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PHOENIX HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION

Neighborhood News and Upcoming Events – Spring Issue 2003

Yearly General Meeting



It's that time of year again!

The Phoenix Homestead Association will be having our yearly meeting on Saturday, April 26th at 12:00 noon. It will be a potluck at the park, located at Flower and 27th Street. We will start with the meeting and elect a new board; then we'll have the potluck! All those interested in being on the board, voting for the board, or are just plain hungry are welcome.

In order to be on the board or to vote for candidates you must be a dues-paying member of the association (dues are \$24.00 a year). A main dish and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Also, bring a chair. Please come, join in, meet your neighbors, and eat some good food.

Free Curb and Gutter?

Free curbs and gutters along 24th Pl., 25th St., Pinchot, Avalon and Verde Dr. is back as a possibility, although the neighbors on Pinchot will probably opt out if this project wipes out most of their young trees. Using federal grant money to get this done free is the only option and this will require widening the streets, adding sidewalks, and making the street very wide which will take out most of the newly planted trees on Pinchot. Brett Bacon, PHA Vice-President, turned in a separate grant application about 6 months ago and it is looking good, although not a sure thing yet. We recently saw city of Phoenix engineers surveying the roads in the area and they said they were surveying for a future street gutter project in the area.



9th Annual Tree Planting Project

This year's tree planting project was much smaller since we could not get the great trees through the city of Phoenix tree planting program (it is on hold due to budget cuts). We still planted some smaller trees around the neighborhood provided by PHA. We have planted well over 400 trees in the neighborhood so far. Great job neighbors!



Two ways to stop global warming

Paul Harvey on KTAR recently mentioned one of the best ways to stop global warming was to stop breathing – which will stop all the carbon dioxide you exhale into the air. A simpler solution: Plant 45 trees and you will be carbon dioxide neutral as those 45 trees eat that up and turn it back into oxygen

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. The site offers information on the association, historic information on the neighborhood, historic pictures of the area, copies of neighborhood newsletters and flyers from the past few years, links to city sites, and much more.

Mexican food at the old Pizza Hut

The new La Salista restaurant going in at 24th and Pinchot was approved for a drive thru use permit with the stipulation that the parking lot would be modified to prevent patrons exiting the property directly on to Pinchot. It will be good to see a restaurant finally fill that building that has been vacant for quite some time now.

Calling All Volunteers!!

We need some help to put together "Welcome to the Neighborhood" Hospitality Baskets. We also need people letting us know who is new to the neighborhood. If there are any projects you would like to get involved with or spearhead, let us know! PHA offers lots of volunteer opportunities. Contact Brett at 602-956-7584.

Ted's Place Bar a problem?

Many of your Neighbors are fighting to keep this neighborhood a safe place to live. Ted's Place, a bar located at 24th Street and Pinchot appears to be a threat to the safety of our neighborhood. The first night they opened as Ted's Place there was a shooting at the bar. Police officers tell us that when they arrived after being called by the victim (bar employees never called), they found the head bartender more intent on mopping up the blood as quickly as possible (destroying evidence) then willing to help police. Since that time there has been many more problems and many neighbors are fighting mad. So much so that they have written protest letters to the City Council and helped persuade them to vote against allowing Ted's Place to get a liquor license.

The final vote comes down to the liquor board (which does not always vote with the city council) on May 1st at 9:30 am. You can attend to voice your opinion at the 5th floor hearing room at the AZ Dept. of Liquor Licenses at 800 W. Washington. Parking is free just west of the building including the 2 story parking garage. You can also make your opinion known by raising your hand when the board polls people in the audience. For more information, contact Glen Hammond, Assistant City Prosecutor at 602-534-9801.

Watch HGTV for one of your Neighbor's House

Brett and Sheila Bacon's house at 2621 E. Pinchot was filmed for a future episode of HGTV's "If Walls Could Talk." They have to edit 7 hours of film down to a portion of a half hour show so we don't know what all will be shown. It should air sometime this winter we are told by HGTV.

If you see Graffiti

If you see graffiti, call Graffiti Busters at 495-0323

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Phoenix Homestead 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:

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

Please show your support for the neighborhood by becoming a Phoenix Homestead Association member. Make checks out to: **Phoenix Homestead 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")