

HUDSON MANOR

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MARCH 2013 NEWSLETTER

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Enjoy the month of Spring

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
MEET THE NEW TEMPE POLICE FOR OUR AREA
SEE THE LATEST NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT IDEA
LET'S PLAN A SPRING GET TOGETHER
AT
THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS HALL
1606 E. APACHE BLVD.
THURSDAY, MARCH 28
7 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

And so has the weeds, bushes, trees and tall grass. Many people walk in the mornings and evenings. Please do an inspection of your property and walk along the sidewalk in front of your house (side of the house too if you have a corner lot).

Are your tree branches hanging too low? Are your hedge bushes or oleanders growing too far out? Is the grass along the edges growing too tall? Please trim them back so people can safely walk by without ducking, or getting scratched or walking in the street.

If you are elderly or disabled please contact **Phil Amorosi at 480-968-5530** or e-mail: philamo@cox.net and we will get someone to help you.

Your alleys also need to be maintained so the trash trucks can get through. This is your responsibility renter or owner. Thanks for your cooperation.

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.

POLICE CHIEF SHARES ANNUAL REPORT

On Tuesday, March 5, Tempe Police Chief Tom Ryff invited all the neighborhood chairs to a meeting to go over the Department's statistics from last year and to answer any questions. The full report is available at www.tempe.gov/police. Click on Crime Statistics for the link.

Good news is overall crime is down 10% from 2011. Unfortunately, violent crime rose 12.8% but property crime dropped by 12.1% since 2011. They responded to 150,800 calls for service in 2012.

He was asked if the red light cameras at intersections were going to return. He said no, they didn't see any reduction in accidents and actually had better results when they posted motorcycle cops at the busiest intersections.

He was asked if there were going to be police (School Resource Officers) posted at every school. He said no, only middle and high schools warranted that strong of a police presence. He was going to have neighborhood officers visit grade schools on a regular basis but they wouldn't be stationed there.

A large crowd attended and asked if he could do this on a semi-annual basis to keep us informed.

2013 NEIGHBORHOOD DUES

There is still time 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.

Please make checks out to our treasurer: **Janet Demars. You can drop it off at the neighborhood meeting or at 1432 E. Cedar St.**

NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT UPDATE

Neighbors **Maria Salenger** and **Dan Childers** had a very positive meeting with the City of Tempe's Shauna Warner (Neighborhood Services) and Julian Dresang (Streets Transportation). First off, Shauna informed us the grant schedule has shifted from a May deadline to an August deadline so we have a little more time than we initially thought.

Julian was very supportive of the idea of street improvements and a new roundabout at Elm and Hudson. Dan has been working a scheme for the roundabout and a general site plan for a dumpster screen wall to shield the dumpster from the Vietnamese restaurant.

Interested neighbors should come to the neighborhood meeting to see some visuals and give input.

We'll then be sending out a petition to show neighborhood-wide support for the project for the application.

If you can't make the meeting but still want to see the project or are willing to help e-mail **Maria at: Maria@jonesstudioinc.com**

NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHOPS AND AWARDS

The City of Tempe is holding their annual Neighborhood Workshops and Awards ceremony on **Saturday, April 13 at the Escalante Center, 2150 E. Orange St.** (north of Apache, west of Price Rd.)

All residents are invited to attend. This year's program:

7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m.

Sign in and continental breakfast

8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Neighborhood awards presented by Mayor and City Council.

9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. 4 Workshops to choose from:

1. Tempe-ASU Relationships
2. Sustainability in the Community
3. Hands-On in the Escalante Community Garden
4. Neighborhood Leadership and Community Building.

Your HMNA chair **Phil Amorosi** will be on the panel.

Register either online at:

www.tempe.gov/neighborhoodworkshop
or call 480-350-8234.

RSVP deadline is COB Wednesday, April 10.

TNR PROGRAM HAS STARTED

Neighbor **Linda Martin** and her husband **Kevin Brown** have started the Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program for feral cats in the neighborhood.

They had a good first meeting with a half dozen neighbors showing up who wanted to help them.

The photos on the right are the first to be caught and fixed. They are planning on trapping 5 more by the end of the month.

It is not too late to get involved if you want to solve this perennial neighborhood problem.

Contact Linda at: lmartin208.cox.net



FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

Residents can safely dispose of up to (5) boxes/bags of no-longer-needed personal documents that could lead to identity theft in criminal hands. Your documents are destroyed while you watch. Please note that this event is designed for individuals and families not large loads of business documents.

Shred It Event

When: Saturday April 6 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Where: Tempe Target Store at 1818 E. Baseline (northeast corner of Baseline & McClintock)

Thanks to the continued support of sponsors **Shred-It Company** and **Target**, this event is FREE to community members. Donations for the non-profit organization *Special Olympics* will be accepted, and a receipt provided.

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>

DO YOU HAVE NEWS YOU WANT TO SHARE?

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