



# Midvale Park Master Review Board

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## *Streets and Sidewalks*

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### Street Maintenance

A reader asked if the streets in Midvale Park still have street sweeping. The answer is *yes*, however, the streets of Midvale belong to the City of Tucson and not the Association.

If you have questions regarding the City's street-sweeping schedule, please call the City's office of Street Maintenance at 791-3154.

### New Left Turn Lane—Soon

I was asked to check with the City to see if another left turn lane could be added to the intersection of Irvington Road and Midvale Park Road. *Good news!!* The City of Tucson already has this project scheduled. So there should be some relief soon to reduce the traffic congestion at this crossroad area.

### New Landscaping of Medians

The landscaping of the medians on Midvale Park Road near Wal-Mart is finished. With time, the foliage planted will enhance the beauty of the community, as do the medians north on Midvale Park Road.

### Sidewalks and Courtstrips

Questions have been asked about the responsibility of the maintenance of sidewalks and courtstrips. [Note: A courtstrip is the little area between the sidewalk and the curb.]

The sidewalk and courtstrip area in the front (and—for corner lots—at the side) of each residence is the property of the homeowner and therefore is each homeowner's responsibility.

Please keep your courtstrip free of weeds, and be aware of the condition of your sidewalks. Over time, some sidewalks will have cracks that may be raised by roots of trees or soil movement. These cracks pose a risk to pedestrians who might trip or fall while walking—and the possibility of a future lawsuit.

## *Bus Stop Bench—Soon?*

We noted that some residents are using shopping carts as seats while waiting for the buses that run on Midvale Park Road. Shopping carts used for benches do not add to the beauty of the community!!

SunTran was contacted concerning the placement of a bench on the west side of Midvale Park Road near Wal-Mart. The representative has put this site on a waiting list and hopefully there will be one soon.



### Homeowners Corner

The Homeowners Liaison Committee (HLC) is a very important part of your Association. The Committee is made up entirely of homeowners and is a way in which homeowners can have a voice within the community. The current HLC members are:

- Jack Redmond
- Dave Danks
- Judith Strickland
- Janie Caldwell
- Santos Alvarez
- Michael Scott
- Joyce Bowyer
- Mary Jones
- Robert Thomas

*Would you like to be a member of the HLC?*

If so, please call Cherie Hewitson at Stratford Management,

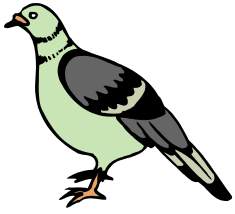
The Homeowners Liaison Committee meets:

*On the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Desert Dove Church, 6163 S. Midvale Park Road, at 7:00 pm.*

The next few meeting dates are:

- June 13
- July 11
- August 8
- September 12

All are welcome!



*Do you have any other ideas of ways to discourage pigeons?*

## *Thoughts on Pigeons*

Did you ever wonder what to do about the pigeons that have made your roof a perfect place to roost? If so, you are not the only one that has pondered this question.

I have spoken with several residents of Midvale Park and received advice that may be helpful to you:

- Place a decoy owl on top of your roof. This solution has proved helpful for a period of time. These owls look quite real, as I happened to discover a few weeks ago—much to my embarrassment. Thinking an owl was real, I pointed it out to a resident leaving the premises. She gently informed me that it was a fake!
- Another resident suggested installing a large rubber snake, which tends to make the pigeons look elsewhere to set up housekeeping.
- A more extreme measure is to cover the area with a screen that has little spikes on it. The pigeons won't find it to be a comfortable landing area. These screens are available at local hardware stores.

If you have any other suggestions, please call or write to me, and ***we will publish updates.***

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## *Unsightly Trash Cans*

I have received many complaints about people leaving their trash cans on the courtstrips and at the edge of their driveways.

We all know how windy it can be in Tucson, and how this desert wind can blow debris from the trash containers into neighboring yards.

Please take the extra few minutes to store these containers in a sheltered area out of view of the street and neighboring properties. This small inconvenience will be appreciated by your neighbors and will keep our property values up.

## *And a couple of other reminders...*



*We all enjoy our music, but ...!*

### *Boom Boxes*

Yes, we all enjoy our music, but please be respectful of other residents' right to a good night of sleep.

***Please turn the down volume in the evening!***

We all need sleep to be ready for a new day—and a quiet evening helps this to be a reality.

*Thank you, from your neighbors.*

### *BB Guns*

***Are you aware that the use of BB guns within a residential area is prohibited?***

Last week a homeowner reported that a BB gun was fired at his front window. Fortunately the pet cat had just leapt from the windowsill.

Please be aware that this is a serious matter and should be treated accordingly.