

## El Gheko Neighborhood Association



**Date:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017

**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) Program: Presentation by the TPD Alarm Unit
- 3) Election of Officers and/or By-Laws Change
- 4) Door Prize Drawing (?)

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### **EL GHEKO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETINGS SCHEDULE !**

The first Wednesdays of February, May and November at 6:15 P.M. in the Hudlow Elementary School Cafeteria

## 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.

However I am proposing a change in our By-Laws to Article 6-A. Currently it reads "Nominations of officers may be made prior to or at the Annual Voters' Meeting which shall be held in November each calendar year". I am suggesting we change the month from November to January. The reasoning being that January seems to be getting out more attendees than May or November. Maybe more interest in running for an office also?

## 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, at least in July. 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.

If you are not sure where to go to attend the meeting, go to the El Gheko website and click on the link <http://na.elgheko.us/news.php?readmore=5>.

A personal note here. It was a rough summer for me as I ended up totally unexpected having open heart surgery in July and a Quadruple bypass done. After this scare, I'd like to pass along to all of you that you get regular checkups. I had them annually, but look what happened anyway. Take care of yourselves so we can see you at each and every meeting.

## 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](mailto:elgheko-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) with the 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.
- 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 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.

## A CITY OF TUCSON FAQ

### Q: What is Tucson Clean & Beautiful?

**A:** TCB is a non-profit environmental advocacy and action organization founded in 1985 to preserve and improve our environment, conserve natural resources, and enhance quality of life in the City of Tucson and eastern Pima County. These goals are achieved through educational and hands-on programs emphasizing personal action in recycling and waste reduction, land stewardship, urban forestry and beautification.

Originally established to keep our community litter-free, TCB has grown to coordinate programs and projects with a diversity of partners including government agencies, community groups, businesses, and the support of thousands of volunteers.

Programs are supported by grants, memberships, business and personal donations, in-kind donations of materials and services. To find out more, go to <https://tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org/>.

## The Neighborhood Support Network

### Purpose of the Network

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The [Neighborhood Support Network](#) builds relationships of trust and support among diverse citizens engaged in neighborhood enrichment in the greater Tucson region.

The Network offers a unique capacity to build connections among stakeholders and elected neighborhood leaders, past and present, as they work to improve Tucson's quality of life.

The Network's primary focus is on:

- ◆ Making connections through which knowledge can be shared
- ◆ Identifying and promoting the use of best practices in neighborhood problem solving
- ◆ Mentoring new leaders
- ◆ Coordinating issue forums
- ◆ Maintaining an internet-based information storehouse
- ◆ Assisting members in forming coalitions and partnerships for joint action.

The Neighborhood Support Network seeks to:

- ◆ Reach across political boundaries
- ◆ Be inclusive and open
- ◆ Promote carefully selected policy options judged to be in the best interests of the community.

The Network sponsors periodic meetings of all members, as well as topic-oriented meetings as needed.

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The El Gheko Neighborhood Association is a member Neighborhood Association of the [Neighborhood Support Network](#). I attend meetings when they have them.

*Tom Wills, President*

## November Meeting Topics:

- Tucson Officer will be doing a presentation on TPD and Home Alarm systems plus Red Tags. If you have a home security alarm system, this will be of interest to you! Followed by Q&A.
- Discussion on By-Laws update and Officer Elections changes.
- Streets in the El Gheko Neighborhood and what can we do about them?
- Any other topic depending on time left.

## Can It Be Fall Planting Time Already?

September 30, 2017



With temperatures still in the high 90s and reaching triple digits, it's hard to think about getting your fall planting schedule together but it is actually the perfect time to not only start planning but to start PLANTING!

According to the National Gardening Association, we all should be well on our way to mapping out our fall planting strategy. Believe it or not, gardening in the fall can be much more challenging than spring planting, because you are in a race to get your crops mature and harvested before the winter frosts begin, around November 29. This means you need to

consider how much time each variety needs between planting and picking. Those numbers vary widely between different varieties of the same kinds of plants! Usually the "Days to Harvest" are on the packet. A great place to find seeds right here in Tucson is Native Seed Search. They have a great selection and helpful, knowledgeable staff.

Most tomatoes, peppers and eggplants, for example, need about 100 days to harvest so you would want to harvest, so you would want to transplant those into the ground soon. And here's a heads up to put into your calendar. Fall is the time to plant garlic. Around October 15<sup>th</sup>, take your cloves apart and plant the toes about 3 to 4 inches deep. The way to be sure is to actually use a soft thermometer; when the soil temperature is 60 degrees at a depth of 4 inches apart, it's time to start planting!

Your broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage can be direct seeded into our gardens as soon as possible but because of our heat during this time of year, it's better to start them indoors ASAP and then transplant them into the garden. Do the same with lettuce and spinach! Peas can go directly in the ground without being planted inside first.

Here's the big news flash and something kind of urgent but it's not too late: for the usual hot weather veggies like beans, cowpeas, corn, squashes, pumpkins, cucumbers, watermelons, gourds and sunflowers, you should plant those seeds directly into the ground TOMORROW! Translation: the time is now.

Good luck, happy gardening and may all of your gardens grow!

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<http://dyannfm.longrealty.com/pages/my-can-it-be-fall-planting-time-already>)