

HUDSON MANOR

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

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Happy Halloween

HUDSON MANOR'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY Saturday, October 13th AT THE EAST RAMADA IN HUDSON PARK

3 TO 5 - SOCIAL HOUR, GAMES

5 TO 6 - FOOD

6 TO 8 - RAFFLE AND SURPRIZES

Everyone is invited (even old neighbors that you know can come back). Come over to the park early, meet your neighbors, old and new, and check out our history table. Enjoy dinner, refreshments, a bouncy house, a pinata and *more*. We'll have a beer permit (BYOB, no glass). If you desire bring a salad, side dish, snack or dessert to share. Meet elected officials, our local police and fire personnel. Fun for the whole family!

Call Phil at 480-968-5530 or e-mail: info@hudsonmanor.org to let us know how you can help.

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR RAFFLE DONATIONS

Do you own a business that sells a product, craft or service? Do you have friends that own a restaurant or bar? Do you have extra tickets to a concert, sporting event or play? Ask local businesses that your frequent. Gift certificates or gift cards are always welcome. We need some items worthy of a milestone event.

Contact Chair **Phil Amorosi** email:
info@hudsonmanor.org, phone: 480-968-5530.



DEADLINE TO ORDER T-SHIRTS THIS SUN., OCT. 7

We will be making special shirts to commemorate our milestone event. To see the design in color visit our website: hudsonmanor.org.

The design will be a full color dye sublimation on a natural white pre-shrunk t-shirt.

Cost will be \$10.00 each. Cash or check only.

Let the Association know how many and what sizes you would like. Childrens sizes are available too.

Contact Chair **Phil Amorosi** email: info@hudsonmanor.org, phone: 480-968-5530.

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.



*Lots of concerned neighbors turned out on a hot night in August to voice their frustrations to the police about the homeless taking over Hudson Park. The city's Human Services Dept. was also there to help answer questions. Special thanks to new city council member **Jennifer Adams** for attending and listening.*

POLICE UPDATES FOR HUDSON PARK

First the bad news on the homeless in the park. The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit said that laws banning sleeping or camping in public places violate the Constitution if no shelter space is available. The judges wrote, "As long as there is no option of sleeping indoors, the government cannot criminalize indigent, homeless people for sleeping outdoors, on public property, on the false premise they had a choice in the matter." This means the police can no longer enforce the Urban Camping law until the city creates shelters. Write to your city council about that.

Still there are tools that can be enforced. Disturbing the peace, drug or alcohol use, indecent exposure, destruction of public property, breaking park rules. They are training officers on a new policy that if an individual is a repeat offender they can be banned from the park for one year and be prosecuted for trespassing if they return. The city's prosecutors office has already used this on one individual that frequented our park but had no respect for the law.

They are also pursuing funding to expand the private security force they use at the Transportation Center and the Library to include parks. This will be an added presence that can patrol on foot. They are in uniform and are more economical than hiring more officers. The police will let us know when this will roll out.

If you see anything or anybody suspicious please call the police non-emergency number **480-350-8311**.

SLUMLORD IN HUDSON MAKES THE NEWS

The link at the end of this story is to a new news organization called *AZ Mirror*. It is made up of former reporters from local newspapers so they are not fake news. This article talks about slumlord Tim Wright who owns roughly a dozen homes in Hudson Manor. They specifically shine the light on 1406 E Williams and the

hell his company, Rentals Tempe or RentMeASU.com, put the poor tenant through.

Anyone who has been in Tempe for a while knows how bad he is preying on students and the poor. But just as bad is that the reporter uncovers from March 12, 1998, to Jan. 17, 2018, Wright has collected \$1,667,293.38 from U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through Tempe for his Section 8 housing. And as of that writing in Sept. owes the City of Tempe over \$100,000 in unpaid taxes but the city is not moving to collect because they are afraid of losing his Section 8 vouchers.

In my opinion this is a sad commentary that the city would rather leave over-priced, sub-standard, health hazardous living spaces in place so unwitting poor people continue to fall into the Wright hell holes rather than do the Right thing and prosecute him to the full extent of the law for his get-rich-quick slumlord ways. Not only does this hurt our neighborhood but all Tempeans deserve quality rental housing, not a blind eye from the city.

<https://www.azmirror.com/2018/09/25/landlords-and-tenants-battle-it-out-in-tempe-over-affordable-housing/>

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Make your voice heard VOTE! The deadline to register is Tuesday, Oct. 9th. If you need a form our local precinct committeeman **Kevin Brown** can help. Contact Kevin at kevinbrown22@cox.net or (480) 214-0144.

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.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS YOU WANT TO SHARE?

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