

PRO NEIGHBORHOODS

Serious Stakeholder *Certification*

Community leaders take their neighborhoods seriously, and PRO Neighborhoods wants to give you some serious support. We have designed this series of 8 workshops focusing on resources. If someone from your neighborhood attends all 8 sessions (it doesn't have to be the same person each time), PRO Neighborhoods will give your neighborhood group a certificate that can be redeemed for maps, banners, gift cards or other items you can use in your community-building activities. Watch for complete details on our Web site. For more information, contact Judith Anderson [903-3991 / janderson@proneighborhoods.org].

Workshops marked with an asterisk () are part of the PRO Neighborhoods Community Organizer course.*

1. **Wednesday, Sept. 9, 6 – 8:30 PM**
Conference Room A, Ward 2, 7575 E Speedway Blvd.

GETTING STARTED:

Basics for Beginning Neighborhood Groups

Presented by PRO Neighborhoods, the City of Tucson Housing & Community Development Department, and City Council aides

In a perfect world, our neighborhood associations would reflect the diversity of our communities, attract many members with a wide range of talents, and be led by skilled facilitators with unlimited time. But if you're trying to start your own neighborhood group in the real world, this workshop can help. It covers:

- Ways to get neighbors engaged
- How do you attract the right leaders?
- Choosing your form of governance & creating reasonable bylaws
- What's the point in registering your neighborhood association?
- Easy ways to establish good relationships with local government and law enforcement

2. **Wednesday, Sept. 30, 6:00 – 9 PM ***
Sentinel Building, 320 N Commerce Park Loop

FROM CAFECITOS TO DESIGN CHARETTES:

Facilitation techniques for all kinds of meetings

Facilitated by PRO Neighborhoods & friends

Different kinds of meetings benefit from different ways of delivering information and stimulating interaction. The focus of this workshop will be on the importance of determining what you want to accomplish at any given meeting and then selecting the most effective facilitation technique to accomplish your purpose. We'll introduce you to a variety of meeting styles (basic business meeting, house meeting, Open Meeting, World Café) and give you tools to help you handle the basics (sign-in, ground rules, time keeping, record keeping). We'll also teach you to make your own sticky wall.

3. Saturday, Oct. 17, 9 AM – 1 PM

United Way boardroom, 2nd fl., 330 N Commerce Park Loop

PRESERVING THE NEIGHBORHOOD:

Resources and Guides to Help You Work the System

Presented by PRO Neighborhoods and code enforcement representatives

The Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance (Chapter 16 of the Tucson Code) was adopted on Feb. 24, 2003, to “establish minimum standards for property maintenance, regulate common hazardous and blighting conditions, and prohibit various neighborhood nuisances.” After general discussions about code violations and the new Landlord Accountability measures, this workshop will offer specific, how-to-cope information about such quality-of-life issues as weedy easements, junked motor vehicles, slum property, graffiti, sign code, excessive noise, illegal dumping (including orphan furniture), and dogs.

4. Wednesday, Oct. 28, 6 – 9 PM

Sentinel Building, 320 N Commerce Park Loop

GETTING THE WORD OUT *

Newsletters, Web sites, blogs and more

Presented by PRO Neighborhoods & neighborhood experts

Go door-knocking or Twitter? Post information via newsletter, Facebook or blog? In this training you can survey all your options for staying in touch with your neighbors, learn how to turn out an effective public service announcement, and consider using technology as a recruiting tool.

5. Wednesday, Nov. 4, 6 – 9 PM

United Way Boardroom, 330 N Commerce Park Loop

EVERYTHING HAPPENS IN RELATIONSHIP I:

PARTNERING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Guest speakers from the Gateway Business Alliance, Neighborfest 2009, Tucson Police Department, YES Network, and neighborhood leaders

This workshop goes back to the basics of recognizing and connecting with all the assets in our neighborhoods. “We only hear from the neighborhood when they want a donation,” say many local business owners. Here representatives from merchants’ associations and restaurant owners will open a dialogue about all the other ways they can work with us to build community. YES Network staff will explain why and how they match neighborhoods with agencies designed to serve them. TPD has a successful model that’s really guided by communities in community-based crime prevention. Finally, we’ll get some tips from neighborhood leaders who have learned to link all their resources – schools, churches, agencies, police, seniors and the kids next door – to strengthen the place where they live.

6. Saturday, November 7, 9 AM – NOON

Every Voice in Action Foundation, 2851 N Country Club Rd.

EVERYTHING HAPPENS IN RELATIONSHIP II:

PARTNERING WITH YOUTH

Facilitated by Youth

This workshop is a basic skills-builder for community members of any age. Participants will learn how to capture the attention of other age groups, how to figure out together what kinds of projects to do together, how to get the neighborhood engaged, how to present the results of the project. It also addresses the ways adult behaviors may need to change if we're serious about bringing youth to the planning table. BYO Youth: 30% of participants should be 11-18 years old.

7. Saturday, November 14, 9 AM – NOON

West Conference Room, Ward 6, 3202 E 1st St.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THAT PROPERTY?

Sponsored by PRO Neighborhoods and departments of the City of Tucson

Do you ever notice work going on at a building near your home and wonder what they're doing – and if it's legal? At this workshop, learn to find the answers to these questions and more:

- Who owns that piece of property?
- How do you contact the owner (even if it's a corporation)?
- How do you find out whether permits have been approved for the changes?
- If you suspect a violation, how do you report it?
- How do you learn the assessed value of a neighboring property?
- Is there anything you can do about new halfway houses and treatment facilities?

Bring your laptop to this WiFi location and you can download all the Web sites we use.

8. Saturday, Dec. 5, 9 AM – NOON

Ward 1 conference room, 940 W Alameda

WHAT'S WORKING?

Roundtable of neighborhood leaders

Many of the problems neighborhoods face have found a successful solution somewhere in Tucson. This roundup will touch on crime, the environment, development/redevelopment and infill, streets and transportation projects, tracking proposals before the Mayor & Council, and finding grant opportunities or other funding sources.

Workshops may be taken individually.

All workshops are free, but registration is required.

Please call (520) 882-5885 or go to our website www.proneighborhoods.org and fill out the registration form at least two days prior to the workshop to reserve your space!