



BROADMOOR-BROADWAY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

June 2004

BBVNA President's Letter

By John Thomas

All the cool weather we enjoyed during the time of the last newsletter is gone – too bad! But mornings and evenings are still great for working outside or walking in the neighborhood. (I admit that I let Spring slip away without doing enough work outside, so I'll pay – either by working in the heat or by explaining to my love why it is that the work is not done, heh-heh...)

In my regular dog walks around the neighborhood, I come across little jewels that impress the heck out of me. Here is my latest list:

- Grass you want to walk barefoot in: 2925 E. Croyden
- Neatest driveway: 2802 E. Arroyo Chico
- Slate-colored shingle roof with style: 2809 E. Malvern
- Yellow on yellow flower complements: 2610 E. Exeter
- And a little jewel of a home, easy to drive by, but very neat and elegant when you slow down and actually look: 2841 E. Arroyo Chico.

Of course there are dozens and dozens of homes that are cool in our neighborhood. But what is really cool is how many more homes in the neighborhood are becoming more comfortable everyday through the efforts, vision, and loving hands of their owners!

“Zoning 101” – I attended the first zoning ‘show and tell’ on June 9 put on for neighborhoods by City Development Services staff. It was good to hear about the different zoning review processes, but many of the audience members were concerned that the Land Use Code does not protect neighborhoods. A

case in point is Jefferson Park, zoned for R-2 but built as single family homes. A builder came in with plans to build large 2-story homes on the backs of several lots, each with 7 bedrooms with outside entrances (to serve U of A students). No additional parking was required by Code. The Land Use Code is up for revision now, and some neighborhoods are working hard to make it more neighborhood-friendly. We will stay involved with this effort.

Camino Campestre Bike Path proposal – the City and Colonia Solana (the neighborhood east of Country Club) are submitting a proposal for state funding to put a multi-use bike lane along Camino Campestre (the street north of Reid Park). The bike lane would turn north before Country Club, and then west on Arroyo Chico and cross Country Club. This project would benefit our neighborhood as it would include a bike / pedestrian activated signal to cross Country Club at Arroyo Chico. Woo-hoo! No more dodging cars on Country Club. Funding is competitive and not guaranteed.

4th of July Parade – Make sure you see the enclosed flyer for this parade and potluck. Hundreds of neighbors and their children have taken part in this parade over the last 20 years!

Treat Walkway – Thanks go to Dawn Bell on Devon for submitting a proposal to the Drachman Institute at the U of A for help in planning and design of improvements to the Treat walkway and bridge. The Institute is the public outreach arm of the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. Let's keep our fingers crossed that this project will be selected for students to work on in the fall!

Crime stats – Tom Arnold did a nice job summarizing Police calls in our neighborhood (page 4). The total number of calls seems to be going down since 2002, which is good news! But it is no fun when you are the one house that is hit. Here are some recent problems.

- Graffiti – the neighborhood was hit badly in several areas in early June. Thanks go to Judy Nostrant of E. Stratford for removing much of the graffiti. Rita will work with Graffiti Abatement to remove the rest.
- Vehicle break-in: 2507 E. Arroyo Chico in early June.
- Possible pet poisonings – Eastbourne and Arroyo Chico, Stratford and Arroyo Chico. (Our sympathies to the Allen family.)

Tucson Area Information Guide – This is a great resource to add to your browser favorites:

<http://www.cityoftucson.org/index.htm>

A comprehensive one-stop alphabetical listing of area organizations and City services – everything from Abandoned Buildings to the Reid Park Zoo!

Condolences – to the Herb Wagner, Jr., family on Croyden on the death of his father. Herb has committed many hours to the neighborhood as our household hazardous collection coordinator.

Alleys and Easements

On February 24, 2003, the **Mayor and Council** adopted the **Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance** which states that each owner, lessee, tenant, resident or occupant shall maintain a property so it is free of the accumulation or untended growth of vegetation, weeds, and refuse. **Citizens have a legal responsibility to take care of the weeds, vegetation, refuse on and adjacent to their property.** This includes **alleys, easements, and the area between the property line and the curb.** Accumulation of vegetation prohibited: 1) Any lawn grass that exceeds six (6) inches in height. 2) All weeds that exceed ten (10) inches in height and 3) Dead plants or dead parts of plants of any kind.

Additionally, according to Chapter 25, **each property owner, occupant, or agent in charge of any property is responsible to keep such trees, shrubs, or any vegetation trimmed in such a manner that it will not interfere with the reasonable use of a street or alley for pedestrian or vehicular traffic.** If the responsible party does not abate the **code violations** after notice of violation, the **City may assess fines of up to \$2,500.00.**

It is clear that our neighborhood has a number of problem easements, and even some overgrown front yards, that don't comply with the above requirements.

The next brush and bulky cleanup in our neighborhood is the week of August 23.

That cleanup provides each of us the opportunity to get our adjacent property into shape. **If anyone in the neighborhood needs assistance** in this effort, whether through age or infirmity, please contact any of the association officers by August 1. We will coordinate volunteers as necessary to help you out.

After the brush and bulky cleanup in August, the Department of Environmental Services will likely conduct a sweep of our neighborhood to let us know how well we did, and to provide a notice of violation to folks that did not take this effort seriously.

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Notes from May 19, 2004, Neighborhood Meeting

By Gail Cordy

Ramon Valadez, our new Pima County Supervisor, was appointed to take the place of **Dan Eckstrom**. Mr. Valadez described how the bond issues were developed with cooperation from all of the municipalities. A recently developed Regional Transit Authority agreement has gone to the Governor for signature. He was confident that better city/county relations are moving forward.

Mary Webb, Pima County Health District Nurse for our area, explained that she can provide wellness education on issues such as fall prevention and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, community assessments, clinics (children's shots, flu shots, well-baby), and other services. Anyone can have her come to their home and help connect them with community health resources.

Karen Leone, Tucson City Manager's Office, presented a wonderful update on all of the exciting changes that will be coming to downtown Tucson as part of Rio Nuevo. To name just a few—the newly restored train depot will become the terminus for the Mexican railroad, Martin Luther King apartments will be replaced with Depot Plaza—disabled and senior citizen housing, the 4th Ave trolley will be extended to run downtown, and the University of Arizona Science Center will be a state-of-the-art facility including Flandrau Planetarium and a variety of other museums. On the west side of the Santa Cruz River new residential housing will be built and Tucson Origins Heritage Park will house the original Presidio and reconstructed Convento.

Some neighbors have **red cards** in their windows indicating that they (or as is usually the case, their kids) have created a disturbance in the neighborhood, often a loud party. Please be respectful of your neighbors and keep noise levels down after 10 p.m.

Door prize winners!

Ian Marr won 1 pound of specialty coffee from **Table Talk** and **Carol Brubaker** won a \$10 gift certificate to **Yikes Toy Store** in Broadway Village.

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Davis-Monthan Noise Briefing

By John Thomas

Gail Cordy and I attended a special briefing on May 11 about DM noise concerns that was hosted by Council Member Ronstadt. In this invitation-only briefing of neighborhood representatives, top brass at DM explained DM's various training and operational missions, the typical flight paths into and out of the Base (and the air space constraints that lead to these flight paths), and the number of noise complaints received over the years.

Interestingly, the overall number of DM flights have decreased while noise complaints have gone up. In 1998 there were 80,000 flights and 150 noise complaints, and in 2003 there were 60,000 flights and 250 noise complaints. Typically, scheduled flights are reduced after 10:30 at night and on the weekends. Night flights have increased but complaints about those flights have not increased.

The base is the home of A-10 "warthogs", EC-130s for cargo and search and rescue, HH-60 helicopters for search and rescue, F-16s and other aircraft for the Department of Homeland Security. It is the only training base for A-10s, and performs some training for foreign pilots as well. All flights with live ordinance take off to the south (except for F-16s on live homeland defense intercept missions that take off to the north).

The Broadway-Broadmoor neighborhood is in the flight path used by pilots-in-training with A-10s. According to DM officials, the noise we experience from A-10s at 500 feet should be no more than 106 decibels (about the same as a loud motorcycle).

Some representatives from other neighborhoods voiced concern about increasing noise once the relatively quiet A-10s are replaced by newer aircraft at DM. In fact, some want to fight the deployment of louder aircraft to DM. The DM representatives said that the Air Force will conduct an environmental impact study before new planes are deployed (probably 7 – 10 years out), and neighborhoods would have the opportunity to comment. This issue will be in the news for a while.

Gail and I found the briefing very informative. DM staff follows up on all noise complaints received to determine if their aircraft are responsible (noise could also come from Air National Guard jets or from

aircraft that are “in transit”, just passing through DM). DM also issues press releases before night training exercises are conducted to alert the public of additional noise. **If you have a specific aircraft noise complaint** that you would like to report to DM, please call their Chief of Community Relations, **Janie McLaury, at 228-5091**. She is very personable and will follow up on your call.

DUES:
**If you have not yet paid your BBVNA dues for 2004, there is still time to send a check (\$10 for a household, \$25 for a business) to: Rita Toland
 2818 E. Devon St.
 Tucson, AZ 85716**

Broadmoor Neighborhood Crime Stats

By Tom Arnold

One of the on-going concerns for our neighborhood is the crime rate. In light of this, we thought we would take a look at the crime statistics for the past three years that are available on-line from the City of Tucson Police Department.

Broadway was excluded because the commercial strip has a lot of activity that would skew the statistics for the residential portion of the neighborhood. We focused on the area from approximately Manchester to Stratford and Tucson Blvd to Country Club. This representative area should pretty well capture the residential area.

Of course comparing part of 2004 to all of 2002 and 2003 is misleading, so the table shows the top 15 crimes so far this year and extrapolates those to the end of the year.

In terms of the total number of calls, it is likely that we will have substantially fewer this year than were reported for each of the last two years.

There were 380 in 2002, 352 in 2003, and only 111 so far in 2004. If this trend continues, there will only be about 247 calls this year. Based on the numbers so far, things are looking much better than in previous years.

On the other hand, it has been a busy year with reports of disturbances. There have been 13 already this year, compared to 11 for all of 2002. If disturbance complaints continue at this rate, we could have 29 by the end the year. Burglaries are well down from 2002, but, are already approaching the number we had in all of 2003 and are likely to almost double the number in 2003 by the end of the year.

How does our neighborhood compare to other areas? Well, this is a more complicated question to research. But the TPD officers who we have talked with indicate that **we live in one of the more crime free neighborhoods** in the City. So, lets keep our eyes out for suspicious and finish the year up relatively safe and crime free.

Crime/Call	2002	2003	2004	
			Through 6-15	Projected 2004
DISTURBANCE/PEACE RESTORED	11	20	13	29
LARCENY/FROM MOTOR VEHICLES (EXCEPT 0605)	30	33	9	20
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY/PERSON	16	19	7	16
BURGLARY/FORCIBLE ENTRY	22	7	6	13
PUBLIC ASSIST/CHECK WELFARE	29	23	6	13
UNFOUNDED/NO BONAFIDE INCIDENT	10	9	6	13
FALSE ALARM/RESIDENTIAL-AUDIBLE	30	14	5	11
OTHER OFFENSES/OTHER MISDEMEANORS	6	3	4	9
BURGLARY/UNLAWFUL ENTRY - NO FORCE	2	4	3	7
CIVIL MATTER/OTHER	7	6	3	7
CRIMINAL DAMAGE/MALICIOUS MISCHIEF	11	9	3	7
DISORDERLY CONDUCT/DISTURBING THE PEACE	5	2	3	7
DISTURBANCE/UNABLE TO LOCATE	11	10	3	7
UNFOUNDED/NO VICTIM OR WITNESS FOUND	6	8	3	7
VIOLATION OF TRAFFIC & MV LAWS/LICNSE & REGIS	11	15	3	7
ALL OTHER	173	170	34	76
TOTAL	380	352	111	247



Join your neighbors
at the 20th Annual
Broadmoor
4th of July Parade!



****Prizes for:**

- ★ Most Patriotic
- ★ Best Group
- ★ Best on Wheels
- ★ Most Interesting
- ★ Best on 4 Legs
- ★ And Others

**Potluck goodies and refreshments
at the end of the parade!**

We've changed the parade
route!!!!!!

Registration at 7:30 am
Parade begins at 8

Starts and ends at the corner of Malvern
and Arroyo Chico
(2650 E. Arroyo Chico)

Judging will take place near end of
parade route on Stratford.

****Please register or clearly
identify your costume or
"float". This helps the
judges.
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