



Bringing people together to improve the safety and quality of life in the Flowing Wells community.

Reflections Newsletter

September, October & November 2017

VISION: Strong families living in a safe community.

Where to Find Us: Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center, 1660 W. Ruthrauff Road

Our meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month – September through May. We start at 5:55 p.m. with a Potluck Dinner. Please bring a simple dinner item to share. Plates, utensils and drinks are provided. The agenda follows at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. **Please plan to attend and bring a neighbor.**

The next FWNACC General Meeting is scheduled for September 21st:

At our September 21st meeting –

Speakers: Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Chair, District 3
Barbara LaWall, County Attorney
Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator
Other speakers will be added. Please check the website:
www.flowingwellsnacc.org

Please join us in celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center at this September 21st neighborhood coalition meeting. *Dinner and entertainment (Flowing Wells High School Jazz Band)* will be provided for this special occasion. Potluck Dishes are not necessary for this meeting, but are always welcome.

Please see our website at www.flowingwellsnacc.org for information and speaker listings for our future general meetings on October 19th and November 16, 2017.

The Pima County Transportation Advisory Committee (PCTAC) has started the work of determining where to allocate property-tax funds reserved for local road repairs. The Committee is seeking input from the public. A website for the PCTAC has a new feedback form where residents can provide input to PCTAC members and suggest local roads for repair. The PCTAC is also engaging the public through community and neighborhood meetings. The PCTAC will set priorities for how to spend the \$19.5 million from a new 25 cent primary property tax approved by the Pima County Board of Supervisors (BOS) for local road repairs for fiscal year 2017-18 budget. The PCTAC's recommendations are expected to be finalized in October for BOS approval with repair projects to begin in November 2017.

The PCTAC has a webpage with all meeting information:

<http://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=355530>

You may contact the PCTAC in the form of a feedback form:

<https://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=359784>

Tucson residents approved a five year, half-cent sales tax increase (Prop 101) to fund public safety capital needs and street repairs. Of the \$250 million expected to be collected, approximately \$100 million will be used for street repairs. The City's Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) will oversee the street plan and designate local streets for repair using a comprehensive engineering analysis to evaluate local street conditions, along with public input.

The Sonoran Institute has asked neighborhood associations to share this notice;

What is the future of our Santa Cruz River?

What do you love about it? How do you use it? Where do you go? What can be improved?

The flowing stretch of the Santa Cruz River through northwest Tucson and Marana has seen a lot of changes following the 2013 upgrades to the county water reclamation facilities releasing water into the river. The improving wetland conditions have been documented in the *Living River* annual report series. Building on efforts to track river conditions, the Sonoran Institute has been asked to seek community input and ideas that will help all who manage and work on the river. Pima County Regional Flood Control District is developing a management plan for the Santa Cruz River, starting with the stretch between Grant Road and Trico Road. This plan will identify future projects to benefit the community along the river corridor. **Your participation** will help inform the what, where, and how the Santa Cruz River meets community needs and provides flood safety in coming years. Here is how to share your thoughts about this river stretch. To take an online survey to share how you use the river, what you value, and offer suggestions for improvement projects go to www.tiny.cc/scrsurvey . The survey is available online until September 15th. You can also register to attend an interactive workshop on October 10th, 12th, and 18th or learn more by going to www.tiny.cc/scrworkshops . Each of these 3 workshops will be focused on a specific stretch of the river.

The **Flowing Wells Library** at 1730 W. Wetmore Rd. is set to close temporarily beginning October 1, 2017. The library will undergo a major renovation and expansion led by the architecture firm Line and Space LLC. The work is anticipated to last about one year with an expected reopening in late summer 2018.

The library will have a display on hand and architects in the lobby at our FWNACC general meeting and 10th anniversary celebration of the Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center on September 21st starting at 6 pm.

The new Rillito River Park Disc Golf Course has opened in the Flowing Wells area through a partnership with the Tucson Disc Golf Association (TDGA) and Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation (NRPR). The course is open from dawn to dusk and is free to the public. Parking is available at the Rillito River Park trailhead on the south bank of the Rillito River behind the Shamrock Dairy off of Ruthrauff Road, east of La Cholla Blvd. TDGA raised \$3700 towards the purchase of the baskets and their installation, and NRPR staff installed the baskets and contributed approximately \$3000 towards the project. TGDA presented their proposal for the course at two of our Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association and Community Coalition general meetings, and a letter a support was later drafted to NRPR from the FWNACC. TDGA has signed an agreement with NRPR agreeing to clean up liter on the site with NRPR being responsible for pruning when needed.

The FWNACC presented two Public Service Awards this year. One was given to Lt. Gilbert Dominguez with the Pima County Sheriff's Department for his outstanding service to the Flowing Wells community, and the second was given to Kiki Navarro, former longtime assistant with Supervisor Sharon Bronson's office for her years of dedicated service assisting the District 3 constituents.

Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association & Community Coalition Board, 2017: President Kevin Daily; Vice-President Fred Bass; Secretary George Kuck; Treasurer Sue Grant. Board Members: Marie Daily and Susan Kuck.

For more information, contact Association President, Kevin Daily at 520-661-4603.

Welcome

Pilot program, no charge at this time

Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Youth Enrichment Classes Pilot Program

Cartoon Character Creation

September 12 – October 12, 2017

5 weeks

Ages 5-8

Instructor: Roberto Flores

Tuesday and Thursday 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Children will express themselves by creating cartoon characters of their own and practice drawing their favorite cartoon characters from television and print. Come in and learn from scratch or improve your already blossoming skills.

Being Fit is a HIT

September 11 – October 11, 2017

5 weeks

Ages 9-12

Instructors: Joanna Dinan & Rosanda Diaz

Monday and Wednesday 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Youngsters will enjoy this high intensity training class. It is fast paced and will improve overall stamina and fitness while challenging them to go fast and push through! This high-energy class helps to keep you conditioned between sport seasons plus adds to your health and conditioning routine.

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Registration opens August 29, 2017 at 6:00 a.m.

Go online to www.pima.gov/nrpr and click on

Register Now!



May 2, 2017

Pima County Infill Incentive Districts

The 2015 update to the Pima County Comprehensive Plan (*Pima Prospers*) includes a section on Focused Development Investment Areas where the county seeks to promote economic development through redevelopment and revitalization. Arizona state statutes permit counties to designate *Infill Incentive Districts* in areas with vacant or older structures that present nuisances, land parcels with environmental contamination, declining population, and an overall lack of development and investment activity.

Counties can draft and adopt plans that provide incentives within the infill district to encourage redevelopment. Various county departments involved in the development review process (Development Services, Transportation, Flood Control, Wastewater Reclamation) may be able to offer streamlined procedures or reduced fees; other departments (Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation) may be able to provide financial assistance. Other incentives may include:

- Expedited zoning or rezoning procedures
- Flexibility in some commercial or industrial development plan requirements
- Waiver of floodplain mapping and reporting
- Project liaison to help navigate the development process
- Funding for demolition, clean up, and commercial façade improvements

Flowing Wells is one of the areas that Pima County has identified for an infill district. The Flowing Wells community has identified many of its development needs through various community-drafted plans. Pima County staff wants to engage Flowing Wells stakeholders (business people, property owners, real estate brokers) to identify the current barriers to and opportunities for economic development in Flowing Wells, and determine from stakeholders what incentives would be of the greatest benefit.

Pima County staff is coordinating with the Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association and Community Coalition to conduct stakeholder outreach and organize a discussion (tentatively scheduled for early summer 2017) to determine what incentives would work best specifically for Flowing Wells. Once staff has identified the feasible incentives and determined the specific infill district area, completed plans will be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and approved by the Board of Supervisors.