



PRO Neighborhoods

People, Resources and Organizations in Support of Neighborhoods

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PRO Neighborhoods builds community by nurturing grassroots neighborhood groups in Tucson and Pima County.

We envision a Tucson/Pima County community made up of groups of diverse residents and associations working effectively together and in partnership with existing institutions, businesses and organizations to mobilize resources essential to enhance their neighborhoods. Our ultimate goal is that everywhere you go in Pima County, neighbors are helping neighbors, diversity is celebrated, and people are proud of where they live.

PRO Neighborhoods believes that communities are built upon the assets of individuals, groups and organizations. Based on this belief, PRO Neighborhoods upholds the following values:

People's Abilities

People have the experience, skills and knowledge to make their neighborhoods more livable.

Associations

Associations composed of volunteer residents magnify and mobilize the gifts of individuals.

Grassroots Change

Action at a grassroots, neighborhood level is critical in bringing about positive community change.

Responsiveness

PRO Neighborhoods is committed to flexibility and creativity in our work so that we are most responsive to our community.

Partnerships

Founded on the private-public partnership that is PRO Neighborhoods, we encourage efforts that bridge across gender, racial, cultural, generational and economic boundaries. We also promote collaborations between individuals, groups, organizations and institutions.

Neighborhood Wants to Share Expertise in Water Harvesting Techniques - by Stan Carpenter

In 1998, when the city was pushing the use of CAP water and bans were in place for irrigation and outdoor water use, a group of concerned and motivated neighbors in the Feldman Neighborhood got together with the goal of harvesting water.

When we do receive our seasonal rains, Mabel and other streets in the neighborhood become rivers of run-off water, including water running off of roofs. We learned that up to 2000 gallons of water flow per second at one intersection following a half-inch rain. A group of active members of the Neighborhood Association proposed saving some of this water for irrigation. We chose three types of passive water harvesting that could be used at individual homes.

The most user-friendly are upright tanks made from road culverts standing on end near the roof drains. These can be installed with a concrete pad, plumbing, steel safety lid, and mosquito netting for less than \$400. The second type requires burying the same type of culvert in the ground, covered by three feet of soil with a strainer inlet from the curb and a man-hole cleanout, plus a port for pumping out the water manually or with a small electric pump. This method stores the most water.

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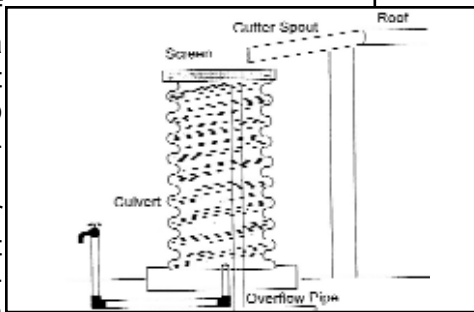
Una Vecindad Desea Compartir le Experiencia en las Técnicas de Recolección de Agua

Por Stan Carpenter
(Traducido por Bill Maytorena)

En 1998, cuando la ciudad estaba promoviendo el uso de agua del Proyecto Central de Arizona (CAP) y amonestaciones se habían establecido para el uso de agua de riego y uso de afuera, un grupo de vecinos interesados y motivados en la vecindad Feldman se reunieron con la meta de recolección de agua.

Cuando recibimos nuestras lluvias estacionales, la calle Mabel y otras calles en la vecindad se llenan de agua, inclusive el aflujo de los techos. Sabemos que después de media pulgada de lluvia, hasta 2000 galones de agua corren por segundo en una intersección. Un grupo de socios activos de la asociación de la vecindad propuso la recolección de parte de esta agua de riego. Seleccionamos tres tipos de recolección de agua pasiva que se pudieran usar en casas individuales. El tipo que se presta más son depósitos verticales hechos de alcantarilla usados en los caminos, parados cerca de la tubería del

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Water Harvesting Cistern made from a road culvert.

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The third type is a collecting basin slightly below ground level, which allows street water to flood the basin and create a wet plume beneath to support deep root plantings. This model allows water to percolate and empty in 24 hours to prevent mosquitoes.

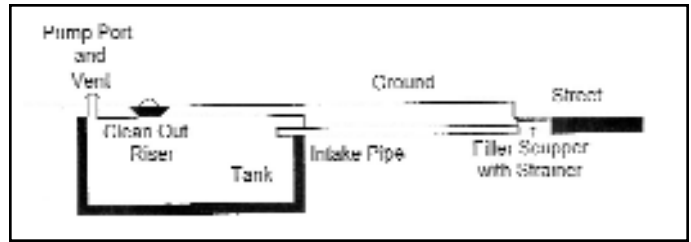
We received a grant for \$3,000 from PRO Neighborhoods to demonstrate each of these techniques. It was a great neighborhood community building project. We had politicians and visitors watching the demonstration and building of the first upright tank. Neighbors helped with the cement work, digging and refreshments. We had at least a dozen active participants at each event, ranging in age from 87 years down to young children.

The most labor intensive part was digging the pit to install the water tank under the parking area of a carport. The pit was six feet deep, fourteen feet long and about four feet wide. There was tremendous neighborhood support for this task. We had additional installation parties on weekend.

Since the CAP blended water is flowing in the city, there have been no bans on irrigation for yard plants and other outdoor uses. However, we believe that living on the desert, everyone should have a safe, secure cistern to collect water that would otherwise run off down the streets and roads. We are committed to this project in the long term. We would like to invite desert dwellers to come and see what we have done and what they can do too. We want to especially invite people from the rural areas and homeowners from Mt. Lemon. There is a water shortage there all of the time, as there is no aquifer under the land, just rock. The tank collection would be excellent especially for collecting snow melt from roofs in the winter.

Feldman Neighborhood Water Harvesting group will be hosting an open house on Saturday, April 23 and from 9 to 12 pm. If you wish to attend, please contact Lesley Beach at PRO Neighborhoods.

desagüe. Estos se pueden instalar en una base de concreto, plomería, tapadero de acero para la seguridad y una red contra mosquitos por menos de \$400. El segundo tipo requiere enterrar la misma tubería de desagüe, cubierta por tres pies de tierra con un filtro en la entrada del reborde y una boca de inspección para la limpieza, más un agujero para vaciar agua manualmente o con una bomba eléctrica. Con este método se conserva más agua. El tercer tipo es una pila de recolección un poco debajo del nivel de la tierra que permite el agua de la calle inundar la pila y crear una pluma de agua abajo para soportar plantas con raíces profundas. Este modelo se filtra vacío en 24 horas para prevenir mosquitos.



Below Ground Cistern

Recibimos un otorgamiento de \$3000 del programa PRO Neighborhoods para demostrar cada de estas técnicas. Este proyecto de la comunidad para la vecindad tuvo mucho éxito. Se presentarán representantes políticos y visitantes observando la demostración y la construcción del primer tanque vertical. Vecinos ayudaron con el concreto, excavar y con los refrescos.

Tuvimos casi una docena de participantes activos en cada evento, de edades de 87 años hasta niños. La parte más intensiva de la obra fue el excavar el hoyo para instalar el tanque de agua de bajo del área de estacionamiento de la cochera. El hoyo medió 6 pies de hondo y 14 pies de largo y como 4 pies de ancho. Hubo muchísima ayuda de la vecindad para esta tarea. A fines de la semana tuvimos más fiestas para hacer más instalaciones.

Por razón de que el agua mezclada del CAP esta corriendo a la ciudad, no se han declarado amonestaciones sobre el riego de plantas de casa y otros usos de afuera. Pero creemos que vivir en el desierto todos debíamos de tener un tanque seguro cometidos para coleccionar agua que se derramaría por las calles y caminos. Estamos cometidos a este proyecto por el término largo. Deseamos invitar a los que viven en el desierto para que vean lo que hemos hecho y lo que ellos también pueden hacer. Queremos especialmente invitar a gente de las áreas rurales y los que viven en la montaña de Limón (Mount Lemon). Allí tienen escasez de de agua todo el tiempo porque el terreno no es acuifero. El tanque para la coleccion seria excelente, especialmente para la coleccion de la nieve cuando se derrite de los techos en el invierno.



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Fiesta de los Barrios Patron Sponsor

PRO Neighborhoods wishes to congratulate the following groups.

Edgebrook Village II Homeowners' Association - Awarded \$5,000 for "Edgebrook Village II Recreation Area" project, involving the purchase and installation of modern playground equipment for the children and benches for the adults

"Eboney Marie Moody" Neighborhood Group - Awarded \$4,300 for "Eboney Marie Moody Park Safety Project." The group will create a memorial garden for Eboney Moody, a youth killed by a drunk driver, in the community park re-named in her honor. On the anniversary of her death during the summer of 2005, they will bring the community together through an event in the park that will include drunk driving prevention education.

Tucson Estates Neighbors Helping Neighbors - Awarded \$4,900 for a "Community Survey" to conduct a community survey twice a year, to discover people who require assistance, as well as those who are willing and able to volunteer their time. The group will provide volunteer training and education using the resources of PCOA and other community resources. They will create a database matching the care providers with those requiring services. This program will be year around on an ongoing basis.

South Park - Awarded \$1,000 for "The Bird House." A youth-organized carpentry class will be held at the Urban League as part of the after-school program. It will be available to kids ages from 9 to 18. The project will continue to teach participants how to work with specialized tools, teamwork, structure, and discipline.

Dunbar Spring Neighborhood Association - Awarded \$2,400 for "9th Avenue Traffic Circles & Neighborhood Building Improvements." The group will build two traffic circles at the intersections of University and 9th Ave., 2nd St. and 9th Ave. With the traffic circles built they will then landscape the traffic circles

Country Club North - Awarded \$2,250 for "Adopt-a-Circle" to identify select "Circles" within the community for beautification and ongoing care by adjacent homeowners. The project will engage homeowners within the community to join together as a neighborhood team to participate in the planning, design, development and maintenance of their "Circles".

Blenman-Elm Neighborhood Association - Awarded \$1,150 for Blenman Elm Neighbors Care Alliance (BENCA). The Neighborhood Association will complete a survey in the neighborhood. This will be done through hand-delivered surveys seeking input from residents on their willingness to volunteer with seniors and assessing seniors' needs for assistance.

A community partnership that really works is based on its relationships and its motivation to act.



Tips for setting the table for a community partnership.

- ~ Have one-to-one conversations with residents to discover what people care enough to act on.
- ~ Determine who are the leaders in the community. Leaders are well connected people that have trust, influence and a following in the community.
- ~ Leaders already have a network of relationships to involve in your current project.
- ~ Form a community partnership group composed of 5-15 leaders that support your work. Have a meeting to discover their motivation to act; start to develop an action plan from their answers.
- ~ Diversify your pool of leaders. Enroll leaders from different sectors such as businesses, associations, neighborhoods, religious organizations, government and non-profits.



These tips were adapted from the Mike Green workshop on Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) and Community Partnerships For Stronger Families, Schools, and Communities, March 2-3 2005, Tucson, Arizona. For more information on building community partnerships, visit Mike Green's ABCD training website at <http://www.mike-green.org/wksphandout.php>.

You're Invited

The 3rd Annual
PRO Neighborhoods

FIESTA DE LOS BARRIOS

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The Department of Neighborhood Resources (DNR) brings focus and priority to neighborhood needs and promotes greater involvement of citizens in City of Tucson government. We place an emphasis on providing citizens with direct information about city services, connecting citizens with personnel and resources for effective service delivery.

How do DNR Services Enhance the Ability of Neighborhoods?

By using DNR services, neighborhoods can:

- * Build a strong working relationship with their city government
- * Create strength from diverse interests that exist within the neighborhood

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Introduction to Web Development for Neighborhoods and Small Groups

Presented by Caroline Nguyen of PRO Neighborhoods
 Wednesday, April 13th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 320 N Commerce Park Loop, Tucson

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Running Effective Meetings

Presented by Loretta Ishida of PRO Neighborhoods and Freda Johnson of Rillito Consulting Group
 Saturday, May 21, 9:00 a.m. - noon
 320 N. Commerce Park Loop, Tucson

Financial Management

Presented by Nancy Schlegel of United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona and Donna Burrows of the Volunteer Center of Southern Arizona
 Tuesday, May 24, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 320 N. Commerce Park Loop, Tucson

Supporting Seniors: Cultural Competency

Presented by John Evans of the Attorney General's Office and Donna Wagner
 Saturday, June 11, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia Rd., Tucson

Board Development for Agencies: Strengthening Your Existing Board

Presented by Craig Snow of Craig Snow and Associates
 Saturday, June 18, 9:00 a.m. - noon
 Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson

Reporting Your Success: How to Write Excellent Project Progress Reports

Presented by Mary Beth Landis Jantzen and Meredith Trauner of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation
 Thursday, June 23, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 320 N. Commerce Park Loop, Tucson

All workshops are FREE.
 Space is limited and you must register to reserve your spot.
 Call 882.5885 or visit our web site:
www.proneighborhoods.org.

Artwork for the 2005 Fiesta de los Barrios Publicity Selected

Thirty five students of art teacher Mary-Claire Ketchum at Catalina Magnet High School submitted art to be considered for use on Fiesta publicity. Artt Siverson, Lori Leiber, and DeeZee Manning-Catron made the difficult decision and selected three finalists and one winner.



Poster Contest Winners: Lisa DelCastillo, Alexander Kohlhepp, Toni Greene, Eva Bognarova

Winner: Lisa DelCastillo
 Second Prize: Alexander Kohlhepp
 Third Prize: Toni Greene
 Honorable Mention: Eva Bognarova

The winners were announced at a reception hosted by City of Tucson Ward 6 office and catered by Wild Oats Natural Market Place. The entries remained on display through mid-March.

PRO Neighborhoods would like to thank all of the students who created beautiful works of art and for each person who helped make the contest and art exhibit possible, including Maryjane Dorofachuk and Lisa Cuestas.

For a peek at the four submissions, visit our website and look under 2005 Fiesta de los Barrios.

PRO's New Website

Our website has a new look!
 Please visit www.proneighborhoods.org and tell us what you think.



PRO Neighborhoods has joined forces with local engineering, landscape architects, and planning professionals to help you in your efforts!

Neighborhood groups can apply for a service award for a project. The award is not a financial grant, but the group will be matched with appropriate local professionals to complete the work together. These professionals will provide successful applicants with pro bono services ranging from facilitating workshops to develop a common vision for the neighborhood, to developing a concept plan for landscaping or traffic calming, to identifying permits and estimating construction costs for public space improvements. These services will be customized to help a neighborhood group work together to shape an idea into a plan that can ultimately be constructed. Successful applicants will be asked to contribute \$100 toward the cost of materials incurred by the professionals for the project.

An application help session is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20th, 2005 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM at the Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop, Tucson (reservations are required; call 882-5885). Applications will be due on Monday, May 16th, by 4:00 PM.

The Service Award guidelines and applications are available at www.proneighborhoods.org or by calling 882-5885. Please contact Loretta Ishida for more information.

A group of volunteers have been working hard to develop PRO Neighborhoods' new Planning and Design Service Award Program. They not only shaped the program, but will be the pool from which we will match professionals with neighborhoods engaging in planning or design processes. PRO Neighborhoods thanks them for their hours of work so far and their commitment to strengthening neighborhoods through the Service Award. The volunteers are: Rebecca Ruopp and Dewey Brown, Parsons Brinckerhoff; Brian Sager and Christopher Stebe, Sage Landscape Architecture; Irene Ogata, Planners Ink and American Planning Association; Barbara Stelke, Encore Planning Group; Barbara Becker and Thomas Thivener, University of Arizona Planning Degree Program; Gordon Stone and John Wise, Stantec; Henry Jacobson, Alpha Engineering and Samos Neighborhood Association; Vince Catalano, City of Tucson Department of Transportation; Tom McGovern, MMLA, Inc., and Shiela Bowen, Castro Engineering.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2005 NEIGHBORHOOD SUCCESSES AWARD WINNERS

The PRO Neighborhoods "Neighborhood Successes" Awards recognize and celebrate the extraordinary creativity, resourcefulness, commitment and accomplishment of grassroots neighborhood groups in Tucson and Pima County.

~ **Westside HOPE (Helping Our Precious Elders)** in the category of Neighborhood Social Support.

The group, composed of representatives from Barrio Blue Moon, Dunbar Springs and Barrio Anita Neighborhood Associations began with a PRO Neighborhoods grant to implement a needs assessment survey throughout the three neighborhoods. Barrio Hollywood and Menlo Park Neighborhood Associations have since joined the effort.

~ **Cholla BreakAway Team** in the category of Neighborhood Education

BreakAway was born at Cholla High School in the 1990s when racial violence was tearing the campus apart. A small group of students brought about lasting change by adapting the BreakAway strategic planning model. In 2002, when a group of students articulated their concern about alcohol and other drug problems on their campus, their teacher suggested they adopt the successful BreakAway model by establishing a new team to combat this issue.

~ **Cardinal Park Neighborhood Association** in the category of Neighborhood Public Space

On August 1, 2004, a neighborhood teen, Ebonee Marie Moody was struck and killed by a drunk driver near Cardinal Park. This tragedy mobilized the community to rally together. The Cardinal Park Neighborhood Association is now established, with boundaries defined and initial steps taken to write and ratify bylaws. The group not only displayed passion by uniting to bring about safety improvements in and around the community, but they also made sure it was inclusive to all those who wanted to be involved

Awards will be made at the PRO Neighborhoods Fiesta de los Barrios to be held on May 7th, 2005 at Catalina Magnet High School from 6-9 p.m.



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Grants Collection Orientation, Part One. Thursday, April 14, 2005; 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. Practice using Foundation Directory Online, the Foundation Center's database of grant-makers & past grants to nonprofit organizations. Find out about useful Internet sites for nonprofit organizations. Learn about the Web-based Arizona Guide to Grants and Giving. Please bring a 3 1/2" floppy disk. Grants Orientations target volunteers, staff and board members of nonprofit, community and neighborhood organizations. Orientations do not address the needs of individual grantseekers or businesses. Location: 2nd floor Computer Center of the Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Avenue. Space is limited and registration is required. To register please call the Communications Room at the Main Library, 791-4393. Preview the manual at www.lib.ci.tucson.az.us/grants/grantcon.htm.

Desert Crones Calendar -- 2005

Meetings are held every Thursday from 1 to 3 P.M. in the Servetus room at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Servetus Room, 4831 E. 22nd St. between Swan and Craycroft. The intention of this diversified group is to celebrate aging and develop strong positive attitudes in later life. The programs vary each week and cover educational topics and entertainment with occasional guest speakers. We network and share resources. Most of all, as elder women, we have a place to share our deepest concerns and our greatest joys. All mature women are invited.

MeettheNeighbors.org - Are you interested in meeting your neighbors? Meettheneighbors.org is a great tool that provides a safe and free online forum for neighbors to communicate with each other, post on a public message board for your apartment building or neighborhood and to organize community gatherings.

Luz Social Services, Inc. Luz Southside Coalition - Cinco de Mayo with Pride - Enjoy music, food, family fun, arts & crafts, games and learn what resources the community has to offer. Thursday May 5, 2005 from 2-6 P.M. at Rose Family Wellness Center. 710 W. Michigan, this is a free event, sponsored by Luz Social Services, Inc. and Rose Family & Wellness Center.

Doolen-Fruitvale Neighborhoods Association - Sparkman Butterfly Garden Planting Day When: Sat., April 9, 8-11a.m Where: Sparkman Ave. substation, south of Bermuda St. What's happening: On the grounds of a Tucson Electric Power substation, the Doolen-Fruitvale Neighborhood Association is creating a butterfly propagation garden. By planting low-water-use shrubs, vines and flowers that support butterflies in all stages of their life cycle, we can carve out a fragrant, peaceful space in our neighborhood, reclaim habitat lost to development, and encourage neighbors to make similar desert-friendly gardens in their own yards. We're establishing a model other groups can follow. Please join us. Bring your gloves & shovel and DIG IN! Brunch & beverages provided. This ongoing project is a joint endeavor of the Doolen-Fruitvale Neighborhood Association and Tucson Electric Power Company, with advice from the Tucson Botanical Gardens. Partial funding provided by a grant from PRONeighborhoods. Contact: Judith Anderson anderhat@cox.net for the next scheduled workday.

Check out a few local neighborhood websites -www.civanoneighbors.com, www.geocities.com/elcortez_heights, www.neighborhoodlink.com/tucson/hedrick, oflna.org, www.psna.us, <http://fudgieguys.com/rjcc/rjcc.html>, homepage.mac.com/samhughesneighbors, www.randomfactory.com/taylor/, www.catalina-AZ.com, www.thegardendistrict.org/