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You are receiving this email because you signed up to receive the MNA Newsletter.

The newsletter below was sent out in October, but since you have only recently been added to the subscribers list, I'm sending this out to you even though it's a month old. The board is considering more frequent newsletters, but the frequency has not yet been decided.

I'm also taking this opportunity to let you know of our November board meeting which is scheduled for next Wednesday, November 14th, at 7pm in the Ward 6 Office - 3292 E. 1st St, East Room. Enter through the door on the south side. All meetings are open to the public, and you do not need to be a member of the board or association to attend and see what is going on in the neighborhood. Renters are also welcome.

If you are not able to attend this meeting, we will post the minutes of the meeting to this email listserv within a week.

Our current agenda is attached below. As you can see, we'll hear from a team of UofA Architecture students who, at the request of Pima County Flood Control, have been working on a project to mitigate rainwater runoff on Miramonte and need feedback from residents in the area. We'll also have an update on the Benedictine Monastery development, and information from a representative from Bookmans.

Thanks everyone for your interest and involvement in our neighborhood. I value having you all as neighbors and hope we can continue a productive discussion on how to improve Miramonte into the future.

Linda Dobbyn
President, MNA Board

Miramonte Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting

Agenda

November 14, 2018

7:00 PM, Ward 6 Office

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call/Call to the audience
- III. Bookmans and Miramonte (15 minutes)
 - a. Little Free Library donations
 - b. On-going programs
- IV. UofA Architecture Students – Program to mitigate rainwater runoff on Miramonte (30 minutes)
- V. Discussion
 - a. Benedictine Monastery – Public Hearing 11/15
 - b. Fall Newsletter
 - c. MNAction
- VI. Standing Reports
 - a. Treasurer Report

Fall 2018 MNA Newsletter

President's Message:

Welcome to the new MNA electronic newsletter! We made the move to the e-newsletter because the cost of printing and mailing was ever increasing, and since MNA lacks a steady revenue stream, we needed to make some tough decisions about our method of communicating.

Other nearby neighborhoods have gone the e-newsletter route with great success. Some have advanced from once or twice a year to monthly or even weekly newsletters. I'm not sure we'll go there yet, but there's potential.

The negative, of course, is that this newsletter will not reach as many people in Miramonte as our old print version. You're only receiving it, if you've signed up. If you know of anyone who would appreciate receiving this newsletter and may not have yet signed up, please encourage them to do so by emailing MiramonteNA@gmail.com. We will do our part by including information on signing up where and whenever we can - the Halloween Party, St. Mark's dinners, Whole Foods Bulletin Board, and our "Welcome to the Neighborhood" brochures. The City of Tucson will also pay for mailing a print version newsletter in the spring each year. That newsletter will be mailed to every address in the neighborhood, and we will promote signing up then as well.

We're certainly hoping for the best in assuring that the MNA Newsletter serves as an important form of neighborhood information and communication.

Please note that this newsletter contains several ads. These are paid ads from businesses right in our neighborhood. The revenue gained from these will be added to our MNA budget and used to benefit the neighborhood. When you can, please consider patronizing these nearby businesses in support of MNA.

We're looking for your ideas and help to improve our neighborhood. All residents are welcome to our monthly MNA Board meetings. They're scheduled for the second Wednesday of every month (except July and December) at 7:00 pm at the Ward 6 office. We'd love to have you there. If you have ideas or concerns that regard the neighborhood, please attend or email us at MiramonteNA@gmail.com. We're especially looking for someone who would be interested in taking on the role of MNA webmaster.

This newsletter evolved through the participation of our entire MNA board, but I'd especially like to thank Marilyn Russell (for her exceptional enthusiasm and success in ad sales), Terry Borg, Mike Anglin, Julie Ray, Josie Wilson and Don Ijams for their contributions.

Linda Dobbyn
MNA President



Miramonte Annual Halloween Party is happening October 27th at 3:00 pm at the Miramonte Park on 3rd Street and Richey Blvd. All are welcome! We'll have goodies and treats but beware the goblins!!

CHROMA
NEW DEVELOPMENT at
Speedway and Miramonte



the years the Kivel family has developed Speedway strip malls like the El Rancho Center where Whole Foods, Bookman's and many others now reside. The buildings west of Camino Miramonte around Fronimo's Greek Restaurant are already being remodeled and readied for future businesses.

A six-story apartment, business, restaurant building is planned for the corner. Also planned are a public plaza with a movie screen for outdoor showings, eateries, and several small businesses. Further south at 2ndSt. and Camino Miramonte will be a three story apartment complex. Studies are being done for modifications to adjacent parking and traffic areas.

For retail leasing contact Debbie Hislop of Volk Realty at 495-2235, and dhislop@volkco.com

The Project Architect, Douglas Burnham of Envelope A+D, says this project is designed as “a **pedestrian-oriented complex with public space at its heart** that will maintain a visual connection to the natural beauty of Tucson.” “It will serve as a **gateway to the Miramonte Neighborhood and positively contribute to its health and vibrancy.**”

Developers are now in the permitting and financing stages. Completion is planned for the summer of 2020.

Public Hearing on the Benedictine Development November 14th

Sam Behrend

Vice president MNA

At their October study session, the City of Tucson Planning Commission set the Miramonte Neighborhood Plan Amendment, proposed by developer Ross Rulney and Architect Corky Poster for a public hearing. This is the next of several steps in the process to approve or deny the planned area development (PAD) rezoning to build 255 one and two bedroom apartments surrounding the Benedictine monastery. The public hearing will take place at the Mayor and Council meeting room at City Hall on Wednesday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m.

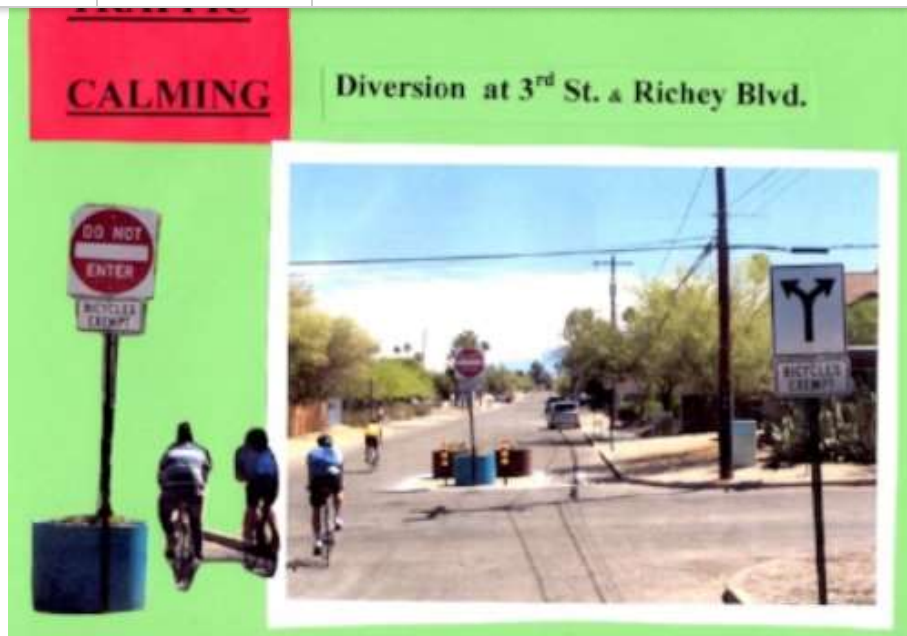
There have been changes to the planned development since the last public meeting. These have been the result of meetings with Miramonte and Sam Hughes neighbors and the development team and Councilmember Steve Kozachik. An agreement was reached which included:

- The height of the buildings have been substantially reduced
- The setbacks have been increased including to the east along Anderson
- Student housing has been banned
- No vehicular or pedestrian access to or from Anderson will be allowed other than possibly emergency vehicles

Details of the agreement are here: https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/pdsd/boards-committees-commissions/PC/10-10-18/BenedictineJointStatement_Updated_100818.pdf

In the preliminary site plan in the statement, the colors represent the number of stories of each part of the apartment complex. Yellow is 3 stories, pink is 4 stories and blue is 5 stories.

This is just the beginning of the process. If you wish to be heard on the plan amendment, please attend the public hearing and you will be able to address the planning commission. Then the proposed plan amendment will go to the Mayor and Council and they will hold another public hearing. And then the project will go through the zoning (PAD) process with more public input and another trip to the Mayor and Council. This development will impact our neighborhood and it is vital that all interested neighbors stay informed and involved.



Third Street BIKE BLVD.

The MIRAMONTE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MNA) has had a Traffic Committee since its inception 26 years ago. It has held innumerable meetings with neighbors and the Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT). In 2017 MNA and TDOT placed a temporary traffic diversion in the intersection of Third St. and Richey Blvd. It consisted of circular planters and “NO TURN” traffic signs onto Third St. Neighbors’ reactions to this diversion were mixed when it was removed. Many other suggestions were discussed but none installed, such as traffic circles or speed humps.

TDOT has completed multiple traffic counts at various intersections on the Bike Blvd. in the Miramonte Neighborhood. The latest count (November 2017) showed 2500 cars per day passing on East Third St. at Richey Blvd. and 3100 cars per day at Dodge Blvd. In general, recommendations for bike boulevards are fewer than 1500 cars per day. Further analysis of these same results by a TDOT traffic engineer last Spring showed that the predominance of Third St. traffic is created by MNA itself!! Not by non-MNA neighbors trying to ‘cut through’ Miramonte Neighborhood. It was a surprise to learn that we are abusing our own Bike Blvd.! East Third St. is attractive to motorists! It has been repaved between Alvernon and Palo Verde, has no pot holes along that stretch, fewer stops, and extends from Country Club Rd. to Alvernon Way. But, of course, motorists must put up with those *pesky cyclists!*

At the public meeting on June 21, 2017, during which this analysis was presented, TDOT announced that future efforts would be made toward traffic calming along this stretch of East Third St. More traffic studies will be made this Fall.

Recently an MNA neighbor, [Grandma Russell](#), challenged motorist neighbors to find alternate routes excluding Third St., then to share these routes on the MNA Action List Serv and win a dozen of Chocolate Chip Cookies! How many took the Challenge?? Only ONE!!! Hopefully, others did find alternate routes but were just too shy to submit them!!!

Ann Baldwin, Former Chair of the Third St. Bike Blvd. Committee
Marilyn Russell, Former Board Member



Changes to Brush & Bulky and Blue Barrel



Representatives from the City of Tucson Environmental & General Services (EGSD) Department came to the September MNA Board meeting to update us on changes to their Brush & Bulky and Recycling programs.

Brush & Bulky - The city will no longer distribute door hangers as notice of upcoming Brush & Bulky pick-up. Instead, they will do an annual mailing of pick-up dates and zones. They are also encouraging the use of the "My Waste" phone app that can be set up with reminders of Brush & Bulky and regular trash pick-up.

EGSD will also work with neighborhoods for input regarding trash and weed removal (from easements) and pothole problems that they will try to resolve in the same week as the Brush & Bulky pick-up. Let the MNA board know if you have an easement area (no private property - sorry) you'd like given some attention. EGSD has asked that we provide them with a prioritized list, so we don't know that everything will get done, but we'll work with them

Recycling - It turns out that the value of the objects we're recycling are only as good as the care we take in processing and sorting. The name of the game is "Clean and Dry" and only paper, cardboard, metal, glass, and plastic (except for plastic bags). The city cannot sell what is amassed in the recycling process unless the objects are clean and dry and are acceptable materials. And nothing smaller than a tennis ball. If they don't meet these standards, they end up in the city landfill.

If you're interested - A public tour of the recycling center is planned for October 31st from 8:30 to Noon. It's free. But call 791-3175 to reserve a seat.

For more information, please check out EGSD's websites at:

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/environmental-services>

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/es/brush-and-bulky>

and facebook.com/domorebluetucson



“Voices at the Monastery” Concert Celebrates a Sanctuary and Tucson’s Community Choral Organizations

Sometimes, when diverse voices come together harmoniously, they can create states of joy and possibility. But can they save a sanctuary? That’s what organizers of “Voices at the Monastery,” three nights of choral music held in the sanctuary of mid-town Tucson’s former Benedictine Monastery, hope might happen.

Presented by the Arizona Choral Arts Association (ACAA) on Oct. 19, 20, and 21, the concert features several of Tucson’s most prominent choral organizations and aims to send a message about the value of keeping the monastery’s Sanctuary intact, particularly for concerts, said Terrie Ashbaugh, director of the Southern Arizona Women’s Chorus and one of the event’s organizers.

The event is also a fundraiser for ACAA, a consortium of local choirs who share resources, such as concert calendars and names of particular musical accompanists for choirs to share.

Chorus, Sons of Orpheus, Tucson Women's Chorus, Tucson Desert Harmony, Moxie Chorus, Arizona Repertory Singers, Daybreak Quarter, and The Helios Ensemble

IF YOU GO: "Voices at The Monastery" Concert Series

When: Fri, Sat, Sun, Oct. 19-21, 7 pm

- Friday October 19th – Southern Arizona Women's Chorus, Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus, and Sons of Orpheus
- Saturday, October 20th – Tucson Women's Chorus, Tucson Desert Harmony and Moxie Chorus
- Sunday, October 21st – Arizona Repertory Singers and The Helios Ensemble

Where: 800 N. Country Club Rd., Tucson, AZ 85716

Tickets: \$15 per concert, \$25 for the series, www.azsings.org More info: (520) 404-3148

Fundraising for Himmel Park Improvements



When the new Himmel Park playground went up this summer, one critical element was missing: a ramada over the picnic tables in the center. The ramada was a part of the original plan for the remodel, but budget constraints preventing it from being built. Now the neighborhood group Friends of Himmel Park needs to raise \$20,000 to make the ramada a reality.

"A ramada here would make this a perfect place for birthday parties, community gatherings or just sitting in the shade watching the kids play," said Sam Hughes parent Johanna Kraus Moyer. Himmel has no shade structure of any kind.

As of mid-October, Friends of Himmel Park had raised \$3,000. The Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association is matching any contributions made before the end of the year, up to a limit of \$10,000. If you would like to contribute, you can send a check made out to "Tucson Parks Foundation" to Tucson Parks Foundation, c/o Sierra Boyer, 900 S. Randolph Way, Tucson, AZ 85716. Write "Himmel Park Ramada" on your check. You can also donate with a credit card at www.tucsonparks.org/support-our-parks/donations/ and select "Himmel Park Ramada."

Check donations avoid the three percent credit card processing fee.



WHAT'S ON THE MNA BULLETIN BOARD THIS MONTH?!!

Do you know where the Miramonte Neighborhood Association's BULLETIN BOARD is located?? Well, it's on the front of the WHOLE FOODS MARKET, facing Speedway Blvd. Right by their front door! It contains all kinds of information about what's going on in YOUR neighborhood!! Things like meetings to go to, Minutes of the Board of Directors Meetings, special events like the HALLOWEEN PARTY at Miramonte Park on October 27th, at 3 o'clock. Come in costume and receive free goodies and march in the kid's parade! You don't want to miss that!

Robin Ponvert is the artistic genius behind the monthly decorated information. It is a treat for your eyes!! She has themes for each month...scary for October, autumn for November, and of course, the holidays at December, etc. Robin's Dad even put a strip of cork board at the bottom of the glassed-in Bulletin Board so you can tack your personal messages on it! Messages like, "House for Rent", "Lost Dog", "Piano Lessons", "Home made Tamales". A great way for you to advertise!

MNA is very grateful to WHOLE FOODS MARKET and to Robin Ponvert. They help keep us informed.

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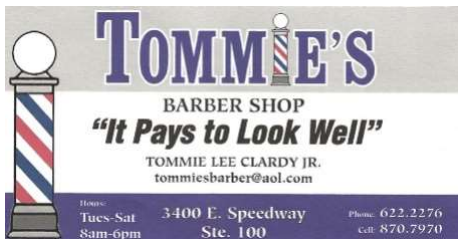
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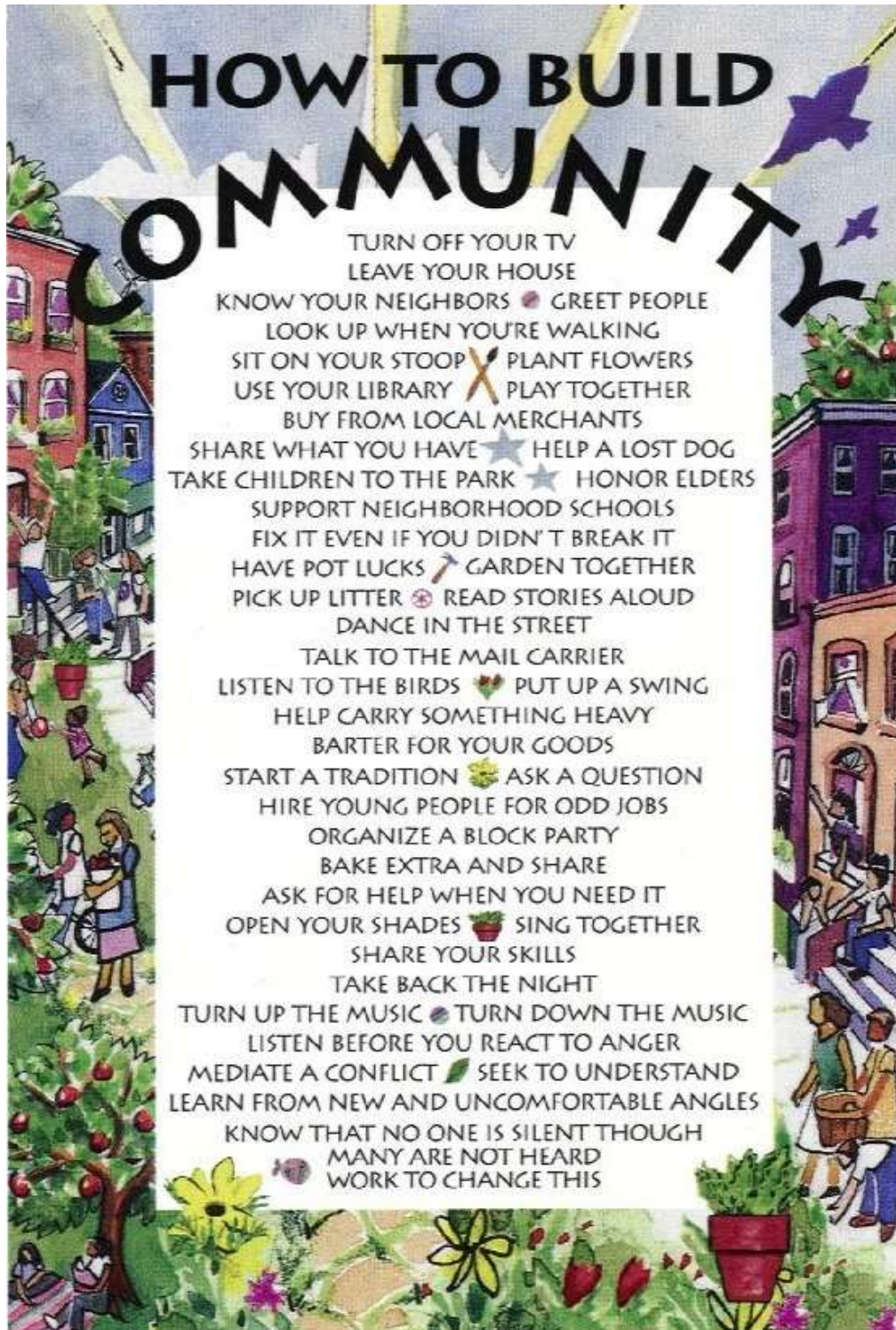


JABZ Boxing HAS OPENED IN MNA!

JABZ Boxing opened less than a year ago in the El Rancho Center at 3400 E. Speedway Blvd., #116. The JABZ opened in Phoenix five years ago. It is a fitness gym FOR WOMEN ONLY of 16+ years of age. The Monday through Saturday Classes

professional boxers wear. Boxing and sparring is done with mannequins like 'Bob' seen here in the photo. It is not competitive and is individually paced.

Drop-in's and appointments are welcome. There is a Complimentary Free Week Trial. For more information you can check out their web site at: www.jabzboxing.com or call (480)719-0475.



community. If you would like to make a donation please mail checks to :

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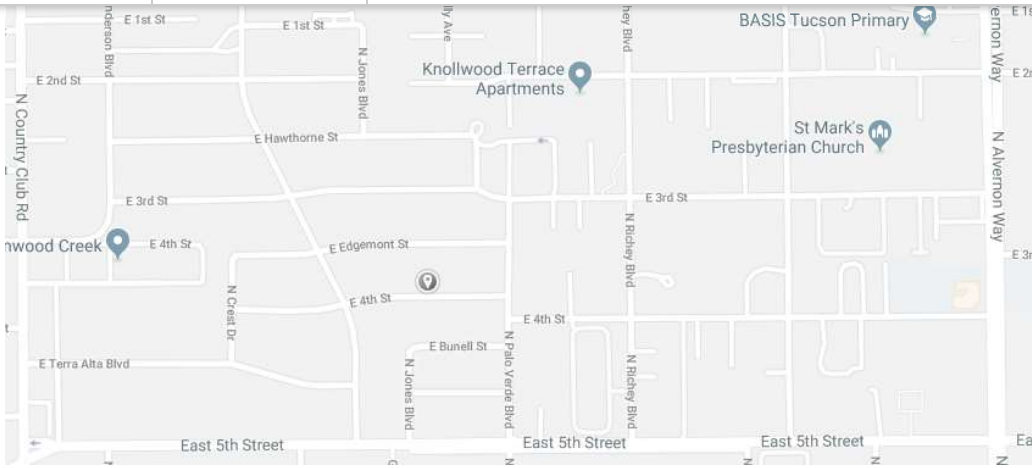
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