

WUNA Newsletter January 2024

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A Recap of WUNA Activities for 2023

2023 started off with a well-attended annual meeting / potluck on a cold January 15th. The new board was elected and met via hybrid / Zoom meetings NINE times over the course of the year. A tremendous commitment from a dedicated set of neighbors. Many thanks to the 2023 Board!



Annual events, such as the Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck, Beer Booth Operations at the Fourth Avenue Merchants Association Street Fair, plus clean ups around the neighborhood had many participants and were hopefully appreciated by the neighborhood.

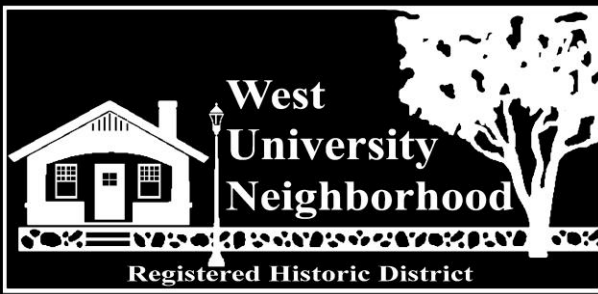
The Capstone Development at the southeast Corner of Speedway and Euclid kept the Board President and Development Committee busy throughout the year. In the end, the development was modified to address many neighborhood concerns. Five historic homes will be relocated into the neighborhood and retain their contributing historic building designation.

Funding for sidewalks between Euclid and 4th Avenue along 1st Street is also included in the development proposal. Massing and setbacks were also modified based on community input.

The Streets Committee got approval for a traffic Circle at 1st Street and 7th Avenue, plus a speed hump at 3rd Avenue between University and 4th Street. The committee will now be tasked with working with the City's Department of Transportation and Mobility to get these constructed using funds from the Residential Parking Permit Program.

The Parks Committee continues to focus on Anza. The Board approved funding for two shade umbrellas for the picnic tables in the dog park along with a couple of benches by the play structure. Red tape is being addressed to secure permits and get construction underway.





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Notes from the President, Betsy Larson, for the upcoming year:



I would like to extend deep gratitude for the hard work and dedication of WUNA volunteers. Our board has successfully navigated some challenging projects this past year. We are lucky to have smart and determined board members.

On January 20th we will hold our annual picnic. This fun event provides WUNA with the time and space to hold board elections. In addition to area representatives & officers; we also elect board members at large. In 2024 WUNA will only meet as a board FOUR times. Efficiency of volunteer energy is the goal. I also plan to create an Events Committee and will be looking for someone to lead as chair. I encourage residents to nominate themselves for any positions! It's really that easy. Email us with any questions, or just show up on 1/20! We need YOU!

Our neighborhood is unique in both what it offers and the challenges we encounter. WUNA volunteers are needed now more than ever as we face increasing external pressures. I hope you join us as we make WU a better, safer, more inclusive place to live. See you all in 2024!

Sincerely,
Betsy Larson
WUNA President



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Some Useful Contact Information

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services

(520) 791-3171

Park Tucson (Parking Enforcement)

(520) 791-5071

Graffiti Removal

(520) 792-CITY (2489)

TPD Red Tag Unit

(520) 837-7318

TPD Non-Emergency

(520) 791-4444

Roadway, Signage, and Street Lighting

Maintenance Issues

(520) 791-3154

TDOTConcerns@tucsonaz.gov

Code Enforcement

(520) 791-5843

EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS NEED CITY REVIEW!

The West University Neighborhood is classified as both a National Register Historic District and a City of Tucson Historic Preservation Zone. This designation as a Historic Preservation Zone (HPZ) entails the responsibility to help maintain the character of the area by making sure any exterior changes to your property enhance the period look of your home and surroundings. The historic review process is critical in helping to preserve the historic fabric of the West University Neighborhood. HPZ properties are also eligible for tax credits. Any changes to the exterior of homes within West University must follow the guidelines set forth nationally and locally. Learn more at: www.westuniversityneighborhood.org

TRIM WEEDS, GRASS & ENCROACHING PLANTS

Property owners are responsible for maintaining the height of weeds, grass, and plants in areas next to their property: sidewalks, street easements, and one half of the width of the alley. A 5' wide by 7' tall walking area adjacent to your property must be maintained, whether there is a sidewalk in place or not.

You can plant vegetation in the right-of-way, but there are setbacks from above and below ground utilities that must be maintained. For more information, please go to: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/tdot/residential-property-landscaping>

CLEAN UP WITH BRUSH & BULKY

Twice a year Environmental and General Services offers residential customers Brush & Bulky (B&B) collection. B&B includes landscape, cacti, and tree debris, furniture, carpet & doors, mattresses, appliances, lumber & PVC, and scrap metal.

West University is scheduled for B&B pickup during the weeks of February 26 and August 26 of 2024.

Call (520) 791-3171 for special B&B pick-up for a fee.



West University Neighborhood Association Memberships for 2024

It's time to send in your \$10 WUNA membership dues. All memberships run from January through December. Dues help pay for the website fees and maintenance, the post office box, and insurance. All members will receive via email our Recommended Vendors List. The vendors have been submitted by your fellow members of West University Neighborhood Association. You can save the \$10 dues many times over by hiring the right person the first time.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: West University Neighborhood Association

Three ways to join:

- 1) Fill out this form and mail it with your check for \$10 to: WUNA, P.O. Box 42825, Tucson, AZ 85733
- 2) Pay at the annual meeting
- 3) Go to www.westuniversityneighborhood.org and fill out the form and pay by PayPal/credit card

Thank you for your support!

Name(s)						
Address		City		State		Zip Code
Mailing Address (if different)						
Email Address						
Phone Number		New Member		Returning Member		

**West University
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Tucson, AZ 85726-7210

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<p>WUNA Annual Meeting BBQ and Potluck Saturday, January 20th 12:00 Noon Catalina Park</p>
