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PHOENIX HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION

Neighborhood News and Upcoming Events – Summer Issue 2005

Meet The New PHA Board - 2005

Jon Murillo: President; 2632 E. Earll Dr; Hm: 602-553-8891; mjdmurillo@aol.com

Jon is a third generation Arizonan, and wouldn't live anywhere else! He has been married to Christina for three years. Christina has lived in their house for almost 11 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!!

Annette Sexton: Vice-President; 2505 E. Pinchot; Hm: 602-956-0806; amb56@cox.net

Annette has served on the board previously; she was last year's President. Annette 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.

Christopher Mayor: Treasurer; 3014 N. 27th St; Hm: 602-952-2012; arkitkt@hotmail.com

Christopher has only recently moved to the neighborhood, but feels instantly at home every time he steps outside. As an architect, Christopher sees the neighborhood's place in history, the diversity of its residents, and of course the homes of our community as integral components to the unique character that makes up the Phoenix Homesteads neighborhood. He hopes to facilitate the continued permeation of this character to all areas of the Homesteads community.

Kris Straub: Secretary; 2640 East Earll Dr; Hm: 602-381-0382; kris234@earthlink.net

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

Charlie Boyce: Board Member; 3013 North 27th St; Hm: 602-957-8880; cdbgtv@cox.net

Charlie and his partner Greg moved into the neighborhood in 1995. Charlie has been involved with the Board and neighborhood activities since moving here. His background is in social work and community development. He believes that neighbors hold the power of creating healthy and vibrant communities by working together.

Suzanne Bracker: Board Member; 2729 E. Flower; Hm: 602-468-0114

Suzanne moved to the neighborhood in 1993. She is interested in the arts and gardening. Suzanne has three children plus grandkids. She operated a gift and plant shop, designed knitwear for boutiques, and now composes music.

Vicki Council: Board Member; 3136 N. 27th St; Hm: 602-413-0289

Vicki is a native of Arizona. Her husband Barry is from Illinois. They have a son, Levi, who is 13 years old. Vicki attends college in the a.m. and works in the afternoons. Barry is a heavy equipment operator. They love the neighborhood!

Rick Englemann & Sally Boyle: Board Members; 3148 N. 27th St; Hm: 602-956-1178; ricketempe@yahoo.com

Sally has been a resident of Phoenix Homesteads for 12 years. Her interests are gardening, art and travel and she is currently working toward certification as a Botanical Illustrator. She is an Art Teacher at Chandler High School where she has taught all of the drawing and painting classes you can imagine along with Art History. Rick has been a resident of Phoenix Homesteads for 4 years and has decided he can no longer just live in "the hood", but needs to get involved. Rick's interests range from travel to golf and from reading to remodeling. He is a Motion Media Instructor at Chandler High School, addressing all aspects of video production.

Jackie Gill-Solares: Board Member; 2938 N. 24th Pl; Hm: 602-468-1282

Jackie and her husband Ron and their two children, Armando and Jessica, have lived in the area for 19 years, and in the Homesteads for five years. Jackie works at her son's Barber Shop, Scissor Hands located at 3308 N. 24th St. She was active in the Loma Linda Association -serving on their board, and is also a member of the State Board of Barbers – appointed in 2004 to a 5 year term. She enjoys living here and wants to participate in the association to help keep this neighborhood great! She sees a lot of new families coming in and great older families staying, as well as so many church communities and local businesses all making our neighborhood such an eclectic and neat place to live. Life is good! Hope to see you at upcoming events.

Sylvia Wagner: Board Member; 3121 N. 27th St; Hm: 602-956-2762

Sylvia has lived the neighborhood for 12 years. She grew up in a homestead adobe on Dreamy Draw Wash. She's lived in many different cities thru out the United States. Sylvia is the proud mother of two bichon frises (dogs).

Paradise

by Caroline Lavender

edited by Kris Straub

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Many people buy land in the mountains to serve as a retreat. Others look for a piece of virgin desert so they can feel more connected with nature. Most people are unable to buy large enough areas to truly find that which they seek. The roads, homes and fire protection measures all degrade and sometimes destroy the very things they were trying to be close to. We all want to own our own piece of paradise, so why not create them on city lots such as ours?

Our lots seem larger and larger as the surrounding suburbs are creating smaller and smaller yards. It looks as if downtown will fill up with lofts and condos, which will be equipped with small porches or decks at most. Our great location, generous yards and irrigated lots will make us a haven for those who want to create a personal paradise right outside their doors.

What is your yard to you? A buffer from neighbors, a place for your dogs, a place to store junk, an outdoor cooking place, a place to grow fresh food, a smoking hangout, a place for kids to play? How often do you sit outside and observe the sounds and sights? Can you make time to do "nothing" for 15 minutes? This time may be more valuable than you realize. Go outside; find shade and a comfortable spot. Relax and observe. Or roam the neighborhood; see some great gardens. You can create a wide variety of looks in this climate. Native plants are always a great idea, but you can also do large shade trees, lush tropicals, exotic succulents and cacti.

If you expand your plantings beyond a few bushes and a lawn, you will see an immediate difference in the birds and insects. If your yard attracts only sparrows, starlings or pigeons, you could use a little more variety. One of my favorite things is watching leaves and branches react to our constant breezes. The subtle experience of a few minutes outdoors really can't be properly written about. It really becomes a quality of life issue.

This is just one possibility for creating real experiences that are truly connected, with integrity, to the world around you. Trust me, the value far exceeds that trip to the mall. And if you are motivated, you might just decide to make your own yard a little piece of personal paradise.

Recipe Request for a Neighborhood Cookbook

by Annette Sexton

Do you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share? Maybe it's one that you remember from your childhood. My mom used to love potato pancakes and I remember that I always helped her make them.

The Phoenix Homestead Association would like to create a neighborhood cookbook. If you have recipes to share with us we would love to put them in the cookbook.

When you submit the recipe please tell us your "Recipe Story". Is it a family recipe that has been handed down through the generations, is it from a dear friend, or from a favorite publication?

Please e-mail your recipe to me at; amb56@cox.net or snail mail it to: Annette Sexton, 2505 E. Pinchot, Phoenix, AZ 85016.

Mary Buteau's Potato Pancakes

My Mom called this her "soul food". We had potato pancakes every Friday when I was young. The only thing that I didn't like was grating the potatoes with a hand grater. Ouch, that hurt my knuckles.

3 potatoes, raw, medium size
1 Tablespoon flour
1 egg
1 teaspoon salt

Grate potatoes using a blender or hand grater.

Add next 3 ingredients, stir well.

Drop by large spoonfuls into a heavy frying pan that has about an inch of oil, (I always use a cast iron pan) and cook until browned and lacy around the edges, turning once.

Enjoy!

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.

I SEE THAT ...



by Sylvia Wagner

Due to the recent passing of my Mom, Dorothy, at age 98, my thoughts are naturally focused inwardly and on my family. The logo that appears here is one my Father, John, used on his local valley newspaper, The Sunnyslope Journal from 1951 to 1959. Sunnyslope is an area centered on Dunlap and seventh streets that long ago was incorporated by Phoenix.

Mom, born in 1907, was related to the Chisholms of the Chisholm cattle trail. Her family still owns the original family farm in Marshall, Michigan dating from the mid 1800's. Dad, born in 1894, was a first generation American. He passed away in 1982. They knew firsthand the echo of the bitterness of the Civil War. Teddy Roosevelt was a huge influence on their lives and World War I claimed relatives in my Mother's family.

Duluth, Minnesota was the town of their childhoods. Mom would describe to me the wooden sidewalks, horses and buggies, the rare automobile, itinerant photographers, Gypsies stopping at homes to read fortunes and riding away in colorful carts. She spoke of the amazing aroma fogging trolley cars filled with people in the era of little sanitation or laundering- eau de cologne drenched bodies that knew neither deodorant nor consistent bathing. Electricity was not to be the norm for many years to come, telephones weren't in the White House until the twenties and bacteria and germs were little understood.

In the twenties, my Folks danced in Vaudeville around the country on one-night stands. They lived through cheap hotels, bad food and terrible winter storms crossing the Rockies in a cloth top Model T. Owned by a fellow performer, the windshield wipers consisted of men clinging to the open doors, their hands brushing the snow away.

Dad became an editor and writer on the Detroit Freepress for many years during that city's tumultuous 20th century history. Covering race riots, murders, big city politics and the speakeasy period of prohibition which was fueled by the proximity of the Canadian border, lawless gangs and boatloads of liquor speeding across Lake Superior, my Dad was a figure out of black and white movies about boilerplate newspapering.

Moving to Phoenix, the now family of six lived in a homestead adobe outside the city limits - 16th street and Northern - with no cooling and little heating. WWII was over, Korea was looming, Viet Nam, the Gulf Wars were ahead Man would land on the moon. Amos and Andy on the radio yielded to the rise of television and computers arrived. No one dreamed people would own a tiny version of the original giants as personal office equipment or the Internet and what it would do to the world. We were only beginning to feel at ease with commercial air flight and telephoning long distance.

I often think of my Mother's ability to accept the monumental changes that span nearly a century and it was with some regret Mom left this life for her intellect was continually sparked by the mystery of what was around the corner That she was faithful and constant to her truthful nature and good humor is an understatement. We came to live here, which was good fortune indeed and I thank everyone for contributing to the safety and quietude that provided peace for us.

And I know my Mom thanks you too.

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')

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