

HUDSON MANOR

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

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Seasons Greetings!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS HUDSON MANOR FOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

The holiday season neighborhood tradition continues. Last year we collected over 200 pounds. 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) to help needy families on behalf of Hudson Manor.

Place the bag or box in a visible area of your **carport or driveway before 11 a.m.** on Sunday 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.**

HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE - DEC. 15

Three houses on the 1500 block of Cedar St. will be having a Holiday boutique craft sale on Saturday, Dec. 15 starting at 10 a.m. Stop by and pick up some gifts. If you would like to participate with your own crafts email **Janet Demars at: janetkdemars@hotmail.com.**

FRATERNITIES IN AND AROUND HUDSON

Many neighbors have voiced their concerns about the recent influx of fraternities and frat members moving into the neighborhood and the problems they are bringing with them. Loud parties, speeding through the streets, too many cars from overnight guests or overcrowding.

The city was not ready for ASU to dump 3,500 frat students into the surrounding area.

Your chair has met with **Councilmen Joel Navarro and Kolby Granville**, they are the City's Neighborhood Committee chairs, met with our police commander **Vince Boerbon** and spoke with the Code Enforcement manager **Jeff Tamulevich** about what we can do about this new problem disrupting our quiet neighborhood.

The city has responded with a Task Force that includes the Tempe police, code enforcement, ASU police and an ASU liaison that deals with student behavior off campus. The Task Force meets monthly, they will be furnished with addresses of problem houses here.

They are looking at how other cities deal with frats in

neighborhoods and will look at adopting or changing rules to protect us and give police the tools they need.

Case in point is the former Hideaway Motel at Oak and Apache. Even though the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity says right on their web site that this is their "house" the out-of-state owner gets around existing laws by claiming he is running a long stay motel. He does not sign a lease with the frat organization, instead he rents to individuals on a per semester basis, he says he can't help it if they all belong to the same group.

The Task Force are also looking at new rules for landlords that rent houses to frat members. We will keep you updated on the progress. In the meantime...

What the neighborhood can do:

- Call the **police at 480-350-8311** to report loud parties or music. Get the license numbers of cars that speed.
- Call the police if they or their guests leave trash on or around your property or are parked too close to your driveway or are blocking the sidewalk or parking on the lawn so there is a record of what they are doing.
- We can go the extra step and become a permit only parking neighborhood so they can't have friends park anywhere except in front of their house. Let HMNA know if you want this.

Don't be intimidated, if frats want to live in Hudson Manor then they will have to be good neighbors.



Your Chair, Phil Amorosi (left) was invited to the groundbreaking of the Gracie's Village project on Nov. 1st. Pictured with Phil from left to right is Brian Swanton, Arizona President of Gorman Development; Robin Arredondo-Savage, Tempe Councilwoman; Mike Trailor, Director of Arizona Department of Housing; Paul Neighbors, new Manager of Gracie's Thrift Store; Charlie Robinson, Grace Church Chairman of the Board of Elders; Craig Thompson, Grace Church Chairman of the Board of Directors. They thanked Phil for brokering the compromise that made the project happen.



Neighbor Maria Salenger (left) speaks with neighbors at GAIN party.

GAIN NIGHT FREE FUN FOR ALL

There was plenty of pizza and plenty of fun as Hudson celebrated Getting Arizona Involved In Neighborhoods night last month. New neighbors like **Justin Stewart** stopped by as well as the **Mayor Mark Mitchell** and council members **Corey Woods** and **Kolby Granville**. The police

Gang Unit answered many questions and even the fire department stopped by. The raffle was a big hit but the best part is getting to know your neighbors.

Please support our sponsors, long time neighborhood supporters **Liquor Express** and **Big Jimmy's Pizza**.

NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT UPDATE

Neighbor **Maria Salenger** wanted to give an update on the progress of our upcoming neighborhood grant request. A lot of good ideas were discussed at GAIN night. Based on the input we are narrowing the focus to streetscape improvements and alley clean up measures along the entry into the neighborhood on Elm St. between Apache Blvd. and Hudson. Maybe a roundabout at the Elm/Hudson intersection similar to the ones installed in the Maple-Ash and Mitchell Park neighborhoods. If we are successful this year, we would propose similar work at Oak and Cedar streets for the next two consecutive years' grants.

Any neighbors with more input or who are willing to help email **Maria** at: Maria@jonesstudioinc.com

DO YOU HAVE NEWS YOU WANT TO SHARE?

Send any stories to **Phil Amorosi** at: philamo@cox.net.



GAIN highlights: Linda and Phil Amorosi welcome Mayor Mark Mitchell. Neighbor Carl Darnell shows off a grapefruit bigger than his head! Tempe City Councilman Kolby Granville chats with our Area Supervisor Vince Boerbon and our former Beat Sergeant Carlos Benavidez.

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