

MITMAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 2015

The Mitman Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting:

When: Wed., October 14, 6:15-7:45 pm.

Where: Van Buren Apartments, 625 N. Van Buren [corner of Fifth Street and Van Buren]. If driving, you can park on the street or in the lot to the east of the building on Van Buren.

Agenda:

1. Council Member, Steve Kozachik and/or Ward 6 neighborhood liaison Amy Stabler.
2. Voting for the 2015-2016 officers.
3. Brenda Nowlan, Neighborhood Watch presentation.
4. Jeremy Harkin, neighbor with a presentation for pocket park at Tucson Water property at 4th St. & Baker.
5. A call to audience.

Traffic Circles

What's happening with our four traffic circles? Since the City installed our four traffic circles to help with traffic mitigation through the neighborhood, they have replaced the bollards (reflective stanchions) several times but the clean-up has been from all of us. Anyone can pick up litter from our streets, easements, or the circles. Mitman has 'adopted' the circles under Adopt a Park, Tucson Clean and Beautiful. It seemed worth it to get some recognition since we've been trying to maintain them ourselves. Since July we've been waiting for all the bollards to be replaced and white ceramic domes which are the only option for preventing folks from driving onto the traffic circles. Boulders seem like they would be a good deterrent but they do not have a vertical edge so City of Tucson Risk Management will not permit boulders to be placed. Here is a bit of information on the program:

Why Do Parks and Public Areas need to be adopted?

City and county government budgets are not large enough to resolve the litter problem in our community. This is why Tucson Clean & Beautiful

(TCB) began implementing a model Adopt-a-Park program in 1984. Tucson Clean & Beautiful works in partnership with both city and county governments to help maintain Tucson's beautiful environment. Sincere community commitment, involvement and ownership have made this program highly successful. Over 280 public areas including parks, streets, and washes are now adopted by dedicated citizens of all ages.

Who Can Adopt a Park or Public Area?

Any recognized community group willing to make an ongoing volunteer commitment throughout the year may participate. Civic associations, schools, neighborhoods, churches, military, scout and other community groups as well as businesses have made an ongoing commitment to clean up and control litter.

What Commitment Must an Adoptive Group Make?

We ask for a commitment to conduct a cleanup and monitor the adopted site twice each month. Volunteer work report forms are provided to record volunteer hours and for easy notification if repairs are needed or if unsafe conditions exist at the adopted site, especially any dangerous or unsafe conditions, vandalism, or graffiti. These reports help TCB ensure that each site is clean and appropriately maintained as a positive community resource for all to use. If reporting forms are not received on a regular basis, TCB asks the group leader to renew its commitment or to let another group adopt the site.

Contacts

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City of Tucson Departments: <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/departments>

Ward 6 Council Office [Midtown]

Council member: Steve Kozachik
Council Administrative Assistant [Mitman NA liaison]: Amy Stabler
3202 East 1st Street, Tucson, AZ 85716 (520) 791-4601

City of Tucson's Code Enforcement Division

The City of Tucson's Code Enforcement Division is responsible for enforcing property maintenance codes throughout Tucson. These are the codes that ensure owners maintain their properties, which then helps protect citizens' health, safety and welfare. Code Enforcement also has a direct impact on preserving the livability and property values of Tucson's neighborhoods.

If you suspect a Property and Housing violation within the City limits you can use any of the following options to submit a report to the Code Compliance Center:

*Use the new 24 hour, 7 days a week **On-Line Complaint Form***

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/violation>

- We respond back to your concern with an activity number if we are able to open a case for inspection.

- To track the progress of the case simply log onto:

<http://www.tucsonaz.gov/webapp/DevSvcsWebApp/ires/inspresults.html>

- Enter the activity number you will receive from our division and you will be able to track the concern you have on-line.

Or, Phone the call center at (520) 791-5843 Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 4 PM.

Or, Fax: (520) 791-2513 - use the mail-in/fax form: Complaint Form

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/hcd/2015_Complaint_Intake_Form.pdf

Or, mail in using the mail-in/fax form *to:* 320 N. Commerce Park Loop, Tucson, AZ 85745
Complaint Form

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Graffiti Removal Program - To report graffiti on personal property or business property

Report by Phone: (520) 792-CITY (2489)

Or, online: <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti>

Or, Transportation Department: 791-3154

Emergencies 9-1-1

Mitman Neighborhood has an **email distribution list** which is used to disseminate information about neighborhood happenings, lost pets, & City of Tucson announcements. If you would like to be on the list fill out the member form and mail it in and/or contact at <http://www.mitman.org/contact/>. This is the only newsletter for this fiscal year [past newsletters are posted on our website.

A special thank you to neighbor, David Nevins, for keeping our website up and running! He set up the site for **www.mitman.org** and has helped with so many questions.



Please be neighborly

Please pick up after your dog. Take plastic bags with you on your walks to pick up after your dog which includes the end of alleys, alley ways and easements, and corner lots. The city does not maintain these areas. It is the owner's responsibility to keep them free of refuse & dog waste.

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Mitman Neighborhood Association Dues

Dues are not required to be a member of the Mitman Neighborhood Association. Membership is open to any adult resident as homeowner, renter, or business proprietor within the Mitman boundaries. Mitman extends from Craycroft to Sahuara and from Fifth Street to Speedway Blvd.

Welcome new and returning members. Annual dues are \$5 per household or business.

Please clip and fill out this form and mail it with your check to: Mary Martin, The Van Buren Apartments, 625 N. Van Buren, Tucson, AZ 85711. **Checks or money orders should be made out to Mitman Neighborhood Association.** Please do not send cash.

Thank you for your support!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Mailing address (if different)

New Member _____

Renewing member _____

Email _____

Phone _____ cell _____

Comments or suggestions:



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