

March 2018



A Message from:

**Sunnyside Neighborhood Association
President, Yolanda Herrera,**

Greetings Neighbors and Partners.
Operation Division South, Tucson Police
Captain John Strader, is and has been working on many new initiatives to enhance a safer community for all. He has been rotating the Command Center weekly into several parks in the Division including Mission Manor and Rudy Garcia Parks. The Captain is also rotating his command staff to meet with members of the community. Some people are fearful of meeting or going to the Station to share their concerns.

This past week he held this event at the El Pueblo Senior Center, and in the past it was held at the Valencia Library. Again, this rotates to various neighborhoods in the Division. Officers regularly attend our neighborhood meetings when possible. The community meets the new beat officers as they rotate into the division. The Captain wants them to come to neighborhood meetings and interact with the neighbors. This also helps our officers hear our concerns directly. At our meeting on Monday, February 26th there were 6 officers including one Lt., one Sgt. and one Lead Patrol Officer. They were able to introduce themselves and share a little about themselves. Two actually grew up in our neighborhood! We also asked our officers to monitor activity in the Peace Garden when it is closed. Seems some are jumping the gate and doing unkind damage to our jewel. If you see such activity, do not hesitate to report it.

TPD has also partnered with Code Enforcement and have begun rotating into

different neighborhoods to do Neighborhood survey with each month selecting a different neighborhood. Our neighborhood survey was conducted on February 7th, 2018 . After two hours of driving it was clear that was not enough time to complete our neighborhood due to its large size.

However, I was able to drive them through what I classify as "hot" spots. I was assured Code Enforcement would continue on their own. Some issues being addressed are: the homeless camp off Bilby and 6th, and wildcat dump sites where these are a constant issue. Addressing these issues will take time.

Please note, we are not trying to create problems for our neighbors but we are concerned due to safety issues. Please let us also know if you are aware of areas needing attention.

I will add, if you have elderly neighbors who need assistance, please let us know. We are also working with the Ward 1 and 5 Council Offices.

At our Monday night meeting we had a great presentation from Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) to address the issues of loose dogs and feral cats.



We are trying to encourage more students to walk to school and of course more of us to walk for the health benefits however we found people are concerned about encountering dogs.

If you or your neighbors need assistance securing your gates/yards to keep your dogs in, there are funds to help w/repairs. There is also help to trap/neuter/spay and return feral cats. Contact us if you would like more information.

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VITA through United Way is offering free assistance with your tax returns. Information for places and times can be found at the Valencia Library.

Did you know there is a program to help you receive some of your property tax back? Contact Pima Council on Aging for additional information, 790-7262.

I will continue to supply information at the library when possible however I no longer will keep regular hours there. Feel free to contact me if you have questions regardless if you are a senior. My contact information: 520-991-3307 or email at acuinteriors@aol.com

This year we will be celebrating our 25th All American Awards. If you know of any past recipients we would love to invite them to join in this celebration.

At our meeting, we also honored **Donie Gignac** as she retires from the library. She was given a certificate and a very delicious cake.

Donie has supported our neighborhood association for decades and she will be greatly missed.



Movie night:



March 15th, 2018 at 5:30

March 31, 2018



**Giving Blood help saves Lives!
You can donate at the Valencia Library
from 10:00a.m. until 3:00p.m.
In the meeting room at 202 W Valencia.**



Peace Garden

5901 S Fiesta

We celebrated Chinese New Year in the Peace Garden on the 17th of February. What a great day it turned out to be. Special thanks to La Bella China for donating the delicious meal for the students to have a great lunch.



We worked hard in the garden on the 3rd of March and will again be in the Peace Garden on the **17th of March at 9:00 a.m.** for a special guest and his amazing reptiles!

Special Time: We will be in the garden from 9:00a.m. until 1:00p.m.

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Save the Date

**The Peace Officers Memorial Service on
May 2nd at 270 S Stone at 6:30 p.m.**

Keep a **blue light on to show your
support for TPD.**



Produce on Wheels

In collaboration with Borderlands Food Bank, Sunnyside High School will host a Produce on Wheels Without Waste event on first Saturdays of the month thru May.

The event will take place in the school parking lot and is open to the public. For a \$10 contribution, community members can shop for up to 60 pounds of fresh, nutritious rescued produce. The address is 1725 E Bilby.

Tucson Electric Power (TEP) is encouraging stakeholders to help identify the preferred route for the proposed Irvington to Kino 138 kV transmission line to connect the Irvington Substation located at East Irvington Road and South Contractor's Way to the planned Kino Substation at South Kino Parkway and East 36th Street. TEP has completed its alternatives analysis and selected 3 alternative routes.

1. Any issues that are important to you in evaluating the transmission line alternatives.
2. Whether there is an alternative you prefer and why.

TEP will use additional input received by **March 28, 2018** to select a preferred route from these alternatives. TEP will include all three alternatives and all input received from public meetings, in writing, and through online comment tools, in its application to the Arizona Corporation Commission for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility, which we expect to file in April 2018.

Additional information is available at TEP's website at: <https://www.tep.com/irvington-to-kino/>

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you,
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Next meeting will be
March 19, 2018 -7pm
Valencia Library**



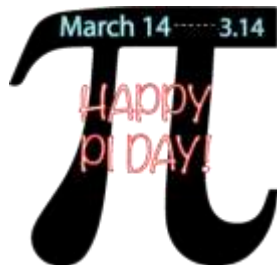
The Multigenerational path has been used quite regularly since its completion by many walkers, cyclists, skateboarders and joggers. The feedback we are receiving has been generally positive.

We will be planning the ribbon cutting soon. Keep your eyes peeled for a date !



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Don't forget about Pi Day !



**Brush and Bulky dates for the
Sunnyside Neighborhood
Association**

Have items out by 6:00a.m. please
West of 12th Ave
March 26th
East of 12th Ave.
April 16th

Items you can place out for B & B

- Brush, tree trunks, branches and other green waste (up to 5 feet long and 24 inches in diameter)
- Lumber (up to 5 feet long and stacked in a separate pile)
- PVC and metal pipes (up to 5 feet long)
- Railroad ties (limit 5)
- Furniture, carpet, and doors
- Lawn mowers with fuel tank and crank case removed
- Scrap metal (bicycles, swing sets, etc., broken into 5 foot lengths)
- Cacti (must be contained - up to 25 lbs.)
- Appliances (remove freezer/refrigerator doors)
- Car tires (limit of five automobile tires)
- Metal drums (empty and cut in half)

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our schools and in the community.

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