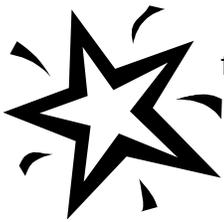


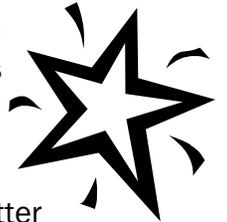
The Catalina Vista

Newsletter of the Catalina Vista Neighborhood Association
Spring 2014

Come One, Come All!



IT'S LUCKY 13! Our 13th annual neighborhood social is scheduled for **Saturday, April 26th**, from 11:00AM to 2:00PM, in Tahoe Park. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, make new friends and catch up on the latest neighborhood news. The Association will be providing Eegees sandwiches and slushies this year. We will be accepting donations to the Community Food Bank. Items like peanut butter are especially needed, so please consider helping out a worthwhile organization! Join us for fun, food and great company. See inside this newsletter for further details. We look forward to seeing all of you there!



It Takes A Neighborhood

The Catalina Vista Neighborhood Association has been in almost continuous existence since 1986. Our current Board members have contributed a combined 120+ years of service to our neighborhood, and many of them are ready to pass the torch on to the next generation of leaders. The role of neighborhood associations in preserving and protecting the quality of life for our residents has become increasingly important. As local governments find themselves financially strapped, neighborhood associations have become the persistent "squeaky wheel", speaking up for services and targeting neighborhood funds where needed.

If you want to implement traffic calming measures on your street or stay informed about the latest rezoning request, you will need a neighborhood association. If you want to organize a neighborhood tree-planting project or express your concerns about the potential impact of an

impending road widening, the neighborhood association can help you to coordinate volunteer efforts or provide the necessary clout to give your concerns greater credence.

The activities of the Association Board are varied. We receive notices from the city about liquor license applications, rezoning requests and public meetings and workshops.

Networking is a vital function of the Board. Board members often serve on other committees whose activities enhance our knowledge and awareness of events that can affect our neighborhood. Bill Young serves on the Campus Community Relations Committee (CCRC), which consists of representatives from the neighborhoods located around the University, as well as UA and University Medical Center (UMC) staff. They meet on a regular basis to discuss issues pertaining to the University and how the neighborhoods are impacted.

Dave Sunderman is the Association's representative on the Grant Road Task Force. He attends meetings and keeps the Board

informed of the progress on the widening of Grant Road.

Colette Altaffer knows many of the officers of other neighborhood associations, as well as some of the issues their neighborhoods have dealt with. This information is useful when we are attempting to address a similar problem in Catalina Vista, as other neighborhoods can be a valuable source of information and ideas.

Our neighborhood committees are another way for us to assist our neighbors.

Jan Hastreiter and Ellen Adelstein run the *Welcome Committee*, making certain new neighbors receive a packet of relevant neighborhood information. They are our neighborhood's official "greeters", introducing themselves to new neighbors, providing them with useful information about our neighborhood and the city and inviting them to join the Association.

Alison Hughes chairs the *Traffic Committee*. Their latest projects include ongoing efforts to get potholes repaired and the addition of restricted parking signs along the southern end of Sierra Vista Drive.

We also rely on non-Board members to keep our committees functioning. Two of our committees are chaired by non-Board members. Laurie Ellerman is the new chair of the *Social Committee*. With the assistance of LaDona Geise, Janet Rothers, Jeanie Sterns and Dave Sunderman, our neighborhood social is continuing for another year. This annual event, which we hold in Tahoe Park, provides you with a great opportunity to connect with old acquaintances, make new friends, and enjoy great food and entertainment.

David Crown heads our *Adopt-A-Park Committee*. He is joined by a dedicated group of neighbors, including Laurie Ellerman, Doug and Betty Lu Holland, Judy Maliszewski, Dory Martin, Ethel Staley, Jeff Yockey, Laura Mielcarek, and Lloyd and Sarah Wisdom. Together, this fabulous group of neighbors conducts regular patrols of

Tahoe Park, picking up litter and reporting broken or vandalized items for repair.

We have partnered with the Blenman-Elm neighborhood to participate in the Neighbors Care Alliance, a program designed to assist senior neighbors with cleaning, yardwork, shopping and doctor's visits in an effort to help them remain independent and in their own homes.

Communication is also a vital element of any successful neighborhood association. Colette Altaffer maintains the neighborhood listserve, which we utilize to alert neighbors to recent criminal activity or to keep them informed about important upcoming meetings.

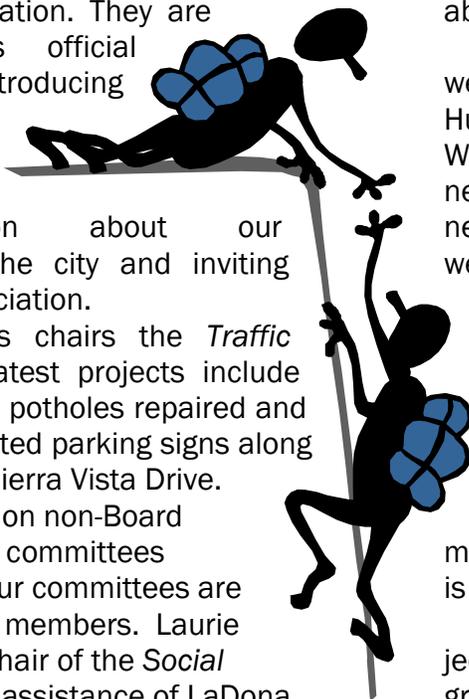
Our latest project, a neighborhood website, has been lovingly nurtured by Alison Hughes, Jan Hastreiter and Ellen Adelstein. When it is completed, the site will allow neighbors to access archives of neighborhood newsletters, and Board agendas and minutes, as well as useful links to other resources. Donna Helms, one of our neighborhood's talented artists, has generously contributed the artwork that will headline our home page.

With your dues, we pay for a number of neighborhood services, including our neighborhood newsletter, which we publish twice a year. We also utilize these funds to maintain our neighborhood islands when the city is unable to keep up with the financial burden.

Unfortunately, all of these services are in jeopardy. For too long, we have relied on a small group of dedicated volunteers to look out for the interests of an entire neighborhood. Unlike Homeowner's Associations, we do not collect monthly assessments to maintain our public spaces, and we rely entirely on the willingness of all of you to help us with funding and volunteer efforts.

A well kept, well-informed, represented neighborhood needs its residents to contribute, and stay involved and informed. We hope that the wonderful qualities that attracted many of you to call Catalina Vista your home will motivate you to join us in preserving and protecting this unique and wonderful neighborhood.

For information on how you can help, please contact Colette Altaffer at 323-9827.



Do not miss the 13th Annual “Get to Know Your Neighbor” Picnic!

*The Catalina Vista Neighborhood Association
invites you to join in the fun on*



Saturday, April 26th, 2014
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
@Tahoe Park
(Edison & Norris)

*Bring your picnic blanket, chairs, bicycles and park toys and
get ready to have a great time!*

If your last name begins with:
A-G, bring Drinks*
H-O, bring a Dessert
P-Z, bring a Side Dish or Salad
**only non-alcoholic beverages allowed*



**EEGEES SANDWICHES AND
SLUSHIES
ALSO PROVIDED**

JUMPING CASTLE FOR CHILDREN!

Don't forget to give the

Community Food Bank
*our support by bringing any
nonperishable food donations.*



Anyone interested in helping please contact
Laurie Ellerman lmellerman@cox.net 321-1654
If you need a ride to the park, we can arrange one.

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WANT TO SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION?

Become a member! Send your 2014 membership dues of \$15.00 to Jan Hastreiter, Treasurer, CVNA, 2144 E. Edison, Tucson, AZ 85719. Please make checks payable to Catalina Vista Neighborhood Association.

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The Association would be delighted to have your help.