

HUDSON MANOR

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Happy New Decade!



Above are just some of the neighbors that stopped by to enjoy some free coffee and drop off food for the food drive in December. Left to right: Linda Amorosi, Loretta Green, Mike Ternyik, Ron Gasowski and Carl Darnell. Right photo shows 230 lbs. of donations.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE A BIG SUCCESS

Even though Saturday, Dec. 5th was one of the coldest days of the year that didn't stop neighbors from opening up their hearts and giving what they could to help others through the holidays.

After delivering the 230 pounds of food and toiletries to the Tempe Community Action Agency they sent a nice thank you letter letting us know that they would be able to help over 150 families. That is more than the 140 households in our whole neighborhood. Thank you and Bless you all!

Special thanks to the volunteers that drove around and picked up the donations: **James Feeney, Loretta Green, Vivian Spiegelman and her daughter Sadie Lebow, Jim Spratley and Mike Ternyik.**

SUPPORT OUR GAIN NIGHT SPONSORS

Remember these businesses gave to us. Return the favor by supporting them. **Liquor Express** supplied the refreshments and hot dog grill and **Target** supplied all of the raffle prizes.

IMPORTANT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

AT THE KNIGHTS OF
PYTHIAS HALL

1606 E. APACHE BLVD.

FRIDAY, FEB. 5TH AT 7 P.M.

The Tempe Historical Preservation Commission wants to explain to us the new standards and laws and what we need to do to get our neighborhood classified "Historic". If there is not a good turn out or interest at this meeting they will move on to the next neighborhood. This affects everyone.

We will hold neighborhood elections too.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS YOU WANT TO SHARE?

Let us know and 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 email tree. E-mail: **Phil Amorosi** at: philamo@cox.net.

HUDSON SKATE PARK HELD HOSTAGE OVER 8 MONTHS AND COUNTING...



Bob Pohlit refuses to release any time frame on completing our park. Negotiations are futile, call him at 480-350-5255.

2010 NEIGHBORHOOD DUES

With the start of the new year we are asking neighbors to **contribute \$12** to the Hudson Manor Neighborhood Association. The dues is voluntary but does help defray costs. If you like keeping informed throughout the year please give. Last year donations were way down but we hope the economy is better this year and you can afford \$12 (or more!). Please make checks out to our treasurer: **Janet Demars at 1508 E. Cedar St.**

NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT IDEAS

The Association is asking for your ideas for this year's Maryanne Corder neighborhood grant. The deadline to apply is May. Bring your idea to the Feb. meeting or contact **Phil Amorosi** at 480-968-5530 or philamo@cox.net. If you want to see past eligible projects for ideas go to: www.tempe.gov/neighborhoods/grants.htm

A SAD PASSING

Long time neighbor **Margaret Gisolo** passed away last year on the day before she was to turn 95. She led a very distinguished life. The *Arizona Republic* wrote a full page article on her in their Nov. 29th issue. Originally from Indiana, when she was 14 she played baseball on an all boys team. They made it to the Junior World Series and she had the winning hit. The other team cried foul, she was suspended and it made national news. She was allowed back and they won. In the 1930's she played pro ball. She had a bat signed by Babe Ruth and has a signed baseball in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

After serving in the Navy she returned and switched to tennis. In 2000 at age 86 she was still ranked first in doubles and second in singles in the senior category.

From 1956 until she retired in 1980 she was the Chair of the ASU Dance Department and built it into a top ranked dance program with many accolades. A life well lived, she will be greatly missed.

JOIN THE COMMUNITY UNITY WALK FEB. 6

Join neighbors from around the region at the 2010 Regional 1 mile Unity Walk along Tempe Town Lake on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 10 a.m. Meet in ASU Lot 59 (NW of Rural Rd. and Rio Salado Parkway). Receive a FREE T-shirt, after the walk there will be food and entertainment.



Although this wasn't as dramatic as the geyser that shot up 40 ft. at Broadway and Priest, Hudson had its own water main break late last November that flooded yards and left mud up and down Hudson St.

Thanks to Vanessa Corder for submitting this photo.

ROOF RAT PRESENTATION

Barry Paceley, an Arcadia neighborhood roof rat expert will be giving a presentation on roof rats at the Pyle Adult Rec Center (655 E. Southern) on Monday Feb. 8th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The Association has heard from quite a few neighbors about hearing, seeing and even finding dead rats in their back yards. Here is your chance to hear some solutions from an expert.

HMNA ELECTIONS

Time to elect the Chair, Vice Chairs and Treasurer for the Hudson Manor Neighborhood Association. Anyone can apply for any position. Come to the next meeting. Current officers are: **Phil Amorosi**, Chair, **Janet Demars**, Treasurer and **Dan Mayer**, Vice Chair

BIKE THEFTS ALONG APACHE

If you live along Apache bordering the light rail line, you may wish to take extra measures in locking up or otherwise securing your bicycle as well as other valuables. The Tempe police were notified recently by a commuter that they were offered a fairly nice bicycle for \$100 on one of the light rail platforms as well as some other questionably priced items from questionable looking individuals. Police are investigating that criminals are using the light rail route to move stolen goods to other parts of the valley. If you aren't sure about the proper way to lock your bike there are a number of bike Web sites that have instructions.

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD CONTRACTOR LIST

Still collecting names for the Neighborhood Contractor List. All neighbors that own their own business such as electrician or plumber or supply a service such as baby sitting or lawn mowing could advertise to their fellow neighbors.

Now that we have the Web site we can have it there too. If you want to have your name on it please send your name, business/service, website/email and phone number to: **Phil Amorosi**, email: philamo@cox.net.