



# South Park, Las Vistas & Pueblo Gardens Community Profile

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# **SOUTH PARK / LAS VISTAS / PUEBLO GARDENS**

Population: 13,954

Location: Metro Tucson, one mile southeast of downtown.

**Target Area Boundaries:** 

North: E. 22<sup>nd</sup> St.

South: I-10 (Union-Pacific tracks to Kino Pkwy) and

Ajo Way (Kino Pkwy to Country Club) S. Campbell Ave. / Fairland St. (22<sup>nd</sup> St. to

36<sup>th</sup> St.) and S. Country Club Rd. (36<sup>th</sup> St. to Ajo)

West: Union-Pacific tracks / S. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.

Land area: Approximately 3 mi<sup>2</sup>

Colonia: No

Congressional District: 7

**Board of Supervisors District**: 2

Census Tracts: 21, 22

Ward: 5

**Data Sources:** This community profile contains information from multiple sources.



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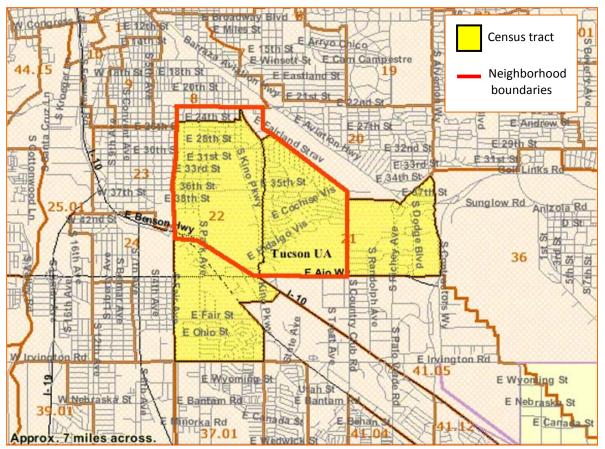


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# POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS >



Demographics (ACS 2005-2009)

The population of the South Park, Las Vistas, and Pueblo Gardens neighborhoods differs from the population of Pima County and the overall U.S. population (see table at right). Compared to these two groups, residents in these neighborhoods:

- Are slightly younger There are more children under 5 years of age and fewer adults over 65 than Pima County and the U.S.
- Live in bigger households and have bigger families -Average household size and family size are greater than those for Pima County and the U.S.
- Have lower incomes Per capita income is less than half those of Pima County and the nation.
- Are more Hispanic 76% compared to 15% in the U.S.
- Are more likely to be foreign born 26% were born outside the U.S., compared to 13% countywide and 12% nationwide.
- Are more likely to speak languages other than English Nearly two-thirds (62%) speak a language other than English at home, compared to less than 20% for the U.S.

# **Employment by Industry**



Of the South Park, Las Vistas, and Pueblo Gardens population age 16 years and over, 61% are in the labor force, compared to 65% of the U.S. population.

- Educational, health and social services are the top industry in these neighborhoods (19% of labor) and in Pima County (24%).
- Retail trade and arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services are the second biggest industries for civilian labor in South Park / Las Vistas / Pueblo Gardens, each accounting for 14% of labor (vs. 12% and 11%, respectively, in Pima County).

	SOUTH PARK / LAS VISTAS / PUEBLO	PIMA COUNTY	U.S.	
	GARDENS			
GENDER				
Male	47.2%	49.0%	49.3%	
Female	52.8%	51.0%	50.7%	
AGE				
Median age	-	36.8 years	36.5 years	
Under 5 years	9.4%	6.9%	6.9%	
18 years and over	67.1%	76.3%	75.4%	
65 years and over	8.0%	14.7%	12.6%	
HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES				
Average household size	3.53 people	2.62 people	2.60 people	
Average family size	4.07 people	3.30 people	3.19 people	
Median household income	-	\$45,885	\$51,425	
Median family income	-	\$56,711	\$62,363	
Per capita income	\$11,910	\$24,556	\$27,041	
RACE AND ETHNICITY				
Not Hispanic or Latino:				
White alone	13.9%	57.2%	65.8%	
Black or African American alone	6.3%	3.1%	12.1%	
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1.9%	2.5%	0.7%	
Asian alone	0.0%	2.4%	4.3%	
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	
Some other race alone	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	
Two or more races	1.3%	1.6%	1.6%	
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	76.3%	32.8%	15.1%	
NATIVITY / LANGUAGE				
Foreign born	25.6%	13.2%	12.4%	
Speak a language other than English at home (population 5 years and over)	61.5%	28.0%	19.6%	

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau. 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Available at: http://factfinder.census.gov.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS: HOMES VS. COMMERCIAL DESTINATIONS**

# Residential Areas $\nearrow$

**Housing characteristics:** 



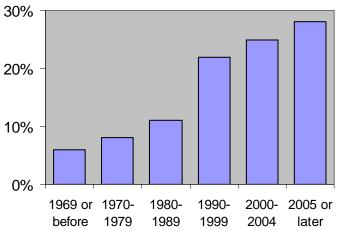
# Commercial / Public Access Destinations



South Park / Las Vistas / Pueblo Gardens have

- 4,284 housing units.
- 8% of housing units in these neighborhoods are vacant, compared to about 12% in Pima County.
- There are more homeowners than renters in these neighborhoods: About two-thirds of housing units are owner-occupied and one-third are renter-occupied.

## **Occupied Housing Units by Year Householder Moved Into Unit**



1.4% of housing units lack complete plumbing facilities 0.5% lack complete kitchen facilities 8.8% have no telephone services

Of approximately 136 commercial or public access destinations in the South Park, Las Vistas, and Pueblo Gardens neighborhoods, the greatest proportion is abandoned homes or buildings and vacant lots (22%). Additionally:

- Restaurants or other food vendors and taquerías or mobile stands account for 11% of destinations.
- There are nearly as many liquor stores (3) as there are health and human services destinations (4).

Destination	Count (approx.)	Percentage
Abandoned home/building/vacant lot	30	22%
Other service (salon/beautician, lawyer, laundry)	22	16%
Other retail (card shop, video rental, florist, etc.)	11	8%
Place of worship	11	8%
Warehouse/factory/industrial building	11	8%
Restaurant or other food vendor	10	7%
Auto shop	6	4%
Other civil service	6	4%
Railroad, bridge, tunnel, highway, overpass, wash	6	4%
Taquería/mobile stand	5	4%
Health and human services	4	3%
Liquor store	3	2%
Community garden	3	2%
Post office	2	1%
Home-based child care	2	1%
Gas station	2	1%
Library	1	1%
Junior college/college/university/vocational school	1	1%



A vacant lot in the South Park neighborhood

## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**



#### **South Park Neighborhood Association**

Since the 1990s the South Park neighborhood has been revitalizing itself, working closely with the City of Tucson as well community groups including Urban League and PRO Neighborhoods. Recent additions have included Silverlake Park, Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center and community swimming pool, and Quincie Douglas Public Library. Developers have brought new housing options to the area, and new planned communities have the potential to bring new homes, commercial and retail development, and a scientific research park to the South Park neighborhood.

#### **Las Vistas Neighborhood Association**

Las Vistas Neighborhood Association was formed in 1989. Early projects include petitioning to put in street lights in the high crime neighborhood. The association has worked on many projects over the years, including helping the police to cut crime, beautification of James Thomas Park, encouraging local soccer leagues, working on street safety issues (including installation of a crosswalk streetlight in front of the Boy's and Girl's Club), and bringing City services to those in need in the area.

#### **Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association**

# **Quincie Douglas Library**

1585 E. 36th St.





# Kino Teen Advisory Board

The Kino Teen Advisory Board (KTAB) is a group where teens can make their ideas a reality through planning library and community projects and programs, including a gardening project at the Quincie Douglas Library.

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## COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN

of Tucson



Thirteen recreational facilities were identified in the South Park, Las Vistas, and Pueblo Gardens neighborhoods (see map at right).

These recreational Auditory annoyance facilities were Litter / broken glass Evidence of alcohol / substance use Vending machines Graffiti / vandalism Sex paraphernalia Dogs unattended Exercise stations assessed for Water fountains Play equipment Tennis courts Walking trails the presence/ Picnic tables Sports fields Dog refuse Restrooms Bike racks Trash bins visibility and Benches quality of Lights Open Pool to the features: public? Silverlake Park / **\***1 **(**1) **3** Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Ctr. Mirasol Park James Thomas Park Kino Veterans 4 Memorial Sports **\* ॐ** Park & Centers / Sam Lena Park Pilgrim Rest Mission <u></u> **Baptist Church** Borton Primary الم Magnet \*\*\* **ॐ** Cavett Elementary Holladay Intermediate Magnet Pueblo Gardens Elementary Utterback Middle 3 Southside **ॐ** Community School Youthworks (Charter ((1 **ॐ** High School) Boys and Girls Club

## COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES – PARKS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC IN



#### SILVERLAKE PARK / QUINCIE DOUGLAS NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

A large park and community center are open to the general public daily from 6am-10:30pm. Hours are posted in English. Neighborhood Center resources are available for a fee and include a computer lab, weight room, youth and teen programs, and senior programs. The area includes:

- Shaded and unshaded play equipment (see photo at bottom
- Soccer and baseball fields and grassy areas (see photo at top
- Shaded picnic tables and benches
- Water fountains
- Restrooms (see photo at bottom left)
- Bike racks
- Trash bins
- Walking trail
- Lights (see photos at bottom right and top right)
- Pool
- Snack bar

Some litter, graffiti, and vandalism were observed, and traffic from Kino Parkway was audible. There was no evidence of alcohol or substance use or sex paraphernalia.





The walking path at the Silverlake Park is new and one of the most valuable things we have -- people do use it.

The **soccer fields** at Quincie Douglas are not really utilized by our neighbors... They can't take advantage of them because you have to book them, and they've been booked by soccer leagues. We can't utilize something that it's in our own neighborhood. It should be a priority for teams in our area to play.

The **dance room** in the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center is not being utilized. It's not available. Parks and rec doesn't make it available to us. It's a very nice dance room with mirrors and a wooden floor.

There is a **weight room** too. It's small, but it's nice, and that's available

Sixteen respondents (59%) are aware of the neighborhood or local school recreational facilities; 22% are not aware and 18% indicated they do not know what recreational resources are available.



## COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES – PARKS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC







#### KINO VETERANS MEMORIAL SPORTS PARK & **CENTERS / SAM LENA PARK**

Large park and community center open to the general public. Open from 9am-7pm Monday-Thursday, 9am-6pm Fridays, and 9am-3pm Saturdays (closed Sundays). Hours are posted in English. The area includes:

- Baseball fields and grassy areas
- Shaded picnic tables, benches and grills
- Water fountain
- Restrooms
- Bike racks
- Trash bins
- Walking trails (unlit)
- Lights (see photo at near right)
- Pool (outdoor) (see photo at near right)

Some graffiti/vandalism was observed, but there was no litter and no evidence of alcohol or substance use or sex paraphernalia.

#### **JAMES THOMAS PARK**

Large park open to the general public daily from 6am-10:30pm. Hours are posted in English. The area includes:

- Unshaded play equipment
- Soccer fields and well-maintained grassy areas
- Basketball and tennis courts (see photo at far right)
- Shaded and unshaded picnic tables
- Water fountains
- Restrooms
- Trash bins
- Lights (see photo at far right)

Some litter was observed, but there was no graffiti or vandalism and no evidence of alcohol or substance use or sex paraphernalia.





## COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES – PARKS & OTHER SITES ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC



#### MIRASOL PARK

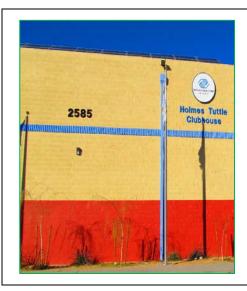
Medium-sized park open to the general public. Hours are not posted. The area includes:

- Unshaded play equipment (see photo at near right)
- Baseball field and open fields / grassy areas
- Basketball courts
- Shaded and unshaded picnic tables with grills (see photo at far right)
- Water fountains
- Trash bins
- Lights

Some litter was observed, but there was no graffiti or vandalism and no evidence of alcohol or substance use or sex









#### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF TUCSON**

Medium-sized park and "clubhouse" **open to the general public**. The area includes:

- Shaded play equipment
- Baseball field and grassy area
- Basketball court (see photo at near left)
- Shaded and unshaded picnic tables and benches
- Water fountains
- Trash bins
- Lights (see photo at near left)

Graffiti, litter, and dog refuse were observed. There was no evidence of alcohol or substance use or sex paraphernalia.

# COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES – SCHOOLS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC







#### **UTTERBACK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Large joint-use school/park facilities are open to the general public. Hours are posted in English. The area includes:

- Baseball and soccer fields / grassy areas (see photo at top left)
- Bleachers
- Basketball and tennis courts (no nets)
- Trash bins (see photo at bottom left)
- Lights (see photo at top left)

No litter, graffiti, or vandalism was observed, and there was no evidence of alcohol or substance use or sex paraphernalia.



## COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES – SCHOOLS POSSIBLY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC



#### **BORTON PRIMARY MAGNET SCHOOL**

Medium-sized, fenced school/park facilities. Unclear if facilities are open to the public. The area includes:

- Shaded and unshaded play equipment
- Baseball fields and grassy areas
- Unshaded picnic tables and shaded benches
- Water fountain and restrooms
- Trash bins
- Walking trail

Some litter was observed, but there was no graffiti/vandalism and no evidence of alcohol or substance use or sex paraphernalia.







#### PUEBLO GARDENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School recreational facilities with no hours posted – unclear if facilities are open to the public. The area includes:

- Shaded and unshaded play equipment (Photo at far left)
- Baseball and soccer fields and grassy areas
- Basketball and tennis courts
- Benches
- Water fountains
- Bike racks
- Trash bins
- Exercise stations / walking trail (Photo at near left)

Some graffiti and litter were observed. There was no evidence of alcohol or substance use or sex paraphernalia.

#### HOLLADAY INTERMEDIATE MAGNET SCHOOL

Medium-sized, fenced school recreational facilities. No hours posted - unclear if facilities are open to the public. The area includes:

- Shaded and unshaded play equipment
- Baseball fields and grassy areas
- Basketball and tetherball courts
- Benches
- Water fountains
- Restrooms (inside school)
- Bike racks

No litter or graffiti/vandalism, and no evidence of alcohol or substance use or sex paraphernalia.



## COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES – SCHOOLS POSSIBLY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC







#### SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

School recreational facilities with no hours posted unclear if facilities are open to the public. The area includes:

- Shaded and unshaded play equipment
- Soccer field / grassy area
- Basketball court (with bleachers)
- Shaded and unshaded picnic tables and benches
- Restrooms (in school)
- Bike racks (see photo at far left)
- Trash bins
- Lights

No graffiti/vandalism or litter was observed, and there was no evidence of alcohol or substance use or sex paraphernalia.

#### YOUTHWORKS SCHOOL

Medium-sized school recreational facilities. No hours are posted – unclear if facilities are open to the public. The area includes:

- Basketball / volleyball courts (see photos at right)
- Shaded picnic tables and benches
- Restrooms (inside)
- Bike racks
- Trash bins
- Lights

There was audible street traffic, but there was no litter or graffiti/vandalism and no evidence of alcohol or substance use or sex paraphernalia.





# COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES – SITES NOT ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

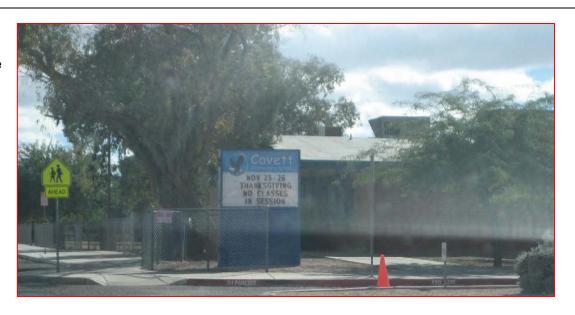


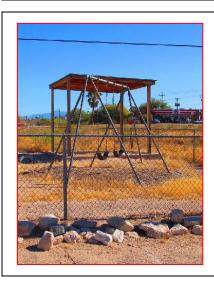
#### **CAVETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Medium-sized school recreational facilities. No hours are posted and the area is not open to the public. The area includes:

- Unshaded play equipment
- Baseball field and grassy areas
- Basketball courts
- Benches
- Restrooms
- Bike racks
- Trash bins
- Walking trail (perimeter)

No litter or graffiti/vandalism was observed, and there was no evidence of alcohol or substance use or sex paraphernalia.







#### PILGRIM REST MISSION BAPTIST CHURCH

Small church recreational area. No hours posted facilities are not open to the general public. The area includes:

- Shaded and unshaded play equipment (see photos at left)
- Walking trail (perimeter)
- Light

No litter or graffiti/vandalism was observed, and there was no evidence of alcohol or substance use or sex paraphernalia.

# PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION >





# **SunTran** (Tucson's regional bus service)

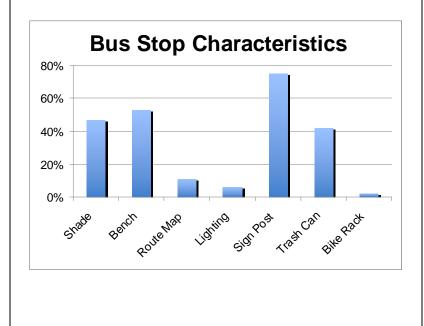
#### Service

At least four full-service routes run through the South Park / Las Vistas / Pueblo Gardens neighborhoods (see map at right). Additionally, one Express route passes through the area.

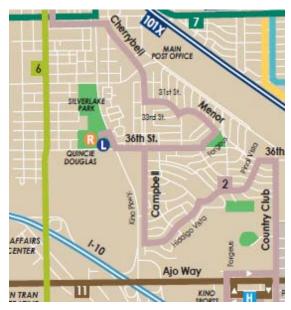
#### **Bus Stops**

SOURCE:

Of 53 bus stops observed, most had a sign post, more than half had a bench, some had shade or a trash can, and few had a route map, lighting, or a bike rack.



#### Map of Sun Tran Routes in South Park / Las Vistas / Pueblo Gardens





Bus stop in the Las Vistas community

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## **Bikeability**

#### **Bike Routes**

The South Park, Las Vistas, and Pueblo Gardens neighborhoods have a variety of bike routes and bikeable residential streets (see map below).

Map of Bike Routes in South Park / Las Vistas / Pueblo Gardens



#### Notes from observational assessment:

- Several designated bike routes are located on busy streets.
- Nine of ten observed neighborhood food sources are located on designated bike routes or bikeable streets: five have bike racks.



A shared use path in the Las Vistas neighborhood

# Who answered the survey?

- 71 members of the South Park community
- 92% in English
- \* 8% in Spanish

The survey was filled out at Quincie Douglas library, February 2011.

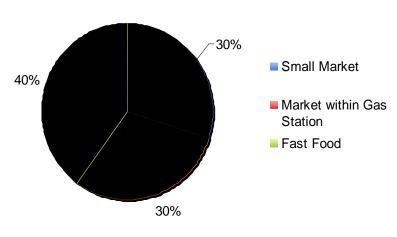
Fifty-four (77%) respondents say that they walk in their neighborhood on a regular basis.

Nine-percent of respondents say that they enjoy bike riding in their neighborhood.

# FOOD ACCESSIBILITY



# Food Vendors by Type\*



\*N = 10

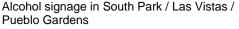
Of 10 observed neighborhood food sources, there are:

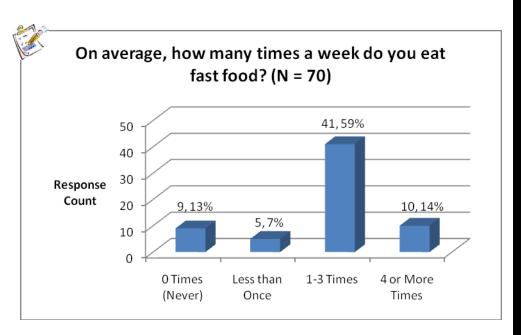
- 3 small markets
- 3 markets within gas stations
- 4 fast food options
- No large supermarkets

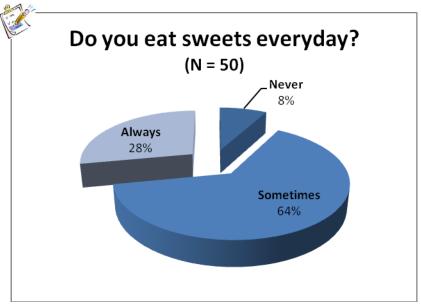
#### **ADVERTISING / PLACEMENT**

- Two of the vendors had visible promotional displays or signage for healthy foods
- One vendor offered price incentives for healthy options
- None of the vendors had healthy foods available near checkout



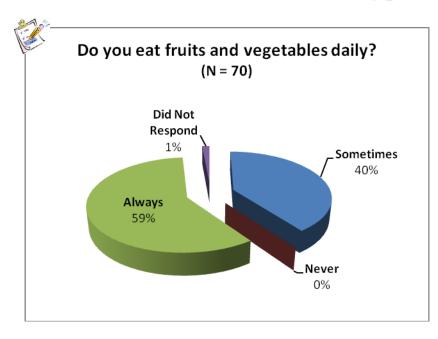




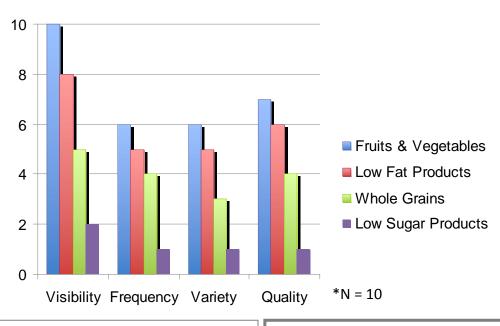


## ASSESSMENT OF HEALTHY FOODS is





# Food Vendor Characteristics by Food Type\*



Produce selection at a vendor in South Park / Las Vistas / Pueblo Gardens



Of 10 food vendors assessed:

- 100% stock fruits and vegetables, and these produce offerings are found:
  - somewhat frequently,
  - with some variety,
  - o and poor to adequate quality.
- Low fat products were visible at more than 50% of these locations
- 50% had whole grain products visible
- Low sugar products were visible at just 20% of vendors



There are no health food stores or restaurants.

The closest grocery store to most of us is Food City and now there's an El Super. Sometimes they have really good produce, but they tend to spoil.

It's cheaper to buy a hamburger from McDonalds with the white flour buns and a fried hamburger with no nutritional value. It's quicker and easier.

SOURCES: Community Food Bank. Nuestra Tierra Demonstration and Market Garden. Available at: http://communityfoodbank.com/programs-services/community-food-securitycenter/market-and-demonstration-garden/

# HEALTH SERVICES P



Closest hospital (located adjacent to the south boundary of Las Vistas):

**University Physicians Hospital at Kino** 

2800 E. Ajo Way

Services: Emergency room, pharmacy, laboratory, inpatient/

outpatient surgery, behavioral health, and more.

Health care providers in South Park / Las Vistas / Pueblo Gardens:

**Caregiver Training Center** 

Kino Teen Center (photo below)

**Morse Job Opportunity Center** 

Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center



Four of my neighbors - five including me - have citrus trees. All of us have shared. Another neighbor called me... they have a garden over there and fruit trees – banana, pomegranate, orange, grapefruit, and peach. I have my own lemon tree, peach tree, and I'm looking for an orange tree.

## FOOD SYSTEMS RESOURCES



#### **Farmers' Markets**

NONE WITHIN TARGET AREA

Closest farmers' market (adjacent to east boundary of Las Vistas):

> **Community Food Bank Farmers'** Market

3003 S. Country Club Rd.

Tuesdays

8am - noon (year-round)

Accepts WIC benefits and Food

Stamps

The Community Food Bank is wonderful. I don't think it's only for our community, but we do have access to that, and I think it's wonderful to have that. Fresh fruits and vegetables, free food, discounted food, for people without.

#### Gardening

1. Nuestra Tierra Demonstration and Market Garden at Community Food Bank (adjacent to the east boundary of Las Vistas)

The purpose of this garden is to demonstrate viable food production in the Tucson area and to provide fruits and veggies for the farmers' markets. Gardening assistance and supplies are offered on-site and seasonal workshops are free and open to the general public. The Food Bank also operates a home gardening program through which gardening assistance is offered to qualifying enrollees at their homes.

2. School Gardens

Borton Magnet Elementary, Southside Community School, Pueblo Gardens Elementary, and Youthworks all have gardens (see photo below)



Community Food Bank, Nuestra Tierra Demonstration and Market Garden. Available at: http://communityfoodbank.com/programs-services/community-food-security-SOURCES: center/market-and-demonstration-garden/.

#### **SCHOOLS & CHILD CARE**

# Schools >

- ACE Charter High School South Campus (Youthworks)
- Borton Primary Magnet School
- Cavett Elementary School
- Holladay Intermediate Magnet School
- Pueblo Gardens Elementary School
- Southside Community School (6-8)
- Utterback Middle School

Children and youth who reside in South Park / Las Vistas / Pueblo Gardens neighborhoods attend schools in Tucson Unified School District (TUSD). Five TUSD public schools (Borton Primary Magnet, Cavett Elementary, Holladay Intermediate Magnet, Pueblo Gardens Elementary, and Utterback Middle) are located within the target area boundaries (see map at right). Proportions of students who qualified for free or reduced lunch status ranged from 57% of students at Borton to 97% at Pueblo Gardens in March 2010.

## Map of TUSD Schools Near South Park / Las Vistas / Pueblo Gardens



Two charter schools - ACE Charter High School (Youthworks) and Southside Community School - are located in the target area. ACE Charter High's South Campus is located in the Pueblo Gardens neighborhood. Southside Community School serves grades 6-8, and 100% of students gualified for free or reduced lunch status in March 2010.





# Child Care >



Cavett Head Start 2125 E. Poquita Vista

Morning Star Head Start 1201 E. 25<sup>th</sup> St.

My Little Angels Daycare 1960 S. Park Ave.

Quincie Douglas Kids Forever 1575 E. 36<sup>th</sup> St.

Tucson Nursery School Infant/Toddler 2150 E. Silvosa St.

Tucson Nursery Schools & Child Care Centers

2385 S. Plumer Ave.





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#### **FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY**

**Eleven** faith-based organizations were observed in the South Park, Las Vistas, and Pueblo Gardens neighborhoods.





Our Lady Queen of All Saints Catholic Church 2915 E. 36<sup>th</sup> St.

Iglesia Cristiana Restauración 1975 E. 36<sup>th</sup> St.





New Life Worship Center 2568 E. Menor St.



**Rising Star Baptist Church** 2800 E. 36<sup>th</sup> St.

#### Not pictured:

Comunidad de Amor 2199 E. 36<sup>th</sup> St.

**Grace Temple Missionary** 1019 E. 31<sup>st</sup> St.

Welcome Baptist Church 617 W. Nevada St. **Gideon Missionary Baptist** 3085 S. Campbell Ave.

**Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist** 2403 S. Martin Ave

House of Jacob (Address not observed)

#### **COMMUNITY STRESS INDICATORS**

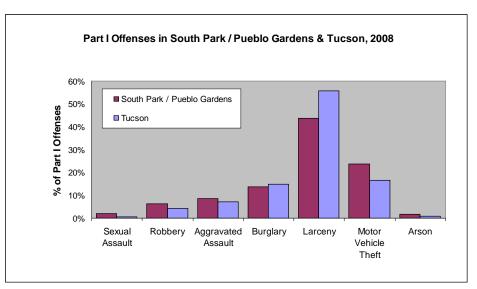


In the South Park, Las Vistas, and Pueblo Gardens neighborhoods, proportions of individuals and families living below the poverty level are greater than in Pima County.

Percent whose income in the past 12 months is below poverty level					
	South Park / Las Vistas / Pueblo Gardens	Pima County	U.S.		
All people	28.5%	15.7%	13.5%		
18 years and over	23.0%	13.8%	11.8%		
65 years and over	13.3%	8.4%	9.8%		
Families	20.0%	10.7%	9.9%		
With related children under 18 years	28.7%	17.6%	15.3%		
With related children under 5 years	17.5%	19.4%	16.6%		
Families with female householder, no husband present	36.3%	27.5%	28.7%		
With related children under 18 years	41.7%	35.5%	37.1%		
With related children under 5 years	56.3%	45.1%	45.6%		

# Crime >

Compared to all of Tucson, there was a greater proportion of motor vehicle thefts in South Park and Pueblo Gardens in 2008.

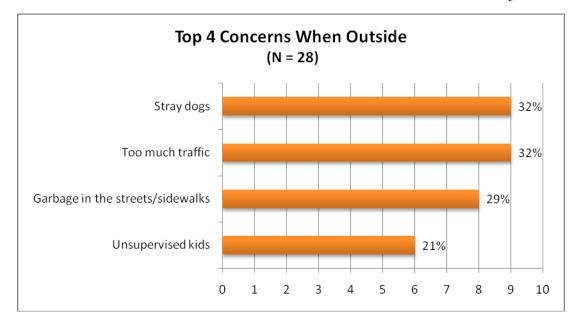


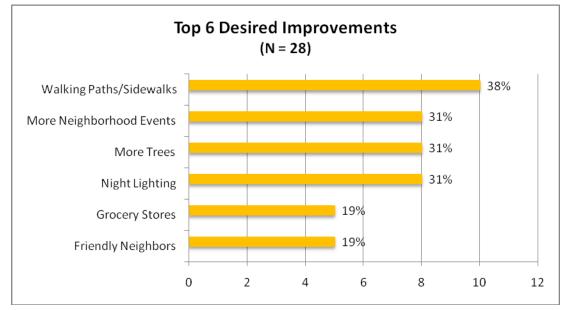


Vandalized sign in Pueblo Gardens

# NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS AND OPPORTUNITIES







## **Other Concerns When Outside:**

- Traffic speed (18%)
- Hot, sunny, exposed routes (18%)
- Abandoned furniture on sidewalks (18%)
- Lack of sidewalks (14%)
- Poor air quality (14%)
- Ugly, unattractive routes (14%)
- Cars parked on sidewalks (14%)
- Too many bars/liquor stores (11%)
- Dangerous street crossings (7%)
- Gangs (7%)
- Threatening situations (drugs/crime/harassment) (4%)

# NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES



"If your neighborhood were to create opportunities for its residents to be healthy, how would you go about doing it?"

## 1. Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center

Increased access for neighborhood residents to the soccer fields

# 2. Quincie Douglas Library

Offer health and wellness programs

#### 3. Churches

Offering healthier food options and church functions

#### 4. Make local facilities more accessible

- El Pueblo gym
- Kino gym
- Boys and Girls Club
- Churches

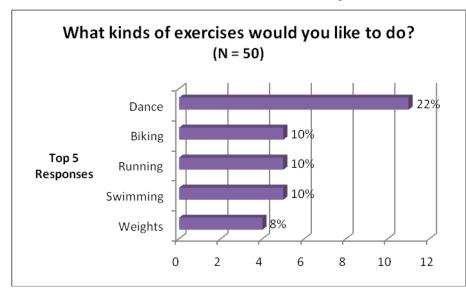
## 5. Programs that free or very cheap

- Cooking classes
- Food education
- Family-focused
- Shopping classes
- 6. Work with the youth
- 7. Solicit guidance from the elders
- 8. Health food stores currently none in the area
- 9. Healthy restaurants currently none in the area
- 10. Teach people to compost
- 11. Food education school programs
- 12. Vacant lots

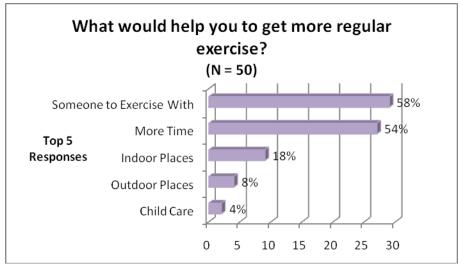




# NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES



<u>Other desired exercises</u>: Sports, yoga, Pilates, work outs, aerobics, walking, machines, hiking, boot camp, and cheerleading. Eleven survey respondents did not respond to this question.

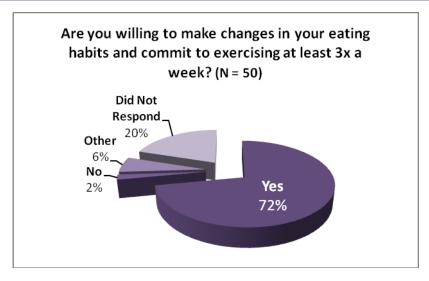


<u>Other responses</u>: More machines, less injury, and close to home. Three survey respondents did not respond to this question.

# What would help you to eat healthier? (N = 70)

- Knowing how to prepare quick, healthy foods (51%)
- Stores that sell healthier foods nearby (27%)
- Friends and neighbors to encourage me and work together (11%)
- Lower prices (7%)

Other responses: More willpower; more happiness; learn how to make better choices; more time to cook; I already eat healthy; a personal chef; getting my kids to eat healthier; cooking at home; and I don't know. Two survey respondents did not answer this question.



<u>Other responses</u>: If I could, yes; to eat more healthy foods; and I'd like to.