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# NEIGHBORHOOD PLANTING NEXT SATURDAY FEB. 27

Get involved in the beautification of Hudson Manor by helping plant the desert landscaping in the new roundabout at Elm and Williams Street. We will also be enhancing the existing landscape at the two traffic circles on Hudson and replacing some plants that were damaged in storms.

Please meet at the traffic circle at Elm and Williams at 10:30 am.

Bring gloves, shovels and spades if you have them.

For more info contact Maria Salenger at: maria@jonesstudioinc.com or (480) 522-6609

#### NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT 2016

The Hudson Manor Neighborhood Association is working on the April 4th application for a 2016 Tempe Neighborhood Grant to install a new traffic circle at Oak & Williams. This will be the fourth traffic circle in our neighborhood to complete our concept of consistency at all the major intersections, and continuing to bring more greenery to our streetscape. In addition, the traffic circles have slowed vehicles on our streets, making the neighborhood more safe for walkers and cyclists.

#### 2016 Neighborhood Dues DUE

With the start of the new year we are asking neighbors to **contribute \$15** (or more!) to the Hudson Manor Neighborhood Association. The dues is voluntary but does help defray costs for the newsletter, renting the meeting hall 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.

Please make checks out to our treasurer: Janet Demars. You can drop it off at 1508 E. Cedar St.

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

## TREE WORKSHOP & EXPO SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Local gardeners, arborists, composting experts and conservation organizations will be at the **Tempe Urban Forestry Expo** on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. A tree care workshop/presentation will be from 9 to 10 am and the expo from 10 am to 12:30 pm.

#### **HUDSON FOOD DRIVE BREAKS RECORD**

Last December our annual food drive that benefits the Tempe Community Action Alliance broke a record for donations. We collected over 260 lbs. of non-perishable items. The Association would like to thank all those neighbors who participated in the food drive. You really did make a difference in helping the 20% of families in Tempe that live in poverty.

#### **Support our 2015 GAIN Night Sponsors:**

Liquor Express - 1605 E. Apache Blvd. Haji Baba Restaurant - 1513 E. Apache Blvd. Khai Hoan Restaurant - 1537 E. Apache Blvd. Oasis Restaurant - 1639 E. Apache Blvd. Target - Tempe Marketplace

### SAVE THE DATE! Monday, March 21! NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

- We are holding a meeting to discuss the next neighborhood grant to complete the final traffic calming roundabout at Oak and Williams.
- Area police will be there to answer questions and give updates.
- HMNA Election for Chair. Vice Chairs and Treasurer.
- Bring your signed blue input postcards if you haven't turned them in.

### AT THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS HALL 1606 E. APACHE BLVD. 7 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

#### CITY ELECTIONS TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH

If you don't vote by mail don't forget to vote on Tuesday. March 8th at the Escalante Center (2150 E. Orange St.). Polls are open from 6 am to 7 pm. You will be voting on 3 city council seats (feel free to vote for Phil Amorosi for one of those, thank you very much) the mayor and a proposition to limit campaign contributions to the 2012 limits of \$500 per person instead of the current state limit of \$6,500 per person. Remember to bring a photo ID.

#### THE FRAT IS GONE

The fraternity that was living at the old Hideaway Motel left rather than deal with the various code violations after an inspection by the city. The property was sold and I have been meeting with the new owner to see what his plans are and how that would fit into our recently completed Character Area plan. This is good news for our neighborhood; less loud parties and drunken students wandering around late at night.

#### UPDATE ON THE MODERNETTE TRAILER PARK

Another adjacent parcel to our east, The Modernette Trailer Park, has been sold. The initial reports are that the new owner wants to go in a different direction that does not include trailers but we don't know yet if this is part of a larger plan to redevelop the whole corner. This would be another positive development for our neighborhood, especially all the neighbors that live in the 1600 blocks.

#### **New Police Chief**

Tempe hired **Ms. Sylvia Moir** to take over for retiring police chief Tom Ryff. Ms. Moir will be taking over in March so maybe after she gets settled in we can invite her to our Italian Ice Social in April so she can meet everyone and see our lovely neighborhood.

#### TEMPE EMPTY BOWLS FEB. 26-27

Hand-crafted bowls, planter pots, mugs, necklaces, platters and vases, made by local artists, and children ranging from elementary to high school students, will be available for purchase for \$10. Whole Foods Market will offer a simple meal of soup and bread, symbolic of the caloric intake that must sustain many in our community for an entire day. Both days from 11 am to 2 pm.

**Friday, Feb. 26** at 6th Street Park (south of City Hall) Saturday. Feb. 27 in the Community Center Courtyard, 3500 S. Rural Rd., between Tempe Public Library and Tempe History Museum.

#### FREE TAX PREPARATION

Don't pay to have your taxes filed. If you need a simple tax return filled out properly and you made less than \$54,000 or are 65+ or have disabilities you qualify for free tax preparation.

Where: Gracie's Village. 1540 E. Apache Blvd.

When: Saturdays, Jan. 30- April 9 (except 3/5 and 3/12) from 9 a.m. to noon

Wed. & Thurs., Feb. 3 to April 7 (except 3/9-10) from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information on what to bring go to the Tempe Community Council web site:

www.tempecommunitycouncil.org or call 480-858-2323

#### Do You Have News You Want To Share?

Send any neighborhood stories and photos to:

Phil Amorosi at: philamo@cox.net.

#### JOIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD EMAIL TREE

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.