

Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association

ASSET MAPPING PROJECT INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association has a vision of neighbors working together, connecting and strengthening our diverse community, enhancing our environment, preserving our heritage, and creating a sense of time and place. To forward this vision, the association needs to gather information from neighborhood residents about who we are, what common interests we share, and what gifts we want to contribute. This process is termed “asset mapping”, and the information gathered through asset mapping will be used to publish a resource directory, connect neighbors to ongoing projects and events, and to organize new projects or events based on shared interests.

The goals of this project include:

- determining some of the quality of life issues which are important to residents and which can be appropriately addressed by a neighborhood association;
- using an asset mapping survey to collect information from residents regarding their abilities and interests and how they want to contribute these to projects which improve the lives of neighbors;
- developing new projects and community-building activities and events based on the information gathered in the surveys;
- increasing turnouts at events, with greater diversities in age, ethnicity, etc;
- providing everyone the opportunity to gain a greater knowledge of:
 - what’s going on in our neighborhood and ways to get involved;
 - neighbor-owned businesses: who has goods and services for sale and how to contact them;
 - resources available in the neighborhood such as home day cares, babysitters, handyman/home improvement/construction, special interest clubs, support groups/meetings, athletic teams, tutors, private or group instruction in music, arts, foreign language, etc.
- producing a skills data base for organizing people, events and projects; and
- publishing and distributing a directory of neighborhood skills and resources.

We believe the OFLNA Asset Mapping Project will be very useful in welcoming and assimilating the 500+ new families who will move into 5 in-fill housing developments being built in our neighborhood within the next 1-2 years. The neighborhood information packet and resource directory will familiarize current and new residents with the purposes and accomplishments of the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association. All residents will be encouraged to become involved in setting and carrying out new goals and priorities for the continuing vitality of the neighborhood association.

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