attorney, our Supervisors, our Mayor and Council, our Police Chief and our Sheriff and the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association.

Julian Luna Barba -Lizette Burrola-  
Jose Canez-Angelina Corral-Jose Dominguez-  
Julian Fernandez-Juan Rafael Gamez-Zenaida  
Contreras Gnona-Aden Gonzalez-  
Jannai Hernandez-Alondra Jimenez-  
Jessica Kim-Nycholas McDaniel-Karla Ochoa-  
Jasmine Ordonez-Dania Pinon-Marlene Romero  
Robles-Jetzemani Ruiz-Bejarano-Valeria Gamez  
Valdez-Stephanie Valenzuela-Alexis Vasquez-  
Moises Xitamal- Maricela Cazares-Edward  
Dicochea- America Durazo-Alan Ferniza-  
Kuresho Yahya Hassan-Hazel Haynes-Isabel  
Molina-Clarissa Moraga-Adrian Michael  
Vasquez-Jesus Marquez Vasquez- Miriam  
Cordero-Arnoldo Martinez-Ilse Yukie Morales  
Duarte-Armairany Rodelo-Carla Priscilla Solano



### **Pima County Board of Supervisors and Ward I Council Office**

At the Board of Supervisor's meeting all neighborhoods who submitted a request for Neighborhood Reinvestment funds were granted which included the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association. The SNA, boundaries are Irvington N, Valencia S, RR tracks E, I-19 W. About 2 1/4 sq. miles. We requested a 10' wide, multi use multi generational 3,500 ft. walking path from 6th Ave. to 12th Ave. This pretty much sits in the heart of our neighborhood. It is our hope to connect our neighbors east, west, north and south. It follows Airport Wash and helps showcase our neighborhood gem, the Peace Garden. Special Thanks to the NH Reinvestment Oversight Committee, BOS District 5 Richard Elias and Andres Cano; but especially Ward 1 Regina Romero and Amy Santos. Without your help and support this would not have moved forward.

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Thank you to **Janice Crist** and **Josefina Cardenas** for attending and supporting our proposal. Thank you **Beki Quintero** for helping present before the board even if I did catch you off guard. We thank all our partners and members for their continued support in our efforts to create positive change especially for the children and seniors.

~Yolanda Herrera  
President ,SNA

## The Peace Conference was held at Sunnyside High School on April 2<sup>nd</sup>

The youth and peace conference was great and had a great turnout. Many schools were represented: Sunnyside, Desert View, Alta Vista, Challenger and others. Tucson youth involved in planning the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth and Peace Conference chose ***“Expression and Communication: The Art of Preventing Chaos”*** as their title for the 2016 Youth and Peace Conference. The food was amazing and delicious. Breakfast and lunch were served for all that attended.



There was entertainment and hands on activities after the dialogue circles.



Dance group was from Sahuarita and they were awesome!



## Tucson Police Department

Memorial will be on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. If you have never gone to one you are missing a very emotional and touching ceremony.

**Roy Drachman Clubhouse** will be hosting an end of school year block party in our parking lot on **May 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm.** Little Caesar's will be bringing the Love Kitchen Truck and we will have free pizza for everyone. The club will provide free games, music and an obstacle course as well as info on their summer program.

## What does a Hawk, a Toucan and a Pelican have in common?

They are all birds but they also help pedestrians cross the street. How you say? These are the names of the different lights you see for pedestrians across the roadway to help them get to the other side.

There will be 2 new “birds” in the neighborhood of Nogales Hwy south of Irvington. Keep an eye out for them ☺

## HAWK - HAWK Pedestrian Flasher

The **High-intensity Activated Cross Walk (HAWK)** is one of the newest crossing systems in use. It is based on a European design and resembles the American school bus “children present” warning. The HAWK consists of a Red-Yellow-Red signal format for motorists. The signals remain off until a pedestrian activates the system by pressing a button. First, a **FLASHING YELLOW** light warns motorists that a pedestrian is present. The signal then changes to **SOLID YELLOW**, alerting drivers to prepare to stop. The signal then turns **SOLID RED** and shows the pedestrian a “WALK” symbol. The signal then begins **ALTERNATING FLASHING RED** and the pedestrian is

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shown a flashing “DON’T WALK” with a countdown timer. Drivers are allowed to proceed during the flashing red after coming to a full stop and making sure there is no danger to pedestrians. In school zones, drivers must wait until the children and crossing guard are completely out of the crossing before proceeding. Bicyclists are advised to yield to pedestrians and dismount if necessary.

## TOUCAN-TOUCAN Traffic Signal

The **TwO** groUps **CAN** cross (TOUCAN) system was designed to provide a safe crossing for two groups - pedestrians and bicyclists. TOUCAN systems are placed at locations of heavy bicycle and pedestrian crossing activity and along roadways that are prioritized for non-motorized uses, sometimes known as “Bike Boulevards.” An added benefit to the TOUCAN signal system is that motorized traffic is not allowed to proceed through these signals, decreasing the number of cars on neighborhood streets, and enhancing the neighborhood’s quality of life. A TOUCAN can be activated only by bicyclists or by pedestrians. Both use a push button to activate the signal. Bicyclists respond to an innovative bicycle signal and use a special lane when crossing. Pedestrians get a standard WALK indication and have a separate, adjacent crosswalk. The system uses a standard signal for motorists.

## PELICAN –PELICAN Traffic Signal

The **PE**destrian **L**ight **C**ontrol **A**ctivati**O**N (PELICAN) system provides a safe, two-stage crossing for pedestrians. The crossing incorporates the median island refuge between the two stages. These crossings can be easily identified by artwork displayed on the median. The PELICAN is placed mid-block on major streets, and minimizes the potential for stops, delays, and accidents. A

pedestrian uses the crossing by pressing a button to activate the first signal. When the light turns red, a “WALK” signal prompts them to proceed to the median. The pedestrian then walks a short distance along the median to activate the second signal. A second “WALK” indication appears when the traffic signal turns red. The PELICAN uses a standard Red-Yellow-Green signal for motorists and remains green unless activated by a pedestrian. Bicyclists should yield to pedestrians, dismounting if necessary.



## Peace Garden- 5901 S Fiesta

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. With so many things happening in May such as All American Awards, Mothers Day, Graduations, Memorial Holiday and other things we will be taking a break in May and we will resume activities in June with a Solar Day **June 4<sup>th</sup> From 8 to 12 noon.** After we clean up a bit we will cook in the solar oven and do other solar activities.

We will meet at 8:00 a.m. and work until 12:00p.m. Note the time change

## Save the Date



The drive will be held on **Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 10am-4pm**, in the **Valencia Library parking lot.**

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## Meet a Member of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association Janice Crist



On a recent Sunday, **Janice's** sister living in Costa Rica had a Frida party (they watched the movie) and Janice attended by Skype for 15 minutes.

**Janice** has been a member of UCAB (Unified Citizen's Advisory Board), focused on the clean-up of water contamination on the south side of Tucson, since 2003 when **Ignacio Gomez** (Nacho) twisted her arm by helping her recruit people into her current research study. Other SNA members and neighbors are **Mary Frances** and **Margie Mortimer**.

**Janice** has been a long-term visitor of SNA since 2000 when **Manny Herrera Jr.** invited her to attend meetings. **Manny** and **Josie Herrera** and **Dolores Carrillo** were founding members of **Janice's** "ENCASA\* Community Advisory Council (**Beki** is now also a member). The council keeps **Janice's** research through the College of Nursing, U of A, out of the "ivory tower." They keep her research "down to earth" and realistic. The goal of the research is to improve elders of Mexican descent and their family caregivers access to services such as visiting nurses services. For example, one project that ENCASA helped with was producing a "telenovela" that dramatized a family's using services; and the project resulted in more knowledge, confidence in, and use of these services.

**Janice** is grateful to SNA, which has written letters of support for funding for these

projects, with the networking assistance and leadership by **Yolanda Herrera**, President of SNA and Chair of UCAB. (\*ENCASA=Elder aNd Caregiver Assistance and Support At-home)

The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association will break from meetings in the summer and will resume with meetings on  
September 19, 2016  
7p.m  
Valencia Library

## THANK YOU

**To all our volunteers and business partners:**

Ace Hardware

Aguilera Law Group

*Betsy A's Beauty Salon*

Circle K Corporation

CREATIVE PRINTERS

Dollar General

Dynamite Carwash

El Merendero

El Tingo

Empire Machinery

Habitat for Humanity

Materion

SONIC

Pima County Attorney's Office

WALMART

And to The Shyann Kindness Project who continues to help our children in our schools and in the community.

### **SNA Officers**

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