

# HUDSON MANOR

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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*Have a Festive Holiday Season*



### HUDSON HELPING OTHERS FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE Saturday, December 14th at 11 AM

We are asking neighbors to donate nutritious non-perishables (canned fruit, vegetables, soup or dry grains, beans, pasta, paper products, soap and toiletries) which will be donated to Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA) on behalf of Hudson Manor. This year we are also asking for new clothes (socks, blankets, underwear etc.) in children or adult sizes. These items are most needed by the Salvation Army.

Place the bag(s) or box(es) 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 would like to help please call or email Phil Amorosi at 480-968-5530 or [info@hudsonmanor.org](mailto:info@hudsonmanor.org). If Saturday is a bad day or you would rather drop your items off ahead of time please bring them to 1432 E. Cedar St.

#### WATER LINE REPLACEMENT DELAYED

The city and Haydon Contracting decided they will put off digging up our streets until after the holidays and all our visitors are gone.

#### Need dirt for raising berms around your yard?

Once construction gets under way they will have plenty of FREE dirt to give away. If you need dirt for any reason send the association your name and address at: [info@hudsonmanor.org](mailto:info@hudsonmanor.org). We will compile a list to give to the contractor. You will be instructed when to leave a tarp out on your property indicating where you want them to dump the dirt.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT SUGGESTIONS

It is time to think about applying for a neighborhood grant. This is money that is awarded to neighborhoods for ideas that benefit our whole community like the irrigation standpipe art. One idea last year was to plant trees in the front yards of those who want to shade sidewalks from the ever increasing hot sun, it didn't get enough votes. If you like this idea let us know or if you

have another idea please submit it to the association at: [info@hudsonmanor.org](mailto:info@hudsonmanor.org). You can get ideas on the city's Neighborhood Grants Program web page.

#### HOW BAD IS SPENCE?

Many neighbors have complained about how bad Spence Ave. has been for years. Here are some numbers from Tempe's own data files to back it up.

The city grades its' streets on the PQI (pavement quality index) scale. They do these every 3 years. The last numbers are from 2017. The national average for streets is 70. Overall Tempe rates a 59 BUT Spence was rated 26, less than half, and that was two years ago, we know it hasn't gotten any better. You won't find many lower numbers in the entire city. Now the next time the mayor or council member brags about all this great construction and jobs and how it brings in revenue you can ask why none of this goes into better neighborhood streets for its' citizens. You have their own data numbers to prove it. BTW Hudson Manor's PQI average is in the mid-40's, not much better.

**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.**

## GAIN-TOBER FESTIVITIES

It was a cozy gathering at our fall party this year but that meant better odds at winning one of our great raffle prizes. We had donated gift certificates from **Haji-Baba**, **Khai Hoan** and **Four Peaks Brewery**. Coffee from **Cortez**, custom snake wind spinners from neighbor **Ron Gasowski** and an original framed *Rio Bravo* movie poster from **Bill's Custom Frames**. And for over 20 years **Liquor Express** has kept us cool and hydrated. Please support our sponsors throughout the year.

This is also a good way to thank our police, firefighters, EMS and G4S guards for all their hard work protecting us throughout the year.

## STANDPIPE ART DEDICATION BRUNCH AND TOUR WAS A BLAST

It was a beautiful November Sunday morning for a brunch in the labyrinth and plenty of people took advantage of all the great food to share. As we gathered around the standpipes, artist **Joan Baron** read fun fantasy stories that related to the images on each of the three standpipes. It was a unique event. Lucky neighbor **Kyle Woodson** won a \$25 iTunes gift card too. Thanks to all who participated.

## JOIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD EMAIL TREE

This is the most important thing you can do. Don't miss the latest information and participate in decisions that don't make it in the newsletter. Your privacy is protected. E-mail **Phil Amorosi** at: [philamo@cox.net](mailto:philamo@cox.net).

### Support our GAIN-Tober Fest Sponsors:

- Liquor Express - 1605 E. Apache
- Haji-Baba - 1513 E Apache Blvd.
- Khai Hoan - 1537 E Apache Blvd.
- Four Peaks Brewery - 1340 E 8th St.
- Bill's Custom Frames - 1711 W University #155
- Cortez Coffee Co. - 1030 E. Vista Del Cerro

