

HUDSON MANOR

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

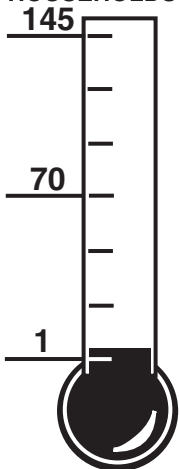
FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

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Happy Valentine's Day

HUDSON MANOR ASSOCIATION DUES TIME

HOUSEHOLDS



This past year your Neighborhood Association has worked hard helping Hudson Manor maintain its reputation as one of the best neighborhoods to live in along Apache Blvd. In 2008 your Association helped get wheelchair ramps installed throughout the neighborhood by applying for and receiving a Neighborhood grant. HMNA also worked to get our alleys paved with gravel and the Association also worked with the city to get the irrigation standpipe gates replaced.

Please continue to show your support of the neighborhood by contributing a small dues to the Hudson Manor Neighborhood Association.

The 2009 **annual dues** is a minimum of **\$12 per household** (you can give more if you want). That's only a dollar per month! The dues is voluntary but is needed to help defray the costs of keeping you informed about all the things that will affect **Hudson Manor** in the upcoming year. It takes money to run off the newsletter, and various other neighborhood activities. If we want to continue to keep our neighborhood the best on Apache it will only cost \$12! Such a Deal. Cash or checks welcome. **Send it to our treasurer. Make checks out to: Janet Demars at 1508 E. Cedar St.**

TEMPE UNITY WALK SATURDAY, FEB. 7H

This year's Regional Unity Walk will start at ASU parking lot 59 which is on the NW corner of Rural Rd and Rio Salado Parkway. The walk will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will continue towards the Tempe Arts Center. Participants are asked to assemble at 10 a.m.

FREE T-shirts will be given out to all participants. After the walk there will be a festival with food, entertainment and inflatables for the kids at the Art Park.

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.

HUDSON PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Yes the grass is greener on the other side of the fence. The city installed the sod on Monday Jan.26. It is the same tough grass installed at the Cardinal's training facility in south Tempe. The Parks Dept. wants to give it 90 days to take hold before they take down the fence.

In the meantime there will be irrigation flood testing to make sure there is proper flow and drainage and light testing will continue too.

There are still some finishing touches that need to be installed like swings, sand, skateboard elements, but they will be done closer to opening day to avoid temptation.

The labyrinth artist **Mary Lucking** is scheduled to continue her art installation at the end of February.

EVELYN SAYS "THANKS NEIGHBORS!"

Evelyn Kosobud at 1415 E. Hudson, one of Hudson's long time residents would like to thank the neighbors who sent her flowers while recovering from a broken leg due to a fall on a cracked side walk. Many neighbors know Evelyn as the civic minded citizen who works our polling site and hands out the "I Voted Today" stickers. She is happy to report that she is in full recovery.

SAY HELLO TO ZELLO

Sue and John Zello were proud parents again when they welcomed daughter Ava into their home on Hudson. Congratulations Zellos!

AN ORIGINAL FOR SALE

Neighbor **Doug Wilson** reluctantly has to sell his house at 1621 E. Hudson. He needs to be closer to his mom. His house is one of the original historic 2 bedroom 1 bath models. Perfect for a young couple starting out. If anyone knows of a family who is interested they can check it out at: www.1621ehudsondr.com.

ALL IRRIGATION SCHEDULES POSTED ON OUR WEB SITE

Forget when your next irrigation is? Want to plan a vacation around your irrigation schedule? Now you can view the yearly schedule for both city and self irrigators at the Hudson Manor Web site: www.hudsonmanor.org



Hudson Park goes "green". What a welcome sight it was to see the the sod laid down. In 90 days the fence should come down and we can enjoy it. Go to our Web site, www.hudsonmanor.org to see color photos of the park construction progress.

IMPORTANT SELF IRRIGATOR NEWS

Regarding the new gates:

Scott Larson, the flood irrigation supervisor with the city said the new gates should be installed before the next irrigation on Feb. 15. They are having some trouble trying to find new nuts for the old gates. If they can't find new ones they might have to replace the other gates too. He wants to inform the self-users that these new gates must not be forced beyond the normal closed position. If you do you will warp the seal plate away from the pipe opening, twist the frame, and/or damage the screw mechanism. This usually results in more water leaking past the gate...which in turn, gives the impression the gate is not fully closed. At that point someone usually tries a cheater bar and starts wrenching down on the wheel even further destroying the gate.

The gates form a seal by water pressure, NOT downward pressure, and even when closed, may allow some seepage to occur.

If there is a rock, board, or something under the gate, no amount of pressure will crack it or knock it out of the way. The best thing is to close the gate as best you can while you finish irrigating the area. Then notify Scott at 480-350-2623 so they can retrieve the object.

Regarding new rates:

The neighborhood annual rates went up this year. One way to keep cost in check is to only order the water you need. If you consistently overflow your berm you should cut back on your time. You don't have to take 45 minutes if you don't need it. Even a 5 or 10 minute drop can make a difference over the course of a year in gallons used. SRP bases the next year's rates on how much water we used the previous year.

ARE YOU ON THE HUDSON EMAIL LIST?

Get the latest information and participate in lively discussions that don't make it in the newsletter. E-mail: Phil Amorosi at: philamo@cox.net.

GOT CITRUS?

Starve the roof rats. If you have more oranges, lemons or grapefruit than you need how about sharing with neighbors? Contact **Phil Amorosi** at philamo@cox.net and he will send out a neighborhood e-mail. You can also donate all excess citrus to the Scottsdale Elk's Club at 6398 E. Oak St. (Take McDowell west, turn north on 64th St.). They accept donations every Sat. through March 28 from 8 a.m to noon.

POLICE BEAT 15 SERGEANT AND COMMUNITY LIAISON

The police would like to remind you that most neighborhood crime is the crime of opportunity; property that is left out or unlocked. Overall crime is down but car theft is up. They have also seen an increase in the theft of catalytic converters, the pollution control device that is under your car and contains precious metals that they can hock. Report any suspicious activity: 480-350-8311.

The Beat 15 sergeant is **Steve Anderson**. He can be reached at 480-350-6002.

You can also contact the new **Community Affairs Specialist, Charles Cobbs**, who will be the liaison and outreach person for the department. His number is 480-350-8691. Cell: 480-440-4740.

NEED TUTORING OR CHILD CARE?

Neighbor **Debbie Natzke** who lives at 1626 E. Cedar St. has a Masters Degree in Elementary Education and is available for tutoring work and/or child care. She can be reached at: debbie9902@yahoo.com.

NEIGHBOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Do you know an exemplary neighbor who consistently contributes to and displays commitment to Tempe neighborhoods? Contact the Association if you have a suggestion and tell us why. The deadline is Monday, Feb. 23. Association Chair Phil Amorosi won in 2000.