

Miramonte Newsletter

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**Come to the Miramonte Halloween Party
in the Park
NW Corner of Richey and Third St.
Fun Begins at 3:00PM!**

TRICK or TREAT???????

It's all treats at the Annual Miramonte Neighborhood Association Halloween Party in the Park, Saturday, October 31 at 3:00 P.M.

Costume Parade



Photos by Prasenjit Ray

Fun to march; fun to watch!! Kids and young at heart, get your costumes on early to join in the costume parade. It starts at 3:15 from the south sand play area.

Refreshments

Enjoy healthy food and drink at the north end of the park, courtesy of Dody Kosky and her crew.

Opportunity to Give Out Your Treats

Take advantage of the party being on Halloween to give out your treats to the neighborhood kids here instead of at your door later. Gather at the sitting area at the north end of the park after the parade and raffle. Meet your neighbors while passing out your treats.

Pumpkin Raffle



Photos by Prasenjit Ray

Get a pumpkin to take home to carve later in the day. Sign up for the raffle at the south picnic table as soon as you arrive. Drawings will be held immediately after the parade.

'The ghosts and the goblins are waiting to meet you at Miramonte park!!!!

Park Monitor/Maintenance Sign-up

Feel good about being an active participant in Miramonte Neighborhood by volunteering for a 2 week assignment to be the neighbor who comes to the park to keep it clean. Be part of Miramonte's partnership with Tucson Clean and Beautiful. Patty Caldwell, Miramonte Park Coordinator, will be at the south picnic table to sign you up between 3:00 and 4:00. You may also call Patty Caldwell at 272-5678 if you would like to sign up.

APPRECIATION

. Thanks to the Miramonte Neighbors who have been keeping one another informed about what's happening in our area via MNAAction. If you have a computer and have not yet signed up to be on this listserv, please do so by contacting MNA's webmaster, Lowell Jones, at: lohohonez@cox.net . And, finally, thanks to the Ward 6 Office for its support of Miramonte Neighborhood. Laura Burge as our liaison is an invaluable asset, but Nina Trasoff's entire staff is always available to answer questions and support our endeavors.

MIRAMONTE HAPPENINGS

This time, in addition to our Halloween Party in the Park time we are focusing on the:

**Himmel Park Library
1035 North Treat Avenue, corner of
Treat and 1st Street**



The Library has ongoing events nearly everyday e.g.

- Monday 3:30 - 5:30 Chess Club
- Tuesday 3:30 - 5:30 Teen Club
- Tues/Thurs 3:30 – 5:30 - Homework Help
- Wednesday 4:00 Read to a Dog

Plus Special Events throughout the Year

The Library has already begun a series of lectures presenting Prof. Albrecht Classen, Distinguished Professor of German Studies at the University of Arizona, in a focus on the Middle Ages, sponsored by the Arizona Humanities Council. His next two lectures are:

**MYSTICISM IN THE MIDDLE AGES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009
6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

Throughout the Middle Ages, the religious phenomenon called Mysticism exerted considerable power over those connected with it. During that period, many women visionaries attempted to conceal their overpowering experiences until they were forced to reveal them to their confessors. They

the 13th Century, many women acquired much societal influence within their communities. Join Dr. Albrecht Classen as he explores how Mysticism strengthened and empowered women, providing them with much influence within their societies, or their mystic experiences resulted in their being

discredited and condemned to death for political reasons. By the 15th Century, Mysticism’s power and influence had waned, and the Church gradually recognized fewer and fewer mystics.

**WOMEN IN THE MIDDLE
AGES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9,
2009
6:00 P.M. – 8 P.M.**

Recently, research on the lives of women during the Middle Age s has revealed a fuller story of their roles during this period. Dr. Albrecht Classen’s presentation based on slides, music and discussion with the audience, will focus on historical literary, religious and artistic evidence proving that Medieval women were not as previously presumed, downtrodden chattel, but in many cases had succeeded in establishing themselves as important and powerful women, breaking the power divide between the two genders.

**HOLIDAY EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY
HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS**

- Thursday, October 29th - 3:30 – 5:30 P.M.
Decorate Sugar Skulls
- Friday, October 30th - 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Scary Stories

WINTER HOLIDAYS

- Thursday, December 19th - 3:30 -5:30 P.M.
Cookie Decorating
Dradle Playing
Origami Making

**VETERANS’ FORUM AT THE
LIBRARY**

Thursday, November 19th, time TBA
All events are at the Himmel Park Library
1035 North Treat Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85716
Telephone 594-5305

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Miramonte Neighborhood Association Board has operated in essentially the same way since its inception in 1993. I have served on the Board since 1994. In the intervening years, much has changed: communication technology, City of Tucson policy promoting infill development, increased need for University of Arizona student housing, Miramonte Neighborhood's development of a Neighborhood Plan, to name the most obvious. However, the Board has basically followed the same procedures with minor adjustments to the by-laws over the years.

This fall I asked the Board to begin a self-study which could provide the basis for truly revitalizing its work in a thoughtful manner, enabling the Board to better communicate with the neighborhood at large and with potential board members about its purposes and its organization. I believe that this reflection is



most appropriate at this time of transition since I am resigning from the Board effective November 1, 2009. I invite any of you who have ideas about how the association can best meet your needs and how you would like to contribute to contact Kelsi Montgomery who will be providing the leadership during this period.

Yes, I attempted to pass the torch a few years ago, but after one year I again resumed the presidency. That's why this time I am leaving the Board mid-term (following the Sarah

Palin model). It is time for the Board to develop new leadership and I think it is easier for it to happen when I am not there.

I want to thank all of you who have contributed to MNA's success during my 15 years on the Board. Special thanks to Lowell Jones who is leaving the board also at this time; his family is moving to another area of Tucson. Lowell has been MNA's first and only webmaster. His expertise and positive attitude will be sorely missed. Miramonte Neighborhood has a reputation as a strong, active association. One person can not do that alone; it requires cooperation of many. I know that the present Board will continue to give voice to our area's concerns while I will continue to be an advocate for City of Tucson neighborhoods through my involvement in city-wide land use code issues.

Ruth Beeker

Editor's Note: On behalf of all the members of the Board, whom I am sure join me in this, let me say that Ruth cannot be replaced. She has been invaluable to the Board and the neighborhood. I know she will remain an active community member whose advice and guidance will continue to be relied upon. Thank you, Ruth for caring about your neighbors and being so effective in advancing the interests of our neighborhood.

As a neighborhood association, we are fortunate to have so many individuals and businesses that support our efforts throughout the year with monetary contributions. Since our last newsletter was published our association has received donations from the following neighbors and businesses: **Dr. Boyer of Speedway Veterinary Hospital**, We are sincerely grateful as these contributions allow us to cover business expenses as well as other ongoing and unanticipated expenses.

To all of our MNA neighbors, residents and businesses, we could not continue the work that we do without those who volunteer their time and money toward our efforts. Thank you!"

If you would like to make a donation please tear off or clip the section below and return to:
MNA @ PMB 217, 3400 E. Speedway, Suite #118, Tucson, AZ 85716

————— **MNA Donation Form** —————

Membership in MIRAMONTE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION is open to any adult resident, owner of real property, or business proprietor within MNA boundaries. **NO DUES ARE REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP.** MNA relies entirely on donations to pay for its operating expenses. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

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