

Miramonte Neighborhood Association



Halloween event

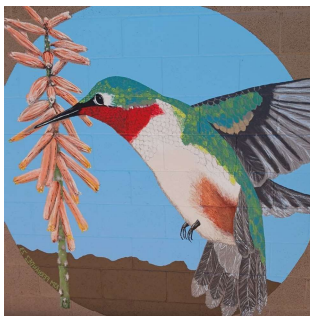
The Annual Miramonte Neighborhood Association Halloween Party is 3 p.m., Saturday, October 28, at the Miramonte Pocket Park, 901 N. Richey Blvd. Show off your Halloween costume, join Devil Dan in a Halloween parade, enjoy a treat and pick out a pumpkin pail to carry your treats home!

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



Pocket Park Dedication

Saturday, October 28th at 4 p.m.



Join your neighbors to celebrate the many improvements to the Pocket Park in the last year. Help us thank Councilman Steve Kozachik for funding the shade structure and new water fountain, plus Tucson Parks and Recreation, artist Kim Fernandez and the many neighbors who made donations to the improvements.

Light refreshments will be served.

The Miramonte Neighborhood Park has been transformed over the past year and now it's time for you, your family, and your neighbors to try out all the new additions to the site.

Pack a meal or pick up a to-go order at one of our nearby neighborhood restaurants or grocery stores and take it to the park. You'll find plenty of tables and benches and with the weather cooling off it is prime picnic time!

Make the park a stop on your walking and bicycling trips around the community. With shade and a water fountain it offers a great spot for a break and a literal oasis in the desert.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As Halloween approaches, we finally have the chance to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather. Be sure to check out the improvements to the Pocket Park at 3rd Street and Richey, including

- new play equipment and a shade structure for the children's play area
- a beautiful hummingbird mural painted by our neighbor Kim Fernandez
- new drinking fountain
- renovated Little Free Libraries
- overall park beautification.

Bring your kids or grandkids to the annual Halloween Party in the park at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 28. If you don't have kids, come anyway to enjoy the costume parade!

And stay for the ribbon-cutting for the play area improvements at 4 p.m., including light refreshments.

We are planning more get-togethers and kids' play dates at the park in the coming months. To keep informed of coming events, be sure to sign up for our email group by sending an email to:

Miramonte-neighborhood-association+subscribe@googlegroups.com.

Also, check our website: <https://miramontena.org> and follow us on Facebook.

See you at the park!

Ellen Wheeler, MNA President

Alvernon-Fifth Crime Coalition

Do you have concerns about criminal activity near you?

If you do, come to the monthly Alvernon-5th Crime Coalition meetings, where you can talk directly with Tucson police.

Help prevent crime and improve safety in our neighborhood.

WHEN: 4th Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m.

WHERE: Ward 6, 3202 E. 1st Street (and via Zoom)

(EXCEPT: October 25 meeting is anticipated to be held at

TPD's Hardesty Midtown Service Center, 1100 S. Alvernon Way. Check the <https://miramontena.org> website to verify location.



Stay connected – Join Miramonte Neighborhood's email group MNA-Email!

MNA-Email is an electronic line of communication for the Miramonte Neighborhood Association. It is the *best* way to stay informed about what is happening in Miramonte and learning how you can be involved!

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Possible changes to Camino Miramonte

Traffic calming chicanes

In response to long-time neighborhood efforts to find ways to slow traffic and improve pedestrian and bike safety on Miramonte, Councilman Steve Kozachik has proposed installing about 6 chicanes between 2nd St. and 5th St. Chicanes are bumped out curbs or islands that narrow the roadway and slow traffic. They would be similar to those on Treat Ave. north of Grant (see photo). They would be set a few feet from the curb, providing a protected space for bikers and walkers. Ward 6 would fund the project.

More than 60% of the residents along Camino Miramonte have signed a petition in favor of installing the chicanes. Since the petition was turned in early in July, the city has been working to identify affected utilities and drainage issues and develop a design and layout.

The design is expected to be completed by the end of October.

Watch the MNA Google email group, website and Facebook for updates on the proposed design and next steps.

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Potential chicane design

Palo Verde-Miramonte Bike Boulevard

Voters approved creation of a Bicycle Boulevard on Camino Miramonte as part of Proposition 407 in 2018. The Miramonte section is part of a larger project, using Palo Verde north of Speedway and south of Reid Park, which runs from Kleindale Bike Blvd on the north to Aviation Bikeway on the south.

Bicycle Boulevards are residential streets with design improvements to prioritize bicycling and enhance conditions for walking. Typical improvements include: Traffic calming to slow car traffic (which can include traffic circles, speed humps, chicanes), enhanced major street crossings, 20 mph speed limits, and landscaping. 3rd Street is a Bicycle Boulevard.

The El Encanto and Colonia Solana neighborhoods have raised concerns about the path of the Bicycle Boulevard through those areas, so the city is currently getting feedback from neighborhood groups on whether and how the route should be changed. The proposed changes could relocate the route away from Camino Miramonte to another north-south street.



After reviewing the options being considered, the Miramonte NA voted unanimously on Sep. 13 in favor of the original route.

The city Department of Transportation will present its final recommendation by the end of this year. Any proposed changes must be approved by the Bond Oversight Commission. Design work is supposed to start early in 2024.



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5th Street/6th Street – Pedestrian Safety & Walkability and Road Diet



Enhanced street crossings

Significant improvements are planned for 5th Street and 6th Street between Alvernon and Campbell. Bond funding will provide for complete and connected sidewalks, safe crossings at major streets, street lighting, and landscaping for shade along the two-mile corridor. You can see the proposed plan at <https://tucsondelivers.tucsonaz.gov/pages/5th6th>

The city will hold public input sessions in October on the proposed pedestrian and safety improvements.

Public input sessions are scheduled for: Wednesday, Oct. 25, 5:30-7 pm, Howell Elementary
Saturday, Oct. 28, 8-10 am, East side of Himmel Park
On Treat Ave

In addition, the city plans to pilot a “road diet” east of Country Club, which will mean reducing the traffic lanes from two to one in each direction, plus a continuous left turn lane. This pilot will follow road reconstruction from Country Club to Wilmot, which is anticipated in 2024.

Repaving of Miramonte streets between Country Club and Palo Verde is planned soon. This is one of the first projects funded by the extension of the half-cent sales tax that Tucson voters approved in May 2022. The work is anticipated as early as this fall or possibly in spring 2024.