



Flowing Wells Neighborhood News

Strong families living in a safe community

June 2020

Upcoming Events

June 4 Board Meeting 6:00

The meeting will be held via Internet.

June 18

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the General Meeting will not be held this month. The next general meeting is scheduled for September 17.



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Mission Statement

Development Workshop October 6

Tucson's first Small Scale Development Workshop is scheduled for October 6, 2020. It was originally conceived as an in-person meeting, but it may have to be held remotely. Community Planner Ryan Stephenson is going ahead with it either way.

The workshop will include small builders, realtors, county staff, anyone interested in promoting better opportunities for affordable housing in Flowing Wells. It's a promising sign of improvement in the neighborhood.



Our purpose is to promote pride by bringing people together to improve the safety and quality of life of the Flowing Wells community.

This newsletter is a monthly publication of the Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association and Community Coalition.

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Board Meeting

The May Board meeting was held remotely through a program called Google Meet. It enabled all the participants to see each other's faces and hear each other speaking. It was almost like being in the same room. The June meeting will be held the same way. It will be devoted to Corky Poster's NRSA report (see article below), and everyone is welcome to participate. To attend, email john.fleming@videolistings.biz

It's possible that if social distancing is still in place, the next general meeting, scheduled for September, can also be held remotely since the software can accommodate up to 250 people. Isn't technology wonderful?

Goals for the Neighborhood's Future

Architect Corky Poster is helping our association update a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) plan that will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

NRSA helps Pima County and other government agencies, as well as non profits, understand how to serve the needs of the community by services and improvements. Here is a brief outline of the goals included in Corky's report, with a few comments added.



Public Safety

These are all ongoing needs.

- More police
- Reduce homelessness
- Reduce drug trafficking
- Reduce speeding
- Reduce stray animals

A way to do this last one is to establish more free and low-cost spay-neuter programs. In the past, I've taken numerous community cats to be spayed or neutered and returned, and I think it would be great to have such a clinic right here in the neighborhood.

Infrastructure

There are ongoing needs in all of the following areas:

- Drainage
- Lighting
- Speed tables
- Roads
- Bus stops
- Water
- Sewers
- Wi-fi access

Wi-fi is especially important now that people are working and going to school at home.

Neighborhood Appearance

- Eliminate abandoned homes

This one appeals to me especially since I've been trying for months without success to get rid of an abandoned and vandalized home down the street from us.

- Eliminate abandoned cars
- Get rid of trash

Housing

- Programs for home repair and maintenance

There are some programs already in place, but a goal is to centralize information about them and give people who need such services more help in acquiring them.

- Development of low-cost housing

Community Planner Ryan Stephenson is working on a conference to be held October 6 to promote the building of affordable housing by small builders in Flowing Wells. (See article above) It may have to be virtual.



Social Services

- Sports and recreation opportunities

Unfortunately most of these will have to be put on hold until times return to something like normal and we can stop social distancing.

- Neighborhood outreach

This continues to be one of our most important goals, but at this time most of our contact will have to be remote.

Education

- Youth
- Seniors

Job Opportunities

- Promotion of new businesses in the area

Our former president, Ellie Towne Neal, if she had a magic lamp with a genie, would wish for a family restaurant here in Flowing Wells.

- Internships for students with local businesses

The JTED program at the high school is doing this already, but it's a program that needs continual support.

In the future there will be task forces organized to work on all these goals and lots of opportunities for all of us to participate.

Flowing Wells Churches

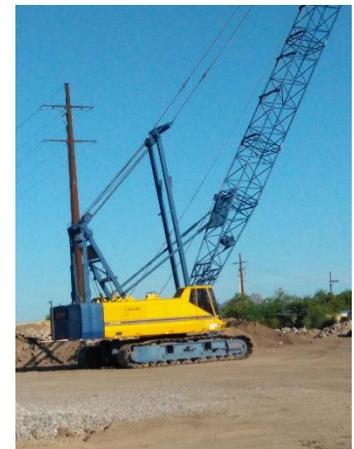
Last month we had an article about a new faith community, Yellow Rock, and what it is doing to help the neighborhood. Since many churches provide physical as well as spiritual sustenance, we decided to search out those in Flowing Wells and interview their leaders for a series of articles.

The biggest church in the area is Victory Assembly of God, also known as Victory Worship Center. Their pastor, Ryan Burbank, has been an active member of the

Ruthrauff I-10 Interchange

Work goes on at the construction project. It is now in its second phase, estimated to last until winter 2020/2021.

- Interchange (ramps, frontage roads and Ruthrauff/El Camino del Cerro) closed to all traffic at I-10



Neighborhood Association, and we will be interviewing him for an article next month.

There are three Baptist churches, more than any other denomination, and they have been here for many years. Probably the newest church in the area is the Mountain Vista Unitarian Universalist Congregation, which has bought a building in Flowing Wells but has not been able to move in yet.

Here is the list of churches, with addresses:.

Calvary Christian Fellowship
3875 N. Business Center Dr.

Faith Community Church
2551 W. Orange Grove Rd.

Flowing Wells Baptist Church
4314 N. Romero Rd.

House of Truth Fellowship
6570 N. Thornydale Rd.

Mountain Vista Unitarian Universalist
Congregation
3235 W. Orange Grove Rd.

New Life Baptist Fellowship
1440 W. Grant Rd.

Northside Fellowship Church
2616 W. Zinnia Ave.

Restoration
3500 W. Orange Grove Rd.

Tree of Life Baptist Church
2926 W. Curtis Rd.

Victory Worship Center Assembly of God
2561 W. Ruthrauff Rd.

Yellow Rock Community
5120 N. Shannon Rd.

- Westbound I-10 shifted to the westbound frontage road
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- Ramp from westbound I-10 to provide access to westbound frontage road businesses
- Eastbound I-10 frontage road converted to a two-way road south of Sunset Road for business access
- Work on the new Highway Drive/Davis Avenue underpass begins after Chester Way and Maryvale Avenue are open to traffic



School Lunches

Even though classes are no longer in session, the student lunch program continues. I went over to Laguna School one day and saw it in operation. Two of the school's food staff had

a cart set up in front with supplies--lunch bags lined up and coolers full of little milk containers. From 12:00 to 1:00 every day students and parents can drive or walk up to the curb and get their bags. They receive not only lunch, but breakfast for the next day.

The two women were friendly and talked to me between helping their customers. They were both bilingual, so many of the conversations were in Spanish. I think they really enjoyed the personal interaction. Of course they wore masks, and most of the parents did too.

Respond to the 2020 Census

If you haven't responded to the 2020 census yet, please take a moment to do it.

1. Go to 2020census.gov
2. Access and complete the census questionnaire.
3. You're done!

It's totally secure. All responses submitted online are encrypted to protect personal privacy. Once responses are received, they are no longer online.

For more information, visit 2020CENSUS.GOV

They told me they are now making lunches for somewhere between 100 and 130 children. Before the Covid pandemic they were feeding over 200. That's about 13% of the school population.



Two other elementary schools, as well as the junior high and high school are also providing lunches. This particular program at Laguna ends June 30, but they thought some of the other schools would still be open for the rest of the summer.

It's good to know that resources like these are available for the children in our district.

To report homeless camps:

City: Call 911 / Ward 3 Office,
Paul Durham: (520) 791-4711
County: Call 911 / District 3,
Sharon Bronson's office: (520) 724-8051

Visit our website at

flowingwellsnacc.org

for more information about our association, its history, and its accomplishments.

To report garbage dumps or abandoned shopping carts:

City: click [here](#) or call (520) 791-3171
County: click [here](#) or call (520) 724-7400 or Email eshelp@tucsonaz.gov and provide your contact information

To report graffiti:

City: click [here](#) or call (520) 792-2489
County: click [here](#) or call (520) 792-8224

To report potholes//road maintenance issues:

City: click [here](#) or call (520) 791-3154
or email tdotconcerns@tucsonaz.gov
County: click [here](#) or call (520) 724-6410

