

# HUDSON MANOR

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

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## NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

POLICE WANT TO DISCUSS SOLUTIONS TO RECENT CRIME  
IN HUDSON AND IN THE PARK BATHROOMS

HMNA ELECTIONS, GAIN PARTY and MORE...

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 @ 7 P.M.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS HALL

1606 E. APACHE BLVD. (across from Liquor Express)

**EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

### NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING WORKS

It was Labor Day, neighbor **Jim Felkey** was on his daily morning walk around the 'hood and noticed a suspicious person in the parking lot behind the Haji Baba restaurant. Jim immediately called the police. The person saw Jim on his radio, hopped the fence and ran down the alley.

Trying to get away he reached the end of the alley so he hopped into a backyard in the 1600 block of Hudson, then continued to hop the front fence. Neighbor **Carl Darnell** just happened to be enjoying a cup of coffee on his front porch and saw him land. He does the right thing and calls the police. The suspect now runs back to the 1500 block of Hudson and hops into another yard on the south side of the street. He picked the wrong yard.

Neighbor **Justin Simon** spotted him and also called the police. Moments later the police arrived to find the perpetrator passed out and took him away.

Great work guys! Everyone took the initiative. Remember if you see any suspicious people around the neighborhood don't wait for someone else to call. **You call the police at non-emergency number: 480-350-8311.**

### HELP PLAN GAIN PARTY

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 at our **GAIN event on Saturday, Oct. 26** please contact the association.

If you would like to entertain the neighborhood that afternoon in the park with singing, dancing, playing an instrument or any other type of performance, let us know. We know Hudson's got talent.

If you would like to lead games for kids to play let us know so we can get the word out.

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 just let us know at: **philamo@cox.net** or call **480-968-5530**.

### NEW BULK TRASH PICK UP SCHEDULE

There was a time where we could dump both bulky items and green waste behind or in front of our house and the city would pick it up on the first week of every month. Those days are gone. The city needed to cut back

**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.

or raise rates. They decided to cut back so we need to adopt to their new schedule.

This is not going to be easy with our lush landscaping and high percentage of renters moving in and out. One look at our alleys and you can see the piles everywhere. It's not a pretty site. We have to do better.

Now they are only going to come around 6 times a year. We are in **AREA B** so they will now come on the second week of the month. Only put your items out the weekend before. **Please keep this schedule handy.**

Four times (**January, March, July and September**) it will be for **GREEN WASTE ONLY**. Not *all* green waste. Please read carefully.

Trees must be cut down to 4 ft. or less.

Leaves, cactus or brush in boxes only.

**NO** oleanders, palm fronds, grass, weeds or bagged items. These items can still be placed in the black trash containers if they easily fit.

Two times (**May, November**) it will be for **MIXED WASTE**. 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.

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.

The city has also told the Association that they would be willing to bring in a dumpster at no cost so we can do a neighborhood clean-up once or twice a year to handle excessive bulk waste if we are having problems with maintaining a clean neighborhood.

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

## **PRELIMINARY 2040 GENERAL PLAN AFFECTS OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BUT NOT IN A GOOD WAY**

The 2040 General Plan is about the future growth of Tempe. It is what developers use to guide them. As your chair I try to look out for maintaining this gem of a neighborhood. Not only do we want to keep our single family zoning we also need to protect the area surrounding us from becoming towers of ultra high height and density. See the following sorority story as an example.

I went to the community working group meetings, I spoke at one and received overwhelming support from the group. I went to the public meetings. I wrote and met with city staff to buffer Hudson Manor neighborhood from unlimited high density on our west side, but the latest draft shows my ideas to protect us from the constant fighting with developers didn't make it.

If you look at the 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. The dark brown shows developers that they can build as high and dense as they want. The magenta shows our cultural resource neighborhood.

If you look on the west side of our neighborhood the block between Terrace and Cedar St. on the south side it is still marked as the unsightly, unlimited brown high density. It butts right up to the back yards of the houses on south Cedar St.

We should all request that there be a buffer zone up to Terrace and change the unlimited brown color to gold (medium/high density) or yellow (medium density) which would stop towers from being built right next to our neighborhood.

At this point it is headed to the **Development Review Commission** for two hearings.

**Tuesday, Oct. 8** at 6 p.m. at the Tempe Union High School District Board Room at 500 W. Guadalupe Rd. and

**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\\_evesque@tempe.gov](mailto:ryan_evesque@tempe.gov).** If they don't listen then our last resort is to plead our case with the City Council when they get it.

## **SORORITY TOWER UPDATE**

Even though he has missed his deadlines and hasn't submitted final drawings, developer Wally Trace insists he hasn't given up building his 20 story sorority house at Apache and Terrace. You will be the first to know if this project moves forward.

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF FLOOD IRRIGATION**

Neighbor **Ed Lebow** created a nice pdf slide show showing the historical significance of flood irrigation in the Valley. Hudson Manor is a part of that history. To view the slide show visit our Web site: <http://www.hudsonmanor.org/hudsonmanor/about.htm> and click on the link on the About Us history page.

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