

Hello Mitman Neighborhood!

2024 has been a busy year for the Mitman Neighborhood Association (MNA). Our board has been meeting monthly and working on **beautifying our traffic circles, meeting with new businesses**, updating our **By-Laws** and **proposed Articles of Incorporation**, working with our **new Ward 6 council member- Karen Uhlich** and working on **Mini-Grants** with Tucson Clean and Beautiful (**Green Stormwater Infrastructure**), and the City of Tucson (**Safer Streets**). Please check out our website and join our email list.

Neighborhood Meeting and Election

As specified by the current [Mitman Neighborhood Association Bylaws](#), a general meeting of the neighborhood association will be held at the same location as last year, the driveway of 5701 E Hawthorne St, corner of Hawthorne and Van Buren at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 19, 2024.

In accordance with the [current bylaws](#), the first order of business shall be the election of officers and other board members followed by consideration of the [proposed amended bylaws](#). These [bylaws](#), if approved, will become effective November 1, 2024. The proposed bylaws increase the annual dues for voting membership from \$5 to \$10. Since the proposed bylaws are not effective (if approved) until November 1, dues paid at the meeting are only \$5 and cover the period from the payment through October 31, 2025.

Updated Bylaws Proposed

The board of directors would like the general membership of the Mitman Neighborhood Association to approve revised bylaws. The current bylaws are at <https://mitman.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Mitman-NA-bylaws-2022.pdf> , and the proposed bylaws are at <https://mitman.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Draft-Mitman-NA-Bylaws.pdf> .

Summary of Changes

- **Article 1** - The boundaries of the neighborhood are more precisely defined.
- **Article 2** - Memberships are more precisely defined. Annual dues are increased from \$5 to \$10 per business or household.
- **Article 3** - Board of Directors positions and qualifications are defined.
- **Article 4** - Specifies the term for officers and other directors and how vacancies are filled.
- **Article 5** - Specifies requirements for calling meetings, notification of membership and posting of agendas.
- **Article 6** - Increases the maximum allowed expenditure from \$200 to \$300 with board approval. Expenditures above this amount require a vote of the general membership.
- **Article 7** - Specifies how bylaws can be amended.

Election Procedure

Any voting (dues paying) member may be nominated to serve on the board of directors or as an officer. The [existing bylaws](#) call for the election of four officers (President, Vice-President, Chief Information Officer - Secretary, and Treasurer). The [existing bylaws](#) call for an “undetermined” number of “Neighborhood Advisors.” The [proposed bylaws](#) call for election of

the same officers plus four Neighborhood Advisors. We, therefore, intend to elect the four officers and four neighborhood advisors, which satisfies both sets of bylaws.

Nominations for officer or Neighborhood Advisor positions should be sent to the board of directors via email (info@mitman.org), by using the contact form at <https://mitman.org/contact/>, or by mailing the nomination to Susan Patania, 5620 E. Rosewood St., 85711. Additional nominations may be made at the meeting.

Preprinted ballots showing the nominations for each position will be available at the meeting. A write-in space for each position will also be available to allow voting for those nominated during the meeting. Ballots will be available to those on our voting (dues paying) membership list, including those who pay dues at the meeting. There is one vote per household or business. Our membership list is organized by mailing address.

In accordance with the [current bylaws](#), the newly elected officers and directors take office immediately after the vote (the [proposed bylaws](#), instead, have new officers and directors take office November 1).

Meeting Agenda

1. Election of Officers and Directors
2. Consideration of [proposed bylaws](#) and [Articles of Incorporation](#)
3. Reports (NA Activities, Ward 6 report, Police report, etc.)
4. Public Comments
5. Adjournment

Articles of Incorporation Proposed

The Mitman Neighborhood Association has been operating for many years as an “unincorporated association.” Banks require anyone with an account to provide a social security number (SSN) or an Employer Identification Number (EIN). The board of directors wants to get an EIN for the Association. Currently, one of the officers (typically the treasurer) provides the bank with their own SSN. This causes a lack of continuity for the Association when officers change. Further, the bank may report Association income to the IRS as individual income to the person who has provided their SSN. Getting an EIN for the Association resolves these issues.

The IRS will issue an EIN to a “legally formed organization.” Incorporating the Mitman Neighborhood Association would fulfill this IRS requirement.

Arizona has a simple online form that can be used to form a non-profit corporation. The form generates Articles of Incorporation for the corporation to be formed. However, these Articles of Incorporation do not include language required by the IRS to be a tax-exempt charitable organization.

The Board of Directors, therefore, suggests that the general membership approve the proposed Articles of Incorporation for submission to the State of Arizona and to the Internal Revenue Service. These Articles *may* undergo slight revision as requested by Arizona or the IRS.

The proposed Articles of Incorporation are available for review at <https://mitman.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/DRAFT-Articles-of-Incorporation.pdf> .

Board Member Retirement

Mary Martin has decided to retire from the MNA Board. Mary has been a pillar of community involvement for over a decade. Mary has built a strong rapport with neighbors and city employees while assisting with many projects over the years. Our board has benefited from her hard work and extensive knowledge. We will miss her on the board, but are happy to report that she will remain a resident of Mitman.

Mitman Bicycling Improvements

By Robin Steinberg

When I first moved to the Mitman neighborhood, almost 20 years ago, I was working for Pima Community College's Downtown Campus at the corner of Speedway and Stone. This commute was a bit longer than I was used to, but it was along the beautiful 3rd Street/University Bike Boulevard. What a lovely way to start and end the work day! The only problem was getting across Craycroft. Now that's a cinch with the HAWK (High-Intensity Activated crossWalk) signal, installed in the fall of 2022.

A bit about bicycling infrastructure – The first in Tucson was the 3rd Street/University Bike Boulevard, which starts at the University. There are others, and they are all getting built out gradually. For the 3rd Street/University Bike Boulevard the final step was adding these push-button HAWK signals at Craycroft and Rosewood and at Wilmot and Rosewood. (The Boulevard often meanders onto Rosewood at our end.)

To celebrate, the Mitman Board organized a Bike Parade. We rode the Boulevard from Rosemont to Wilmot, crossed Wilmot and snaked our way over to Harold Bell Wright Park. Now, we all can get over to that park and to the library by bike, foot, or by other mobility devices without having to share the road with noisy, dangerous cars. Just use the push-button signal to cross at Wilmot, go right on the frontage road, left onto East Brian Kent Street, one block, then right onto North Corinth. That will lead you right into the park. Go through the park and you arrive at the Murphy-Wilmot Library.

What's next? Another Bike Boulevard is Sahuara. Currently, there are push-button signals along Sahuara at Pima and at Grant. Heading north from Grant takes you right into the Loop. The problem is getting across Speedway. There will eventually be a HAWK signal there to help us across, but a date has not yet been set. Until then, I consider trying to cross at Sahuara and Speedway dangerous. For now, I recommend crossing at Rook and then heading west a couple of blocks to Sahuara.

Mitman Traffic Circles

A while ago, the Mitman Board asked neighbors to help with the five traffic circles in the neighborhood. This mostly includes picking up trash and occasional light pruning.

We have had a great response and want to thank all of those who have stepped up. Karen and Doug Cromey of Thunderbird Heights Neighborhood have been tending to the traffic circle at Rosewood and Sahuara for over ten years. In their own words, "... we prune it, weed it and, when necessary, replace the plants that have been damaged, either by traffic or flooding." Others who have stepped forward are Devie Levin to care for the 2nd and Jefferson circle, and Susan Patania to care for the circle at Jefferson and 4th. The traffic circle at McKinley and 2nd is being attended to by nearby neighbors.

The one at Rosewood and McKinley has not yet been adopted. It may be the case that neighbors are already stepping up and just haven't informed the Board (which is perfectly okay).

Caring for the traffic circles is one of the ways that we residents take care of our neighborhood. If more work is required, like pruning larger trees, we can call on the City, but it is up to us to take care of "the low hanging fruit" and let the City know if more is needed.

Neighborhood Public Safety

Every morning, the City of Tucson makes city-wide police and code enforcement data available. The data is sorted by neighborhood and posted to <https://neighborhood.w6iwi.org/>. You can see all police activity in Mitman and other neighborhoods. You can also see code

enforcement activity in each neighborhood.

There are relatively few police incidents within the residential portion of the neighborhood. Instead, incidents tend to be on the commercial streets that form the boundaries of the neighborhood.

Code enforcement issues within the neighborhood are also fairly limited. Code violations within the neighborhood tend to be issues with weeds and overgrown trees, excess outside storage, junk motor vehicles, and work without a permit.

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Planning-Development-Services/Permits/Residential-Permits> describes projects that require permits. Permits and follow-up inspections ensure projects are safe and do not present safety concerns (such as fires from unpermitted electrical work, structures that could be blown down in a storm, etc.).

Reporting noise complaints or unruly gatherings

Several neighbors have reached out to the board about noise and unruly gatherings. The city of Tucson has a 'Red Tag' policy to discourage the occurrence of repeated loud and unruly gatherings. You can report via 911 and stay anonymous. You may read more here:

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Police/Red-Tag>



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