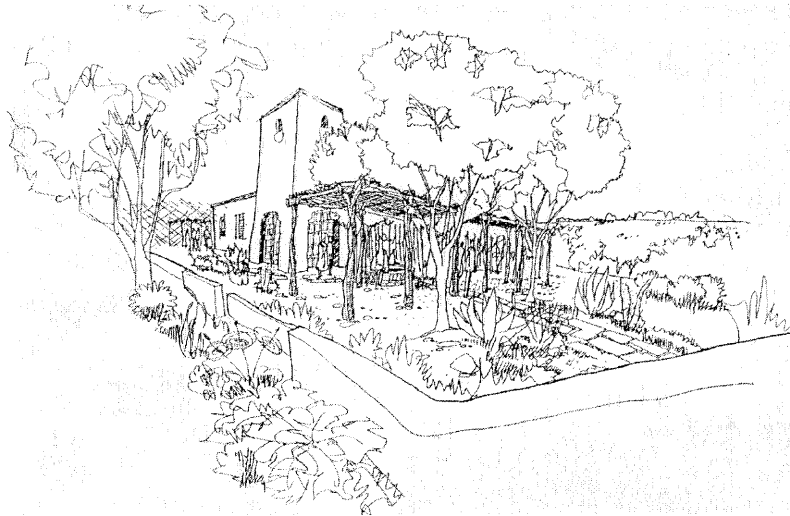




sam hughes neighborhood association

News on Hughes

Summer 2008



Results from the Four-Neighborhood (Sam Hughes, Blenman-Elm, Palo Verde, and Miramonte) Survey

Re Himmel Park, Library, and the reconstruction and adaptive reuse of the water tower at 1st & Tucson Blvd. Sam Hughes neighbors weighed in with an impressive 17% response rate. 341 of the more than 600 responses from the four neighborhoods that meet at the corner of Speedway and Country Club, or 55%, came from our neighborhood. All Sam Hughes comments and data are posted to the SHNA web site: <http://www.samhughes.org> for your enjoyment and information.

Perhaps it's no surprise that 71% of our neighbors want more trees in the park (one self-described 84-year-old specified that the trees should be "fast growing")! Only 17% want more multi-use fields, 84% have a library card, and a mere 3% (nine respondents) do not feel safe at the Himmel Library. The most popular use for the water tower is a xeriscape garden (65%) and the least popular is a tool locker/info kiosk (20%). There is strong support for the adaptive reuse of the water facility and restoration of this 85-year-old neighborhood landmark.

Special thanks to the Department of Neighborhood Resources and the Ward VI Council Office for their assistance in the mailing, and, on behalf of the SHNA Board, City Parks and County Library, thank you for your participation.

--- *Frank Soltys, Historic Preservation Committee*

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Board meetings:

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

Annual Free Swim Day at Himmel Pool . . .

Sam Hughes Neighborhood residents are cordially invited to celebrate the last day of pool operations again this summer with a free swim day at Himmel Pool, compliments of the Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association! Please make plans to enjoy your historic community pool from **Noon to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 9.**

But don't wait until August . . .

Adult Lap Swim Tues-Fri from Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Rec Swim Tues-Fri 1 - 5 p.m. and Sat Noon - 7 p.m.
Family swim Tues-Fri 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Cost is \$1 for adults and only 25¢ for youth ages 17 and under.



ALSO, watch for a variety of other events throughout the City that commemorate the 233rd birthday of the City of Tucson during the month of August.



INTERVIEW WITH ANN EVE PEDERSON . . .

Sam Hughes resident and community activist Ann Eve Pederson has deep roots in the neighborhood. Her mother and her siblings grew up at 4th St. & Forgeus.

"I remember the house from when I was little. I had also heard all my family's stories and traditions about this neighborhood. My mother's dearest friends were people she had met at Hughes School. When Paul and I moved to our first house at 4th St. & Treat, we would often walk past my grandparents' home. Fifteen years later we were fortunate enough to buy our present house, built in 1930, from Architect Ned Nelson."

When asked about the strengths of the neighborhood, Ann Eve replied, "The people who move here value community. We also value the way the neighborhood was laid out. Himmel Park is the focal point with its pool and library. We are also fortunate to have a strong neighborhood school."

Sam Hughes has a history of community activism. Ann Eve is one of those activists. She has spearheaded TUSS (Tucson Unified School Supporters). TUSS was formed to provide a way for parents and community members to be included in the decision-making process of TUSD. TUSS is also concerned about the lack of funding for education in Arizona. It is raising money to help support passage of the override in November. TUSS may be contacted at 324-0881.

Interviewed by Wallis Downer

Congratulations to David Yetman of *the Desert Speaks* and a Sam Hughes resident, who has recently finished a new book *The Great Cacti Ethnobotany and Biogeography of Columnar Cacti*.

Sam Hughes Neighborhood provided a truly American experience for three members of the Northern Kazakhstan Judiciary April 19-26. Four families (3 on Hawthorne and 1 on 3rd Street) opened their doors to these visiting dignitaries. These court officials came to Tucson under the auspices of the Open World Program sponsored by the Tucson-Almaty Sister Cities Committee, which is chaired by Barbara Chinworth, a long-time Sam Hughes resident.

Have a suggestion for an article or interview?? Contact Co-Editors Gail Schuessler, gschuessler@yahoo.com, or Wallis Downer, wallis85719@yahoo.com.

NO MORE APATHY!!

1. **SIGN UP** and join the heartbeat of the neighborhood. Our webmaster guards against spam and ensures that messages are germane to the neighborhood. Interested neighbors can send an email to: samhughesneighborhood_subscribe@yahoogroups.com to request participation. Communication is our link! Please report ALL suspicious activity and any incidents via email to the group.
2. **ENCOURAGE** others to start their own Neighborhood Watch on their block.
3. There is a **meeting on July 23 at 6:00 pm at Rincon Market** (bring the kids). We are hoping that by scheduling this over a mealtime that people can eat if they want and our visibility in the center of the neighborhood might encourage others to attend. The crime-free Neighborhood Watch group will determine a course of action for increasing safety. Please be thinking of ways that you can participate.

To get your neighborhood watch up and running . . .

Suggestions for Block Captain

1. Identify the homes in your group watch (should not exceed 20 homes)
 2. Complete & distribute map to everyone on the list including name, street address, home & cell phone numbers, & email address on block map (sample can be emailed to you)
 3. Paint numbers on curbs/Place street numbers on back wall if there is an easement or alley access. This is an Edge High School Community Project that the students perform. Please contact Ginny Reiss, Principal at 881-0852 if you need a number painted on your curb.
 4. Call Becky Noels, Crime Free Multi-Housing and Neighborhood Watch Coordinator with Tucson Police Department, 837-7428, to set up meeting with neighbors (Mandatory annual meeting).
 5. Have your home evaluated by TPD for added security recommendations (voluntary). Call Becky Noels
 6. Once this work is complete TPD will install "Neighborhood Watch Signs" for your area.
 7. Attend quarterly meeting with block captain team: Time TBA.
 8. Join www.samhughesneighborhood-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- All postings are private, professional and germane to the immediate concerns of our residents.

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Join . . .

The Sam Hughes Neighborhood email group! Get the latest neighborhood news and post whatever you think may interest your neighbors. Visit www.samhughes.org and look for the Yahoo Groups button. Click on it, follow the instructions, and you're on your way!

■ **RINCON MARKET needs your help. Please report any loitering to the manager on duty. They are VERY interested in maintaining a crime-free environment. THEY DO NOT ALLOW SELLING OR SOLICITING IN THE FRONT OF THE STORE. Please report vagrancy to the manager on duty. Thanks!** ■

SHNA NEEDS A MEMBERSHIP CHAIR!
Contact John O'Dowd, jso-office@flash.net if you can help.



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UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA CONSTRUCTION UPDATE . . .INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FACILITIES

One year ago, The University and the Intercollegiate Athletics facilities project team undertook an ambitious project to relocate four Aleppo pine trees which were in the footprint of the new ICA Practice Facility. The trees were a valuable part of the campus landscape and were viable candidates for transplant. We knew that there was a risk involved with the transplants and did our best to save all four of these trees but two of the trees did not survive and were removed in April.

The two remaining trees are surviving and are being assessed on a continual basis and will soon be joined by two, somewhat smaller, Aleppo pines from a campus facility in Mesa. The University remains committed to our balanced goals of the preserving the Campus Arboretum and facilitating our mission of academics, research and outreach. The campus environment and outdoor spaces are very important aspects of the quality of the experience at the University and in the Tucson community.

Thank you for the great deal of interest and support from Sam Hughes Neighborhood residents and the community during this process.

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