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PHOENIX HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION

Neighborhood News and Upcoming Events – Summer Issue 2002

Meet Your New PHA Board!

A new board was elected at the April 2002 Annual Meeting. Here's a little bit about the elected board members.

Brett Bacon -Vice President [2641 E. Pinchot, 602-956-7584, bskbacon@msn.com]

Brett Bacon has been on the Board all but one of the past thirteen years he's been living here on Pinchot. He was treasurer seven of those years, vice president two of those years and President two of those years. He's responsible for getting and planting all the young pine trees lining most of the streets.

Kris Straub – Treasurer [2640 E. Earll, 602-381-0382]

Kris has spent three of her four years since moving onto Earll Drive as a Board member, and is coordinating this October's Breakfast in the Park. If you're interested in helping out, call Kris.

Lanette Rosenbaum – Secretary [2432 E. Avalon ,Wk. 602-263-9736x 874, Netty24@juno.com]

Lanette Rosenbaum was born and raised in Arizona and she and her husband Josh moved into the neighborhood in June of 2001. She is excited about getting more involved in the community and meeting more of her neighbors. She works at the Volunteer Center of Maricopa County developing volunteer programs for youth. She enjoys spending time with her dog Lacy and you may see the two of them walking the neighborhood in the evenings. In her spare time she enjoys traveling, singing, and arts and crafts.

Timmi Doerschlag – Member [602-381-3598, doerschlag@aol.com]

Jeff King –Member [2716 East Flower, 602-955-6162, jhking@amug.org]

Kim Newell – Member [2502 E. Flower St., k-newell@msn.com]

Bradley Levin – Member [3122 N. 27th St., 602-957-3285, brlart@aol.com]

Due to unexpected circumstances the President's position on the Board is currently not occupied. A Board Member will be elected into this position at the next board meeting.

PHA Board Meetings: All meetings are held on the Second Tuesday evening of each month at various locations. Meetings start at 7pm. Please call a board member to find out the location.



Another Successful Tree Planting for the Eighth Year!

In early May, we planted another 20 trees! Thanks to SRP, who donated the trees this year because the City of Phoenix tree cost matching program was on hold, we received the trees totally free! A special thanks goes to St. Paul's Preparatory Academy, their 12 high school students and their hard working supervisor, who planted the trees. From the neighborhood: Brett Bacon, Charlie Boyce and Pat Vizzard (Quality Home Improvement @ 468-0847) worked hard to help plant and make sure the trees were planted properly. More thanks to Brett for coordinating the planting, getting the locations approved with our neighbors and the City of Phoenix, and putting it all together for eight years in a row.



Welcome to the Neighborhood!

The Hospitality Committee would like to welcome all of our new neighbors. Please call and tell us if you have just moved into the area or if you know of a new neighbor. Our only source of information is your call, so let us know. We also welcome new babies, so let us know about those blessed events as well. Please call Rosie Hermann at 602-956-7834. Thanks.



Kennedy Fight Back Update

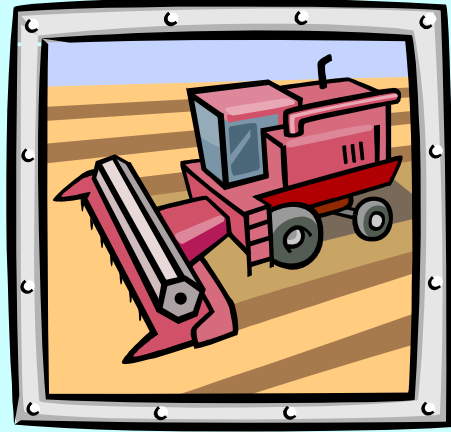
Speed Humps: Recently in the Fight Back city grant program, we have installed one speed hump on 26th St and three on Earl between 24th and 27th streets.

Street Closure: The street closure on Pinchot near 24th St. is now under a temporary trial closure. After the 90-day trial period the barricades will be removed. Then we will have a neighborhood meeting and we will have to go through another round of petitions to make it permanent. If you want to help gather signatures, contact Brett at 602-956-7584. The City of Phoenix has found another grant option that could pay for an artistic closure with landscaping. Brett is working on the application now.

Curbs: Free curb and gutter along 24th Pl., 25th St., Pinchot, Avalon and Verde Dr. is back as a possibility although the neighbors on Pinchot will probably opt out since it would wipe out most of their young trees. Using federal grant money to get this done free is the only option and this would require widening the streets and adding sidewalks making the street very wide which would take out most of the newly planted trees. The City now thinks a partial project (without Pinchot) will work but it may take several years for something to happen. A big Thanks goes to Mary for spearheading the petition drive for this issue. This requires a separate grant application and Brett is working on this now also.

Alley Lights: The alley light application was approved for 10 of the 12 requested locations and the lights were just recently installed. Now those alleys, which previously had no light at night, will be safer and less vulnerable as a dark exit for burglars.

Kennedy Fight back meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Kennedy school cafeteria.



Easements to Alleys?!?!

Maricopa County had sent a letter to one of our neighbors, Bob McKnight, about a boundary change they were making to almost 100 properties in the neighborhood. Bob tried to get the county to notify each property owner of the change but they would not. Bob took it upon himself to knock on doors to notify each individual homeowner (those he could catch) of the pending change and set up a forum to discuss it.

On June 18th at the Kennedy Fight Back meeting, the issue was brought up and discussed regarding the City of Phoenix and Maricopa County's sudden change for all utility easements behind properties in the Phoenix Homesteads tracts. The city and county is changing those easements to alleys. This reduces the property size by moving the line back for all properties in this tract that currently have back easements. Affected areas are:

26th St– 28th St, the easement between Thomas and Pinchot

26th St– 28th St, the easement between Pinchot and Earl.

26th Pl – 27th St, the easement between Earl and Osborn

27th St – 28th St, the easement between Flower and Earl

27th St – 28th St, the easement between Flower and Osborn

Greg Stanton (our councilman at 262-7491) was there along with several city staff to help us understand what was happening and why, but no one from the county's office showed up (County Assessor's office - Kevin Ross – 602-506-3406) so we did not get much accomplished. Further discussion is planned for the next fight back meeting in July. For more information, contact Bob McKnight at 956-5935.

Check out the Phoenix Homesteads Website at:

www.phoenixhomesteads.com



- Want to see the trees on Pinchot when they were two feet tall?
- Want to learn some of the fascinating history of our neighborhood?
- Want to see a map of the SRP irrigation system in our neighborhood?

Check it out on our website.

Greg Voight, our webmaster, has done a fantastic job of building this awesome website for everyone.

PHA TOOL LENDING PROGRAM

The Phoenix Homesteads Neighborhood Association owns a variety of gardening/yard tools and is willing to lend them out to residents within the Homesteads. Tools include: shovels, hoes picks, weeders, wheel barrel, pruners, trowels, and even a chainsaw. So, if you need a particular garden tool to complete a project, please feel free to call Suzanne Bracker at 468-0114, or Brett Bacon at 956-7584.



Upcoming Events Calendar

JULY 2002

- Wednesday, July 16th: 7:00 p.m. Fight Back Meeting at Kennedy School (28th St. & Osborn)
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AUGUST 2002

- Week of August 17th-26th Uncontained Trash Pick-up
**Trash may be placed out one week prior to scheduled pick-up.*
 - Wednesday, August 20th: 7:00 p.m. Fight Back Meeting at Kennedy School (28th St. & Osborn)
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SEPTEMBER 2002

- Wednesday, September 17th: 7:00 p.m. Fight Back Meeting at Kennedy School (28th St. & Osborn)
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OCTOBER 2002

- Wednesday, October 15th: 7:00 p.m. Fight Back Meeting at Kennedy School (28th St. & Osborn)
 - Saturday, October 19th: 8:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Park Event!
**Come to the Park at Flower and 27th St., for good food & to meet your neighbors!*
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NOVEMBER 2002

- Saturday, November 2nd: 7 a.m. Neighborhood Yard Sale
**There will be multiple yard sales occurring throughout the neighborhood on this day, so go ahead and plan your own and get rid of some of that stuff you don't use any more!!*
 - Week of November 16th-25th Uncontained Trash Pick-up
**Trash may be put out one week prior to scheduled pick-up.*
 - Wednesday, November 19th: 7:00 p.m. Fight Back Meeting at Kennedy School (28th St. & Osborn)
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DECEMBER 2002

- Saturday, December 21st: 8:00 a.m. Holiday Luminarias
**Come to the Park at Flower and 27th St. and meet your neighbors while assembling and distributing 3500 Luminarias!! What fun!!*



Children at Play Signs

We have some 18"x24" yellow "Slow - Children at Play" Signs with posts available if you would like one for your front yard near the street. These signs are a good reminder for motorists to slow down in the neighborhood where kids are playing. They are free to the first few who request them from Brett at 956-7584.

Desert Jewel: A Homesteads Success Story



In the month of May, Gauthier Jeweler of Scottsdale helped Nancy Newton, long-time neighborhood resident, to transform her rental property, on the southwest corner of Flower and 28th St., from a structure in need of cosmetic attention to a Jewel of the Desert. Many of you know Nancy and are familiar with the history of her guest house/rental property. This past May, Nancy was selected from several potential candidates to receive a house make over from Gauthier Jewelers. The project, headed by Tom McKeever and sponsored by Scott Gauthier, is an annual event in which Tom, Scott and the Gauthier Jewelry design team descend on a house in need and transform it into a thing of beauty. Scott funds the project and Tom

works hard for months in advance to ensure that the monies and resources are put to good use. Other contributors to this year's project were Berridge Nurseries who provided the landscaping materials; Whitfield Nurseries who provided the trees; and two of our very own Phoenix Homesteads residents, Lew Gallo and Brad Plumley, who designed and organized the project. The event was covered in the Arizona Republic and was a big success. Congratulations to Nancy, and a huge Homesteads **Thank You** to Scott, Tom, Lew, Brad, and the hard working guys from Gauthier Jewelers.

PHOENIX HOMESTEADS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Phoenix Homesteads Association was created to unify the residents of our neighborhood and to strengthen our community. Our goals are to create a safe and secure environment, to beautify our neighborhood, and to build a shared sense of community. Achieving these goals will benefit all in this area by increasing our property values and improving our living environment. We need your help in achieving these goals.

Membership fees are only **\$24 a year**. These fees help to support neighborhood events, projects, and activities, such as:

- **Neighborhood Clean-up days,**
- **Tree plantings,**
- **Holiday Luminarias,**
- **Community Get-Togethers in the park,**
- **Hospitality Baskets**
- **and many other projects and events.**

Please show your support for the neighborhood by becoming a Phoenix Homesteads Association member. Make checks payable to: **Phoenix Homesteads Association**.

Mail to: PHA
3013 N. 27th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85016

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

_____ - I am also interested in volunteering some time for neighborhood projects. (check if 'Yes')

