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Holiday Lighting Contest

By Cherie Hewitson, Stratford Management

The Association's Annual Holiday Lighting Contest is just around the corner. We are especially thankful that our own Fire Station 18 will be judging this year's contest!

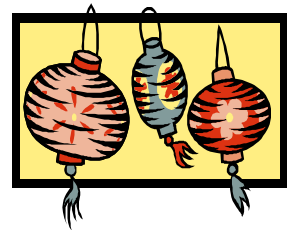
The judging will begin on December 8 and will continue through the month of December, so please have your decorations ready for judging by December 8th.

Since our community is so large, each subdivision will be judged separately so that more people have a chance to win a prize. HLC member Janie Caldwell has been busy contacting local businesses that have offered to donate prizes. Thanks to Janie!

The Master Review Board has donated a cash prize of \$200.00 for the overall winner and \$25.00 for each first place winner in each subdivision. Homeowners who receive Honorable Mention will receive prizes from our generous local merchants. All winners will receive their prizes in January 2003.

Each year, more and more people participate in this wonderful display of both lights and community spirit. We encourage you to join us in celebrating the coming holiday season and another terrific New Year!

Good luck and have fun!!!



Homeowners Corner

The Homeowners Liaison Committee (HLC) is a very important part of your Association. The Committee is made up entirely of homeowners and is a way in which homeowners can have a voice within the community. The current HLC members are:

- Santos Alvarez
- Janie Caldwell
- Dave Danks
- Mary Hathaway
- William Hathaway
- Mary Jones
- Steve Palmer
- Michelle Stribling
- Judith Strickland

Would you like to be a member of the HLC?

If so, please call Cherie Hewitson at Stratford Management, 795-6500.

The Homeowners Liaison Committee meets:

On the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Desert Dove Church, 6163 S. Midvale Park Road, at 6:30 pm.

The next couple of meeting dates are:

- [None in December]
- January 9
- February 13

All are welcome!

Heartfelt Thanks to Our Sponsors

The Midvale Park Holiday Lighting Contest would not be possible without the generous donations made by the following parties:

The Midvale Park Master Review Board

has always been the Contest's most generous donator. Thank you!

We would like to thank the following local merchants for their donations, and encourage residents to patronize their businesses.

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| Sonic Drive In | Denny's |
| Food 4 Less | Subway |
| Bank One | Fletchers Tire & Auto Service |
| The Manor at Midvale | Wal-Mart |
| Clarion Hotel Tucson Airport | Circle K |
| Family Hair Affair | Walgreens |
| VF Factory Outlet | Ross Dress For Less |
| Hollywood Video | |

For our community's safety, please don't park in the cul-de-sacs.

A Reminder from Fire Station #18

Please just use the cul-de-sacs as turn-arounds, and **not for parking** your vehicles. Though keeping the cul-de-sacs clear of vehicles may be an inconvenience, it could be a matter of life and death.

The fire engines need access to the homes in these areas, so please park your vehicles in appropriate locations. Remember that your family may have need of assistance from our firefighters someday!

Good Neighbors:

Tip #1



Overfilled trashcans—

Be aware of the capacity of your trashcan. When it is filled to over-brimming, the wind that is notorious in this part of town carries the excess trash from your container to your neighbors' yards. Please make sure the top of the trashcan is securely closed at all times.

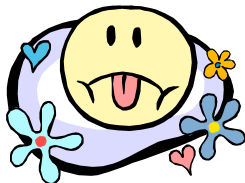
Tip #2



Abandoned shopping carts—

When you see an abandoned shopping cart *please call 1-800-THE CART* and leave a recorded message containing the location and the name of the store that owns the cart.

Tip #3



“Gifts” from neighboring pets—

Please *don't assume* that a “pet's gift” left in your yard is from a particular neighboring dog. Report only the pet that you actually see violating this rule.

Tip #4



Spurge (otherwise known as weeds)—

Some of you have received letters stating that you have spurge in your yard, and you are wondering... “What is *spurge*?”—Spurge is a weed that hugs the ground and likes to grow *everywhere*. If you look out your window you may see low-lying weed that may look like a ground cover with tiny bluish-green leaves.

Please take the time to remove it, as it spreads rapidly. Your neighbors will be grateful.

Good News About Your Assessments

Upon the recommendation of Stratford Management, the Master Review Board will not be raising assessments this year. The Association is adequately funded at the current assessment rate, and cost-controlling measures are being considered to reduce the likelihood (or amount) of future assessment increases. For example, on the following page is an opinion poll regarding the common area lawns in Midvale Park. Your opinion about this issue—and others like it—is very important, as it will help us to determine how to best allocate funds for ongoing expenses.

We also thank those of you who routinely pay your assessments in a timely manner. Your conscientiousness is very much appreciated and certainly contributed to the Association's ability to keep assessments at their current rate. *Thank you!*

Grass or Desert Landscaping? We Want Your Opinion!

As you know, many of the common areas along Midvale Park Road are landscaped with grass. *The Association has been requested to consider replacing the grass in the common areas with decorative rock and desert plants.*

Opinions are very strong on this issue.

Argument in favor of desert landscaping:

Replacing the grass will save money for the Association, by reducing the cost of irrigation and landscape maintenance.

Argument in favor of keeping the grass:

Many homeowners moved to Midvale Park specifically because of the appealing appearance of the grass in the common areas.

What do you think? Your input is very important.

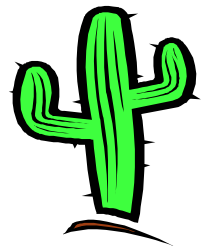
Please fill in the form and return it to the address (or fax number or e-mail address) below. Or—if you prefer to express your opinion by phone—please call Cherie Hewitson at Stratford Management, 795-6500.

Be sure to give your name, address and lot number, and (of course) your opinion!

Make your opinion heard!



*Grass
Or
Desert Landscaping?*



Midvale Park Common Area Landscaping Survey

Name _____

Address _____ Lot # _____

I am: Owner of this home. Renting/leasing this home.

I think the Association should:

Replace the grass with decorative rock / desert landscaping.

Keep the grass.

Please mail to:

Midvale Park Master Review Board
P.O. Box 40790
Tucson, AZ 85717

Or fax to: 795-6501

Or e-mail to Cherie Hewitson at: crs1931@aol.com

Or call 795-6500 and leave a message for Cherie.



Your opinion counts!

◀ Please return your form or call Cherie at 795-6500.

“How Am I Doing?”
By Cherie Hewitson, Stratford Management

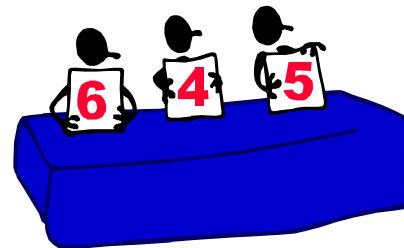
“HOW AM I DOING?”
 — Ed Koch , Former Mayor of New York

This is a quote that may be familiar to residents who have moved to Tucson from New York City. It was a phrase used often by then- Mayor Ed Koch when he met with his constituents.

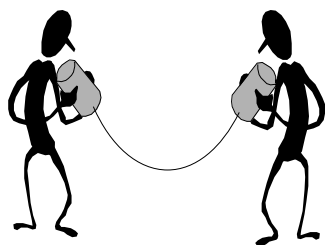
I would like to use this phrase to generate feedback from the community on my performance in serving Midvale Park.

I enjoy my position and would like your input on better ways to serve you. Please contact me—by one of the means listed below—to let me know your opinions or suggestions.

I welcome your feedback!



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We welcome your questions and comments.

How to Contact Stratford Management

At Stratford Management, several people participate in the management of Midvale Park. Part of Stratford Management’s role in your community is to ensure an open line of communication between the Master Review Board and other residents of Midvale Park.

Our friendly receptionist, Robin Gioia, will be happy to help you get in touch with your representatives at Stratford Management:

- Cherie Hewitson, *Project Manager*
- Joseph O’Hagin, *Area Manager*
- Sue Palone, *Accountant*

We welcome your comments, questions or concerns regarding the Association.

- *Phone* 795-6500 (normal business hours)
- *Fax* 795-6501
- *Mail* Stratford Management
PO Box 40790
Tucson, AZ 85717
- *Email* crs1931@aol.com

We look forward to hearing from you!