



# Flowing Wells Neighborhood News

*Strong families living in a safe community*

November 2020

## Upcoming Events

**November 5 . . . . . Board Meeting 6:00**  
The meeting will be held remotely. To attend, email [john.fleming@videolistings.biz](mailto:john.fleming@videolistings.biz)  
**November 19 . . . General Meeting 6:00**  
Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the General Meeting will also be held remotely. You'll be invited if you're on the mailing list. Or email [marge.fleming@videolistings.biz](mailto:marge.fleming@videolistings.biz) if you're not and want to attend.

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### GENERAL MEETING SPEAKERS

- 1. Tucson Police Department:** Crime Status Update for Flowing Wells
- 2. Update Slow Streets Project:** Speed Humps in Douglas Neighborhood by Jacobs Park
- 3. Ryan Fagan:** City of Tucson Roger Road Walkability Improvement Project (Romero - Oracle), Prop 407 Project Update
- 4. Mindy Blake:** Pima County Regional Transportation (RTA) Plan Update



## November Dates

Here it is November, and several important dates are coming up. First, **November 3 is Election Day**. If you haven't voted yet, be sure to do it. You can vote in person at your official polling place, or if a ballot was mailed to you, you can fill it out and drop it off at any Pima County polling place or at 240 N. Stone Ave. For more information, go to [arizona.vote](http://arizona.vote).

If you are a Marine or have a friend or relative who is one, the **Marine Corps birthday** is celebrated on **November 10**. On that date in 1775 the Continental Congress created the Marine Corps. This is something I just learned from a Marine friend. I had no idea the corps went back that far.

## Mission Statement

*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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Then there is **Veterans Day, November 11**. We used to call it Armistice Day, since that was when World War I officially ended. The temporary cessation of hostilities went into effect in 1918 on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

That was supposed to be the war to end all wars. Unfortunately, it didn't quite work out that way. But the holiday can remind us to keep hoping. In 1954 its name was changed to Veterans Day to honor the veterans of all wars.

Celebrating with parades is traditional, but there may not be many this year because of the Covid pandemic. However, if you know someone who is a veteran, this is a good time to call and tell them how much you appreciate their service. They will be grateful that you did.

And, of course, there's



**Thanksgiving, on November 26.** I love this holiday because it's celebrated by all Americans, whatever their religious or ethnic background. And it's traditionally a time for families to get together.

Unfortunately, that's not recommended for this year, especially if relatives live at a distance from one another.

If your family is tech-savvy, you may want to hold a virtual get-together via Zoom or Google Meet. That way you can at least see and talk to each other. We intend to do it a

couple of days before Thanksgiving since the circuits (or whatever the correct Internet term is) will probably be busy on the day itself.

This will be the first time in many years that our family will not have that big get-together. I must admit it seems a little strange to me (Marge) to think of cooking a Thanksgiving dinner for just two people. But since I have to miss out on the family contact, I don't want to miss out on the food, so I'll probably cook a little of all our favorite dishes. One of them is my great-grandmother's cranberry sauce. The recipe has been handed down for five generations now, and I always cook it with my grandchildren. I'll be happy to share the recipe if anyone is interested.

Since there are so many people in the world, and even in our own community, who are not fortunate enough to have food for a Thanksgiving dinner, this is a good time to donate to the [Community Food Bank](#) or any organization that provides food for those less fortunate.

We wish for all of you a happy and safe virtual Thanksgiving.

## A New Local Enterprise

The big news this month is that Habitat for Humanity, in conjunction with Pima College, is in the initial planning stages to build an Opportunity Center at the corner of Davis and Curtis. The lot used to belong to the Flowing Wells Fire Department, which sold it to Habitat. It's just two blocks up the street from their new subdivision called Carter's Court, where nineteen homes are being built. That project is named in honor of former president Jimmy Carter, who has been a strong Habitat supporter ever since his retirement.



The new center, a 15,000-sq. ft. multi-purpose building, will serve as Habitat's construction hub and provide classroom space for workforce development activities dedicated to teaching much-needed trades: construction, plumbing, carpentry, and electricity. It will also have a warehouse to store building materials and a couple of studio apartments to house out-of-town volunteers. In addition to making Habitat's operations more efficient, this will fill several needs in the community.

First, there is a growing shortage of skilled craftspeople in these areas. We experienced that first hand recently when we had a hard time finding a repairman for an emergency. It used to be that high schools taught classes in woodshop, metal shop, and so on, but emphasis has been growing more toward college prep in recent years, and many of these vocational ed classes are no longer offered.



Second, this will provide jobs for approximately 100 students a year who have taken these courses. Some of the Pima students may also be enrolled in JTED, a program focused on technical education in high school and college. Not everyone needs or wants a college degree, and having one doesn't necessarily guarantee a job. So here is a great alternative.

Third, the students will be apprenticed to professionals in their fields who are building much-needed houses for Habitat families, about twenty each year. There is currently a significant shortage of affordable low-income housing in the area, so these families will be winners too.

Fourth, having this facility will improve the neighborhood and contribute to the continuing development of Flowing Wells. I've just been reading a history of our Association by George Kuck and am impressed by the accomplishments of so many dedicated volunteers and professionals from so many partner organizations over the years. Here's another one we can soon add to the list. The history is available on our FWNACC website under (appropriately) **History**.

The cost of this enterprise is estimated to be \$525,000. \$325,000 has already been raised and will be matched by a challenge grant from the Connie Hillman Family Foundation. This Center is well named; it will provide many different opportunities for us to look forward to.

## Kory Laos Park

Kory Laos was one of a number of kids who used to ride their bikes in an undeveloped area of Flowing Wells Park. He was killed in a tragic accident in 2007 at the age of 14 while riding his BMX bike with some of his friends.



Obviously there was a need for young BMX bike riders to have a designated venue to ride bikes. Kory's family, in cooperation with Pima County Natural Resources and Parks and Recreation, worked to raise money and build a dirt track facility at Flowing Wells District Park. It's at the western end of the park, near Shannon Rd. A permanent concrete bowl was proposed on a 2015 bond issue but failed to pass.

In 2018 volunteers organized and renovated the two tracks that were wearing down from all the heavy usage. There is still a lot of need and hope from the community for a permanent concrete bowl for the park.

## Help with Mortgages

The City of Tucson is offering a program to help homeowners within the Tucson city limits who are behind on their mortgage payments as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Crime Prevention

Here are some safety tips from the Tucson Police Department. They tell us that most burglaries occur because doors and windows are left unlocked. Don't make it easy for crooks. Take precautions.

### AVOID THEFT FROM YOUR VEHICLE

- Lock your car doors and windows at all times
- Park in busy, well-lit areas
- Never leave valuables--especially firearms--visible in your vehicle when parked
- Never leave your car running unattended
- Never leave your house or car keys in your car
- If you have a garage, park your vehicle inside
- Lock your car--even when it's in your garage

### PERSONAL SAFETY

- Have your keys ready before approaching your car
- Look inside before getting in, checking the front and rear seat areas for an intruder.
- Lock doors immediately upon entering--even before putting your key in the ignition

Homeowners must have a pre-foreclosure notice or a foreclosure scheduled. The program will be administered by the [Community Investment Corporation \(CIC\)](#) through Family Housing Resources (FHR) and will provide \$3,000 - \$5,000 per homeowner to assist with mortgage payments.

Payments will be verified and paid directly to the mortgage loan servicer and will include fees incurred due to non-payment of mortgages.

These funds are only available until Dec. 31, and income limits apply.

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## Free Covid-19 Testing



The Pima County Health Department is offering free COVID-19 saliva testing at [Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center](#). The testing, **which requires pre-registration**, is offered every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To register for a test, go to [pima.gov/covid19testing](https://pima.gov/covid19testing), then:

1. Click the link to "Schedule my test"
2. Click the "Pre-register" button for the Ellie Towne Community Center
3. Use Agency code: [FvCmy1fGe](#)
4. Create a username (email address) and password.

Staff located at the Ellie Towne Center will provide assistance for anyone who has trouble registering ahead of time.

Other important reminders:

- You must bring a photo ID and the QR code shown in your confirmation email.
- Make sure you are well hydrated at least 30 minutes ahead of your appointment time.
- At 30 minutes prior to your appointment, rinse your mouth with plain water for 20-30 seconds and then spit out the water.
- Please do not eat, drink (even water), smoke, vape, or chew gum for at least 30 minutes prior to your appointment.

- Keep all doors locked
- Keep windows rolled up, if possible
- Never pick up hitchhikers
- If you choose to stop to render assistance in an emergency, be wary and use caution.
- When giving your car keys to parking lot or carwash attendants, always keep your house keys

### WALKING SAFELY

- Always walk with authority, displaying an air of confidence and purpose of destination
- Always be aware of your surroundings

### AVOID

- Walking alone, if possible
- Listening to loud music while wearing headphones or earbuds
- Heavily overgrown areas (trees, weeds, shrubbery, et cetera)
- Alleys and less traveled side streets
- Dark doorways, hallways, and parking lots
- Deserted parks, warehouses, and industrial areas

### HOME SECURITY

- Use strong, quality locks for all your doors
- Secure sliding glass doors and sliding windows with a dowel or bar
- Trim trees and bushes to eliminate hiding places
- Put ladders and tools away after using

### WHEN LEAVING FOR A VACATION

- Suspend newspaper delivery

- When you arrive at the site, wear a protective face covering - either cloth or surgical mask
- To cancel or reschedule your appointment, log in to your account at <https://asubioempportal.pointnclick.com>

Testing will continue until it is no longer needed to control the pandemic.

- Have your mail held at the Post Office
- Avoid leaving notes or phone messages announcing that you are gone
- Never announce your vacation plans on social media
- Remove any keys you have hidden outside
- Provide a spare key to a trusted family member or friend

### **MAKE YOUR HOME APPEAR OCCUPIED**

- Have several lights on timers that are set to come on in different rooms at different times
- Have someone you know park in your driveway
- Arrange to have your trash put out regularly
- Have a friend regularly check your home

### **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

- Clearly display your house number so emergency personnel can find you
- If you find that someone has broken into your home, call 911 immediately

#### **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

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**[flowingwellsnacc.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:tdotconcerns@tucsonaz.gov)  
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