



sam hughes neighborhood association

News on Hughes

Spring 2008

O'Dowd's Overview . . .

Dear Neighbors,

Soon it will be time to pay your property taxes again. Each year residents of this neighborhood save about half a million dollars because their homes have been designated as contributing to this neighborhood's designation as historic on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Over the past 20 years this neighborhood association has paid for the expert assistance and recruited the volunteers who researched and submitted all the documents that obtained historic designation and reduced the property taxes of most of your homes.

The Association is a nonprofit corporation organized for education and charitable purposes with an exemption from taxation pursuant to section 501C3 of the Internal Revenue Code. You may deduct your dues payments. By becoming a member of the Association you will enable it to continue to provide valuable services that benefit you as residents of this neighborhood.

Your Sam Hughes Association Board meets the third Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM, at the Himmel Park Library. Take part in your neighborhood. Come to the meetings and join your association today.

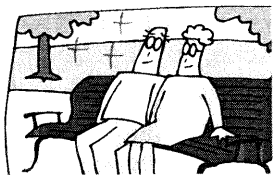
We have important issues to consider that will impact how Sam Hughes will look in the future such as the Mackey redevelopment, the future of Himmel park and library, the proposed demolition and rebuilding of the Sheraton Hotel, and the Neighborhood Preservation Zone (NPZ).

--John O'Dowd

Helping our elderly neighbors . . .

Sam Hughes Cares for Seniors needs more volunteers!

We are your neighbors, assisting the elderly in Sam Hughes to stay independent in their homes/condos/apartments. If you have any free time and can



assist in transport to doctor/dentist appointments, or doing errands, please call us. The Regional Transportation Authority reimburses us at 50.5 cents per mile, through Pima Council on Aging. Other tasks we are trying to provide: grocery shopping, home repairs, light housekeeping, dog walking, friendly visits, and phone calls. If interested, read more at our website, www.samhughes.org, or call Edward at 561-0113.

(Funding provided by Sam Hughes Neighborhood Assn. and private donations.)

--Carolyn Classen

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Board meetings:

3rd Tuesday each month
7:00 pm, Himmel
Library -- Everyone
Welcome



***WELCOME KELLY AND RON ABBOTT,
new owners of our neighborhood market!***

Married for 29 years with 2 sons, 2 daughters-in-law and 5 grandchildren, the Abbotts previously were in the door and window business. Ron's uncle was Lalo Guerrero, a well known Tucsonan.

When asked how they happened to buy Rincon Market, Kelly replied, "Paul Cisek joked with us about buying the market after we retired. There is absolutely no way we could have done this without the Cisek family. Their support, training and kindness have been absolutely amazing. Getting to know the customers has been the most enjoyable part of the new business. We have a large clientele and no irate customers."

Kelly added that her sister, mother and grandchildren all help out as well.

The difficulties have been lack of knowledge about the business and long hours. Kelly says, "I have no problems being here all the time. I feel at home here."

Don't we all!

We're Not alone . . .

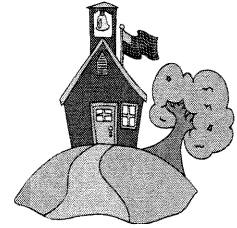
While Himmel Park and Himmel Library are located within the Sam Hughes Neighborhood, we're not alone in supporting this historic, mid-town oasis. Other nearby neighborhoods - Blenman Elm, Palo Verde, and Miramonte - share our affection for Himmel Park and we're working together to find ways to help preserve this valuable resource.

The four neighborhoods, whose "four corners" are at Speedway and Country Club, are developing a questionnaire regarding the park to solicit input and gauge neighborhood interest. The group, with representatives from the four neighborhoods, is looking for ideas to:

- ▶ Protect the park
- ▶ Enhance the library
- ▶ Explore reconstruction and adaptive reuses of the water tower at 1st & Tucson Blvd. for community education and outreach (SHNA already has raised and earmarked \$30K for this purpose.)

Please be sure to comment via the questionnaire when it arrives in your mailbox and watch this newsletter for future developments. For more information and/or if you would like to get involved in this important project, contact Frank Soltys at 795-4059 or fsoltys@cox.net.

SCHOOL NEWS . . .



Mansfeld Middle School:

Recent accomplishments include: 2 teachers accepted into the Masters of Middle School; Math Leadership Program at the UofA; 2006 & 2007 Volleyball City Finalists; 2007 City Track Champions; Educational Enrichment Foundation Grant awarded to the Bulldog Bark Newspaper Club; 1st place winner in 2007 Science Olympiad competition; 3 students published in the Arizona Daily Star "Youth Voices"; student story published in *Dancing with the Wind*, 2006-2007; 2 teachers selected to be MISI instructors in Pima County.

Sam Hughes Elementary:

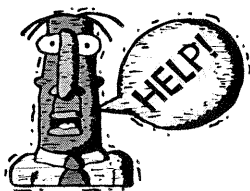
Outstanding facility including state of the art kitchen, new multipurpose room, and new library; Blue Ribbon nominated school for 2006 – 2007; State Chess Champions; PE program; Opening Minds through the Arts Programming, including band, orchestra, and dance; Artist in Residence Program; Science Fair; cultural events throughout the year; strong community support; tremendous parent involvement; Partnerships with the UofA in PE, music, and College of Education:



Edge High School students are making their rounds, painting the curb house numbers every other Friday as their contribution to our neighborhood. They have a teacher/mentor that works with them but he cannot be with both teams at all times, so if neighbors are concerned about kids with spray cans, they can verify their affiliation as the kids have a letter from John O'Dowd with them.

GOOD NEIGHBOR TIPS . . .

- You can be a good neighbor by bringing in your recycle bin from the curb and trash containers too (if you do not have an alley pickup).
- Need street repairs? Call City of Tucson, 791-3154.
- Interested in crime statistics? Check out www.NSN.SoAz.info



If you haven't renewed your membership for 2008 FOR ONLY \$20, PLEASE DO SO NOW! See reasons why and where to send your renewal form and check on page 4.

ALL OF US IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD THANK YOU.



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Sam Hughes Neighborhood

Dated Material

┌ SAM HUGHES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM ┐

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____

I am interested in serving on the following committees:

- Campus/Community Relations
- Historic Preservation
- Traffic
- Home Tour
- Zoning Issues
- Membership
- Parks & Rec
- Website
- Newsletter
- Special Events
- I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors

Voting members must be at least 18 years of age and reside within the Sam Hughes Neighborhood which is bounded by Broadway, Speedway, Campbell & Country Club. Business, organizations, and non-residents may join as non-voting Associate Members.

Please enclose a \$20.00 check payable to: SHNA, c/o Leon Bear, Treas., POB 42931, Tucson AZ 85733

Four reasons for Being a Dues Paying Member! . . .

1. SHNA publishes 4 newsletters a year, sent to all 2,000 residences.
2. Convenes Annual Meeting each January (3rd Tuesday, Sam Hughes Elementary School).
3. SHNA Board conducts open monthly meetings (3rd Tuesday every month except January and August, Himmel Library).
4. Presents Biannual Home Tour (Next tour **Sunday, March 15, 2009**; Mark your calendar now)!

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