

HUDSON MANOR

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Happy Valentine's Day



HUDSON HELPED TEMPE

The neighborhood holiday food drive continued a great tradition of neighbors helping neighbors in need. In December we were able to collect over 200 pounds of food that was donated to the Tempe Community Action Alliance at the Escalante Center.

Thank you all for donating. The association would especially like to thank the volunteers who drove around and picked up the bags and boxes.

Pictured left to right are **Janet Demars** (our long-time treasurer), **Pam Hendrix** and **Kimberly Landino**.

LOUD PARTY STATS

Tempe Council member **Kolby Granville** recently posted some interesting statistics. From Aug. 1 to Dec. 4 there were 1,910 calls for service

due to "loud parties" which represented 892 specific addresses. That said, only 44 addresses accounted for 599 calls for service, or 31.4% of all "loud party" calls for service. Yes, this issue is going to be addressed.

COUNCIL APPROVES MORE STUDENT HIGHRISES

The Tempe City Council voted (7-0) to approve a 14 story student housing apartment highrise called The Grove at 1000 E. Apache Blvd. next to the 10 story 922 Place (formerly the Vue). Your chair, **Phil Amorosi**, and **Chuck Buss**, the chair of Borden/University Heights neighborhood (on the north side of Apache) did speak out against the height and density of this project (182 units/acre) at the meeting but it was too far along in the process to make a difference. Our neighborhood was not notified about this project early on because we are considered too far away.

REPORT ROWDY STUDENTS TO ASU

In our ongoing efforts to maintain a peaceful, safe and quiet neighborhood we have a new contact at Arizona State University. If you live next to students that are having a large party, blocking sidewalks, parking on lawns, blasting music or speeding around the street the first thing you should do is report it to the **Tempe police at 480-350-8311**.

Next you need to call **Stephanie Salazar**, who works in Off-Campus Student Services. Her number is **480-727-0656**. Let her know what the problem is.

Stephanie has also told us that ASU is working on a plan to get all fraternities out of Tempe neighborhoods by the fall of this year.

Mayor Mark Mitchell, himself an ASU fraternity alumni assures your chair that he and others are working vigorously on this solution. He believes fraternities and sororities belong on campus.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING IN MARCH - DETAILS TO COME

NOW A GOOD PROJECT FOR APACHE

A developer wants to build a senior living project (62 years old and above) at 2148 E. Apache Blvd. called *Apache Villas*. It would only be 4 stories high and have 76 apartments which works out to only 35 units/acre.

Currently the only viable business there is the long time Mexican restaurant *Guerro's*. The owner was approached to be part of the new project but he said he is getting old after being there over 30 years and would rather cash out.

The neighbors in the Escalante neighborhood are in favor of this project.

2013 NEIGHBORHOOD DUES

With the start of the new year we are 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.

The HMNA would like to thank neighbors **Janet DeMott** and **Mitch Beier** who gave their dues without even being asked!

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

A MASTER IN GLASS

Neighbor **Laurie Nessel** recently had three beautiful pieces of her glass art shown at the Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum in the Mesa Arts Center. Laurie has been teaching glass-making courses there since 1998.

NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT UPDATE

Neighbor **Maria Salenger** wanted to give an update on the progress of our upcoming neighborhood grant request.

I wanted to get input from the city regarding the issues (aka complications) of right-of-way improvements versus staying on private property with grant improvements - and then narrow in on the grant proposal based on the input.

She and neighbor **Dan Childers** met with **Julian Dresang** at the City transportation department to see what the possibility of traffic calming round-about or chicanes with landscape improvements would be as part of the grant - or a separate project if need be. They also discussed the proposal for a bike lane on Spence.

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

HOUSE ON WILLIAMS FOR SALE

The empty house at 1532 E. Williams went into foreclosure and is now for sale. If you are renting or know someone that is looking to own in the neighborhood please let them know.

DRAFTING STORE CLOSING

The large drafting supply store that has been a fixture in the shopping center across from the fire station is leaving after 20 years. The majority of their business is now conducted online. That is a big space to fill. Long time owners may remember it was once a Pier One Imports store.

TEMPE POLICE AND FIRE NOW ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

The City of Tempe Police and Fire departments have co-launched *Facebook* and *Twitter* pages to enhance communications with and provide important information directly to our community. Follow them on Twitter at @TempePoliceFire <https://twitter.com/TempePoliceFire>. Join them on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/TempePoliceandFire>

YOUR OPINION NEEDED ON THE ARTS AND LIBRARY

The Tempe Center for the Arts, the Tempe History Museum and the Tempe Public Library want public opinion on the quality and types of current and future events, services and programs. The surveys will be available until the end of February. Take the surveys at: www.tempe.gov/culturalsurveys

GRAFFITI IS GONE

Several neighbors alerted the association about garish graffiti that went up in the alley behind the auto business on the 1600 block of Apache. The spray painters said they had the owners permission to do this but what they didn't have was the city's permission.

Your association notified the city, who notified the owner that it had to come down and the graffiti was painted over within two weeks.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS YOU WANT TO SHARE?

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

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

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Big Jimmy's Pizza - 1330 E. Apache Blvd.

Target - Tempe Marketplace

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.