



## sam hughes neighborhood association

# News on Hughes

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### O'Dowd's Overview . . .

In Arizona, there are basically two different types of nonprofit corporations that serve the interests of residents: Homeowners Associations (HOAs) and Neighborhood Associations (NAs). HOAs are created by Deed Restrictions that are recorded when a residence is purchased and bind those who purchase residences in the subdivision. The purpose of HOAs is to promote and preserve the interests of the property owners in the subdivision. Members of HOAs must pay annual fees to the HOA that may be collected when delinquent by filing of liens against residences owned by HOA members. Rules concerning occupancy of and uses allowed in HOA subdivisions are specified in the Bylaws of the HOAs and the decisions of an HOA concerning violations of by-laws are final.

Although SHNA is a nonprofit corporation, it is a NA, not an HOA. Membership in and payment of dues to SHNA is voluntary and not limited to homeowners. Membership is open to all persons residing in the mile square area bordered by Speedway, Broadway and Campbell to Country Club. Nonvoting membership is open to businesses in the neighborhood. No restrictions are imposed by SHNA on the use or improvement of property within SHNA. Such restrictions are imposed by elected officials, Mayor and Council, by enacting Ordinances set forth in the City's Land Use and Building Codes. Neighborhood Associations like SHNA are recognized by the City as entitled to notice of variances and rezoning sought by residents and businesses. Usually NAs may protest variances and rezoning requests when neighbors opposing a request convince the NA that the change will damage the residential character of the neighborhood. Unlike HOAs, NA Boards don't decide whether variances or rezoning are granted. NA protests to the City Zoning examiners or Board of Adjustment may not prevail. Denial of NA protests usually occur when the applicant is able to show similar requests have been granted due to lack of protests in earlier cases.

HOAs have mandatory private funds to provide notice of changes in HOA use and building restrictions. The City has provided publication and mailing services to NAs so that NA residents can receive notification of changes in city ordinances that prescribe use and building restrictions on their residential properties. Due to budget constraints, the City is seeking to reduce printing and mailing services provided to NA residents. I urge residents of this neighborhood to contact the elected officials and request that these services be cut as little as possible. SHNA residents need these services to effectively participate in the activities and institutions that affect the quality of their neighborhoods.

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**Board meetings:**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. each mo.,  
7pm Himmel Library

Everyone Welcome



**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - SAM HUGHES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN. (SHNA)  
JANUARY 19, 2010 AT SAM HUGHES SCHOOL**

**AGENDA**

6:30-6:45 PM - IN THE CAFETERIA -- WELCOME - Recognize 2009 Board Members, Introduce guests

6:45 - 7:30 PM - SOCIAL HOUR

Socialize with Neighbors & Guests; Enjoy light refreshments/Pay Dues/Pick up Member Certificates; Learn about SHNA activities: 1) Transportation: Safe Routes to School; 2) Housing: Casitas on Broadway; 3) Hospitality: Sam Hughes Cares for Seniors; 4) Recreation/Preservation: Himmel Park/Library/Pump Station; 5) Membership: Dues/Volunteer Opportunities; 6) Security: TPD and UofA Police Stats

7:30 - 8:30 PM - PRESENTATION by Kendall Kroesen, Restoration Program Manager, Tucson Audubon Society: "The Birds and Habitat of the Sam Hughes Neighborhood"

*Tucson Audubon takes birds seriously. That's why along with watching them, teaching about them, and conserving birds, Tucson Audubon works to restore their habitat too! Learn about the wide variety of our winged neighbors and simple measures to improve their habitat while enhancing the enjoyment of birds by all!*

8:30 - 9:00 PM -BUSINESS MEETING

Call to Order; President & Treasurer's Reports; Nomination & Election of 2010 Board Members

9:00 ADJOURNMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING



**Sam Hughes Community Action Committee looks forward to a busy 2010 . . .**

With 2009 coming to a close, the Sam Hughes Community Action Committee (SHCAC) is pleased to announce the following accomplishments over the last 12 months:

- Designed and implemented a neighborhood Quality of Life Survey
- Coordinated over 100 neighborhood volunteers to deliver door hangers encouraging residents to take the survey online or call for a hard copy
- Tabulated survey results into a 40-page report which can be viewed online at [www.samhughes.org/](http://www.samhughes.org/)
- Presented a report to the Sam Hughes neighborhood on October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Hardesty Center outlining highlights from the survey and issuing a call to action to residents to join various safety initiatives

Looking forward to 2010, SHCAC is working toward engaging residents to sign up for neighborhood watch committees, helping to design an awareness campaign focusing on crime reporting and preventive measures, residence number painting activities, and helping to foster community building activities within the Sam Hughes neighborhood.

--Tania Capin

**Update on Casitas 2121 E. Broadway. . .**

A partnership-sponsored project between Catholic Community Services and Tucson Housing Foundation has a target date for completion for November 2010, possibly sooner. Builder for this unique 56-unit housing for the elderly is Tofel Construction (Steve and Richard Tofel are both long time residents of Sam Hughes). Applicants will be accepted on a 1st come 1st serve basis, must be 62 or older, and must meet the criteria for the 30% of adjusted income requirement. Hopefully many saw the 12-02-09 article regarding the project. <http://www.azstarnet.com/sn/biz-topheadlines> pg a7 of the business section.

For additional information contact Jesus Mora, Housing Director for CCS, 624-0551.

### FEATURING PRINCIPAL OF MANSFELD MIDDLE SCHOOL . . .

Paul DeWeerd is a native Tucsonan who attended Palo Verde Christian School, Catalina H.S., and the UofA. He has worked at Pueblo Magnet H.S. during the past 19 years as a teacher, athletic director, and assistant principal. "I am very grateful for the warm reception that I have received from the students, parents, staff, and teachers. Mansfeld is a wonderful school with a rich tradition of academic excellence. My goal is to continue to enhance the outstanding programs that already exist on our campus while we continue to develop strategies to better prepare students for the 21st Century. Parental support and involvement will be critical to our continued success. As I have become acquainted with our school, there are several areas where I feel your time and financial support will be especially important to the success of our students. Here are a few examples: 1) Many of our school programs and clubs depend on tax donations in order to function. If you are interested in making a donation, please come to the office for additional information; 2) Mansfeld has a very large band and orchestra program. As we started the school year, we discovered that many of our stringed instruments need replacement strings. Any donation to help offset the cost of buying new strings for these instruments would be very much appreciated. We are also working with the District to get additional instruments for the students who do not yet have the instruments they need for class. If you would like to donate an instrument to the school, contact Catherine Davidson at [catherine.davidson@tusd1.org](mailto:catherine.davidson@tusd1.org). I am very impressed with the hard work and positive attitude our students have demonstrated. If you ever have a question or concern, please contact me at 225-1804 or [paul.deweerd@tusd1.org](mailto:paul.deweerd@tusd1.org)."



### UPCOMING EVENTS AT SAM HUGHES SCHOOL . . .

**Jan. 7:** Spelling Bee in the cafeteria; **Jan. 12:** Science Family Night in the cafeteria - Families can come and learn how to help their child with the Scientific Process in order for them to create a science project for the Science Fair Feb. 23 in the cafeteria; **Jan. 22:** Junior Achievement Day - Volunteers from the business community will teach lessons about economics; **March 6:** Chuck Wagon. The school also wants nearby neighbors to know how much they appreciate their sharing parking spaces with them.

### 2009 NEIGHBORFEST EVENT . . .

*We want to express our sincere thanks to you for helping to make our 2009 NeighborFest event a success. At the end of the day, we had just over 50 exhibit and activity booths, and another half a dozen food booths. We're grateful to all of you for being part of this effort to make the great service work of our community and its numerous volunteer opportunities more visible to the general public. I know our congregation's hospitality volunteers enjoyed visiting with many of you, as well as learning about the organizations you represent. While it was disappointing to all of us that the hot air balloon was unable to fly, it was most gratifying to see the number of people and particularly families with children who attended and enjoyed themselves.*

*While not everything ran smoothly, much did! And we were grateful for your patience and positive spirit as we all worked on trying a new thing! On behalf of the 2009 NeighborFest Planning Team, we thank you!*

--Marney A Wasserman & William K. Voigt, Pastors, Trinity Presbyterian Church

### How did Himmel Park (and the library) get its Name?\*

Himmel Park is named after a pioneer Tucsonan Alvina Himmel Edmondson and her family. Newlyweds Alvina Himmel Edmondson and husband Charles S. Edmondson came from New Orleans, LA to Tucson in 1897 and homesteaded on 160 acres bounded by E. Speedway and Tucson Blvd. They had 4 daughters: Catherine, Grace, Alvina, and Frances. The couple divorced in 1927 (and Charles later died in 1942 in Phoenix.) Alvina Himmel sold part of their homestead to the City of Tucson in 1934 or 1935 for \$3500, with the stipulation that the site be named after the Himmel family in memory of her parents, Adolph and Harriette Himmel. Adolph was a well-known silversmith in New Orleans.

Alvina Himmel Edmondson died at age 78 on Jan. 11, 1948 at her redwood home, 2625 E. 1st Street (no longer there) on the land she had homesteaded for 51 years. She was buried at the South Lawn Memorial Park according to her obituary at the Arizona Historical Society (AHS). Her daughter Catherine Edmondson (died 5/18/73) lived in that same homestead home in Sam Hughes till the early 70's. This site is now a parking lot of the Catalina Methodist Church.

By the way, Himmel is the German word for "heaven."

Himmel Park time line: 1934/35 part of Himmel Edmondson homestead land sold to City of Tucson, in 1936 pool built by WPA -Works Progress Administration, 1944 City Council purchased more land (3 more blocks) to expand Himmel Park, and start planning for a library, which was finally built in 1961 under Mayor Don Hummel.

\*Information obtained from research I did at Arizona Historical Society, from Sam Hughes Neighborhood file at Himmel Park branch library, and the Himmel library website. I also checked the Tucson Citizen and Arizona Daily Star archives, and found a copy of a 1942 Tucson Citizen photo of this pioneer woman and her original home in the Sam Hughes Neighborhood (which is now in the SHNA file at Himmel Library, and the AHS).

--Carolyn Classen





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# Sam Hughes Neighborhood

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### MEMBER NEWS . . .

A special "thank you" to those who responded to our postcard mailing and have already sent in their 2010 dues. Be sure to pick up your Certificate of Membership postcard at the annual meeting so you can start saving \$\$\$\$\$ with the Deals and Discount Program. If you are unable to attend, the card will be mailed to you after January 19, 2010.

If you have not yet renewed, this is another reminder that all SHNA memberships renew January 1, 2010. Please mail a \$20 payment along with the information below for your 2010 membership to

**SHNA, c/o Membership, PO Box 42931, Tucson, AZ 85733**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering:

- Historic Preservation  SH Cares/Seniors  Home Tour
- Traffic  Zoning  Park/Library/Water Tower  Website  Board of Directors
- Newsletter  Campus/Community Relations

***See our website - [www.samhughes.org](http://www.samhughes.org) for more information***

We appreciate your past support and look forward to serving you in the future

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