#### Flowing Wells neighborhood news

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# Flowing Wells Neighborhood News

Strong families living in a safe community

March 2020

#### **Upcoming Events**

March 5 . . . . . Board Meeting 6:00 At FW District Adm. Bldg. 1556 W. Prince March 7 . . . . . . Women Build Day At Carter's Court, Davis Ave. & Diamond March 19 . . . . . General Meeting 6:00 At the Ellie Towne Community Center Come and bring a potluck dish to share.

March 20 . . . . Festival under the Stars At FW High School . . . . . 4:30-7:30 See article below for WMG events

**Community Center Calendar** 

#### **Mission Statement**

Our purpose is to promote pride by bringing people together to improve the safety and quality of life of the Flowing Wells community.

This newsletter is a monthly publication of the Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association and Community Coalition.

Visit our website

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#### **Association Officers**



The Festival under the Stars is an annual event sponsored by the Flowing Wells Educational Foundation. This year it will

Festival under the Stars

be Friday, March 20, from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. at Flowing Wells High School, 3725 N. Flowing Wells Rd. High school clubs and programs, as well as district elementary schools, will all have booths. During the festival students will put on performances, and there will be a raffle as a finale.

Money raised will go toward grants of up to \$500 for Flowing Wells teachers to use in their classrooms. Past projects have included technical support, a classroom garden, and water bottles for students to reduce the use of plastic.

Come and participate. This is an event that deserves community support.

## Women Build March 7



Here's a chance for women--and men too--to help build housing for deserving families with Habitat for Humanity. You don't have to be experienced or expert in construction. Just come and help out and learn. For more information, visit our website.

There are three ways to register; 1) on our website 2) at Habitat for Humanity, 3501 N. Mountain Ave., telephone 326-1217, and 3) at the site on March 7. If you are under 18, it is best to register early because of the required paperwork.

Visit Habitat website

### **Did You Know?**

You can get help with **income tax filing** through VITA (Volunteer Income Tax

Assistance) at the Community Center.

For more information, call 800-906-9887 or go to www.irs.gov/VITA

# **Helping Students Prepare for Careers**



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large pile of T-shirts on a table, waiting to be printed with numerals, was evidently part of that enterprise. We recalled that our friend's son had designed an embroidered logo for caps when he was in school. Students also have opportunities to work as interns in local businesses. Some of them even get paid.

Certain second and third year courses offer credits at Pima Community College. Certifications can be earned from Adobe software, as well as from the state of Arizona. And there's a regional competition at Pima College where entrants are challenged to complete design projects for certificates.

We came away wishing we could have had a class and a teacher like this when we were in high school.

Visit JTED website



## **Ruthrauff Interchange**

The price of permanent improvement is often temporary inconvenience. Since the Ruthrauff/I-10 Highway project is now underway, the interchange will be shut down for about two years. But when it's finished, we'll have a beautiful new overpass and access to the highway again. Until then, we'll just have to be patient, put up with the inconvenience, and find different ways to get to where we're going.

To keep informed, click <u>here</u> and go to <u>Subscribe for Updates</u> at the upper right.

# A Place for All Ages

School. JTED, short for Joint Technical Education District, is part of a network spread all over town, and similar to programs all over the state. It aims to give students marketable skills in areas that will lead to available careers: Business, Computers and Media, Hospitality, Health Services, Industry, Public Service, and Science

The course offered at Flowing Wells High School is Graphic Design. Michael Srsen, the teacher, welcomed us and gave us lots of interesting information. He's obviously enthusiastic about the program. So is a friend of ours whose son went through it several years ago and who first told us about it.

In Mr. Srsen's classroom most of the students were working at their computers on individual design projects. We followed him into the workshop behind it, where we saw a large screen printing machine, two embroidery machines, a printing press, a plastic cutter, ovens, sinks, and other necessary equipment. He was showing a student how to screen print a large numeral 20 on the back of a T-shirt. We could tell that he's an excellent teacher giving clear directions, showing the young man how to do it, and then stepping back and letting him practice. The student was obviously very capable -- a senior in his third year of the program--and he quickly picked up the technique.

# Watershed Management Group Events

#### Bird Baths and Beyond

March 14th, 10:30 am to noon Co-hosted with Habitat for Humanity at the Flowing Wells Library Classroom

Our houses and backyards are home to us, as well as many other critters. At this free event, we'll be building bird houses and talking about the role of our homes in backyard ecology and innovative ways use can use the rain to benefit and beautify our backyards.

Shady Activities, DIY Tree Care Workshop March 21st, 12:30 pm to 2 pm Co-hosted with Trees for Tucson at the Flowing Wells Library Classroom

Join us for some shady activity! Residents will learn about how we can care for and support trees with rainwater to create cooler, greener, healthier neighborhoods. The first 10 residents to attend will receive a free shade tree.

Neighborhood Weed and Greet March 28, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm Meet at the corner of N. Shannon Road and W. Palmyra St.

Help get Shannon Gardens looking spiffy for the springtime with weeding and general maintenance. All abilities and ages welcome to join us for the native plant tour and neighbor meet and greet before we start work.

Visit WMG website

# What a Citizen Can Do

Did you know that parking a semi truck in a residential neighborhood is illegal? Neither did we, but here's how we found out.

The residents of a small subdivision were annoyed by not one, but two, semis that kept parking along the entrance road to their neighborhood. There was no official reason for them to be there; apparently they were friends or relatives of some of the residents. But other neighbors objected strongly to their engine noise and the foul-smelling toxic gas being emitted from their tailpipes.

One courageous resident thought there must be a law on the books against such a thing and, after a search of the public records, actually found it. Click <u>here</u> if you want to see the text.

When the semi drivers were informed and learned that there was a fine of \$250, they quickly found other places to park their trucks. It can't be easy finding a spot to park such huge machines, but a quiet residential area is definitely not the place to do it.

#### **Help Available**

The Family Resource Center, 4545 N. La Cholla Blvd., provides the following services to local families:

Advocacy Clothing Bank Educational Information and Referrals Emergency Food Boxes Medical and Mental Health Referrals School Supplies

For more information call (520) 696-8614 or (520) 696-8561



Probably most people know their own neighborhood well but aren't aware of many things that go on in other areas of the community. For example, it's embarrassing, but we had not known that the Flowing Wells Library at 1730 W. Wetmore Rd.,had a new addition until we recently went across from the Community Center to take some photos. Kindle has a lot to answer for.

By a piece of good luck, although it was almost 5:00, the library was still open, and we were welcomed by the manager, Ingrid Trebisky, who gave us a tour. It was very impressive.

The old library was small and crowded. With the new addition, which opened in 2018, it is much more spacious. There are three main areas, one for adults, one for preteens and teens, and one for children. Librarians and patrons alike have welcomed three new study rooms, a large meeting room with an adjoining kitchen, and a story room for children.



The story room has windows overlooking Ruthrauff Rd., but they are noise-

proof. There are two story times a week. The kids sit on a colorful rug in the middle of the floor, and parents can sit on built-in couches around the edges. The lights are changing constantly, so you may enter when the walls are green, then see them change to blue, then purple, then red. An exciting place for kids.

The large meeting room has a retractable screen at the front and a state-of-the art sound system, which can be projected into the adjacent patio. It's a media specialist's (John's) dream. See the website for classes that are offered regularly.

From the kitchen snacks are served twice a week to students from Centennial and Homer Davis elementary schools and Flowing Wells Junior High.

If you haven't visited the library recently, make a point to do it. It's a great resource for the community.

Visit Library website

#### Visit our website at

flowingwellsnacc.org

for more information about our association, its history, and its accomplishments.

#### **Reporting Tips**

To report abandoned shopping carts: Call 791-3171 or go to eshelp@tucsonaz.gov To report graffiti: Call 792-2489 (city) or 792-8224 (county) To report potholes in county neighborhoods: Call 724-8051



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