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DUNBAR/SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD



Dunbar/Spring NA Elections to be held April 18, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Each year Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Association board members are nominated and elected at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting in April. Neighborhood residents and property owners are encouraged to participate by running for office and by voting in the election. The board is vital in keeping Dunbar/Spring on top of important issues, securing funding for our neighborhood, and acting as a voice for our neighborhood. Dunbar/Spring's bylaws: are at dunbarspring.org/node/29.

Dated Material

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- Parliamentarian:** None

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- Dunbar/Spring Online:**
dunbarspring.org
groups.yahoo.com/group/DunbarSpring
- DSNA Meetings:**
General meetings are held the third Monday of each month (4th Mon. in Jan.) from 7-9 p.m. at the Dunbar School (325 W 2nd St).



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

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.



If you are unable to attend the April 18 meeting, you can 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."

Neighborhood common space

Did you know that homeowners are responsible and legally liable for rights-of-way in front of their homes? You should think of them as your private property that everyone gets to use!

The rights-of-way in our neighborhood are important. They serve as walkways for all of us and buffers to our private property. They are the most visibly part of the neighborhood and often reflect the care or lack of care by a homeowner or renter. They reflect the character of the neighborhood and can either be barren and hot or they can serve as pleasant and shady walkways with native trees, flowering plants, or art (think the 2nd Street Gila Monster).

It is important that you remediate issues in your rights-of-way and even spend a day or 2 a year to improve them. Move some dirt to make a smooth travel way, fix your broken sidewalk, or plant a native ironwood in the proper spot for a nicer neighborhood (and shade).

Common right-of-way issues to look out for:

- Blockage by large rocks, walls, garbage cans, garbage/brush and bulky items for extended periods, or other items.
- Branches from trees or shrubs encroaching on the walking area. Please carefully prune appropriate branches or consult with a knowledgeable neighbor or professional on proper pruning technique.
- Substrate such as landscaping gravel or other soft or uneven surfaces can make it difficult for a wheelchair or stroller to pass. Our native soil will pack down to an appropriately hard substrate in almost all cases. Dirt can be shoveled from planted areas to the main path area to help make a solid and even path, while creating water harvesting basins.
- Overgrowth of volunteer weeds, grass, trees, or shrubs in the pathway.
- Cracked or very uneven sidewalk. Most are unaware, but it is the responsibility of the homeowner to fix broken or dangerous sidewalks.

If you need assistance in clearing your rights-of-way, ask a neighbor in person or via our neighborhood email listserv

Dunbar/Spring Community Garden Update

A gardener in our neighborhood is interested in getting the community garden into cultivation as a tiny farm. She is going to tackle the project piece by piece with the hope of eventually getting all of the garden space into cultivation and setting up a little vegetable stand to sell vegetables to people in the neighborhood. If you are interested in gardening a piece of the community garden yourself there is room for you too. Come by the garden to talk to Becky while she is working or email her at becky.graseck@gmail.com.

(sign up at dunbarspring.org).

March neighborhood pruning event

A dozen or more neighbors volunteered for most of a Saturday on March 5th to prune trees and shrubs encroaching on pathways and roads in several chicanes and rights-of-way around the neighborhood. Quite a lot of work was accomplished helping several residents who were unable to get the work done themselves.

Thank you to *The Pedaling Arborist* for a great and well-rounded training and helping all day, and to Dunbar/Spring neighbors Omar of *Native Roots Gardening* and Brad of *Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond* for their hard work and dedication to improving Dunbar/Spring neighborhood.

New book about Dunbar/Spring

A new book on the history of the Dunbar/Spring neighborhood has recently been released, "*Dunbar: The Neighborhood, the School, and the People 1940-1965*" by long-time neighbor Aloma J. Barnes with a foreword by Chyrl Hill Lander. **Back cover:** "*An almost forgotten 160-acre swatch of land north of the town of Tucson, Arizona, it was inhabited by a hardy mix of Anglos, Mexicans, Yaqui Indians, colored people (as African-Americans were called then), and Chinese. Separated from downtown Tucson by the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks, Dunbar's northernmost blocks had been the Court Street Cemetery since 1875.*"

A bit of history from the Drachman Institute

Built on land that was originally the Court Street Cemetery (1875-1909), and platted in 1904, this neighborhood has always been ethnically mixed. Eventually it became the first predominately African-American neighborhood in Tucson and the site of the Dunbar a School, Tucson's segregated elementary school. Designed by architect Henry O. Jastad in 1917, the school later became the non-segregated John Spring Junior High School, named after one of Tucson's early schoolteachers. The neighborhood reflects its diverse early roots in its mix of architectural styles, from Sonoran to early 20th-century revival styles.

Fund-raiser for victims of House Fire - April 17, 3-8 p.m.

Please join the Dunbar Spring neighborhood as we put on a benefit for our neighbor Cecilia who lost her home in a fire in February.



The benefit is Sunday, April 17th, from 3-8 p.m. at the Whistle Stop Depot at 127 W 5th St.

There will be food trucks, beverages, a 50/50 raffle and lots of great music – Cadillac Mountain, Bradford Trojan, The Determined Luddites, Tom Walbank, Haboob and Arizona Slim and Friends.

Suggested donation - \$10/person, \$20/family.

If you can't make the event, donations accepted at any Compass Bank, account 6735849180.

More information – kgreene5050@yahoo.com or www.facebook.com/songsforcecilia/

There is also a Gofundme campaign at www.gofundme.com/pdnwzy8s

A new Café just opened in the heart of Dunbar/Spring!

Zinman's Food Shop, at 111 W Fourth St, is a purveyor and processor of plant based foods. While Zinman's primary focus is wholesaling to restaurants, it is also an old-fashioned neighborhood market and cafe. Neighbors are welcome to stop in!

Verizon is trying to install a cellphone tower in Dunbar/Spring

Pinnacle Consulting is contracting with Verizon to work through the approval process with the City at the NE corner of property owned by Merle's Automotive at 33 W University Blvd. The tower is proposed to be 50 feet tall. Pinnacle has mailed out notice to everyone within 300 feet of the location and has had 2 open-house style meetings with the neighborhood. Generally the neighborhood has indicated our preference to not have a tower in that location. Some neighbors are interested in trying to make any tower that is built as unobtrusive as possible by incorporating a water tower design and help from local artists. Verizon/Pinnacle/Merle's is contemplating the design requests and says they will try to accommodate the neighborhood's wishes.

There is still opportunity to have input. Pinnacle will likely be at our April 18th meeting. They have not yet submitted final plans to the City for approval, but will fairly soon. You can contact Michelle Lamoureux with Pinnacle at 480-664-9850 or michelle.lamoureux@pinnacleco.net. You can also submit comments or questions on the approval process to Peter McLaughlin at the City at peter.mclaughlin@tucsonaz.gov.