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Our next membership year begins January 1, 2011. **ALL MEMBERSHIPS RENEW JANUARY 1ST** of each year.

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News on Hughes



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O'Dowd's Overview . . .

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) plan for transportation projects in Pima County includes improvements to Broadway Boulevard between Euclid and Country Club. The plan is based upon a City of Tucson 1987 Report known as the Broadway Corridor Study that calls for a 150' wide street with eight lanes and a 24' landscaped median as well as a 30' landscaped buffer and sound wall. This 23-year-old Study is based on outdated approaches and inaccurate predictions of traffic volumes and would cost over \$71 million. If implemented, the Plan would demolish most of the structures along the north side of the Broadway except those (such as the newly constructed Casitas on Broadway) that have sufficient set-back and parking to remain. SHNA has opposed this plan in the past but until passage of the RTA the only funds available for the project were \$5 million of street improvement funds (to fill potholes) paid by the City to acquire property along Broadway. The City's most recent acquisitions are Albert's service station at the corner of Campbell and Broadway and the Asian food restaurant near Tucson Boulevard and Broadway now leased by the City to the Panda Buffet.

Earlier this year SHNA joined with Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association (RHNA) to request that the City include neighborhood representatives in the planning process for this project. So far, the City has not created a Citizens Task Force. Our neighborhoods, however, have obtained information through a public records request and have shared this information at several meetings with business owners along Broadway.

The business sector on Broadway Boulevard between Euclid and Country Club contains 287 taxpaying and tax-generating businesses facing the street and over 500 in the vicinity. These businesses serve local residents for at least a mile radius, some of whom have no local business strip, and, if elderly, disabled or children, do not drive. Most of these businesses are locally owned and contribute more revenue to the City than chain stores. Many of the business owners have expressed frustration about the uncertainty of the scope of the project and share our concern that destroying viable businesses is counterproductive to job and revenue growth and recovery. Others are concerned that the City is pressuring them to sell (blockbusting) by creating an impression of the inevitability of destruction of their stores.

The City has a contract with a local engineering firm that has prepared a draft of a Phase One report that contains a cross-section showing the right-of-way for the 1987 Broadway Corridor Study and two others that are even larger. Such concepts defeat the goals of most urban transportation planners who support liveability, sustainability and walkable streets through vulnerable urban neighborhoods.

The RHNA has asked SHNA to join them in adopting a Resolution opposing the 1987 plan to widen Broadway and instead urge the City to improve Broadway within the existing footprint so that all businesses and other structures on both sides of the street will be preserved. Neighbors desiring to comment are invited to do so at Call to the Audience at a meeting of the SHNA Board or by email.

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7pm Himmel Library

Everyone Welcome



THE HOUSE AT 2023 E. HAWTHORNE . . .

We've all probably passed the white house up on a rise numerous times, but never realized it was originally a mission church. The house was built in 1932 to serve as the Hawthorne Baptist Mission, a mission church for First Baptist Church. Its purpose was to serve the ranchers in the area so they didn't have to drive downtown to attend services. During a tour of the house one of the owners, Hal Krohn, showed me where the pulpit originally was and how the church was laid out. There is also a baptismal fount under the floor. It was large and deep enough to immerse people.



Mr. Krohn, who grew up in the house, along with his parents and siblings, knows an enormous amount about the history of the house and also his own family. He has many relatives who still live in Tucson. He also has a great collection of old photographs. The house is constructed of kiln brick and the foundation is lava rock from A Mountain. According to Mr. Krohn, the church was eventually closed and was going to be converted into a synagogue. Three families living across the street objected, bought the building, converting it into a 3-bedroom house. In 1946 the Krohn family moved in. Hal Krohn speaks with great affection of the house.

He and his sister Betty Jean will be moving and have put the house on the market. When asked how he feels about leaving the house, he replied, "I'm very sad but looking forward to moving to Ohio or I'd never sell the house." He hopes someone with vision for the potential of the house will buy it and keep it as a home.

--Interviewed by Wallis Downer

SAM HUGHES CARES FOR SENIORS UPDATE . . .

Hoping for a New Direction and a New Coordinator: Meeting to be held Thursday October 28.

Sam Hughes Cares for Seniors is currently undergoing reorganization and is seeking volunteers as well as a new coordinator. We need a new coordinator because Trudy Mills is stepping down. We are reorganizing in order to make the coordinator job...well, more fun—more social, less paperwork!

During our recent hiatus, we learned that the transportation services our seniors need so badly can be provided by volunteers from Interfaith Community Services (ICS). In fact, whenever possible, ICS will match up seniors with volunteers in our own neighborhood, so in that sense it is very much like SHCS. If you or a senior you know needs transport, please call ICS at 297-2738 X 206.



With ICS doing much of the transportation and related bookkeeping work, SHCS will be free to put more energy into good old-fashioned neighborliness. Interested in helping this happen? If so, please call founder/steering committee member Carolyn Classen at 327-7609 and plan to attend the meeting to be held on Thursday, October 28, 6:30 p.m. at Ward 6 Council office, west conference room, 3202 E. 1st Street.

CASITAS ON BROADWAY . . . Located at 2121 E Broadway, its Grand Opening and building dedication was celebrated on 10/13/10. This was a wonderful welcoming event for the new residents. It is one of the first HUD housing developments for the elderly to achieve **GOLD LEED** (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) green building certification. Many thanks to co-sponsors Catholic Community Services of So. AZ, Inc. & Tucson Housing Fdn. Inc., Tofel Construction, Lizard Rock Design, City of Tucson, Pima County and TEP.

ABOUT THE NEXT HOME TOUR . . . The next SHNA home tour will be Sun., 3/13/11 12-5pm. Price remains \$15. Our committee will soon actively begin soliciting recommendations for residences (homes, apartments, gardens). Nominations can be of any age --- new, remodeled, or in original state. Essentially, the primary qualification is someone would pay to see it. We are studios, anything that conveys a sense odd-numbered March, is enormously neighborhood. So if you think your residence, garden, business, or studio is tour-worthy, please contact Denice Blake, johnden43@hotmail.com, 327-7891.



→ → → **SEE PAGE 4 FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Dear Neighbors:

Your support goes a long way! Tax credit dollars from neighbors are reaching all 343 Sam Hughes Elementary students *right now* by giving them chess, physical education, reading tutors, and Opening Minds Through the Arts (OMA). The Sam Hughes School community is so grateful to neighbors for keeping our school, *your* neighborhood school, a special place for learning. We are reaching out to you with a friendly reminder to please support Sam Hughes School with your 2010 tax credit dollars. This letter will tell you how easy it is to help without costing you anything.

What is the State tax credit program? Arizona taxpayers can send a portion of their taxes to a public school at no extra cost. Individual tax filers may dedicate up to \$200 and couples filing jointly can dedicate up to \$400. You get every dollar back as a tax credit, reducing what you owe or increasing your refund by the amount you contributed. A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in your Arizona income tax liability. For example, suppose you are married and filing jointly and owe \$1,000 in state income taxes. When you send \$400 to Sam Hughes School, you will receive a credit for that exact amount on your Arizona income tax return. As a result, you will only owe \$600. A credit is more valuable to you than a deduction because you get all your money back.

What do tax credit dollars pay for at Sam Hughes?

- * Chess instruction with Mr. Jim Tallmadge teaches problem solving and promotes math skills.
- * Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) led by Ms. Sara Gascho is connected with classroom curriculum and develops understanding and love of music, dance, opera and theater.
- * Physical Education with Mr. Josh Brelsford
- * Literacy Assisted Program (reading tutors) with Kathleen McDonough and field trips.

Does Sam Hughes need my tax credit dollars? Yes! One in 3 Sam Hughes students receive free or reduced price lunch. A school qualifies for federal Title 1 funding if at least 40% of students are enrolled in the free/reduced lunch program. Sam Hughes School barely misses this 40% threshold and therefore does not receive Title I funding. Comparing per pupil spending at Sam Hughes against a Title I school, the difference is clear: per pupil spending is much less at Sam Hughes School.

I already support a private school. How can I help Sam Hughes too?

The public school and private school tax credit programs are separate, so you can participate in both. Please remember that a strong neighborhood school makes our neighborhood a more desirable place to live and protects property values.

Do I have to send the full \$200 or \$400 amount? No, you may send any amount you choose and it will be very much appreciated. You can also send installments not exceeding the maximum amounts and before the Dec. 31st deadline.

How do I send my tax credit dollars to Sam Hughes School?

Participate online with a credit card before midnight on Dec. 31 at <http://www.tusd1.org/contents/distinfo/aztaxcredit/index.asp>. You will receive a receipt immediately. -OR- A **check** made out to "Sam Hughes School" can be brought or mailed (postmarked by Dec. 31) to 700 N. Wilson Ave., Tucson, AZ 85719. You will be mailed a receipt. When filing your taxes complete AZ form 322 to claim your tax credit.

Who should I call with questions? The school office can be reached at 232-7400 or contact Amy Bosco at 881-1463, afbosco@yahoo.com. Please consult a tax specialist for advice about your specific situation.

Control your State tax dollars and support education at your neighborhood public school. In the absence of Title I funding, Sam Hughes School is quite vulnerable to ongoing education cuts and relies more than ever on our tax credit budget. If you pay taxes in Arizona, why wouldn't you invest in the students who attend your neighborhood school? This is a win-win opportunity: It costs nothing to reroute your taxes so that Sam Hughes students, and ultimately our neighborhood, benefit.

Sam Hughes students, their parents, teachers, and staff thank you for your consideration.

With Gratitude, Amy Bosco, Neighbor and Tax Credit Committee Chair