

# Miramonte

Neighborhood Association

Fall 2019 Newsletter

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## From the President

by Chuck Bayles

Greetings, Neighbors! A few months ago I was surprisingly elected President at the Spring Annual meeting, and I'm truly honored to be in this position. I've not been a President of a board before, so please bear with me. My goal is to continue the success from previous members to improve our neighborhood.

I moved to Tucson 25 years ago from San Francisco, and I'm a 12-year apartment renter in the Miramonte Neighborhood. With my abundance of energy and availability, I want my tenure as President to be productive, with rewarding accomplishments, and I need your help to do this. My goal is to continue the work of previous board members to improve the livability in our neighborhood. What does livability mean? To me this means clean streets, safe streets for all users – bikes, cars and pedestrians. I take the responsibility of being President seriously and I recognize that there is a lot that can be done to improve our quality of life and improve our neighborhood. I commend all residents who maintain their property, keep their weeds under control and remove garbage cans from the street after pick up. These tasks are the easiest to create a nice environment for us all.

I would like to compile a list of neighborhood improvement projects to present to the board. What are your suggestions? Please let me know by e-mailing [MiramonteNA@gmail.com](mailto:MiramonteNA@gmail.com) - street repairs can be reported by e-mail too. If you're as passionate as I am about improving our neighborhood, I invite you to become a board member or attend our meetings to make your voice heard. It's easy to join!

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## Benedictine Project Update

MNA opposed the zoning application for the Benedictine development because the height of the 4-story apartments along Anderson at 45' was not a gradual transition to our neighborhood as called for in our neighborhood plan. We did not oppose the Historic Landmark zoning. The Zoning Examiner noted the identified conflict but recommended both zoning cases to the Mayor and City Council for approval. Both were approved in September, construction may start by the end of this year. MNA will be working with Sam Hughes NA to develop a method by which interested residents and businesses in both neighborhoods can get frequent updates about what to expect during the construction. Special thanks to Kim Fernández, Mike Anglin, and Ruth Beeker who served as our representatives on a committee working with the developer and the architect.

## Chroma Project Update



Do you recognize this sign? It was uncovered on the wall of a strip mall at Speedway and Camino Miramonte during demolition in preparation for the new Chroma project.

Perhaps it dates back to the 1930's? This property was purchased by the late Tucsonan Joseph Kivel in the '20's. When he was studying Pharmacy in Yuma, AZ, he invested in the Speedway property which become known as El Rancho Center. It has housed a series of grocery stores: Market Spot, Reay's Ranch, Wild Oats and currently Whole Foods Market (maybe Paul Don's too??) If you can shed some light on 'Paul Don's' please share it with MNA!

The Chroma project is said to be Joseph Kivel's family legacy. It will be a multi-purpose development containing a 5-story apartment and office building topped by a restaurant with several smaller commercial buildings surrounding the tower. A 3-story apartment structure will be along Camino Miramonte at 2nd. Unfortunately, construction start of the project is delayed.

Please join us for  
the neighborhood

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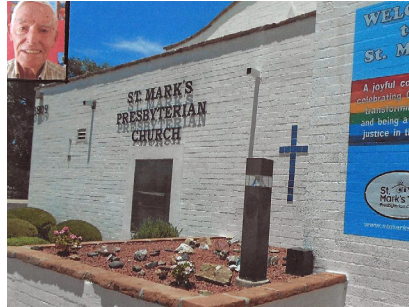
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019 - 3:00 PM

**New Rock Garden at St. Mark's** by Marilyn Russell

Long-time Miramonte neighbor, Emerson Clark, much prefers colorful rocks to old, gray, 7-ft-wide tree stumps! For decades that stump filled a planter by the south entrance to St. Mark's Presbyterian Church. So, Emerson got the idea to create a ROCK GARDEN! Rocks don't die, nor do they need to be watered or tended! He set about removing the huge stump, rebuilt the planter wall, re-filled it with soil and started to beg, borrow (but NOT steal!) colorful rocks to adorn the planter's surface! That took about two months. In his spare time as a volunteer he began re-painting the whole exterior of the church! He expects to complete that job by year's end. Just how old is Emerson? He's going on 88 years. He is a retired coach and teacher and likes to keep busy.

If YOU HAVE some colorful rocks to spare, how about adding them to the new ROCK GARDEN at 3908 E. Third St.?

The colorful rainbow welcome sign next to the Garden was painted by another MNA neighbor, Kevin Keresev.



**From A to Zia Records** by Marilyn Russell

Need a gift for a friend who's just wild about music?? A CD? LP? Vinyl? Poster? T-shirt? Coffee mug? Something bearing the logo of their favorite group? Something that's tops on today's charts... or a 'golden oldie'? Also VHS cassettes, board games, and video games. If you don't find it in stock they'll special order it. It's a sure bet that ZIA RECORD EXCHANGE has that special something that you're looking for!!



Zia has several stores in Arizona. Our neighborhood's store has been located at 3370 E. Speedway in El Rancho Center, for 25 years. It has a whole mall's worth of merchandise in a single store! They buy, trade, and sell new or used recordings dating from today back to the '40s. You can find recordings by Sinatra or Ella Fitzgerald to the Beatles, Lady Gaga, or Sting!

Zia is active in the Tucson community by sponsoring Comic-Con each November at the Tucson Convention Center and Kids Events at The Loft during the summer. Store hours are 10am to 10pm Sunday through Thursday, 10am 'til midnight Fridays and Saturdays. Check 'em out!

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## Etiquette for Your Trash Cans

Monday is TRASH PICK-UP DAY for most of us in Miramonte Neighborhood! We put our GREEN & BLUE CANS CURBSIDE early on Monday mornings, or late the night before. THEN...after they are emptied we return them to their storage place... out of sight from the street. Simple? For some...but not for others! A few neighbors leave their TRASH CANS at the curbs for days after Monday pick-up, so now, those who do not remove their cans from curbside AFTER PICK-UP DAY may be receiving reminder letters from the City's Code Enforcement Department.

Please remove your cans from curbside and out of sight from the street. You can help keep Miramonte LOOKING GOOD!

For your information: **Starting October 7th, our BLUE-RECYCLE CANS will only be emptied once every-other-week.**

This is due to the drop in the price of recycled trash. You will get a letter telling you your RECYCLE Monday. Make sure your BLUE CAN is more than HALF FULL before putting it at on the curb.



**TPD ACTIVITIES IN MIRAMONTE**

You can check up to 80 of the most recent incidents in our neighborhood that involved the Tucson Police Department online at: [nsn.soaz.info/incidents/zmiramonte.html](http://nsn.soaz.info/incidents/zmiramonte.html)

## Third Street Bike Boulevard Update

by Kim Fernández

The 3rd St. Bike Blvd. runs from Wilmot Road to the University of Arizona. In 1997, the City, working with the Miramonte Neighborhood's Bike Blvd. Committee, created the Bike Crossing at Country Club Rd. Now, twelve years later, a plan to mitigate the boulevard's traffic speed and volume has been reached. It took many traffic studies, heated and mediated discussions, even an experimental planter at Richey, which was hand watered by then chair Ann Baldwin, Terry Borg, and others.

At a neighborhood meeting held last April the chosen solutions were:

1. A TRAFFIC CIRCLE at 3rd St. and Camino Miramonte which would calm traffic on both streets.
2. ADDITIONAL SPEED HUMPS along 3rd St. east of Camino Miramonte.
3. REVERSAL OF THE STOP SIGNS at Dodge and 3rd St.

The City has determined that the funds remaining should pay for a TRAFFIC CIRCLE with FOUR-WAY YIELD SIGNS at 3rd St. and Camino Miramonte. The design process has been facilitated by Ruth Beeker and several neighborhood architects. The Circle must accommodate fire trucks and other future projects coming to Miramonte. Stay tuned for further updates as the design progresses.

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# Miramonte Neighborhood

## Stay connected - Join MNAction!

MNAction is an electronic line of communication for the Miramonte Neighborhood Assoc.. It's the best way to stay informed about what is happening in Miramonte and learning how you can be involved! To subscribe, simply send an e-mail to MNAction-subscribe@yahoogroups.com with your name and address/cross-streets!

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