

# Together

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PHOENIX HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION

Neighborhood News and Upcoming Events – Summer Issue 2004

## Meet The New PHA Board - 2004

**Annette Sexton: President; 2505 E. Pinchot; Home: 602-956-0806; [amb56@cox.net](mailto:amb56@cox.net)**

Annette has served on the board previously. She has lived in the neighborhood since 1986. She believes our area is made special by the people that live here, and is interested in preserving and enhancing its uniqueness.

**Kris Straub: Vice-President; 2640 East Earll Drive; Home: 602-381-0382;**

Kris moved into the neighborhood six years ago after happening upon our community while walking her dog. Kris' hobbies include home improvement projects and gardening. Kris has spent five of her six years since moving onto Earll Drive as a Board member.

**Charlie Boyce: Treasurer; 3013 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street; Home: 602-957-8880; [cdbgtv@cox.net](mailto:cdbgtv@cox.net)**

Charlie and his partner moved into the neighborhood in 1997. He has been involved with the Board and neighborhood activities since moving here. He believes in the power of neighbors coming together to create healthy and vibrant communities.

**Maegan Snow: Secretary; 3207 N. 25th Street; Home: 602-840-4719; [snow0022@hotmail.com](mailto:snow0022@hotmail.com)**

Maegan, her husband Hal and their two toddler sons are new to the neighborhood. They are excited to help improve our neighborhood in any way they can.

**Jon & Christina Murillo: Board Members; 2632 E. Earll Dr; Home: 602-553-8891; [mjdmurillo@aol.com](mailto:mjdmurillo@aol.com)**

Jon is a third generation Arizonan, and wouldn't live anywhere else! He has been married to Christina for two years. Christina has lived in their house for almost 10 years. Jon currently has his own business doing odd jobs like house sitting, pet sitting and lawn maintenance. They both love their neighbors and their neighborhood!!

**Vicki Council: Board Member; 3136 N. 27th Street; Home: 602-413-0289**

Vicki is a native of Arizona. Her husband Barry is from Illinois. They have a son, Levi, who is 12 years old. Vicki attends college in the a.m. and works in the afternoons. Barry is a heavy equipment operator. They love the neighborhood!

**Sylvia Wagner: Board Member; 3121 N. 27th Street; Home: 602-956-2762**

Sylvia has lived the neighborhood for 11 years. She grew up in a homestead adobe on Dreamy Draw Wash. She's lived in many different cities thru out the U.S. She is currently taking care of her elderly mother, who just celebrated her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday. Sylvia is the proud mother of two bichon frises (dogs).

## PHA Calendar of Upcoming Events

### July 2004

- Summer Newsletter
- Board Meeting – July 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

### August 2004

- Major Trash Pick-up – Aug 14<sup>th</sup>, put out trash; Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, trash pick-up
- Board Meeting – Aug 12<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

### September 2004

- Fall Newsletter
- Board Meeting – Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.
- Neighborhood Block Watch Mtg – Sept 29<sup>th</sup>

### October 2004

- Breakfast in the Park – Oct 9<sup>th</sup>
- Board Meeting – Oct 14<sup>th</sup>

### November 2004

- Neighborhood Yard Sale – Nov 6<sup>th</sup>
- Board Meeting – Nov 11<sup>th</sup>

- Major Trash Pick-up – Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, put out trash; Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>, trash pick-up

### December 2004

- Winter Newsletter
- Board Meeting – Dec 9<sup>th</sup>
- Luminarias – Dec 18<sup>th</sup>

### January 2005

- Board Meeting – Jan 13<sup>th</sup>

### February 2005

- Major Trash Pick-up
- Board Meeting – Feb 10<sup>th</sup>

### March 2005

- Spring Newsletter
- Board Meeting – Mar 10<sup>th</sup>

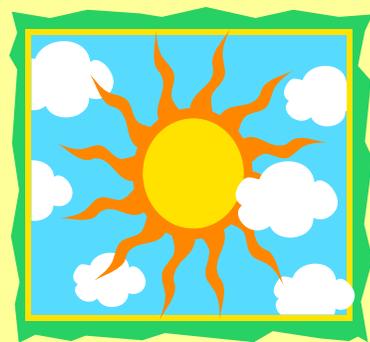
### April 2005

- Annual PHA Meeting

## Welcome Volunteers

by Annette Sexton

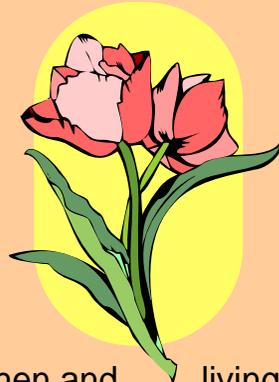
Thanks for showing an interest in making your neighborhood a better place to live. We all know that this is a very unique area. Whenever I mention where I live the response is "you have all of those beautiful pine trees and you decorate so beautifully for the Christmas season with the luminarias and lights." I feel fortunate because I know I can walk through the area and meet someone who will smile and say hello.



There will be a meeting for all who want to volunteer to help with various neighborhood activities. The meeting will be held on Saturday, July 31 from 3 - 5 PM at 3013 N. 27th St. Refreshments will be served. I hope to see you there.

## Neighborhood Chit Chat

by Sylvia Wagner



As a homeowner in the Homesteads, I'm interested in stories, old or new, about our neighborhood. I sat down with my next door neighbor, Carol Smith, to get a glimpse into her life growing up on 27<sup>th</sup> Street in one of the original adobe homes. Carol is the daughter of Cecil and Arleen Armstrong, who moved into their home in 1937. The home is close to its original state with three bedrooms, one bath, kitchen and living room. The washer and dryer rest on the back patio – a post 1950s convenience for Arlene.

Originally, the Community Center housed electric tub-wringer washers and an ironing room with built-in boards fitting into small individual closets. A piano was available and meetings were held there. As a young girl, Carol was helping with the wash and caught her arm to the shoulder in one of the wringers and was rescued. Rescue was again need when a neighborhood girlfriend and Carol locked themselves in one of the ironing board closets. She has determined her claustrophobia dates from this scary, youthful game of hide and seek. Piano lessons were given at the center as well as quilting lessons and bees. Cooking lessons and potluck suppers were enjoyed and dances were held with records providing the band music. And at one "adults only" dance, children gathered beneath the windows and slyly peaked in.

One of the nighttime memories Carol shared comes from her teen years. Lying in bed, looking across the fields to 24<sup>th</sup> Street and Thomas, she could see the neon sign atop the Green Gables Bar, which became a restaurant of quality later on with gaslights outside and a Knight in armor with a lance greeting quests while astride a real steed. A florist now occupies the space. When the government started selling property and broke up the homestead program, the dairy (which is now St. Paul's Academy on 27<sup>th</sup> and Osborn) stood idle, as did the Community Center. Cows no longer roamed through the alfalfa. The Creighton School District bought the center and it was familiarly called the "Little School" as kindergarten was held there. Soon thereafter, it became district offices.

In 1940, Cecil and Arleen bought their home for approximately \$1,000. Having been credited \$1.00 per month from their rent toward ownership; their government home now belonged to them. New homes were built in the late forties and early fifties. Over the years, Carol raised six children, worked hard and has had a full life. Her father, Cecil, passed away in 1994 and her mother, Arleen, passed away in 1997. Never dreaming she'd live in the house she grew up in, Carol is content to once again occupy the property. She retains the same phone number issued to her parents sixty years ago. She does not plan to leave and is one of the many good neighbors I treasure.

***Do you have stories to share about our neighborhood? News? Is your home here new to you? Do you want to find neighbors that share your interests? Gardening? Book clubs? Recipes? Projects? Please call anytime. Sylvia Wagner, 602-956-2762.***



## **Thumbs Up Green Thumb**

**by Maegan Snow**

One of our very own Homestead neighbors has grown a little patch of Eden around her home. Kris Straub's garden will be appearing in the July (or later) issue of Phoenix Home and Garden Magazine. A Big 'Green' thumbs up to Kris for helping make our neighborhood a more beautiful place to live.

## **Check Out the Phoenix Homesteads Website at:**

[www.phoenixhomesteads.com](http://www.phoenixhomesteads.com)

**For all the latest updates and interesting news on the Phoenix Homesteads!!!**



**Remember that potato salad at the Potluck in April. Well it's not a potato salad at all it is a Russian dish called Olivee and now you can make it at home.**

### **Olivee**

2 eggs  
3 large potatoes  
2 carrots whole  
1/2 Cup peas frozen  
2 Cup chopped cooked meat or poultry  
1Cup Mayonnaise  
1/2 Cup sour cream  
1/2 Cup chopped cucumber  
1/2 Cup chopped dill pickles  
1/2 Cup chopped white red or green onion  
2 Tbs. fresh parsley  
2 Tbs. fresh dill weed  
salt  
bay leaf

Boil unpeeled potatoes and carrots with bay leaf and a generous amount of salt until cooked but still firm. Let cool, peel and chop in 1/2 inch cubes, mix in large bowl with meat and salt. Discard Bay leaf. Chill.  
Boil and chop eggs, chill in small bowl.  
Mix together mayonnaise, sour cream, onions, cucumbers, and pickles add to potato mixture. Slightly warm peas in water, drain well, mix in.  
Add chopped cold eggs.  
Mix in chopped dill and parsley.  
Add salt and fresh ground pepper to taste.  
Chill overnight.

**Sí tenga interés en recibir las noticias de nuestro barrio en español, favor de llamarnos al numero 602.840.4719 o contactarnos por email a [snow0022@hotmail.com](mailto:snow0022@hotmail.com). Favor de dejar su nombre y dirección en su mensaje.**

## **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,**
- **Tree plantings,**
- **Holiday Luminarias,**
- **Community Get-Togethers in the park,**
- **and many other projects and events.**

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. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, AZ 85016.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Christine Jarrell & Regina Yazzie**  
(formerly of Feature Cuts) have opened their own business: **CR Salon!!!** Located at 24<sup>th</sup> Street and Indian School Road in the Salon Signature Building (just behind Walgreens and KFC)  
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