

# HUDSON MANOR

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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*Hot Hot Hot*

***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.***

### DEVELOPER MEETING WITH HUDSON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

Lennar Homes would like to build some high quality apartments at the Dorsey light rail station. This would not be student housing. They are targeting young professionals. It would be built on the Days Inn site and the adjacent apartment complex. No traffic would exit onto Spence. They are only proposing 5 stories, the ground floor being covered parking. They will have retail stores on Apache. The east side will be stepped back so they will not be right on top of the houses on south Cedar St. and they will have lush landscaping to protect views. They will manage the site after construction which is another plus. Please attend the neighborhood meeting to see their proposal.

**Date: Wednesday, Aug. 6**

**Time: 5:30 p.m.**

**Location: Apache Police Station Community Room  
1855 E. Apache Blvd.**

If you cannot make the meeting but have questions please contact **Charles Huellmantel** at 480-921-2800 or email: [charles@huellmantel.com](mailto:charles@huellmantel.com)

### A SAD PASSING



Long time neighbor **Geoff "Sokai" Barrett** past away last month after battling an aggressive form of cancer. Sokai was a highly regarded Zen Buddhist teacher and his neighborhood Zen Center on Cedar St. was known throughout the valley. Those that knew him enjoyed his serene presence. He was very active in

neighborhood issues and was a gentle force in getting the labyrinth in our park for quiet meditation. His wife Marie said the Zen Center will carry on. He will be greatly missed.



### ROUNABOUTS COMPLETE

It started as an idea back at our GAIN event in Oct. 2012. Streetscape improvements and traffic calming. Neighbor **Maria Salenger**, who is an architect, came up with the idea of doing traffic roundabouts to accomplish both. She started designing, creating a budget, getting quotes and doing public outreach (including postcards, petitions, meetings and newsletter articles) the following year with the help of neighbor **Dan Childers**. HMNA would request a Neighborhood Grant for funding. A year later we received word from the city that we got the \$9,500 grant. We would be able to build two roundabouts on Hudson at Oak and Elm. For the next six months Maria worked painstakingly with the city to see the construction completed.

Roundabouts take some getting used to but studies by AAA show they are safer than 4-way stop signs because people have to pay attention at the intersection. The web site Mythbusters did a test showing they are more efficient than 4-way stop signs too. You can view the test at [www.wimp.com/testroundabout](http://www.wimp.com/testroundabout)

The association would like to thank both Maria and Dan for taking on this arduous project to improve the neighborhood. If neighbors like this idea we can apply to build more with future grants. Let us know your thoughts. **Phil Amorosi** 480-968-5530 or email: [philamo@cox.net](mailto:philamo@cox.net).

### Support our 2013 GAIN Night Sponsors:

**Liquor Express - 1605 E. Apache Blvd.**

**Harmonic Healing Center - 2226 S. Rural Rd.**

**Target - Tempe Marketplace**

## ANY WEB SAVVY NEIGHBORS?

After nearly a decade our neighborhood web master, **Linda Martin**, who created and maintained our [www.hudsonmanor.org](http://www.hudsonmanor.org) web site has requested that someone else take over the duties.

If you would like to volunteer to maintain our web site please contact **Phil Amorosi** 480-968-5530 or email: [philamo@cox.net](mailto:philamo@cox.net).

*The association cannot thank Linda enough for all her hard work and creativity over the years. We were one of the first neighborhoods to have a web site and it has been an invaluable tool to keep people informed.*

## 2014 NEIGHBORHOOD DUES

if you haven't already, we are still asking neighbors to **contribute \$12** (or more!) to the Hudson Manor Neighborhood Association. The dues is voluntary but does help defray costs for the newsletter and having neighborhood events. If you like being kept informed throughout the year about what is going on in the neighborhood please give what you can. Make checks out to our treasurer: **Janet Demars. You can drop it off at 1508 E. Cedar St.**

## NEW NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE

We have a new commander for our Area 2. His name is **Ed Ouimette**. His email: [edward\\_ouimette@tempe.gov](mailto:edward_ouimette@tempe.gov). Also our crime prevention officer Sue Schoville retired, temporarily taking her place is **Nathan Ryberg** 480-858-6409 or email: [nathan\\_ryberg@tempe.gov](mailto:nathan_ryberg@tempe.gov).

If you see any suspicious activity in the neighborhood please call the police at 480-350-8311.

## SAFE AND SOBER CAMPAIGN

Last year the Tempe and ASU police forces were very visible the first three weekends of the new school year at ASU. As a result of that loud party calls were down from the previous year. This year they will be out in force again starting Thursday, Aug. 21. Before they start that enforcement component they will be coming through our neighborhood between Aug. 18-20 handing out materials and talking to both neighbors and students to help educate them on the law and the consequences of over indulging.

The city also put on an Underage Drinking Task Force forum in June inviting all responsible parties including high schools, colleges, social service agencies, police, neighborhood chairs and liquor distributors to communicate with each other and get the message out.

ASU has a new off campus student liaison to contact if you are having problems with any ASU students living in the neighborhood. His name is **Ron Hicks** 480-965-6547 or email: [ron.hicks@asu.edu](mailto:ron.hicks@asu.edu).

## CARE ABOUT TEMPE TRANSPORTATION?

You can view and comment on the draft 2014 Transportation Master Plan project list at: [www.tempe.gov/transportationplan](http://www.tempe.gov/transportationplan)

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND HMNA ELECTIONS ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

Mark your calendars. What's better than having some cool ice cream after a long hot day. This year we'll try it at 7 p.m. at Hudson Park. If you have any suggestions or would like to help at the event let us know. Contact **Phil Amorosi** 480-968-5530 or email: [philamo@cox.net](mailto:philamo@cox.net).

We will also hold our annual neighborhood association elections. This will give you time to decide if you would like to run for the Chair, Vice-chair or Treasurer positions. More details will follow.

## DO WE WANT FOOD TRUCKS ON APACHE

Food trucks are becoming the rage around the valley and at special events. We're not talking roach coaches here, these trucks serving some exciting gourmet healthy food. They even have their own organization, the Phoenix Street Food Coalition. This could help invigorate Apache Blvd. Is this something you would like to see on Apache on a regular basis or for special events? Would you support these local businesses? Let us know. **Phil Amorosi** 480-968-5530 or email: [philamo@cox.net](mailto:philamo@cox.net).

## GIDDYUP PONY ACRES

Phoenix developer, Avenue North, wants to build another market rate apartment complex for young urban professionals on the narrow site now occupied by Pony Acres trailer park. Pony Acres sits between the Grigio Metro and the police station east of McClintock on Apache. Your Association chair has seen the plans for this nice addition to Apache and dreams of the day someone buys the Modernette trailer park next to us and does the same.

## RIO SALADO COLLEGE ON SOUTHERN

Rio Salado College has a new location in Tempe on the southwest corner of Southern Ave. and the 101 to help students begin and achieve their higher learning goals. This location offers in-person advising, counseling, tutoring, placement and certification testing services as well as College Bridge Pathways classes (adult basic education, GED® test prep and English language acquisition) and student success seminars. They also hold community business seminars.

Right next door is the new East Valley Veterans Education Center, providing additional resources for active duty service members, veterans and their families. RSC Southern is located at 3320 S. Price Rd. It is open Mon. –Thur., 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fri. – Sat., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more details, visit [www.riosalado.edu](http://www.riosalado.edu) or call 480-377-4150.

## DO YOU HAVE NEWS YOU WANT TO SHARE?

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