

HUDSON MANOR

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

JULY NEWSLETTER

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The Splash Pad is Calling

PUT THE BRAKES ON TRAILER PARK EXPANSION

The out-of-state owner of the **Modernette Trailer Park**, Michael Cho, is asking the city if he can get a use permit to expand by 25%! This is the trailer park just east of our neighborhood. This would be a non-conforming use because you can no longer have trailer parks on Apache.

This is bad on so many levels. This trailer park has been violating health and safety codes for decades. Trailers are right up against our property lines. Structures have been added on without permits. Neighbors that border the site have had their houses and yards burned because of the cramped conditions. City inspectors have turned a blind eye to the problem but we can't let this greedy slumlord get away with wanting to expand this eyesore.

There will be a **hearing** on this use permit at **City Hall** (31 E. 5th St.) on **Tuesday, August 4 at 5 p.m.** It would be good, especially to have the neighbors that live close to there come and tell the hearing officer what you have to put up with on a daily basis. If you can't make it to the meeting you can voice your opposition to this permit (Case number: PL150223) by contacting City planner **Sherri Lesser** at **480-350-8486** or email her at sherri_lessor@tempe.gov.

HUDSON GETS NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT

Hudson Manor Neighborhood Association is excited to have received a Tempe Neighborhood Grant of \$6,600 to install its third landscaped traffic circle at the intersection of Elm and Williams. This year funding was reduced from last year when we received enough money for two circles, so plans for the fourth circle at Oak and Williams will be submitted next year. The new circle will

be the same size as the existing circles, 7 ft. in diameter, allowing a 20 ft. minimum clearance in the roadway.

As Apache Boulevard continues to be developed with new large-scale multi-use projects, Hudson Manor is proud to maintain and revitalize its small-scale, single family character that was established 60 years ago. By creating landscaped circles at the major entryways and intersections in our neighborhood, we enhance the public right of way and create thresholds that mediate between the high intensity activity of Apache Boulevard and the slower pace with the neighborhood. The benefit is in the circles' traffic calming ability as well as ability to strengthening our identity of place.

The new circles will include low-water use landscape that does not require irrigation. Neighbors volunteer to water the plantings for the first year as it is established and perform trimming and weeding thereafter. The circle will be installed during the next year and be completed by June 2016. If you would like to take part in the installation and landscape planting process, please email **Maria Salenger** at maria@jonesstudioinc.com.

HMNA would like to thank Maria and fellow neighbor **Dan Childers** for putting together this year's grant and seeing the process through to completion.

CHARACTER AREA INPUT ENDS JULY 31

If you couldn't make any of the meet ups the city put on they would still like your input on your priorities for the Apache area. Complete the online survey by July 31 at: www.tempe.gov/city-hall/community-development/character-areas/apache

The results of all the meetings with all the residents and businesses will be presented on **Tuesday, August 18 at the Escalante Center at 6 p.m.**

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.

Support the businesses that support us:

Liquor Express - 1605 E. Apache Blvd.

Big Jimmy's Pizza - 1330 E. Apache Blvd.

Joe's Italian Ice - 2019 S McClintock Dr.

PHOTOS FROM ITALIAN ICE DAY AT HUDSON PARK

"Better than ice cream" was the mantra. Everyone raved about the ice cold treats and want to make it an annual event. Special thanks to **Joe's Italian Ice** on McClintock and Broadway for helping the neighborhood with deep discounts. Please patronize them when you can.



HMNA CHAIR TO RUN FOR TEMPE CITY COUNCIL SEAT

After serving as your neighborhood chair for almost two decades, **Phil Amorosi** has decided to take his experience of helping the neighborhood and working with area businesses and developers and expanding it to the city-wide level to help make Tempe the best that it can be.

The primary election is in March 2016 but petitions need to be turned in by November. If you haven't signed his petition to get him on the ballot please contact Phil at philamorosi@gmail.com or 480-968-5530. You need to be registered to vote to sign the petition. If you need to register he has voter registration forms.

If you would like to help, he needs 2,000 signatures to get on the ballot. Contributions are appreciated too. You can visit his website at www.philfortempe.com for more information.

SUNDANCE AC RECOMMENDATION

Long-time neighbor **Terri Zafft** wanted to give a shout out to the company that just came out to install a new unit on her place.

"I just had my 20 year split system A/C and furnace unit replaced. I highly recommend licensed, bonded and insured **Sundance AC & HTG, Inc.**, who did the work.

Tom Edwards, owner, and his staff have been taking care of my rentals and personal homes for over 30 years. He's been local to the area longer than that.

The price was extremely reasonable, the service exceptional, and they are always on time. Tom offers **neighborhood discounts**. Call 480-967-9395 for a quote or service call."

Disclaimer: This is not an endorsement by HMNA.



FOOD TRUCKS COME TO HUDSON PARK

We had a first on one Saturday in

May. A group that was using the park got two food trucks to spend the day. Anyone was free to take advantage of the service. It was a nice surprise.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS YOU WANT TO SHARE?

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