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**Homeowners Liaison
Committee**

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

- **Janie Caldwell**
- **Dave Caldwell**
- **Brad Yant**
- **Steve Palmer**
- **Mary Hathaway**
- **Bill Hathaway**
- **Santos Alvarez**
- **Mark Lerud**
- **Robert Chambers**

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

If so, please call Cherie Hewitson at Stratford Management, 795-6500.



Midvale Park Master Review Board



2003 Holiday Lighting Contest!

Where does the time go? The *Association's Annual Holiday Lighting Contest* is just around the corner. Once again this year we are especially thankful that our own *Fire Station 18* will be judging the contest!

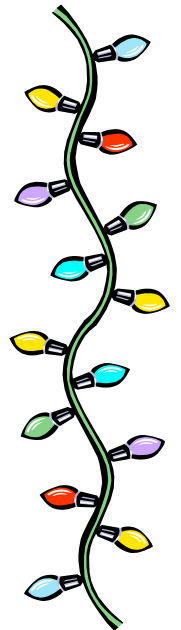
The judging will begin on December 8 and will continue through the month of December, so please have your decorations ready for judging by December 8th.

Since our community is so large, *each subdivision will be judged separately so that more people have a chance to win a prize.*

The Master Review Board has donated a cash prize of \$250.00 for the overall winner and \$40.00 for each first place winner in each subdivision. All winners will receive their prizes in January 2004.

Each year, more and more people participate in this wonderful display of both lights and community spirit. *We encourage you to join us in celebrating the coming holiday season and another terrific New Year!*

Good luck and have fun!!!



Thunder in the Desert

If the holidays mean *being together with loved ones* and the *spirit of giving* to you and your family—then an upcoming cultural festival (that benefits a good cause) may be the perfect opportunity to kick off the sharing season.

Thunder in the Desert, otherwise known as the “Native American Indian Heritage Month Social Powwow and Craft Market,” will bring together 50 western tribal nations for two days of song, dance, arts and craft. Also scheduled to attend are Indians from Australia, Peru, Bolivia and Mexico.

Now here is the *spirit of giving* part. The

price of admission is only **\$7 plus an unwrapped toy**. Last year, hundreds of toys brightened up Christmas for Indian children throughout the country.

What: ▶ **Thunder in the Desert**
When: ▶ **Saturday, November 29th**
from 12 noon to 10 PM.

▶ **Sunday, November 30th**
from 12 noon to 6 PM.

Where: ▶ **Rillito Raceway Park**
at River Road and 1st Avenue.

All activities are outdoors, so bring your lawn chair and shade, and don't forget your camera (and your unwrapped toy)!



Please send us your comments
or suggestions about the
Midvale Park web site!
Send an e-mail message to:
info@midvalepark.org

“The Master Review Board is the legal governing association of Midvale Park, ensuring that all the Articles, Bylaws, and Covenants and use restrictions are enforced.”



Avoid late fees!
Send in your assessment
payments by January 1 and
July 1 each year.

Midvale Park Web Site!—www.midvalepark.org

We are happy to announce the creation of the Midvale Park web site. The web address is www.midvalepark.org. We are very excited about having this web site and hope you will find it useful. It is filled with valuable information; for example—

- ▶ The governing documents are available (CC&Rs, Design Guidelines, Bylaws...).
- ▶ ARC submittal forms can be printed off the web site, or submitted electronically.
- ▶ Neighborhood concerns can be reported through email.
- ▶ Current and past newsletters can be read online.
- ▶ Garage sales and other events can be posted on the web site.

What’s the Difference Between the Neighborhood Association and the Midvale Park Master Review Board?

We have received many calls from residents who do not understand the difference between the **Midvale Park Master Review Board** and the **Neighborhood Association**. This confusion at times has had some serious issues.

A merchant new to our Association made a presentation of his project’s site plans to what he *thought* was the governing association of Midvale Park. When the Master Review Board contacted the architect to inform him that an architectural approval from the Master Review Board was necessary, he was quite surprised and stated that he had in fact already presented this to the Association, and that the President of the Midvale Park Association had been present. We then had to explain that the **Master Review Board** is the legal governing association of Midvale Park, ensuring that all the Articles, Bylaws, and Covenants and use restrictions are enforced.

The **Neighborhood Association** is made up of homeowners interested in promoting community activities and neighborhood harmony. The Neighborhood Association’s president, Mr. Rocky Thaimes, has done much for the community. He has worked very hard promoting community activities such as the Annual Picnic. So when you see him, thank him for the wonderful work he has done for Midvale Park. If you wish to volunteer for various community activities, contact the Neighborhood Association.

However, the Neighborhood Association does not have authority to approve architectural changes to a home, nor to determine or waive homeowners’ assessments. The **Master Review Board** handles the business of the Association and has a Board of Directors. If you have questions regarding the governing documents, assessments, or violation issues, contact Cherie Hewitson, who serves as Project Manager for the Midvale Park Master Review Board, at 795-6500.

You Can Avoid Late Fees!

Twice a year a late fee of \$15 is applied to the accounts of homeowners who have not sent in their assessments on or before January 15th and July 15th. For the remaining ten months, a late fee of \$2.50 is applied to delinquent accounts.

To prevent these charges, please **send in your payments at least a week ahead of time** to ensure these fees will not be applied to your account.

Polybutylene Pipes

Are you having a problem with polybutylene pipes leaking in your home?

Check on:

<http://www.spencerclass.com>

to see if you are eligible to receive monetary help regarding this problem.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to call the above-listed phone number.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE SUBMITTAL FORM

Date _____

1. Owner's Name _____
 Lot #/ Subdivision _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____
2. Contractor's Name, Address, and Phone, (if applicable)

 License # _____
3. Description of work to be done _____

4. Type of materials to be used _____

5. Color(s) to be used _____
6. Other Information _____

An accurate drawing must be attached, showing your lot dimensions and the exact location of the proposed structure. For room additions or anything that must tie into the roof line, an elevation of the proposed structure must also be attached.

Architectural Review Committee requests will be reviewed as soon as possible. Requests will either be approved, denied, or returned for additional information promptly.

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Committee action taken _____

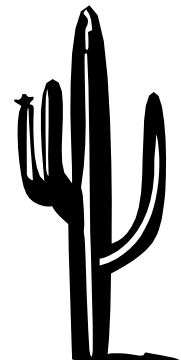


Please submit an
 ARC Submittal Form before you
 begin any changes to the
 exterior of your home.

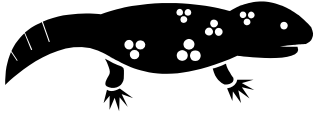
*If you don't already have
 a copy of the ARC Form
 (and you don't have access
 to the Midvale Park
 web site), please
 make use of this form!*



*The ARC will consider
 your request promptly,
 and you will receive a
 response in writing.
 Once you receive ARC
 approval, you can begin
 your project with
 confidence!*

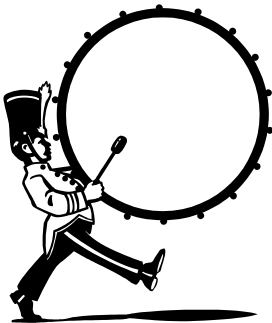


Landscaping projects need ARC
 approval, too!



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the tile setters
(Mike and Dan Wilhelm)
to place all those tiles (etc.) that
decorate the Gila monsters.

*“Perhaps some of you
can find special items that
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at the time the Gila
monsters were being
constructed in 1993.”*



We look forward
To hearing from you!

Midvale Park’s Gila Monsters

Have you ever wondered about the story behind the magnificent desert dwellers and stone pillars that mark the Santa Cruz River Bridge and entrance to Midvale Park? The construction project was commissioned by the City of Tucson as a way to celebrate the uniqueness of our Sonoran desert environment—making use of native materials and life forms.

To begin with, the volcanic stone pillars at each corner of the bridge announce the point at which the road becomes a bridge, and where the river begins. Each pillar contains a living *Agave americana* (or “century plant”), a blue-green, spiny-edged succulent that couldn’t be invented by a sculptor.

Crawling over the bridge deck, regally dressed in mosaic ceramic tile, are the legendary Gila monsters. With these 52-foot sculptures, Midvalians (and anyone flying in to the Tucson Airport) are reminded that we all live in the heart of Gila monster territory.

The twin lizards are decorated with objects that represent a cross-section of Tucson’s history as it was washed up along the river from early trash dumps. Items include arrowheads, rusted iron artifacts, horseshoes,

spark plugs, billiard balls, earrings, bottle caps, fossils and broken china.

Many objects were offered by those who lived in Midvale Park—and perhaps some of you can find special items that you contributed—at the time the Gila monsters were being constructed in 1993. The ceramic tile used is from Saltillo, Mexico, and represents the Hispanic tradition of this region.

Bob Vint, the architect who designed the Gila monsters and the stone pillars, has lived in Tucson all his life. He comments, “These lizards, native stone and plants would be at home nowhere else on earth; in this way the design of the Santa Cruz River Bridge seeks to increase our awareness and joy at living in one of the earth’s most beautiful places.”

So next time a visiting friend asks, you will be able to speak with authority on the fascinating subject of the desert creatures who have captured the human imagination since prehistory and who now eternally reside in your backyard.

—For a photo and more facts about the Gila monsters, see www.midvalepark.org

Your Contacts at Stratford Management

At Stratford Management, several people participate in the management of Midvale Park. Part of Stratford Management’s role in your community is to ensure an open line of communication between the Master Review Board and other residents of Midvale Park.

Please feel free to get in touch with your representatives at Stratford Management:

- Cherie Hewitson, *Project Manager*
- Margarita Zavala, *Administrative Assistant* (inglés o español)
- Sharon Meehan, *Accountant*

We welcome your comments, questions or concerns regarding Midvale Park or your assessment account—

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