

HUDSON MANOR

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

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G.A.I.N. BBQ POTLUCK

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS! EVERYONE IS INVITED!

HUDSON PARK RAMADA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 3 P.M. - 7 P.M.

HOT DOGS, BURGERS AND DRINKS WILL BE SUPPLIED

- BRING ANY SIDE DISHES YOU WANT TO SHARE -
BYOB PERMITTED (NO GLASS PLEASE)

GET IN THE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT AND ENTER THE
COSTUME CONTEST FOR PRIZES

THERE WILL BE FACE PAINTING TOO!

COME EARLY AND MEET MEMBERS OF YOUR CITY COUNCIL
THE POLICE GANG UNIT AND MORE SURPRISES!



NOT TOO LATE TO HELP AT GAIN PARTY

Getting involved is what it's all about. If you have a business or know of a business that would like to donate an item or service, gift card or certificate

that we can raffle off please let us know. Any business that helps will be advertised in our newsletter for a year.

If you would like to entertain the neighborhood that afternoon with singing, dancing, playing an instrument or any other type of performance, let us know.

If you would like to help with the set up or clean up please contact us.

Anything you can think of to make our event a fun time contact: philamo@cox.net or call 480-968-5530.

NEIGHBORS THAT BACK UP TO THE RAILROAD TRACKS

Former neighbor, **Mandy Rustempasic**, still owns 2 houses in our neighborhood. One of them is on the south side of Cedar St. She is concerned about the safety of her renters. She has been in talks with **Matt Wheel at the Union Pacific Railroad (602-430-2249)**. Asking the railroad to rebuild the fence that separates our neighborhood from the tracks. It is in great disrepair and doesn't protect us from criminals wanting to make quick get-aways down the tracks. There is also plenty of evidence of people sleeping and partying back there.

She is requesting that all those neighbors whose homes butt up against the tracks either call Matt or the **UP special agent Thuline (602-359-0201)** when you see problems or concerns. Of course you should also call the **Tempe police (480-350-8311)** if you suspect a crime is

happening. If enough neighbors (you can be a renter too, you don't have to be the owner of the property) call Union Pacific about the mess back there maybe they will put in a new fence and clean up the area a lot sooner.

Thanks Mandy for getting this contact information and caring about the neighborhood.

2040 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

The preliminary 2040 General Plan has been updated since the last newsletter. It is about the future growth of Tempe. It is what developers use to guide them. City staff did put in a buffer zone on the west side of our neighborhood as requested. Go to 2040 General Plan (found at <http://www.tempe.gov/index.aspx?page=2896>).

Click on the Land Use and Development link.

Figure 3: the Projected Land Use Density map on page 9.

There is now just one minor problem that needs to be addressed. Instead of the whole block between Cedar St. and Terrace being a buffer zone. They split the block diagonally so half would be zoned medium density (25 units/acre) but the other triangle would be high density (65 units/acre). While this is lower than the current unlimited density designation it would still allow a developer to build a 15 story building on that site. Coincidentally this is the same parcel of land that the sorority tower would be built on so our current problem would not go away.

We need to make our case that the best solution for the neighborhood (and the Jen Tilly neighborhood) would be the whole block being medium density.

Your chair went to the initial Design Review Commission meeting on Oct. 8 to ask them to amend the Plan before it reaches the City Council. The commissioners seemed receptive to the minor amendment. Their next meeting is this **Tuesday, Oct. 22** at 6 p.m. at Tempe City Hall – Council Chambers at 31 E. 5th St.

We can ask the DRC to change it in person or email: Ryan Levesque at ryan_levsque@tempe.gov. If they don't make the amendment our last resort is to plead our case with the City Council when they get it.

BULK TRASH PICK UP COMING IN NOV. PLUS GET FREE BAGS

Just a reminder that the second week of **November** (11-15) it will be for **MIXED WASTE** alley pick up. That can be **GREEN WASTE plus...**

Oleanders, palm fronds, grass, weeds or bagged items.

Furniture and appliances that don't fit in the black trash containers.

ADDED BONUS: The next Green Waste Only month is in January. Tempe's Deputy Director of Public Works, **John Osgood**, has offered the neighborhood **FREE** compostable lawn and leaf bags that you can use instead of putting your leaves, pine needles and hedge clippings in

cardboard boxes. These are **NOT** to be used for grass clippings or oleanders. If you would like to try out some of these bags please contact John at email: **John_Osgood@tempe.gov** or call: **480-350-8949**.

If this schedule doesn't work for you, haul it yourself, you get **2 FREE trips per month** at the city dump. Bring your water bill and photo ID for proof of residency.

Another option, if you can afford it, you can pay the city to take your items away. Call them for current rates.

For dump locations and times or to get more information go to the city's Web site: **www.tempe.gov/recycling**.

We are in **AREA B**.

NEW SMOKE SHOP OPENS

The White Cloud Smoke Shop opened at 1535 E. Apache Blvd. Your Association sent a letter to the city that we were concerned about the owner selling quasi-legal designer drugs like "bath salts" and "spice" or similar products that can be smoked or loaded into electronic cigarettes as this would bring a criminal element into the neighborhood. At the public hearing the owner, Ramie Alloush, assured the city he would only sell legitimate tobacco products.

It wouldn't hurt if neighbors occasionally stopped by to make sure the White Cloud stays on the up and up and to report any suspicious products.

TEMPE ELECTION COMING NOV. 5

If you value public education. Make sure you vote in the Tempe Union High School Override election on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Voting YES will not increase your taxes it just extends the existing 10% funding levels for the maintenance and operation of your Tempe high schools. If you haven't voted by mail please vote at 1040 E. Apache Blvd., open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Bring photo I.D.

HMNA ELECTION RESULTS

At our last meeting the neighbors present re-elected the current board to serve for another year.

Phil Amorosi, Chair

Dan Mayer, Vice Chair

Janet DeMars, Treasurer

The board would like to thank the neighbors for their confidence in us.

JOIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD EMAIL TREE

Get the latest information and participate in decisions that don't make it in the newsletter. You are blind copied for privacy. Email **Phil Amorosi** at: **philamo@cox.net**.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS YOU WANT TO SHARE?

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

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.