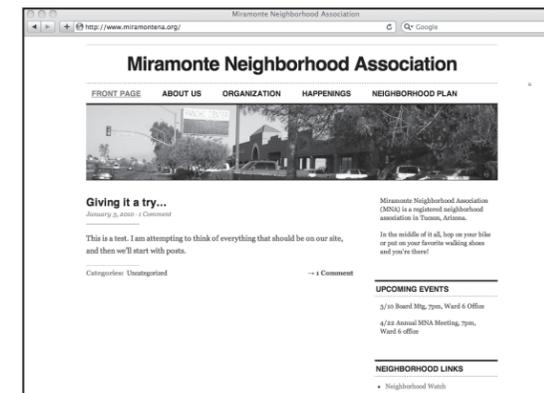


Miramonte Newsletter

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Neighborhood Mailing Budget Cuts: New ways to get the word out

Budget cuts in the city department that prints and mails our newsletter means that this is the last mailing before June and the future of mailed newsletters is uncertain. While this is not good news, your neighborhood board is already hot on the trail of communication methods to weather the funding shortfall. The first is a new website set to debut at the annual meeting on April 22nd. The plan is to have links and contacts ready and working for that debut. The website will contain



information about the neighborhood, board, businesses, city and neighborhood resources, and regular photo and information posts on news and activities. The address for the new website remains the same as the previous web presence: www.miramontena.org. The Yahoo Group, MNAAction, will still be used for spontaneous communication about neighborhood happenings.

The board is also exploring the installation of a bulletin board at the Miramonte Park as a way to get hardcopy news to the neighborhood. The bulletin board will make news available to those

without regular internet access, and provide a nice excuse for a stroll to the park. Bulletin board installation is still sometime off, but city meetings and the sharing of communication strategies is happening now. We will continue to think of ways to distribute information, but the neighborhood association needs your help. Please let us know your ideas at the annual meeting or by contacting the board!

Miramonte N.A. Annual Meeting April 22nd (Earth Day), 7pm, Ward 6 office

Please bring a nonperishable food item to donate to the Community Food Bank! Come to the annual meeting, snack on desert foods and enjoy the happenings:

- New Council Member Steve Kozachik will introduce his office and speak on items of neighborhood interest
- Debut of new website
- Presentation by our community police officers
- Presentation on Save-A-Life Foundation
- Election of new board members and officers

Community Calendar

Household Hazardous Waste Collection	April 17
Annual Meeting	April 22
Spring Miramonte Park Planting	TBD*
MNA Board Meeting	May 12
May Cleanup*	TBD*

*Watch for details at annual meeting and around the neighborhood.

Thanks for your support!

As a neighborhood association, we are fortunate to have so many individuals and businesses that support our efforts throughout the year with monetary contributions. In 2009-2010 we have received donations from: **Jeffrey C. Derickson, DDS., Linda Barter, William & Betty Fink, Noel & Anita Johnson, Charles & Janet Jacobus, Ken & Chris Carson, Paula J. Darris, Jonathan & Edith Seely, Speedway Veterinary (Dr. Boyer), Adair Funeral Home, Caryl Flinn, Linda Barter, and Humphrey & Petersen, PC.** We are sincerely grateful as these contributions allow us to cover business expenses as well as other ongoing and unanticipated expenses. If you would like to make a donation please tear off the section below and return to: MNA @ PMB 217, 3400 E. Speedway, Suite #118, Tucson, AZ 85716

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 its operating expenses. Your donations are greatly appreciated:

NAME	PHONE
ADDRESS	EMAIL
COMMENTS	

DONATION AMOUNT \$ _____ enclosed

Permission is given to acknowledge my donation in the MNA newsletter. YES NO

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MNA Public Safety Committee at Work

Safety is a big concern for everyone in every neighborhood. With police patrols limited by requirements to investigate, make arrests, and budget cuts, it is our duty to help out. Here are some things to keep in mind as you go about your day-to-day activities:

WHAT TO WATCH FOR:

- Suspicious persons or activities
- Someone screaming or shouting for help
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle
- Property being taken out of houses or buildings where no one is home, or the business is closed
- A stranger running through private yards or alleyways
- Vehicles passing by numerous times, suspiciously parked or vehicles traveling alleyways with no lights or apparent destination
- People coming to the door asking for cash or making any requests for money that seem suspicious

WHAT TO DO:

- Call 911 and do it as soon as you sense something is not right. Do not worry if it turns out that there is nothing wrong. The police may not be able to respond immediately if the crime is not in progress (they have to prioritize their calls) but they will investigate. Remember that you may not even know when the police arrive to investigate certain calls since they also don't want the criminals to know in case they are able to catch them in the act.
- Let suspicious people know you are aware.

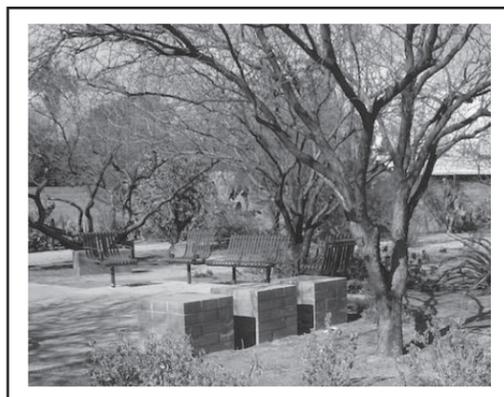
PROTECT YOURSELF BY:

- Knowing your neighbors
- Using good lighting
- Using good locks and security
- Keeping shrubs trimmed for visibility
- Locking all doors and windows whenever your house is unoccupied
- Keeping doors locked when you are home
- Not letting people who come to the door into your house unless you know them
- Letting a trusted neighbor know when you are on vacation. Don't advertise!! Stop deliveries and have all mail picked up.
- Starting a Neighborhood Watch on your block

**Miramonte Park Planting Event
Let's get together and fill in the blanks in honor of Earth Day!**

The Miramonte Neighborhood Association will sponsor the planting of 40 native plants to fill vacant irrigation emitter spots at our neighborhood park and we are asking for your help to make it happen! All members of the Miramonte neighborhood, young and not so young, are invited to our Planting Event (Date to be announced at the annual meeting). Tucson Clean and Beautiful will be there to supervise, so bring a trowel/tools if you have them, along with a pair of work gloves, and head on over. For kids we will also have sidewalk chalk for hopscotch or park inspired drawings to celebrate the day!

MNA board members Terence Borg and Patricia Caldwell serve as monitors and primary caretakers of our Miramonte Park at the corner of E. 3rd Street and N. Richey Blvd. During a recent board meeting they mentioned that a count had revealed that many of the drip system emitters at the park were without plants to water. The board then made contact with Blue Baldwin and Rani Olson of Tucson Clean and Beautiful. A tour of the park with Baldwin, Olson, and board members shortly yielded a plan to provide a variety of native plants, many of which are intended to attract butterflies and birds, to fill the vacancies at a nominal cost.



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MNA Board News

- MNA board made donations to Sam Hughes and Peter Howell Elementary Schools.
- We welcomed Carmen Cousins, our new Ward VI neighborhood representative.
- The September meeting invited residents and a Quatrovest representative to discuss new university student rentals in the neighborhood.
- Special thanks to Ann Corney, our outgoing treasurer, for her years of service!

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Saturday April 17, 2010, 8:00 AM to Noon**

The Blenman Elm and Central Tucson Neighborhoods Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be in the north parking lot of Himmel Park, First Street east of Tucson Blvd. Items that will be collected are:

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| Automotive Fluids | Lawn & Garden Products |
| Fluorescent Lamps | Cleaning Products |
| Engine Oil Filters | Pool Chemicals |
| Paint Products | Drain Openers |
| Auto Batteries | Propane Cylinders |
| Solvents | Cooking Oil |
| Rechargeable Batteries (Ni-Cd, Ni-MH, Pb) | Computer Equipment |
| Hobby Chemicals | Mercury Containing Products |
| Pesticides | Printer Cartridges |
| Small Button Batteries | Items labeled: Acid, Flammable, Caustic, Poison, Caution, Toxic, Danger or Warning |
| Lithium Batteries | |

RISE Equipment Recycling Center will be accepting small electronics at no charge, and they will also be accepting televisions for \$10 each. All wastes should be properly identified and labeled. Containers should not leak.

If you have questions about what materials are hazardous wastes, please call the City of Tucson Household Hazardous Waste Program at 888-6947 or check the website at www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw

Business & Service Directory on MNA Website

The Miramonte Neighborhood Association Business & Service Directory was created in 2002 in booklet form. Now it has been updated and added to the MNA website. The original directory contained 104 businesses and services. The present one contains only 76, possibly a reflection of the current national recession. For a small neighborhood measuring only one-half square mile, that is still a good number of commercial enterprises... and all within walking distance! Our neighborhood has often been called a VILLAGE within the CITY. Most of the services one could wish for are only a few blocks away. You want groceries? Drug stores? Religious services? Adult entertainment? Hobbies? Postal Services? Doctors? Dentists? We've got those, too! Check out and patronize our neighborhood businesses! Let them know that we're glad that they're here! To add *your* business contact Marilyn Russell: mrussell@dakotacom.net