

HUDSON MANOR

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

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Happy Halloween



GAIN PIZZA PARTY AT HUDSON PARK SATURDAY, OCT. 22ND 5 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

**SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY
THE ACTION TEAM!**

Time to put on the porch light and come visit with your neighbors. Police and firefighters will stop by and maybe even some city Council members and staff. Feel free to bring any side dishes you like. The Association will provide the pizza and refreshments. We'll also have a BYOB beer permit if that is your beverage of choice, no glass please.

FREE ADDED BONUS: We'll have a Notary from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to make it really easy to legalize your signed Waiver form for Historic Neighborhood Preservation. We have to get all home owners to sign this form.

We have posted a Frequently Asked Question sheet on our Neighborhood Web site: www.hudsonmanor.org to help answer your questions about Historic Preservation.

Remember whether your home qualifies or not you would still benefit from the Neighborhood Historic Designation. Take pride in Hudson Manor, come and sign the waiver.

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.

DONATE RAFFLE ITEMS FOR GAIN NITE

The Association is looking for raffle items for the GAIN night party. If any neighbors have any items or know of any businesses that would like to contribute to the raffle with products, services, discounts or gift certificates to make GAIN night event fun please contact **Phil Amorosi** at **480-968-5530**.

SAND AT THE SPLASH PAD

Some neighbors were concerned seeing children pouring sand from the play area onto the splash pad at the park. Obviously not a proper use. The kids just want to build sand castles but after they get bored they leave it and it spreads out on the pad gets washed down the drain.

It would be nice if parents discouraged their children from doing this but that doesn't seem to be happening. The Association contacted the Parks Department about what to do and if this is a problem at other parks that have splash pads. Parks supervisor **Bob Pohlit** responded.

Sand is a common problem at all the splash playgrounds not just at Hudson. There are no pumps involved at any of the parks (except at Tempe Beach) as none of them recirculate the water. All the water features operate off normal City water pressure. At Hudson, Esquer and Jaycee the water then drains to the sewer, and occasionally the sand might build up to block the P-Trap. However, that trap is made of 4 – 6 inch diameter piping, and it rarely happens. It's more of a problem for the Maintenance staff who have to clean it off the pad on a semi-regular basis.

Other than continuing to ask people not to bring sand onto the pad as you're doing, or to clean up after their children I have nothing to suggest. The situation is similar to the dog parks, where the users are asked to self-police themselves. At Tempe Beach there are lifeguards present to monitor and correct negative activities, but that isn't an option at these smaller neighborhood park facilities. The sand is more a nuisance for neighbors at this time, rather than a problem causing extensive damage or maintenance issues.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION HELPS

Neighbors complain about falling housing values and increases in rental properties. If we continue to do nothing, nothing will change. The solution is to sign up for Historic Preservation. Contact **Phil Amorosi 968-5530**.



Above: Picketing Borden Homes neighbors are joined by Hudson Manor's **Jim DeMars** (far right) at the Grace Community Church last Sunday.

Right: The top photo/illustration shows the footprint of the size of the structure that Grace wants to build as viewed from Oak St. Below that is the view from Hudson and Elm.



NEIGHBORS PICKET NEW DEVELOPMENT

Jeff Brosman from Grace Community Church says lowering the density or the amount of units on their planned development is off the table for negotiations.

Is that so?

When the time comes the Association will be asking the neighborhood to publicly speak out at zoning meetings and council meetings against the high density of this low income housing project.

In the mean time our neighbors in Borden Homes have been organizing pickets at the Grace Community Church on Sunday's to coincide with their services. Trying to educate their congregation on what their church wants to do in our neighborhood.

It is located at 1200 E. Southern. Last week was fun and a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors. They have signs or you can bring your own message. You don't have to come for the whole time but any amount of time between 8:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. is fine. If you only have half an hour we'll take it. If you are interested in carpooling meet at the Martelli's (1361 East Lemon St.), they leave at 8:30. Please call Gail or Gary ahead of time at 480-968-1918.

Please e-mail them at gmartelli2@gmail.com if you have questions or if you would like a sign in your yard. You can pick the message on your sign.

HMNA ELECTION RESULTS

At the September meeting the neighbors that were present voted by acclamation to keep the existing officers.

Phil Amorosi-Chair 480-968-5530

Janet DeMars-Secretary 480-829-9265

Dan Mayer-Vice Chair 480-966-3207

Thanks for the vote of confidence!

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL

If you have outdated or expired prescriptions you should not dump them in the toilet where they can get into our water or streams. Water treatment facilities do not screen for them. Proper disposal would be to mix them with coffee grounds and dispose of them. **Or...**

On Saturday, Oct. 29 Tempe will be having a drug take back event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tempe Police South Substation at 8201 S. Hardy (between Elliot and Warner). Disposal is anonymous. Do not bring any syringes. No need to remove labels. You drop them in boxes which the DEA incinerates.

REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Police want to make neighbors aware of a group of African-Americans that are targeting cell phone users around ASU. They pull up in a grey vehicle driven by a girl, jump out and steal your phone. If you see them call

The **police** non-emergency number is **350-8311**. Our Beat 15 Sgt. is **Carlos Benavidez** call **480-858-6059** or e-mail: carlos_benavidez@tempe.gov.

JOIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD EMAIL TREE

Get the latest information and participate in decisions that don't make it in the newsletter when you sign up to be on the neighborhood e-mail tree. E-mail **Phil Amorosi** at: philamo@cox.net.

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