

Miramonte

Neighborhood Association



Fall 2022 Newsletter

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HALLOWEEN EVENT

The Annual Miramonte Neighborhood Association Halloween Party is 3 p.m., Saturday, October 29, at the Miramonte Pocket Park, 901 N. Richey Blvd. Show off your Halloween costume, join Devil Dan in a Halloween parade, enjoy a treat and pick out a pumpkin pail to carry your treats home!

FYI Parents, photos will be taken for our MNA bulletin board.



POCKET PARK RENOVATIONS, UPGRADES

Big changes are coming to the children's play area in Miramonte Park on Third Street.



New play equipment, including two animal sculptures (a sea turtle and a frog) and two sit-on sand diggers, will be purchased by the neighborhood association and installed by the city.

The Little Free Libraries have been rehabbed and a shade structure is coming for the play area, thanks to funding from Councilman Steve Kozachik. All of this is part of a larger effort to clean up, renovate and make the park more kid friendly.

Watch for news about future park events -- such as installation of the play equipment, social events, and volunteer opportunities.

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Another \$3,000 is needed to fund the neighborhood's share of the project. Your gift will directly contribute to a fun and interactive children's play area! Please help by sending a check to the Miramonte Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 40602, Tucson AZ 85717.



FREE LITTLE LIBRARIES

Many thanks to long-time Miramonte Neighborhood champion Ruth Beeker and local repair guy Kevin Keresey for spearheading the renovation of the two Little Free Libraries located at the Pocket Park. This is a great location to look for new books or to donate those you no longer need. The libraries offer materials for adults and children.

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MNA meetings are held the second Wednesday monthly (except December and July) at 6 p.m. in person and by Zoom at the Ward 6 office, 3202 E. 1st St.

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WARD 6 TESTS TURNING PLASTIC INTO BUILDING BLOCKS

Tucson Councilman Steve Kozachik brought a 22-pound block made from recycled plastic to a recent Miramonte NA meeting, the product of a new effort to keep plastics out of the city’s landfill.

Steve is leading this effort to test the viability of a profitable recycling process for the City of Tucson that harvests plastics not eligible for blue bin recycling, smashing the castoffs with heat and pressure into construction-grade building materials. The Lego-like blocks are stacked and left in their colorful state or can be coated with stucco and/or painted after installation. Steve recently reported in his newsletter that the city of Flagstaff has issued permits for the building of a 600-square-foot house with these plastic blocks.

The plastics collection bin is located at the Ward 6 office, 3202 E. 1st St., near the glass recycling bin. Posters identifying the plastics that can be used – anything with the recycle triangle and numbers 1 through 7, can be picked up at the Ward 6 office – even the plastic sack used to bring the items to be recycled. Steve’s goal is to incorporate this endeavor into the city’s overall recycling program.

The plastics collected are currently shipped to a recycling facility in California, but work is underway to establish a plastic recycling block-making machine in Pima County. As an example of the value of creating this new building material out of plastic, one local company in Tucson generates about 100,000 pounds of plastic waste monthly. All of this can be recycled. Local company Polyprint is interested in housing the plastic crushing equipment needed to make the plastic bricks.

<p>Bread bags, candy wrappers, snack packaging, can holders</p>	<p>Plastic & reusable bags, pouches, coffee bean bags, trash bags</p>	<p>Utensils, straws, plastic plates, cups, table liners</p>
<p>Coffee lids, plastic bottle tops, specialty drink cups</p>	<p>Bubble wrap, films, air pouches, plastic mailers, bubble mailers</p>	<p>Food trays, empty pill jars, disposable tupperware</p>

MIRAMONTE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE

One of the reasons many people choose to live in a midtown neighborhood is to walk or ride bikes to local businesses. We appreciate being close to restaurants and bars, shops and services. Unfortunately, despite the 3rd St Bike Blvd running through our neighborhood, our streets do not feel safe to pedestrians or cyclists. Neighbors have reported drag racing on our streets, red light running, speeding and aggressive drivers who try to intimidate people who ask them to slow down. This is unacceptable. With the redevelopment of Rancho Center and businesses moving into The Benedictine, it is imperative that we can walk safely in our neighborhood. If you want to be part of the solution to this problem, please consider attending the next Traffic Calming Committee meeting. At our last meeting, Dr. Courtney Crosson of the UA College of Architecture presented proposals created by her studio students in 2020. This is a comprehensive plan that addresses water flow management, green spaces, pedestrian and cyclist safety along the proposed Palo Verde/Miramonte Bike Path. The committee liked some aspects of the plan and hopes to have a dialogue with the City to implement some of the features. We welcome any neighbor who wants to get involved. Make sure you are on the Miramonte Neighborhood email list to know about our next meeting.

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