



Silvercroft Neighborhood Association

Newsletter – June 2008

We had a very productive association meeting on May 19th. It was decided that we would submit a proposal to Ward I office for Back to Basics funding. Several projects discussed were: repairing sidewalks on several of our streets that are buckled, broken and a danger to anyone walking and possibly tripping. We could also use those funds for some street repairs, street humps, traffic mitigation and beautification. We also discussed the vacant piece of land at the corner of Lester and Chiricahua as a possible pocket park. I need to hear from neighbors on ideas for that lot as soon as possible. Please call 409-1257 or email mznglor@gmail.com with your thoughts. We will request funding from other sources and need input from our neighbors. Otherwise, a few will decide for all! We would especially love to hear from our young people! Would they like an outdoor basketball court?

I'm sending another announcement from Tres English, Director of the new program called "Teaching & Helping":

The Teaching & Helping program and the Volunteer Center have joined forces to create a special summer youth program (June 16-20) where young people learn to fix old houses by helping low-income families with some of their home repair needs.

You can help us in two ways:

* Identify LOW-INCOME FAMILIES who need help with certain home repair projects

* Connect us to more 16 OR 17 YEAR OLDS who want to learn valuable skills by helping needy families

We are looking for low-income families who need help with repair projects that will also be good training opportunities for small teams of youth lead by an experienced professional. DO YOU KNOW ANYONE we can both help and learn from?

We are looking for a wide variety of projects. We will provide the labor, and the family will pay for the materials (approximate \$cost are listed). The kinds of projects include:

Energy efficiency

- * Replace single-pane windows with energy efficient ones (\$200 per window)
- * Install ceiling fan (\$100)
- * Weatherize doors and windows (\$60)

Accessibility

- * Wheelchair ramp (16" - 30" rise to porch) (\$400)
- * Widen interior door for wheelchair (\$50)
- * Install grab bars or railing (\$100)

Home maintenance

- * Replace water heater (\$400)
- * Install special outlets (GFCI) for electrical safety (\$10 each)
- * Install low-flow toilet (\$100)
- * Repair toilet, patch drywall, stop leaking faucets* (\$20 - \$75)
- * Will be combined with similar projects in one area to create a full day project

*This is an opportunity to help a neighbor or family member. Family must own their own home and have income less than 80% of median household income (\$29,000 for one, \$33,500 for two, etc.) Please pass this information on to everyone you know who might be interested. Contact Tres English, Teaching & Helping Director, 795-3413 or tres1@mindspring.com***

Our next Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group will be meeting June 25th at El Rio N.C. at 6:30 pm. Please join us! There are lots of recreational programs offered for our grandkids this summer! SOME FREE! Childcare is provided during our meeting time. Call 409-1257.



FOR OUR NEXT MEETING ON JUNE 23rd:

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER NIGHT

**You read about it in the newspapers
You hear stories about it on the news. The
fastest growing crime in North America...**

IDENTITY THEFT

Come find out how to protect you and your family from becoming victims of this devastating crime.

Monday, June 23, 2008
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Please R.S.V.P. With Gloria by Saturday
June, 21 2008

Our next neighborhood cleanup is
scheduled

August 9 & 10, 2008 (Silvercroat)

Adult Probation will provide crews to help clean our alleys, curbs and drainage areas. We will again have roll-offs in the usual areas.

Please protect your property from possible fires by removing dry brush and weeds away from your homes. It's predicted to be dry and really windy, making fire danger high.

If you have any news you would like included in our next newsletter, please let me know.

**Again, our next meeting will be at:
1801 W. Riverview St.**

Monday, June 23rd, @ 6:30pm.

I hope you will make it a point to be there!

Contact Gloria Manzanedo at 409-1257.

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