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PHOENIX HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION

Neighborhood News and Upcoming Events – Winter Issue 2004

15th Annual Luminarias!!

It's time again to celebrate the Annual Luminaria Festival!! Come join in with your neighbors during this traditional Southwestern celebration of the holiday season. As we did last year, this year's festival will include a **Food Drive** for St. Mary's Food Bank.

Please consider participating in the festival in one or more of the following ways:

1. At 8:30 a.m. on **December 18th**, come to the park at 27th Street and Flower to help assemble and distribute the luminarias.

Trucks for distribution are especially appreciated.

2. Bring canned or dry food donations to the Park in the morning while we are assembling the luminarias.

3. At sunset that evening, come out and light the luminarias in your area. Walk around and enjoy the sights and say hello to your neighbors. Please help extinguish any candles left burning after midnight.

4. On Sunday, December 19th, pick up the luminaria bags in front of your house. All clean up efforts made by the neighbors are greatly appreciated by the PHA board.

5. Make a donation (\$5 suggested) to the luminaria fund to support PHA sponsored neighborhood events. An envelope for donations is included with this newsletter for your convenience. Please make checks payable to: **Phoenix Homesteads**, and send them to: Charlie Boyce, 3013 N. 27th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85016.



THANKS TO ALL for helping to make this November's **Dog Show in the Park** a great day! We raised a generous donation for The Arizona Humane Society. They are grateful to all who participated and contributed. A special thanks to the members of the board who supported us whole-heartedly. Some neighbors stopped by just to donate funds to the organization. It turned out to be a great time and we plan to have another one in the future. Due to the rain, we were forced to reschedule the dog show to the following week, causing some confusion. We hope to be more organized next time. Levi and I would like to especially thank Tyler Morrow and Robert Stahl for all of their help. Also, we couldn't have done it without the help of Christina and Jon Murillo (board members) and Sylvia Wagner (also a board member) Sally and Rick Engelmann who took pictures and helped tremendously! Thanks to Kris Straub (Vice President of the Board) who also put so much time in making the day a success. Hope to see you all next time.

By Vicki Council

Breakfast In The Park Success

This year's Breakfast in the Park was held on a beautiful October morning. The event was well attended by neighbors, with a number of local artists and craftsmen showcasing their work. All appeared to be having a good time - eating good food, chatting and doing some early holiday shopping. The food was delicious and free; it was the usual 'cowboy breakfast' fare. A big Thank You to **Schreiner's Sausage** for donating the sausage and chorizo; **Barb's Bakery** for donating the donuts; and to all those who worked hard to make this a memorable event!

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Phoenix Homesteads Website at:
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For all the latest updates, ancient history and interesting news on your neighborhood!!!



Local Falcon to Wed??

Chit Chat by Sylvia Wagner

Saraa Sequoia and Pete Castaneda rent a home on the corner of 27th Street and Pinchot. One day, Saraa saw a Kestrel standing uncharacteristically in the street and called Arizona Fish and Game. She was able to pick up the bird but sadly the wild one died prior to Fish and Game's arrival.

The State of Arizona tests native birds, particularly birds of prey for environmental or viral illnesses. This helps keep tabs on human and animal health.

Since the male Kestrel was left without a wife, Fish and Game released a new female hoping the two will form a mating pair. Since this release, Saraa tells me the male and three females have been spotted.

The American Kestrel, or Sparrow Hawk, is the smallest of Falcons. Indigenous throughout all of the Americas, it over winters here. Falcon Field Military Airbase in the East Valley (now a commercial airport) was thought to be named for the bird. The bodies are 9"-12" long with a wingspan of 22"-23". The males are larger with a reddish crown, back and tail; blue-gray wings and head; buff breast and nape; white underparts and side spotting; black markings behind the ear; black mustache and a black band at the end of the tail. The females have a reddish back and wings and heavier streaking underneath.

They are vocal: "*Killy – Killy – Killy*", and hunt from tall poles and trees. They love insects and small rodents so they are in an ideal neighborhood.

Saraa tells me they hunt most often at dawn. She and her family observe lots of wild birds in their wonderful yard – Bobby the hummingbird being a favorite who responds to his name.

I know we now have a flock of peach-faced lovebirds gone wild. If you keep your eyes peeled, you'll see the occasional Cactus Wren, Quail, Inca and Mourning Doves, Gila Woodpeckers, Thrashers, tiny Verdins and the Abert's Towhee. Enjoy these feathered neighbors and remember they are protected by law. We are fortunate to share our lives with them!!

Phoenix Home & Garden

Linda Barkman, editor of Phoenix Home & Garden and resident of Phoenix Homesteads, has reorganized the art direction of the magazine. Beginning in January, each monthly issue will highlight an historic area in Phoenix. There will be a short article as well as a drawing or painting featuring an artistic rendition of a representative house in the area. It is her wish to eventually offer these renditions in a set of note cards, calendars, etc. Look for Phoenix Homesteads to be featured in January's issue!!

Semmelknoedel (Dumplings)

Recipe by Christina Murillo

This is a recipe straight from the Bavarian kitchen. My mom used to make Semmelknoedel with roast beef and gravy on Sundays when the whole family was together to enjoy each others company, and of course an excellent meal.

Ingredients:

6-8 bread rolls (preferable 2-3 days old & dry)
1 1/3 cup of hot milk
1/2 lb of lean bacon, cut into small pieces
twig of parsley, chopped
small amount of grated lemon peel
1 onion, chopped
butter
1-3 eggs
salt
1 tablespoon of flour

Cut rolls into small and thin slices. Transfer them into a bowl, add the hot milk and cover the bowl with a lid or plate so that the rolls will soften in the steam. While the rolls are softening, brown the onions, bacon, parsley, and lemon peel in a small amount of hot butter. Pour this mixture over the slightly soaked bread (bread should not be too wet); add 1-3 eggs, salt (to your taste), and the flour. Lightly combine everything with your hands without kneading. Then, rinse your hands under cold water (do not dry your hands) and form nice and round tennis ball- size dumplings. Add the dumplings into a large pot filled with boiling salt water. Reduce the heat and let the dumplings simmer for about 8-10 minutes until they are "swimming" on the surface. Remove the dumplings from the boiling water and transfer them onto a warmed plate. Semmelknoedel are a great side dish for pot roast, beef or pork roast. If you have leftovers try the following: Slice semmelknoedel and brown them in hot butter. Hope you enjoy!

Exotic Stores in Our Neighborhood!

By Annette Sexton

Hi Neighbors!

Are you tired of buying and eating the same food week after week? Would you like to travel to faraway places and try something different? We are fortunate to have as our neighbor, a great Mediterranean Food store. Jodeci's is located at 2446 E. Thomas Rd. The entire back half of the market has shelves of exotic ingredients such as sesame thaini used in hummus, Turkish and Greek spices like mahlab, grape molasses and other essential foodstuffs found in any Armenian kitchen. Try sampling some Mediterranean favorites like chickpeas or roasted watermelon seeds. Jodeci's also stocks other familiar items like feta cheese, pine nuts and Greek olives. If you don't feel like cooking, stop at the sandwich counter for a take-out Gyro or Falafel.

Panamericano, with Latin American flavor, is located at 3303 N. 24th St. There you will find exotic canned goods and other treats. They also stock many gift items from Latin America like gourd ornaments, slingshots like the ones used by Salvadoran children to stave off bullies, and 4 foot long natural bath sponges. You will also find beautiful linen tablecloths stamped with a design and ready to embroider or cross-stitch.

If you haven't done so, stop and shop at these stores. Let's all get out and meet our neighbors.

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PHA Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Alleyway Clean-up: Feb 5th or 12th
- Major Trash Pickup - February
- Neighborhood Yard Sale: April 2nd
- Annual Meeting: April 10th or 17th
- Major Trash Pickup - May

Please call a board member for more details

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.

Favor de dejar su nombre y dirección en su mensaje.

Blockwatch Tips

By Sylvia Wagner

Held on September 29, the fall neighborhood Block Watch Meeting attracted about 25 residents. Three officers were in attendance including Bob Wagner who is our liaison officer between the Police Department and the neighborhood.

In order for the Block Watch to work effectively, residents need to report ALL Crime, no matter how minor, and to continue to demand police response even if it takes hours or days. There is a direct link between demand and the number of officers hired in a precinct and all precincts are under-manned at the present. Crime is under reported by at least 50% according to these officers. They explained calls are prioritized by urgency and on many shifts there is simply not enough staff to meet the demand. Call on any crime, continue to call, don't get discouraged and we'll see more officers in the field.

Tips offered by Officer Bob:

- 1) Call #911 for emergencies only
- 2) Call #602-262-6151 to report crime, have a report filed and for non-emergencies
- 3) **DO NOT** Advertise gifts to tempt thieves. If you buy electronics – TVs, VCRs, Computers – cut up the boxes and put the pieces out of sight in the trash bin.
- 4) **DO** put a neighborhood Block Watch sign in the window. Officer Bob told us this is the #1 deterrent for thieves as reported by thieves.
- 5) Participate in neighborhood meetings; tell neighbors when you're going out of town or having repairs done and to report any unusual activities in your absence.

Call a board member for a Block Watch sign and participate in the next meeting. We need input to help organize concerns and responses. Participate!!!

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