

Midvale Park Master Review Board

Community Newsletter

Summary of 2004 Annual Meeting

The Midvale Park Master Review Board held the 2004 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 12th, at the Desert Dove Church. Approximately fifteen homeowners attended, along with representatives from the Homeowners Liaison Committee (HLC) and from Stratford Management. Tucson City Council Member José Ibarra was the guest speaker.

Here are a few highlights—

Financial Report—Joseph O’Hagin, the Area Manager from Stratford Management, reported the good news that the income for Midvale Park was higher than budgeted, because of growth of the community and receipt of a higher percentage of assessments from homeowners.

Homeowners Liaison Committee Report—HLC member Doug Trudeau stated that the association needs more support from homeowners. He noted that most homeowners only attend meetings when they have a personal concern,

and that not enough members are concerned with the welfare of their whole community. Mr. Trudeau urged that more homeowners get involved with the association. As reported in the article below, four homeowners volunteered to be new members of the HLC.

Council Member José Ibarra spoke frankly with the members about some concerns that Midvale Park residents have expressed to him in the past, including the condition of the roads and traffic safety. Mr. Ibarra explained that the City of Tucson has very limited funding for street maintenance and new traffic safety projects. He also noted that many areas of Tucson are in need of repair, not just Midvale Park. Council Member Ibarra did promise to allocate \$12,000 for a new streetlight to be installed at the intersection of Oaktree Drive and Midvale Park Road.

—Thanks to all who attended the Annual Meeting!

New Members of the Homeowners Liaison Committee (HLC)

We would like to thank the members of the Homeowners Liaison Committee for their continuing dedication and hard work:

- Janie Caldwell
- William Hathaway
- Mary Hathaway
- Doug Trudeau
- Steve Palmer
- Robert Chambers

- Stefan Reid
- Steve Cooper
- Kelly Cheeseman
- Dave Danks

These new volunteers will be joining our other HLC members at the next monthly meeting. We look forward to working with all members of the committee to help keep Midvale Park a great place to live.

Reminder! The HLC meeting takes place at **6:30 PM** on the **second Thursday** of every month at the **Desert Dove Church**, 6163 S. Midvale Park Road.

All homeowners are welcome to attend.

These homeowners volunteer their time to help serve the Midvale Park community.

We would also like to extend a welcome to our new HLC members, who stepped forward at the Annual Meeting to join the committee:



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News about off-road vehicles (ORVs)—

- Pima County is cracking down on illegal use of ORVs.
- Park police are enforcing existing rules, and may issue more fines and order impoundments of ORVs being used off designated roads or trails.
- The County’s goal is to cut down on dust pollution and damage to the desert.
- To report illegal or irresponsible ORV use, call the 24-hour hotline of the Parks Department, **877-6061**. Report the license plate number and the time, date, and location of the incident.



Don't panic at the sight of a few bees foraging in the flowers. Bees are generally docile as they go about their normal activities.

Be alert for bees going in and out of an opening such as a crack in a wall or the hole in a utility box.

Buzz, Buzz, Buzzzzzz (Bee Safe!)

It's the time of year again for the bees to start swarming. If you notice a hive being formed by bees in a **common area**, please contact Stratford Management at 795-6500. If it is **at your home**, call a local pest control or bee-removing service. Consult the yellow pages for listings.

In the meantime, here are some tips to keep your residence from becoming a future home for bees:

Eliminate shelter—

- Fill or cover all holes 1/8 inch in diameter or larger, in trees, structures, and block walls.
- Caulk cracks in walls, in the foundation, and in the roof.
- Check for separation where the chimney meets the house. Make sure the chimney is covered properly.
- Put window screen mesh over drains, attic vents, and irrigation valve boxes.
- Remove trash or debris that might serve as a shelter for bees.
- Make sure windows and screens fit tightly.
- Keep doors tightly closed and in good repair.
- Inspect your home regularly for signs of bee colonies.

Monitor water sources—

- Add 2 tablespoons of vinegar per gallon of water to pet dishes and bird baths.
- Cover or drain pools or tubs when not in use.
- Repair leaky faucets and faulty irrigation systems.

What to do if you come into contact with Africanized honey bees—

- The best method of escaping a bee attack is to cover your head and run for shelter.
- Any covering for your body, especially your head and face, will help you escape. A handkerchief or mosquito netting can be easily carried in a pocket. If all else fails, pull your shirt up over your face—stings to the facial area are the most serious.
- Try to find shelter as soon as possible.
- Do not jump into water! Bees will wait for you to come up for air.
- Once you are away from the bees, evaluate the situation. If you have been stung more than 15 times, or if you have symptoms other than local pain and swelling, get medical help immediately.
- If others are in danger, call 911.
- Scrape the stingers off the skin with a plastic card—don't use tweezers.

Monsoon Safety Tips from Northwest Fire/Rescue

Summer rains will soon bring relief from Tucson's torrid temperatures. Whether they come in crashing thunderstorms or gentle downpours, these **rains will also bring some of the most hazardous driving conditions of the year.**

- During our hot June weather, oil from vehicle engines and tires, along with oils from the asphalt itself, rise to the surface and mingle together on our roadways. When water hits these collected oils, roads become very slick, especially in the first few minutes of a shower before the mixture of oils and water has the chance to run off the pavement. Drivers should be aware of conditions and **slow down**. Skidding is likely if you must brake suddenly, so it's advisable to **allow extra stopping distance** in front of you.

- Summer rains frequently flood dry washes and can make your usual routes impassable. The best advice is to **never try to drive across any running water**, even an amount that looks shallow. Fast-moving water in Tucson's flooded washes has been found to carry tree branches, utility poles, even refrigerators. Northwest Fire/Rescue advises drivers to **plan ahead for alternate routes that will avoid flooded roadways.**

Emergency personnel may have barricades at some, but not all, dangerous areas. Motorists who move or attempt to drive around barriers to drive through running washes put themselves and their passengers in danger. **Drivers may be cited**, as well as billed by the emergency service agencies called to rescue them.



Summer rains will bring hazards! Slow down as you drive on wet streets, and NEVER try to drive across running water.