

El Gheko Neighborhood Association



Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Time: 6:15 P.M.

Location!: Hudlow Elementary School Cafeteria, 502 North Caribe Avenue (enter from Caribe Avenue)

MEETING AGENDA:

- 1) Reading of minutes
- 2) Election of Officers
- 3) Program: Presentation by the TPD Fraud Unit
- 4) Door Prize Drawing

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MEETING UPDATES!

We have been fortunate to secure meeting space in the Hudlow Elementary School's Cafeteria. This has caused a change in meeting times. **The meetings now START at 6:15 P.M. and END no later than 7:45 P.M. !!**

The start time is due to After School activities which end at 6:00 and the end time is due to Custodial service ending at 8:00 P.M. That allows us 90 minutes for a meeting which has been the average time for our business meetings. This means the meeting **MUST** start at 6:15 SHARP, not at 6:20 or whatever time.

MEETING PRESENTATION

After the elections (see below) there will be a special presentation by Sgt. Rick Radinsky, CFE Supervisor of the Financial Crimes Unit, Tucson Police Department. He will cover ways to not get scammed, current scams, etc.

Sgt. Rick Radinsky's presentation will be of interest to **ALL** El Gheko residents, not just senior citizens. I have heard him once before and it is something when you heard of all the scams out there and how we all can be so easily victimized. Please come to this meeting. It is something that affects all of the residents of El Gheko, young and old, computer literate or not, etc.

Learn what's out there, ways to protect yourself and what to do if and when a scammer contacts you. If you've been keeping up on the news, you should already be aware of some of the more scary scams.

OFFICER ELECTIONS



Another year has gone by and it is now time for the election of New Officers. President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer plus the appointment of three or more NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS.

The November meeting is an important meeting as we need to elect officers and get some Neighborhood Liaisons appointed. This is my third year as El Gheko's President. It would be good to get some new blood into Officer positions.

Consider running for an El Gheko Neighborhood Association office. The four elected positions are

President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. As we don't have a treasury, the Treasurer position is more ceremonial. However, in the event there ever would be a reason to have some money in a bank account for our Association, it would then become a working position.

We also need three, or six NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS, one or two each from each subdivision (KINGSTON KNOLLS TERRACE, GREEN HILLS, and EL DORADO). Consider volunteering for one of these three appointed positions.

PLEASE BE A VOLUNTEER AND SERVE AS AN OFFICER IN ONE OF OUR EL GHEKO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OFFICES!

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS



By Tom Wills

In addition to the duties of the President, things I will continue to do for the Neighborhood Association are running my El Gheko Neighborhood Weather Station and being the El Gheko website's Webmaster.

El Gheko N.A. is **YOUR** Neighborhood Association! To be a total success El Gheko N.A. needs you to be part of the process! Attend this and other meetings to have your voice heard. Also volunteer when help is needed.

The monsoon was good to us so the summer. It appears that the grasses and weeds are growing unabated as of this writing. We all need to get out there and clean up our yards to keep the El Gheko neighborhood looking nice. Please do your part with your property! Let's keep our Neighborhood a good looking location.

INTERNET LINKS



Below are some Internet links that El Gheko residents may be interested in:

- To subscribe to the El Gheko email list server, send a message to: elgheko-subscribe@yahoogroups.com with the

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subject and body of the message being **blank**. The moderator may get back to you to verify if you are a resident.

- Visit our Neighborhood Association Website at <http://na.elgheko.us>. Several areas are restricted to registered El Gheko residents such as the Calendar, and the Photo Gallery, plus the ability to do any postings. This is done to protect our privacy. When registering, your street address is a required field so you can be verified as an El Gheko resident.
- The El Gheko Neighborhood Weather Station at <http://www.elgheko.us>.
- Hudlow Elementary School at <http://edweb.tusd1.org/Hudlow/>
- A subject as of late has been Code Enforcement. To see the status of current violations in our Neighborhood, go to <http://neighsupport.net/codevio/cezgheko.html>

NEIGHBORHOOD SIGNS



In case you haven't yet noticed, we now have some signs promoting the El Gheko Neighborhood Association. Thanks to Becky Flores of Tucson's Neighborhood Resources Department and also the Tucson Department of Transportation for making these signs possible.

In the process to get these signs, we needed a Motto for our Neighborhood Association. We held a vote after eight suggested mottoes were submitted. They were as follows (votes for each motto in parentheses):

- 1: *The Gheko is watching you!* (2)
- 2: *United for a better, safer neighborhood* (3)
- 3: *Neighbors Working Together* (7)
- 4: *United for a Better Neighborhood* (3)
- 5: *Lizards in the 'hood* (2)
- 6: *Finding commonalities and friends* (1)
- 7: *Sharing knowledge & finding common ground* (1)
- 8: *"Geography has made us neighbors. History has made us friends."* JFK (2)

Motto submission number three, Neighbors Working Together as submitted by Jonetta Trued, was selected and is now proudly displayed on the signs.

It is a shame that only 21 residents voted out the approximate 750 residents in our Neighborhood Association. The picture below is the final result of our efforts and they are something to be proud of.

The signs are posted in five different locations which are as follows:

- North Caribe Avenue at Speedway Blvd;
- North Green Hills Avenue at Speedway Blvd;
- East Rosewood Street at Kolb Road (*Pictured*);
- East Kingston Drive at Kolb Road;
- North Langley Avenue at Broadway Blvd.



If you have not yet seen one of these signs, take a moment to check one of them out. They are very well done and are a tribute to our Neighborhood Association.

This is an excellent example of "*Neighbors Working Together*." Hopefully we will see more examples of this type of cooperation..

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR



By Pat Dunham, Secretary

It's been a good year for the monsoon – and, thanks to Tom, we know that so far the neighborhood has received almost 8 ½ inches of rain this year with over 2" of rain this month (month ending August 31st). Rain means those wonderful cool nights and free water for your plants. It also means weeds!!

If you drive through the neighborhood, you're going to see many yards that have a summer crop of

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weeds. Please, pull them or call the yardman!

Keep our neighborhood looking well-cared for and keep some of that pollen out of the air as Fall approaches.

The City code covers excessive weeds and vegetation over 6" in height, but, more to the point, show we all love living in El Gheko and have neighborhood pride.

Plus, there are several homes for sale in the neighborhood and those sellers would appreciate having the whole neighborhood looking inviting.

If you need help because of age and illness, put a post on our neighborhood website and you just may find the help you need.

NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS



What are Neighborhood Liaisons? They help with organizing activities in the Neighborhood. According to the By-Laws, they are appointed positions, not elected.

Note that there can be more than one Liaison per Subdivision. The subdivisions are defined in Article 1B of the By-Laws as El Dorado Hills, Green Hills and Kingston Knolls Terrace.

Please let one of you Officers know if you are interested in serving as a Neighborhood Liaison for your Subdivision.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED



There might be neighbors in our area who would benefit from the following program:

- Assistance for the Full or Partial Purchase of New Durable Medical Equipment.
- HoME Medical Equipment (HoME) is a new program of the Jewish Family & Children's Services (JFCS) of Southern Arizona. Upon demonstrating financial need and meeting program requirements, the program offers assistance for the full or partial purchase/rental

of new or used durable medical equipment (DME).

- Items such as walkers, non-electric wheelchairs, other ambulatory equipment, safety equipment (e.g.: commodes, shower chairs, etc.) and other in-home medical devices may qualify for this assistance.

We do not have in-house equipment available, thus a 24-48 hour advance notice is required. Depending on the time of the call, an appointment can be made as soon as possible, and the process can be completed quickly. The process is as follows:

- Call Jewish Family & Children's Services of Southern Arizona's HoME program staff at (520) 795-0300, Ext. 2213 to discuss your specific needs, and to pre-qualify.
- Upon pre-qualification, schedule an appointment at JFCS, to give us proper documentation and to sign required paperwork.
- Arrangements can be made for non-ambulatory clients, or other appropriate situations.
- Once the appointment is completed, equipment can be delivered, or pick up at our vendor, within 1-2 business days.

Funding for HoME is possible due to the generous support of Pima County, Blue Cross/Blue Shield as well as philanthropic gifts and grants. There are limited funds available to assist with the acquisition of such DME items or other qualified home-use devices.

Nancy Smith
Administrative Assistant
Jewish Family & Children's Services of Southern Arizona
795-0300 ext. 2213

A CITY OF TUCSON FAQ

Q: First of all, what is a FAQ?

A: A FAQ is a **F**requently Asked **Q**uestion.

Q: How do I report potholes, debris in the roadway, burnt-out streetlights, broken road signs, and other street maintenance issues?

A: Call the City of Tucson Department of Transportation, Streets and Traffic Maintenance Division, at 791-3154 or email a description of the problem to TDOTSR@tucsonaz.gov.