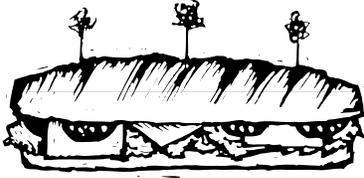


Doolen/Fruitvale News

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Join us at the Fall Garden Party!

**Everyone is invited to a potluck/block party.
Meet your neighbors. Eat. Commune with nature.**

When: Saturday, October 23, from 4–6 pm

Where: Sparkman Butterfly Garden (between Bermuda and Flower)

**Bring: A dish or dessert, and a chair if you want to sit.
Cold soda and water will be provided.**

**What: Eat a little, say hello, play Meet Your Neighbors.
Our block is Country Club to Palo Verde, Grant to Glenn.**

**Who: Everyone is invited. Feel free to
invite your friends and family.**

**October 23rd is National Make-A-Difference Day.
Please bring a non-perishable donation
for the Community Food Bank.**



For questions, contact Kali Van Campen at 260-4052

Visit our Doolen/Fruitvale Web site: www.dffriends.org

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Neighborhood News

- ✓ Towner Street Neighborhood Watch was officially reinstated this summer. New Watch signs have been installed from the middle of the street to the cul de sac. Hopefully, the group will continue to be active throughout the year. If you want to join or have questions, please contact Kali at kalisvc@gmail.com.
- ✓ TNBC (Tucson Neighbors Building Community) /Alvernon-Grant Initiative (AGI), Community & Law Enforcement Task Force, 4th Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. at the EMERGE Meeting Room, 2425 N Haskell. All are welcome to this monthly meeting with Tucson Police officers to recognize, report, and prevent criminal activity in our neighborhoods!
- ✓ Welcome our new police captain for Midtown, Capt. Quinn McCarthy. This past spring, our former police captain, Capt. David Neri, was transferred downtown. Thank you, Capt. Neri, for your support of Doolen/Fruitvale!
- ✓ Welcome to Doolen Middle School's new principal, Ron Beaton. The former principal, Charlotte Patterson, accepted an offer to serve as the principal of Project MORE High School for TUSD. Thank you, Charlotte, for your support and help.
- ✓ If you're a homeowner and have property code enforcement questions, please contact Teresa Williams, Code Compliance Administrator for Housing and Community Development at Teresa.williams@tucsonaz.gov.

Sparkman Butterfly Garden

Starting in October, Doolen/Fruitvale will have a garden cleanup on the second Saturday of each month from 8 to 10 a.m. The next one is November 6, and all neighbors and friends are welcome to weed and plant.

Please note: Anyone at anytime is welcome to clean-up the garden—just bring some tools and a plastic bag. We encourage and appreciate your effort! More information, contact Sandra Hull, at 869-7899 or sandles38@yahoo.com.

Adopt-A- Traffic-Circle

- We have two traffic circles in need of care, one at Sparkman/Bermuda and one at Flower/Edith. These are small areas, but they get weedy and trash/bottles seem to wind up there.
- If you live near one and can walk over occasionally and make them shine, please do. If you and your family/friends would like to officially Adopt-A-Traffic Circle, contact any board member.

Sidewalk areas

The late-August monsoon has brought tall weeds and grass to the sidewalk areas (or rights-of-way), between the curb and your property line. Although the City owns the property, we (owners, renters, landlords, property managers) have to maintain it. If your curb area is overgrown (over 6 inches), please grab a weed-whacker or call your landlord and clean the area up. Let's keep the neighborhood looking good.

Communities Putting Prevention to Work

New neighborhood health project

We all know that obesity presents one of the most significant health risks, that it is tightly linked to diabetes, heart disease, impairment of mobility, and significantly shortened life expectancy. Yet our hips just keeps growing. If we don't change the trend, today's children will be the first in US history to have a shorter life expectancy than their parents.

What can we do? As individuals and as a community, we have some options.

Doolen/Fruitvale and Dodge/Flower have been identified as one of 15 focus areas for a grant to Pima County from the Centers for Disease Control. It's called Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW), and the goal is to make it easier for everybody in a neighborhood to make better choices when it comes to food and exercise.

Many partners will be working at different levels to achieve this goal, including the Community Food Bank, PRO Neighborhoods, Carondelet Health Network, and the Drachman Institute and College of Public Health at the University of Arizona. At the grassroots level, the neighborhood has a role to play as well in order to provide safe, attractive, accessible places for physical activity and access to healthy, affordable food. Here's what we need to do between now and February 2012:

1. Identify a *Connector*, a person who will work to educate and engage as many stakeholders as possible (youth and seniors, homeowners and renters, schools and agencies and businesses).

The Connector will be paid a stipend of \$250 a month to facilitate the main steps of the grant with the assistance of the PRO Neighborhoods Connectors Network. A PRO Neighborhoods community organizer will help organize house meetings and other gatherings.

2. Conduct a survey to learn how residents rate their level of access to fresh produce and other healthful foods and their ability to lead a healthy, active lifestyle given the local infrastructure and conditions. A team of evaluation experts will help develop and distribute the survey.
3. Guide a neighborhood visioning process to review the results of the survey and develop a sustainable, long-term plan to improve access to healthy food and exercise options. The Drachman Institute will help with the visioning and the plan.
4. Working with another neighborhood leader, carry out at least one action project based on the improvement plan. Action projects can focus on food production, distribution or preparation (gardens, a farmers market, family cooking lessons, local Iron Chef competitions) or exercise (walking school bus, a safe, shady place for Zumba clubs, a bike route connecting to greenways, neighborhood soccer matches). PRO Neighborhoods will provide grants up to \$4000 for the project(s).

If you would like more information about CPPW, or if you are interested in being the community Connector, please contact Judith Anderson (795-1512 / janderhat@cox.net).



Junior Achievement of Arizona is searching for volunteers to lead preplanned lessons that educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, understand business and economics, and become workforce ready. As a Junior Achievement volunteer you will make a difference in the lives of students. Volunteers are matched with a classroom of students and the teaching schedule is determined between the teacher and volunteer to best accommodate all involved during school hours. Volunteers for this class must be at least 18 years old (great for 55+) and have at least 3 years professional work experience. Contact Colleen Tomes at (480) 377-8500 (<http://www.jaaz.org>).



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**Upcoming Neighborhood
 Association Meetings**

Mark Your Calendars

Regular Association meetings are held every other month on the following Wednesdays:

- Nov. 17, 2010
- Jan. 26, 2011
- March 23, 2011
- May 25, 2011—Annual Meeting
 with elections

Meeting from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. at the Doolen Middle School, Room 55 (2400 N. Country Club at Grant —Enter through double gates on Country Club. Room 55 is directly across the courtyard)

We will be posting upcoming meetings and events on our Web site, so please check it regularly!

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Important numbers

Graffiti removal hotline	792-2489
Garbage cans left at the curb	791-3171
Ward III Office	791-4711
Suspicious activity, police emergency	911
Police non-emergency (ongoing concerns) ..	791-4444
Junk vehicles, excessive yard sales, weeds ...	791-5843
Potholes	791-3154
Cars parked in right-of-way	791-5071
Barking, loose, vicious dogs	243-5900
Mosquitos in standing water	243-7999
Shopping cart pick-up	1-800-THE-CART (1-800-843-2278)