



BROADMOOR-BROADWAY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER January, 2019

BBVNA Neighborhood Meeting -- Wednesday, January 23

Featured Topic: TUCSON WATER QUALITY

Special Guests: Councilman Steve Kozachik and Representatives from Tucson Water

This is a meeting you will want to attend! Water, always critical here in Southern Arizona, has been especially prominent in the news lately. Much attention has been given locally to the ground water contaminants (perfluorocarbons PFOA and PFOS) that are believed to be coming from fire retardant chemicals used for years at Davis Monthan. Councilman Kozachik has been a leader in the effort by the City of Tucson to bring suit against manufacturer 3M to recover our costs caused by this problem. The staff from Tucson Water will discuss the measures that they have had to take to ensure this contamination does not reach our drinking water, and can also address other potential sources of contaminant and water supply issues that they work to manage.

This will be an outstanding opportunity for us here in BBVN to hear directly from these active players on this important topic, and for us to get questions about our overall water security answered.

Place: Robison Elementary School, 2745 E 18th St. *Entrance is on Treat between 17th & 18th.*

Time: 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm: Informal conversation
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm: Neighborhood Meeting

Historic Designation Project – Fundraising Update

By Mike Weingarten, for the Board

Good news! Our neighborhood has done an outstanding job, and we are now almost done raising the money that we need for this project!

(Need background on the Project? It's on our website: www.broadmoorbroadwayvillage.com)

We've worked hard the past 3 years with fundraising and volunteer effort to pay for this project. In August, we were awarded a State grant for \$15,960. That grant suddenly made the path to our funding endpoint more easily achievable. Since then, many neighbors have stepped up with donations to provide the remaining funds needed. We have now raised virtually all of the money needed to pay for the contract with our architectural consultant, who is doing the work.

There will still be some other project expenses, one of which will be the purchase and installation of signs for the neighborhood, identifying it as an Historic District. We are working to get an estimate on those costs now, but the actual expenses will happen only after the nomination is approved (hopefully sometime next year). So the final accounting is still to come, but for now, we appear to be in very good shape.

So many neighbors have donated to this project. Some have donated far in excess of the suggested \$300. We are very grateful to them, and to all the donors. If additional fundraising is needed, we will encourage donations from contributing property owners who have not yet donated. This will spread the final financial burden, and will allow more people to become participants in this very special project.

More info will come as we know more ourselves. In the meantime, if you have questions, please email us at history@broadmoorbroadwayvillage.com.

Malvern Plaza Update

By Justine Hernandez, Malvern Committee Chair

Our sweet little neighborhood pocket park, Malvern Plaza, continues to be the perfect backdrop for neighborhood gatherings. Coordinated activities are publicized on our listserv, Nextdoor, and the BBVNA website's calendar of events. We also keep an updated list of events in a folder on the top shelf of the Little Free Library. Fellow plaza collaborators are welcome and encouraged! Do you have an idea for some neighborly shenanigans, an activity you'd like to coordinate? Contact Justine at malvernplaza@broadmoorbroadwayvillage.com with your questions and ideas.

Upcoming events:

Citrus Share: Harvest-Swap-Share! **Sunday, Feb 3rd from 1-3 pm in Malvern Plaza.** Bring your citrus excess to the plaza to swap and share with neighbors. We'll have info about Iskashitaa Refugee Harvesting Network, a local non-profit that works to limit food waste in our community.

Annual Plant Swap, **Sunday March 10, from 10 am to 1 pm in Malvern Plaza.** Share, swap, or simply take cactus, agaves, aloes, and any other plants (or seeds) you'd like to share with your neighbors. We'll also have Arizona Native Plant Society info about the benefits of using native plants in your landscape.

Coffee & Conversation (the **3rd Thursday of every month**). This wonderful gathering continues. Enjoy informal conversation and camaraderie in Malvern Plaza. Bring your own beverage and we'll provide a sweet treat to go with it. A great way to get to know your neighbors and make new friends! Contacts: Mary at mfwtucson@gmail.com; or Joan at 513-309-8862.

Welcoming Committee

By Suzie Husband, Welcoming Committee Chair

Our neighborhood is pretty special, and one of the unique aspects is the Welcoming Committee. We make a brief visit to new neighbors, share information about our community, and let them know that we are happy they are here.

If you are new to the neighborhood and have not yet been visited by someone on our committee please let us know. You can contact any Welcoming Committee member. Our names and email addresses are given below.

We are always looking for more friendly folks to join our committee and we would especially like to have members from the north side of the neighborhood. Contact us if you are interested in learning more. If you know of new neighbors on your street please share that with us as well.

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Upcoming Urban Forestry Event

By Richard Roati, Chair Urban Forestry

Please join the BBVNA Urban Foresters, neighbor Maria Martinez, and myself at the Intersection of Manchester Avenue and Eastbourne Avenue on **Sunday, January 20 from 10:00 AM to noon.** We will be cleaning up the intersection and making piles of prickly pear pads, buffel grass, and mesquite prunings for the city of Tucson to haul away during Brush and Bulky pickup, which will be occurring during the week of January 21. Please bring gloves, rakes, shovels, pruners, water, and a hat. Thanks a bunch, and see you there!

Dues

By Rita Toland, Treasurer

It's time to pay dues for 2019. Annual dues of \$20 (\$30 for merchants) are collected and applied to the calendar year in which they are paid. Payment of dues is voluntary, but your dues support neighborhood communications (including our newsletters and website), socials, and committees.

Our main social event of the year is 4th of July. Our newest social event was a Halloween party for our younger trick or treaters and was a great success. Your dues support events like these, and also our very active committees – Neighborhood Watch, Historic Designation, Urban Forestry, Welcoming, and Malvern Plaza. These are all facets of our neighborhood which we believe really enhance the quality of life here.

Dues for 2019 may be paid online from our website (www.broadmoorbroadwayvillage.com), or you may send a check for \$20, payable to "BBVNA", to Rita Toland, 2818 E. Devon St. Thanks!