

HUDSON MANOR

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

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Happy Holidays!



GAIN NIGHT AT HUDSON PARK

On Saturday, Oct. 24th Hudson Manor participated in Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods night.

Many neighbors stopped by and bought some fantastic food to share.

Special thanks to **Liquor Express** for supplying the refreshments and hot dog grill and **Target** for supplying all of the raffle prizes.



NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, DEC. 5TH AT 11 AM

It has been a rough year for a lot of folks in Tempe. We are asking neighbors to donate nutritious non-perishables (canned fruit, vegetables, soup or dry grains, beans, pasta, paper products, soap and toiletries are appreciated) which will be donated to Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA) on behalf of Hudson Manor.

Place the bag or box in your carport or driveway before 11 a.m. on Saturday morning. We need some volunteers to pick up the items on each street. If you have a pick-up truck or van and would like to help please call Phil Amorosi at 480-968-5530.

Remember that our Neighborhood Association is not a homeowner's association, just interested and involved renters and owners, who care about making Hudson Manor the best it can be.

COFFEE IN THE LAB

Grab your thermos with your favorite beverage and head over to the Peace Pole in the labyrinth. Sit and relax for an hour with your friends and neighbors.

We meet at 9 a.m. every Saturday.

This could become a neighborhood farmers market. If you make crafts for the holidays, bring them. Sweets, tamales, the possibilities are limitless. Or just listen to the birds with a good cup of java. This is another chance to build community (and hear the latest gossip).

If you bring your food donation to the Labyrinth on Dec. 5th at 9 a.m. you will receive FREE COFFEE!



Hey Santa, all we want for Christmas is our skate park. You can call his elf Bob Pohlit when it is going to be done, his number is 480-350-5255.

HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

Recently a neighbor inquired about Hudson Manor gaining Historic Neighborhood status. We pursued this option when the city first started the program almost a decade ago. At the time we were told our neighborhood was “second tier”, that there were other neighborhoods that were better preserved, like Borden Homes on the north side of Apache, and they were a higher priority. **Joe Nucci** with the Tempe Preservation Commission gave HMNA an update.

Now Tempe has successfully designated four subdivisions as historic districts; Borden Homes, Tomlinson Estates, Roosevelt Addition, and Date Palm Manor. The City has been able to accomplish this despite an altered legislative environment which passed the Arizona Private Property Rights Act of 2006. This has resulted in a revised process for zoning action which now requires waivers from property owners. Designed to protect the city from zoning claims, the waivers accurately measure depth of commitment at the neighborhood level through a show of support for proposed zoning changes.

As a Cultural Resource Area identified in Tempe General Plan 2030, the historic Hudson Manor Subdivision is eligible to apply for designation as a Tempe historic district. The Hudson Manor neighborhood is a second-tier subdivision, which means the neighborhood enjoys parity with an unranked group of 20 potentially eligible historic districts. Initial survey and inventory of Post WWII Subdivisions (Solliday 2001), indicated a significant percentage of Hudson Manor properties contributed generally to the character of an historic district.

Two things are necessary for successful historic designation and listing in the Tempe Historic Property Register. First, a substantial, albeit unspecified, number of contributing properties must be contributing and a new field verification of this would be a first step in evaluating a nomination and to prepare a preliminary determination of eligibility.

Second, a strong majority of property owners must be willing to submit “Waiver of Rights and Remedies Under

ARS § 12-1134” forms to the City. Effectively addressing property owner concerns in this new regulatory setting will likely require multiple neighborhood meetings - HPC Staff made at least 3 presentations to Date Palm Manor stakeholders over a period of several months with the result that over 90 percent of the property owners provided waivers. While the lower limit of owner support necessary for Council action is unknown, it is certain that strong neighborhood leadership and organization is a key to consensus building at the grass roots level.

Please visit www.tempe.gov/historicpres to keep up to date on program activities.

Your Association will attend a meeting with HPC staff in January after they do an interim evaluation of our neighborhood. We will then set up a neighborhood meeting and see if the support is strong enough from the neighborhood to move forward.

KITTY KONFUSION

We all know our neighborhood has a problem with stray cats. We also know that some cat owners let their cats go outside and roam.

Since all cats look alike the problem is neighbors don't know if the cat that is invading their property is their neighbors or a stray.

This problem could be easily solved if cat owners put collars on their cats so other neighbors know if the cat that is coming in their yard or in some cases their house belongs to someone or is stray.

That way before they take drastic measures on the trespassing feline they might take the time to talk to their neighbor and inquire if that color cat belongs to them before the cat mysteriously “disappears”.

HMNA has heard from many concerned neighbors on this problem and most want a positive solution. One neighbor sent a cat friendly Web site called **Alley Cat Allies** that practices Trap-Neuter-Return. The program doesn't keep the feral cats, they return them, however this will stop the strays from mating and spraying our cars and houses, etc... Become an Ally, go to: www.alleycat.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=285.

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD CONTRACTOR LIST

Years ago we published a Neighborhood Contractor List in the newsletter so all the neighbors that own their own business or supply a service such as babysitting or lawn mowing could advertise to their fellow neighbors.

It was a valuable tool. Now that we have the Web site we can have it there too. We want to update that old list so if you want to have your name on it please send your name, business/service, website/email and phone number to: **Phil Amorosi**, email: philamo@cox.net.

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