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DUNBAR/SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD

Special Time and Location for Upcoming DSNA Meeting

The next Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Association meeting will take place at the Community Garden on Monday, April 19th at 6:00 p.m.! It will be a potluck, so please bring a dish to share and your own plate/silverware. Since this is the annual meeting, elections will also be held. Hope to see you there!

DSNA Elections to be Held at Annual Meeting on April 19

Officers of the Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Association are elected each April to hold office for a term of one year. Neighborhood residents and property owners are encouraged to participate by running for office and by voting in the elections. The neighborhood board plays a vital role in keeping us on top of important issues, securing funding for neighborhood projects, and acting as a voice for our neighborhood.

Dated Material

- DSNA President:** Ian Fritz
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- Newsletter:** Turtle
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- Dunbar Coalition:** Lisa Scoblink
- Ward One, Councilwoman Regina Romero**
791-4040 ~ regina.romero@tucsonaz.gov
- Dunbar/Spring Online:**
www.dunbarspring.org
groups.yahoo.com/group/DunbarSpring
- Upcoming DSNA Meetings:**
General meetings are held the third Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at the Dunbar school (325 W 2nd St).
Next meeting: April 19

Eat More Pie: Pie Baking Contest

Sunday, April 11th
 Dunbar School Auditorium, 325 W 2nd St

Drop off pies for judging: 1 - 2 p.m.

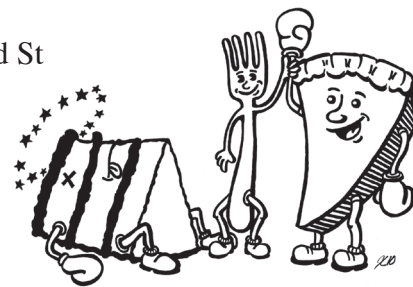
*Fruit, cream, other, and vegan categories
 Prizes for best in show; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place
 in each category; and the most creative pie*

Pie party: 4 - 7 p.m.

*Come taste pies made by bakers throughout
 the community and sample some of the tastiest
 treats our neighborhood ovens have to offer!*

Pie will be sold for \$3/slice or \$5/two slices

More details at www.pieparty.org



The grand prize winner will receive a four-night stay in Puerto Peñasco and will select the non-profit to receive the event proceeds! So enter a pie and help one of your favorite local charities win big:

- Center for Biological Diversity,
- Desert Harvesters, Dunbar Coalition,
- Earth First! Journal, Gloo Factory, KXCI,
- No More Deaths, Northern Jaguar Project,
- Nuclear Resister, Owl and Panther Project,
- Sky Island Alliance, Tucson CARES

The **President** shall act for and in behalf of the membership of the Association, contingent upon the Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Association's voted approval of that action; shall appoint special committees necessary for the operation of the business of the Association, and shall act as official spokesperson of the Association. The President shall only implement the voted-upon decisions of the Association.

The **Vice President** shall, in the absence of the President, assume all of the duties of that office.

The **Secretary** shall keep a permanent record of all the Monthly Meetings and special meetings' minutes, and all legal documents and legal transactions of the Association. The Secretary shall transcribe the minutes of each Monthly Meeting, including all actions taken by the Association and the content of any discussion, and shall transfer one copy to the President, one copy to the Community Garden bulletin board, and one copy to the Newsletter editor, who will include them in the newsletter. The Secretary will post the minutes on the listserv or Internet-accessible media in use at the time. Copies shall be transferred as herein described within seven (7) calendar days of the respective meeting

If you are unable to attend the April 19th meeting, you can still vote by submitting your vote in person to the Secretary. From the bylaws: "Any Voting Member unable to attend the Annual Meeting to vote for officers may vote in absentia by contacting the Secretary at least three (3) days prior to the meeting at which the vote will be taken. The vote with the Secretary must be made in person. The Secretary will accept a vote for each office. The Member's name (printed), signature, and address must be provided."

occurrence. The Secretary shall also conduct absentee voting, as described in Article IV of the Association bylaws.

The **Treasurer** shall have general charge and supervision of the books, financial records, and bank accounts of the Association. The Treasurer shall present a current financial report of all receipts and disbursements at each Monthly Meeting and at the Annual Meeting.

The **Parliamentarian** shall be familiar with general parliamentary procedures of Robert Rules of Order. The Parliamentarian shall aid in the orderly conduct of all meetings; ensure the adherence to bylaws of the Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Association; provide direction when the Association requests changes of the rules or existing procedures; enforce and correct parliamentary procedures; answer point information addressed through the chair; appoint teller to count votes at all elections; and oversee Association elections. If the Parliamentarian is on the ballot, a moderator shall be appointed from Voting Members. The Parliamentarian shall determine whether a motion in question is in conflict with a standing decision and requires a vote to rescind.

What happened to our neighborhood newsletter?

In January, the City of Tucson's budget situation necessitated a large cut to the neighborhood support function. Due to these reductions, neighborhood associations were offered just one more mailing through June 2010. This is that mailing. At this time, it is unknown what this means for neighborhood support services, including the newsletter, in the upcoming fiscal year.

Other avenues neighborhood residents can utilize to keep in touch and up-to-date on recent activities and planned events include the bulletin boards at the community garden and the corner of 9th Avenue and University, visiting the Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Association website at www.dunbarspring.org, joining the listserv and discussion online at DunbarSpring-subscribe@yahoo.com, or by talking to and getting to know your neighbors in person!

Hello neighbors:

Councilor Romero asked me to contact you about a terrible bill in the legislature. It would eliminate the tax credits for historic homes in your neighborhood! Please email the Senate Finance Committee today. Councilor Romero already did, and we need many more to do the same. Below is an email alert sent out by the City's historic preservation officer.

Thanks,

~ Diana Rhoades, Ward 1 Council Aide

Subj: Threat to Historic Tax Break

State Senator Linda Gray has introduced SB.1166 that would eliminate the State Property Tax Reclassification program. This is the "tax break" for residential historic properties in Arizona. Approximately 6,000 total households are enrolled in the program statewide, of which approximately 2,900 are in Phoenix and 2,000 in Tucson (numbers according to the State Historic Preservation Office).



The purpose of this voluntary tax incentive program is to redirect a portion of property taxes back to owner-occupants for repairs and green retrofitting of historic houses, and to create an incentive for exterior alterations to follow national guidelines for maintaining the defining characteristics of historic homes and neighborhoods. For residents of the older neighborhoods that make our community distinctive, this tax break is also an important incentive to seek historic designation. Data from across Tucson, the state, and the country show that historic designation increases property values, increases residential stability (length of time owner-occupants and renters stay in their residences before moving), strengthens a sense place and neighborhood identity, and leads to better care of common spaces, increased participation in community activities, and reduced crime.

The proposed bill is linked here:

www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/legtext/49leg/2r/bills/sb1166p.htm.

For information on the historic preservation tax incentive and grant programs, visit: www.azstateparks.gov/shpo/tax.html.

To express your opinion about this proposal, contact the members of the Senate Finance Committee:

- * Jim Waring, Chair ~ jwaring@azleg.gov
- * Barbara Leff, Vice Chair ~ bleff@azleg.gov
- * Ken Chevront ~ kchevront@azleg.gov
- * Pamela Gorman ~ pgorman@azleg.gov
- * Ron Gould ~ rgould@azleg.gov
- * Debbie McCune Davis ~ dmccunedavis@azleg.gov
- * Richard Miranda ~ rmiranda@azleg.gov
- * Russell Pearce ~ rpearce@azleg.gov

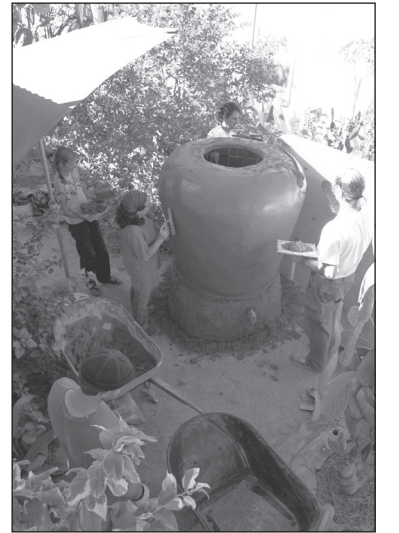
Tucson Rain Jar Project Comes to Dunbar/Spring

By 2025, at least 3.5 billion people will live in areas without enough water. Those of us living in the Sonoran desert can already anticipate the impacts of our dwindling water supply. As people throughout Tucson become ever more aware of the need to reduce water consumption, residents in Dunbar/Spring have started the Tucson Rain Jar Project to showcase a model of rooftop water collection that is cost effective, environmentally friendly, and builds community.

Inspired by water-saving ideas from rural Thailand, the "rain jar" is built from scratch, with an aesthetically pleasing, flowerpot-shaped storage container. Traditionally, Thai rain jars were constructed by filling a large bag with dirt, wrapping it with chicken wire, and then covering the outside with a thin layer of cement. After the cement dried, the dirt and bag were removed, and the inside covered with plaster. Instead of using this method to create the structure, the Tucson Rain Jar Project has formed metal molds that can be disassembled into sections and reused for many more of these low-cost tanks.

With support from PRO Neighborhoods, the Tucson Rain Jar Project is building a series of six community-crafted, rainwater-harvesting cisterns. Two have already been constructed in Dunbar/Spring and a third is scheduled to take place during a weekend work party in May (likely the first or second weekend). Neighbors who are interested in learning about these hand-built cisterns are welcome and encouraged to come join in and learn with us in this process! To participate or find out more information, contact Ian or Turtle at 628-4318.

Once the initial six rain jars are complete, the Tucson Rain Jar Project will host a celebration featuring a tour of the rain jar locations and a basic how-to guide for anyone interested in producing a similar water collection system.



NEWS FROM THE DUNBAR/SPRING ORGANIC COMMUNITY GARDEN

Are you good with people and familiar with organic gardening? With vibrancy, I am searching for people to be involved in the best neighborhood in Tucson as Dunbar/Spring Organic Community Garden and playground coordinator.

This is a volunteer position with loads of help from many other volunteers, including myself and Brad Lancaster.

A few hours a month is all it takes to oversee the space, collect lease fees, manage bank account, communicate with the Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Association, and manage the garden listserv.

New ideas are welcome, and if you are experienced in event coordination, **especially plantings and work parties**, that would be a plus.

Thanks,

~ Susan Hutzler

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Announcements

An excellent yard sale is happening on Saturday, April 10th starting at 8 a.m. at 927 N 10th Ave (next to the Seventh Day Adventist Church). Please stop by!

~ Paul Buckwalter & Casey Hayden

Come join the students of Camp Wildcat on April 17th at 7 p.m. at the Arizona Historical Society and support a good cause. Camp Wildcat is a student-run non-profit organization that has been taking underprivileged kids on free weekend-long camping trips since 1965 and portraying college as an attainable goal, and we would like to continue the tradition! "Quiz 4 Kids" is many things: a trivia tournament, a silent and live auction, and dinner, for only \$15! During this annual event, Camp Wildcat raises enough money to go on at least two weekend camps with kids. Camp Wildcat wants neighborhoods to become involved because so often there is a disconnect between the university and the community, and we are trying to bridge that gap. Support Tucson's youth by reserving your tickets at uofacampwildcat.org.

~ Samantha Ferrell