

DUNBAR SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

September 2007

Annual Tree Planting

Over 1,000 native trees have been planted in our neighborhood through this annual event! Trees beautify the area, clean the air, cool summer temperatures with their shade, provide habitat for native song birds, and even provide food! (See www.DesertHarvesters.org for how to make mesquite flour).

The fall is the best time to plant native shade trees, as they will have all winter and spring to send their roots deep into the soil and establish before the dry heat of summer hits. Anyone (homeowner, business owner, or renter) can order these low-water-use 5-gallon trees through our tree planting program and Trees for Tucson for just **\$6 each!** That's a great deal, because in the nursery they will cost at least \$20 each.

There are two separate programs, with separate forms. The first is for property trees; each address can order up to 2 trees to be planted on private property. The second is for trees planted along the street in the public right-of-way. There is no limit, but the trees you order must be able to fit in the public right-of-way along your property line with at least 15-20 feet between them).

Order forms are included in this newsletter (also uploaded online). **Drop-off forms** at **813 N 9th Ave** (forms on porch) and **526 N 9th Ave** (Originate showroom), during business hours. A list of native trees you can choose from is on each of the order forms. More information on all the trees can be found under native tree list (www.DesertHarvesters.org).

Completed forms and payment must be received by **September 27th**. Tree planting day is **Sunday, October 7th**, starting with a tree planting and passive water harvesting demonstration in the morning when it's nice and cool.

Tree delivery is free and neighborhood volunteers take care of the permitting process for the trees planted along the street. No permit is necessary to plant trees on private property. Call Blue Stake (800-782-5348) to mark all underground utilities (for free) before you dig any holes.

Some help is usually available with tree planting if you are not able (and of course we're always looking for volunteers to help plant). *Join our group of volunteer neighborhood tree planters to help someone else plant a tree, then the group will help you with your trees!!*

This is a great opportunity to beautify the neighborhood as you get to know your neighbors, and establish some living air conditioners at the same time! Contact Nicole Koch at 740-0736 or nicole@tfssolar.com with any questions or to volunteer with the tree planting.

Anyone interested in **free** trees, consider participating in National Make a Difference Day - 1000 Trees for Tucson. Trees must be planted on Oct 27th to qualify. See www.tep.com or contact Anna Cunes, 884-3741, for more info.

Book Club

If you like to read, there's a new book group in the neighborhood looking for you. It's the easiest book group in town—bring some books that you've recently enjoyed and share with other readers; leave with a great list of books to check out of the local library. No discussion questions, no required reading.

Share your love of books with your neighbors! Everyone is welcome. We meet the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 in the community garden. Call Karen at 791-0395 with questions.



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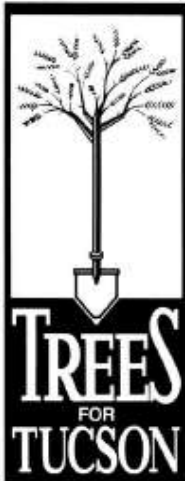
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Street Tree Application & Maintenance Agreement

I, _____, occupant of residential property at the address _____, agree to properly maintain the tree(s) planted in the public right of way, common area or drainage easement in proximity to this property on or about this date, _____, 2007, for as long as I live at this address.

(Maintenance includes watering and pruning to ensure the tree(s) do not cause any traffic sight visibility hazards, that pedestrians have clear access to any walking area, and, where applicable, that stormwater flow will be impeded.)

I also agree to hold Trees for Tucson and Tucson Electric Power harmless from all liability associated with the tree(s) or tree planting.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ (Property Owner)

Signature: _____ Date: _____ (Occupant, if other than Owner)

Phone: _____ (home) _____ (cell)

••••• Tree Choices •••••

(for either/both programs)

- _____ Desert Willow (mod growth, to 20' tall/wide, pink flowers from spring to fall, deciduous, low pollen, no thorns)
_____ Velvet Mesquite (mod-fast growth, to 20' tall/25' wide, yellow flowers, semi-deciduous, high pollen, thorns, N fixer)
_____ Blue Palo Verde (mod growth, to 20' tall/wide, showy yellow flowers, blue-green leaves and bark, thorns)
_____ Desert Ironwood (slow-mod growth, to 20' tall/wide, lavender flowers, evergreen, spines, N fixer)
_____ Cat Claw Acacia (mod growth, to 20' tall/wide, yellow flowers, grey bark, deciduous, N fixer)
_____ White Thorn Acacia (mod growth, to 15' tall/wide, yellow flowers, red bark, deciduous, N fixer)

NOTES: Plant tree(s) at least 10 ft from sewer lines, 5 ft from water lines and 3 ft from other utility lines. Do not plant under overhead lines. Do not plant in public right-of-way without permit and Blue Stake clearance (800-782-5348). Planting and maintenance instructions provided with tree(s).

Home Shade Tree Application

Provided by a Tucson Electric Power Co. grant, TEP customers may be eligible to receive up to 2 trees (3-5 ft tall) for \$6 per tree, including delivery, if you agree to plant them to shade your house. Large shade trees can reduce cooling bills, especially if they shade windows and air conditioning units. To qualify, you must agree to plant trees within 15 ft on the west, east or south side of the home; and agree to hold Trees for Tucson and TEP harmless from all liability associated with the tree(s) and/or tree planting.

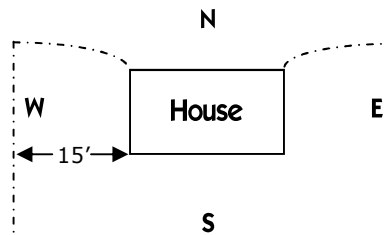
Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ (Resident)

Date: _____



Required: Mark location of trees with an "X".

Total cost of trees to be delivered @ \$6 each (for either/both programs) \$_____
Trees for Tucson t-shirts @ \$10 each _____ Qty _____ Size(s) White/Grey (circle) _____
Trees for Tucson posters @ \$5 each _____ Qty _____
Additional donation in support of Trees for Tucson _____
(Trees for Tucson is a program of Tucson Clean & Beautiful, Inc, a non-profit organization; donations are tax-deductible.)

Total Enclosed (make check payable to Trees for Tucson) \$_____

Meeting Minutes — August 2007

I. Call to order and introductions

II. Ground Rules - Posted ideas for ground rules were explained. Neighbors were encouraged to indicate their priority with tally marks.

III. Neighborhood Preservation Zone Update (Marlena) - The NPZ pilot overlay has been abandoned and being retooled. Option to participate in new overlay plan is now being offered to historic-qualified neighborhoods, including Dunbar/Spring. We have until 10/8 to opt in, after which point an overlay will be developed by the neighborhood and reviewed by the city for approval.



Dunbar Alamo

Discussion - City staff should be in contact with the board soon to schedule a meeting with the neighborhood to explain the details of the overlay process.

Motion to postpone the issue until the next meeting. *Approved: 16-0; 3 abstentions.*

IV. Main Street - Review of last month's proposal by the TDoT. Proposed position letter by Matt Weber presented by Ashley. **Discussion** - Main is currently not very bike friendly. City proposed to re-route traffic onto Drachman, Speedway and Stone. Should get together with other neighborhoods for unified position. Sweeping turn onto 4th St encourages cut-through traffic. Bike/ped crossing at Main & Univ would be nice. Median with tree plantings could prevent turns onto 4th St.

Motion to adopt letter and add TOUCAN crossing at Main/Univ, similar to Stone/Univ. *Approved 18-0; 1 abstention.* Ian will contact other associations, making additions to the letter.

V. Thefts & Break-ins - A recent wave of break-ins, auto theft and other crimes has neighbors concerned. **Discussion** - Susan drafted letter to social service orgs. in neighborhood. Would like approval.

- Concern over language. Too accusatory?
- Try phone tree or block captain
- Make a neighborhood phone book?

Proposal to form group of people to work on wording of the letter. Sign-up sheet passed; Susan will convene the group.

VI. Bathrooms In Estevan Park

Discussion - There were once bathrooms. They

were removed because they got trashed.

- The city doesn't want to put in bathrooms
- Could we do portapotties?
- Can we ask churches to keep bathrooms open more hours?
- Big rugby games take place in Estevan Park; bathrooms very necessary.
- Someone from Ward 1 is willing to come talk about challenges with putting in bathrooms; will be invited to next meeting.

VII. Youth Video Project (Piper) - Summer project has been postponed; now will be after-school. Project will collaborate with Barrio Anita. Looking for more teens to participate as well as long-time residents to interview. Please contact Piper if you know teens or long-time residents: 623-7007.

VIII. Town West - Simultaneous meetings on current Town West proposal (El Mirador) being held with neighborhoods. Developer was contacted about scheduling conflict. They will come for September meeting to present new project.

- Concern that project is not including artists/inconsistent with warehouse arts district plan.
- Concern about 15 story tower & bike access for 9th Ave. El Presidio is forming committee with developers to oversee final process; we should express interest. Discussion tabled until September.

IX. Committee Reports

Garden: Garden party w/sign painting on 10/20. Look for flyer. Please donate paint—bring it to the gate at 828 N. Queen.

Dunbar Coalition: Retrofitting building for earthquake code has had considerable cost. Meetings with architect every other Wed @ 8:30am. Solar panels going ahead. Discussing ways to raise more funds. Dunbar alumni reunion 11/23-24.

Process Committee: Committee has completed a draft of 12 recommendations, which were passed out and will be posted to listserv. Read them over, talk about them with your neighbors and bring your thoughts to the September meeting.

Reinvestment Grant: Survey is written but needs Spanish translation and glossary. Need volunteers for these and other tasks (tallying surveys, etc.). Deadline in October.

X. Announcements

Sign/Art installation at Univ/9th Ave is up. Needs plaque to identify artists/funders. Know anyone in engraving? Contact Karen Greene 791-0395.

Meeting adjourned 9:00pm



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Dated Material

OTHER CONTACTS

- TPD, Downtown Division
 - Non-emergency 791.4444
 - Anonymous Reporting 88.CRIME

- Ward 1, Councilman Jose Ibarra
 - 791.4040 – jose.ibarra@tucsonaz.gov

- Graffiti Reporting
 - 792.CITY – graffiti@tucsonaz.gov

- Blight Reporting
 - 792.CITY (2489)

- DSNA Newsletter, Turtle
 - 628.4318 – mydogellen@greenbicycle.net

Organic Community Garden Celebration & Revitalization

Saturday, October 20th
 8 – 11 am

Come join us in celebrating our garden by painting garden signs, clearing over-growth and sprucing up the playground.

Revitalize this amazing community space—a vital, thriving locus of gathering and community, an urban retreat and place of solitude. Help us to keep it safe, beautiful, welcoming, meaningful, and an expression of our own diverse local culture.



Wild at heart

Wanted: Colorful paint donations for painting garden signs. Donate your unused or left-over paint; drop-off is in front of the gate at 828 N Queen Ave.

Email or call Nicole with questions or for more info: nicole@tfssolar.com or 740.0736.

MEETING SCHEDULE

- General Meeting | 3rd Monday
 325 W 2nd Street 7 –9pm

- Board Meeting | 1st Wed
 Community Garden 7 –9pm

●●● Dunbar Spring discussion group, calendar, phone book and classifieds: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DunbarSpring> ●●●

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