



August 24, 2016

Tradition Neighbor,

Please find attached an information packet of the meeting which took place at Sanborn Elementary on August 18. Thank you to everyone that attended. Thank you to the residents that attended the Traditional Neighborhood Academy and for making this meeting possible.

The residents that attended the meeting shared some great ideas that they would like to execute.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this packet or would like to get involved in your neighborhood, please feel free to call me at 480-782-4354. You can also view the information on-line by visiting [chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods](http://chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods) under 'Neighbors in Action'.

Neighborhood Programs staff is looking forward to working with each of you in the betterment of your neighborhood.

Thank you for your time.

Cristabel Dykstra  
Neighborhood Programs



## **Tradition Neighborhood Meeting**

**Thursday, August 18, 2016  
Sanborn Elementary  
6:00 PM**

1. Open Meeting / Pre-Action Planning
  - a. What is your most pressing neighborhood concern?
2. Introductions & Purpose of Meeting
3. Survey Results
4. Staff Presentations
  - a. Police
  - b. Traffic /Streets
  - c. Code Enforcement
  - d. Neighborhood Programs
5. Action Planning
  - a. What is one thing you like about your neighborhood?
  - b. What activity would you like to see in your neighborhood?
6. Moving Forward



# Tradition Neighborhood RESULTS



**144 Surveys Mailed / 28 Surveys Completed / 4 Returned Mail / 112 No Response**

The Tradition Neighborhood is a traditional neighborhood located at the northeast corner of McQueen Rd and Chandler Bl. The majority of homes in the neighborhood were built circa 1990. This survey provides an opportunity to take an inventory of existing conditions within the neighborhood. The survey results will help identify the characteristics that make the neighborhood desirable and identify those that negatively impact the neighborhood. The first step in the process is a neighborhood survey.

The City of Chandler Neighborhood Programs Office is assisting neighborhood leaders to initiate this process. To help us understand *your* neighborhood and the issues *you* think are important, please take a moment to give us your thoughts and ideas. If you have any questions, please call Neighborhood Programs at (480) 782-4354. Your input is important. Thank you.

Please circle the answer that most accurately describes your neighborhood *today*.

	1	2	3	4	5
	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Don't Know
<b>A. Personal Safety</b>					
1. I feel safe walking at night in my neighborhood.	54%	25%	14%	7%	0%
2. The street lighting levels in my neighborhood are good.	61%	32%	7%	0%	0%
3. I feel safe in my home and in my neighborhood.	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%
4. My neighborhood is safe for children to play outside.	54%	32%	4%	0%	0%
<b>B. Neighborhood Vehicles</b>					
5. My neighborhood is free of inoperable vehicles.	50%	14%	7%	22%	7%
6. Cars follow the speed limit in my neighborhood.	54% Yes		46% No		
If "No", name the street where the speeding occurs.	See Comment Sheet				
7. Is long-term street parking an issue on your street?	14% Yes		86% No		
If "Yes", please provide the street name.	See Comment Sheet				
<b>C. Police Interaction</b>					
8. My neighborhood is free of drug and gang activity.	39%	18%	0%	7%	36%
9. My neighborhood participates in Block-Watch.	22% Yes		32% No		46% Don't Know
If No, would you be interested in your neighborhood participating in the Block Watch Program?	50% Yes		7% No		

	1	2	3	4	5
	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Don't Know

**D. Property Maintenance**

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|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 10. Yards are well maintained. (Ex: no overgrown vegetation)                                  | 32% | 39% | 18% | 11% | 0% |
| 11. Homes are well maintained. (Ex: roofs, paint, fences, outside storage of junk or garbage) | 32% | 50% | 11% | 7%  | 0% |

**E. Social**

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|---|---------|--|--------|--|-----------|
| 12. I know my immediate neighbors.  | 96% Yes |  | 4% No  |  |           |
| 13. My neighborhood is a great place to live.   | 93% Yes |  | 7% No  |  |           |
| 14. Would you like to see activities in your neighborhood such as block parties, clean-ups, community garage sales, newsletter, etc.? | 46% Yes |  | 18% No |  | 36% Maybe |
| 15. Do you know of, or are you an elderly or disabled person in your neighborhood that needs assistance with yard work?               | 14% Yes |  | 86% No |  |           |
- If Yes, please contact the Neighborhood Programs Office at 480-782-4354 to provide information.

16. What one suggestion would you make to improve and increase property values?

*See Comment Sheet*

17. Identify one improvement that would make your neighborhood a better place to live?

*See Comment Sheet*

**Other**

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| 18. We will be conducting a meeting in your neighborhood to review the survey results. Would you like to provide us with your contact information so we can notify you of the meeting details? | 79% Yes | 21% No |
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If "Yes" please provide us with your contact information below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**(optional) - See Comment Sheet**

- A. How many persons live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Do you own or rent your home? Rent \_\_\_\_\_ Own \_\_\_\_\_
- C. How long have you lived in your current home? Years \_\_\_\_\_

Please place your completed survey in the enclosed postage paid envelope and **return it by May 6, 2016.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Neighborhood Programs Office at 480-782-4354.

**Thank you for your participation!**

## **Tradition Neighborhood Survey**

### **Comment Sheet**

#### **B. Neighborhood Vehicles**

**6. Cars follow the speed limit in my neighborhood. If No, name the street where the speeding occurs.**

- Tyson St x3
- Erie St x2
- Flint St x2
- Superstition Blvd x2
- Senate St
- Thatcher Blvd x2

**7. Is long-term street parking of vehicles, boats and RVs and issue? If Yes, please provide the street name.**

- Flint St

#### **E. Social**

**16. What one suggestion would you make to improve and increase property values?**

- Lawns & yards maintained always x4
- Maintain palm trees
- House on corner lets dog run free
- House on corner has a hatch panel higher than the wall and a greenhouse frame made from 2x4s
- Areas/walkways should be better maintained
- Sidewalks in front of Superstition Blvd and Tyson St are a mess
- Homeowners painting “choice” of their houses, colors are very “loud” and unattractive to neighborhood
- Address code violations (parking, storage, etc.)
- Improve perimeter wall and right-of-way maintenance
- Back of home walls maintained by City
- Clean-up Pima Park and adjoining greenbelt along Thatcher.
- Wall along McQueen Rd needs to be painted

**17. Identify one improvement that would make your neighborhood a better place to live?**

- Speed limit is not posted
- No non-operating vehicles in driveways
- Remove sunk car from house on south corner
- Make people put trash cans behind walls and out of sight
- Better care of lawns & palm trees
- Painting of block walls
- Removal of junky cars
- Neighbors need to stop parking their cars in the rocks x2
- Need police to patrol neighborhood x3
- Homeowners being more respectful of not blocking neighbor's driveway when having parties or events
- Gutters shouldn't be used to drain pool water
- Stop letting neighbors "anonymously" file code enforcement complaints
- Landscape on right-of-way at Superstition Blvd
- Repair/improve McQueen Rd side
- Removal of apartments on McQueen Rd – always a problem x2
- Block Watch meetings

**Optional**

A. How many persons live in your household?

1-2: 16    3-4: 10    5-6: 0    7+: 1

B. Do you own or rent your home?

Own: 27    Rent: 0

C. How long have you lived in your current home:

0-5 Years: 3    5-10 Years: 5    10-15: Years 7    15+ Years: 12

## Tradition Neighborhood Meeting Notes

Sanborn Elementary

Thursday, August 18, 2016

- Cristabel Dykstra, Management Assistant, introduced herself and explained the purpose of the meeting.
- Dykstra introduced City staff present: Officer Dan Chavarria with the Chandler Police Department, City Engineer Dan Cook, Neighborhood Programs Supervisor Judy Ramos, Neighborhood Preservation Manager Stephen Erno and Senior Code Inspector Daniel Anderson.
- Dykstra went over the results of the neighborhood survey that was conducted. (*For more information, refer to the survey results attached.*)
- Officer Chavarria greeted the residents and informed them he was there on behalf of Officer Balsewicz, who is the Crime Prevention Officer assigned to the area. He gave a presentation on Crime Prevention programs and encouraged residents to become involved in a neighborhood watch to help prevent crimes of opportunity and to increase safety and awareness. He added that currently there are no active neighborhood watches for Tradition Neighborhood. Active neighborhood watches can also participate in the annual GAIN Event (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) and the Mayor's Neighborhood Excellence Awards. He encouraged residents to take advantage of online resources to track crime such as [RAIDSONline.com](http://RAIDSONline.com) and to always report any suspicious activity, drug and gang activity or speeding and parking violations. Residents can obtain more information on police-related programs and information by visiting [chandlerpd.com](http://chandlerpd.com).
- Cook gave an overview of the services provided by the Traffic and Streets Division. He encouraged residents to report any street light outages by calling 480-782-3460. Cook said the streets in this area were repaired about three years ago and are currently not due for any additional repairs. However, he encouraged residents to report any potholes or sidewalks in disrepair. He added that the intersection at Chandler Blvd and Alma School Rd will be widened and will help reduce the number of traffic accidents. Cook addressed the concerns regarding the maintenance of the walls on Superstition Springs Blvd and McQueen Rd. He stated that property owners are responsible for the maintenance of the wall that runs along Superstition Springs Blvd and McQueen Rd. They are also responsible to keep the area free of weeds or overgrown vegetation. He said the City does maintain the landscaping on certain parts of the wall along McQueen Rd. Cook informed residents that pools cannot be drained into gutters or storm drains. Pools need to be drained into the sewer. If a resident needs assistance with the process, they can contact the Streets Division at 480-782-3500.
- Anderson gave an overview of the Code Enforcement process and addressed code-related concerns. He said Code Enforcement addresses all properties including rentals. He said code violations are addressed with property owners as well as tenants. Anderson said RV's and trailers can be parked on the property as long as they are on a solid surface (no gravel, grass or dirt). They can also be parked in the rear yard behind a fence. Any vehicles parked on the street that are a potential traffic hazard can be

reported to police non-emergency. Anderson added that a storage shed up to 7 feet in height is permitted in the back yard. However, if residents feel there may be a concern with structures, Code will look into the concern. He encouraged residents to always report code violations, including graffiti and inoperable vehicles, by calling 480-782-4320.

- Ramos gave an overview of the services provided by the Neighborhood Programs Office. One of the services/programs offered is the neighborhood grants. She encouraged residents to apply as a neighborhood for the Traditional Neighborhood Grant to help with the purchase of paint so the walls on Superstition Springs Blvd and McQueen Rd can be painted the same color. The paint would be free of charge for all the residents whose property abuts to one of those walls.
- Dykstra completed a Neighborhood Action Plan with the residents to identify ways the neighborhood can work together and improve the livability of the neighborhood (*for more information, refer to the Tradition Neighborhood Action Plan*). She also shared the neighborhood street sign designs that were worked on by the residents that went through the Traditional Neighborhood Academy. She encouraged residents to review the signs and make changes necessary. The sign design surveys will be sent out at the end of August. The signs will help create identification for the neighborhood.
- Ramos thanked residents for attending. She informed residents that staff would be following-up via email with information regarding the meeting including contact information to initiate a neighborhood watch. The information will also be posted online at [chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods](http://chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods) under 'Neighborhoods in Action'.

*\*24 residents in attendance*

## Additional City Resources

- **Neighborhood Watch** - Contact Officer Tina Balsewicz at [tina.balsewicz@chandleraz.gov](mailto:tina.balsewicz@chandleraz.gov) or call 480-782-4221 to get Block Watch started in your area
- **To Report a Street Light Problem** – Call 480-782-3460, be sure to provide the street light # which is located on the light post
- **To Report a Code Violation** - Call 480-782-4320 or visit [www.chandleraz.gov](http://www.chandleraz.gov) and click on the residents tab and scroll down to “Contact Us”. Make sure to leave your name telephone number if you want to be contacted on the status of your complaint
- **To Report Graffiti** – Call the Graffiti Hotline at 480-782-4322
- **To Report a Park Issue** – Call the Parks Division at 480-782-2752
- **Request a Traffic Study for Speed Humps** – Call the Traffic Division at 480-782-3450
- **Neighborhood Programs** - Call 480-782-4354 to find out about Neighborhood Grants, the Neighborhood Academy and the Mayor’s Listening Tour. To subscribe to the quarterly News for Neighbors Newsletter follow the link <http://www.chandleraz.gov/listserv.aspx> and to visit the Neighborhood Programs website visit [chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods](http://chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods)
- **Alley to Curbside Conversion for Trash Pick-Up** - Call Solid Waste at 480-782-3510 to start the process
- **Building / Structures** – Call the Building Division at 480-782-3100
- **To report suspicious activity / police-related Issues** – call or text Chandler Police Non-Emergency at 480-782-4130
- **Community Cat Management / TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return)** – Call Save a Stray Foundation at 602-550-8568 or visit [saveastrayfoundation.org](http://saveastrayfoundation.org)

# Tradition Neighborhood Action Plan

What makes the Tradition Neighborhood a great place to live? This is a safe neighborhood with friendly neighbors. It is close to Pima Park and other amenities that make it a desirable neighborhood to live in.

Top Focus	Concerns	Community Building Activities	Leads
<b>Neighborhood Maintenance</b>	Block Walls on McQueen Rd & Superstition Blvd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Neighborhood Grant</li> <li>◆ Neighborhood Meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <u>Neighborhood Grant</u></li> </ul>
<b>Public Safety</b>	Speeding Street Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Neighborhood Watch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <u>Neighborhood Watch</u></li> </ul>
<b>Community</b>	Social Events Feral Cat Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Social Events / Meetings</li> <li>◆ Community Cat Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <u>Block Party</u> Kristen</li> <li>◆ <u>Cat Management Plan</u> Brandy, Colby, Doug, Joyce &amp; Jeff</li> </ul>

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