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PHOENIX HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION

Neighborhood News and Upcoming Events – Winter Issue 2005

16th 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 **Dec. 17th**, 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 or \$10 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: Chris Mayor, 3014 N. 27th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85016.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **Luminarias:** Saturday, December 17, 2005 at 8 a.m.
- ❖ **Neighborhood Block Watch Meeting:** Jan 11, 2006 at 7 p.m.
- ❖ **Dog Show:** Saturday, February, 25 2006 at 10 a.m.
- ❖ **Major Trash Pick-up:** February 20, 2006 – Collection begins
- ❖ **Neighborhood Yard Sale:** Saturday, April 1, 2006
- ❖ **Annual General Meeting & Potluck:** Sunday, April 9th at 11:30



Dog Show in the Park!

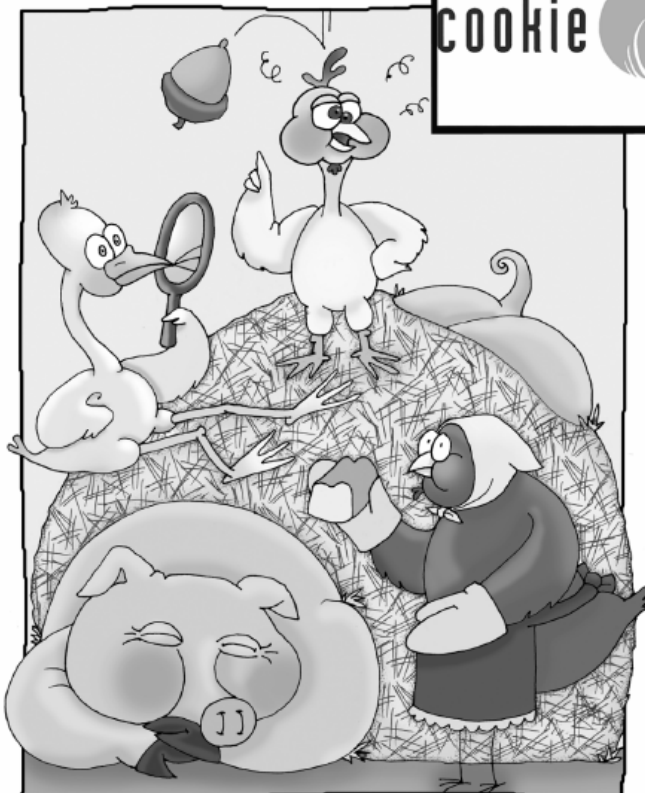
By Vicki Council

Yes, at the end of February it will be time for the **Annual Dog Show in the Park!** It will be held at the District Park on Flower and 27th Street on **Saturday, February 25th at 10 a.m.** It was created by Levi Pyse and Tyler Morrow two years ago and was such a great success that they decided to make it an annual event. There will be drawings and a raffle for everyone who enters with a \$5.00 entry fee. All proceeds will be donated to The Arizona Humane Society No Kill Shelter to help feed and care for all pets waiting to go to good homes. Donations will be accepted and everyone's a winner!

Categories will include a Dog Walk, Best Trick, Best dressed, Grooming and much more. Everyone is welcome to come early to help their dog practice for their big day. A member of the The Arizona Humane Society will be present to encourage everyone to spay, neuter and immunize our pets. Don't miss this great event! We will need volunteers to help with judging and organizing events. Anyone interested in participating please call Vicki Council at 602-413-0289.

Breakfast in the Park Recap

Breakfast in the Park was another great success! Many artists showed up with their artwork, crafts and collections. A jazz quartet of Phoenix College students entertained the crowd. The music as outstanding and the food, as usual, was delicious. It was an enjoyable day for everyone. It is no doubt the best event of the year. It's a great time to visit and get to know our neighbors, old and new. Everyone had a wonderful time and we hope to see you October at the Breakfast in the Park.



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Sat. & Sun. Performances

Not only is the sky falling, but the Red Hen can't find anyone to grind the wheat, Ugly Duckling is having an identity crisis, and Little Boy Blue has lost control of the sheep and the cows. Join the fun when a variety of barnyard tales collide in this wild new romp.

Box Office: (602)254.2151
Group Sales: (602)889.5283
www.phxtheatre.org

Block Watch Meeting

Recently a group of concerned neighbors met to discuss safety issues that our neighborhood should be focusing on. We came up with a list of neighborhood issues, a list of neighborhood strengths and resource we can tap into, and a list of next step action items.

One of the key action items is to recruit more neighbors to help us get more insight on local crime and safety issues affecting our neighborhood and to help us create a plan of action to deal with these issues. We've scheduled a **Neighborhood Block Watch Meeting** to be held on **Wednesday, January 11th at 7 p.m.** at the Creighton District Office's conference room, located at 27th Street and Flower. Please plan on attending the meeting to work with your neighbors to create a safe and vital place for all of us to live in.

Safety tips shared with us by the Phoenix Police Department

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 the police officers. Police 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.

We are each responsible for the character, quality, security, and safety of our neighborhood. It's as simple as getting to know your neighbors, and having a general awareness of the people living in, and activities going on in, our neck of the woods. Everyone benefits when we help watch out for one another.

When we are aware of our surroundings, we are better equipped to recognize when something is not "right," or when something might need our attention. Most of the time, we ourselves can help fix the problem, and there are many programs and City departments that will assist us in this community effort.

Additional Tips

- 1) Call **911** for emergencies only.
- 2) Call **602-262-6151** to report crime, to 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; 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.

Contacts and Resources

Police Department – (City of Phoenix)

- Crime Statistics.....602.261.8985
- Graffiti Hotline.....602.262.7327
- Squaw Peak Precinct.....602.495.5004
- Abandoned Vehicles (private property).....602.262.7844
- Abandoned Vehicles (Streets, Alleys).....602.262.6151

Neighborhood Services Department

- FREE paint for graffiti removal.....602.495.0323
- Paint Sprayers to remove graffiti.....602.495.0323 (training provided)
- Graffiti Busters.....602.495.7014
- Graffiti Reward Hotline.....602.262.7327
- Neighborhood Clean-ups.....602.495.0323 (tool lending program too!)

Public Works

- Illegal Dumping.....602.262.7251
- Quarterly Trash Pick-up & Recycling.....602.262.7251
- Trees Maintained by the City602.262.6501 (must be in public Right Of Way)

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For all the latest updates, ancient history and interesting news on your neighborhood!!!

Favor de dejar su nombre y dirección en su mensaje.

by Sylvia Wagner



Universes, galaxies, stars, planets and our own earth. Encrusting this heated globe, there is water and a small amount of arable land. From space what we see indicates no countries, no human boundaries but we notice the haze of clouds, bluest oceans, tawny deserts, mighty rivers and the bits on which mankind live.

Which leads me to our own little neighborhood and the beauty of place, pride of ownership and the mysterious question of why one chooses to live in Homestead. With the price of real estate soaring out of sight we are so lucky to be in a stable and friendly environment. While

many properties have recently changed owners, this little enclave of small homes continues to attract people who recognize the vitality of a mere dust mote of inhabitable space on this earth.

On walks with my dogs, I've noticed that 26th Place from Osborne to Earll has undergone a renaissance. Houses have been buffed up, added onto, and landscaped. Garages have been enlarged, roofs replaced and gallons of paint brushed and rolled both inside and out. What makes this little street a real treasure? It is the quality of the people who live here. It is the earnest determination to make a house into a home. A street into a neighborhood.

A neighborhood into a world.

Help our community continue to develop and thrive. Talk to your neighbors, take pride in your home and your chosen spot on this delicate earth. Join in the luminaria celebration on the 17th by coming to the park in the morning and help assemble the paper lanterns which will cheerily shine into the night. Make it a fun evening task to light any that are near your home. And walk the streets on this special night. You'll find people enjoying the sights - Candy Cane Lane on Pinchot, individual light displays and open house parties. Feel free to enter yards where fire pits are lit and introduce yourself to a stranger at the party.

There is not a single neighborhood in this universe like ours.

Annette's Famous Holiday Cheese Ball

I don't remember where I got this recipe but I've been making it for more years than I care to admit. Everyone seems to like it, even those who say they don't like onions. Try it, I know you'll like it too.

- 1 8 oz. package Cream Cheese
- 1 3 oz package Buddig Chipped Beef, finely chopped
- 6 green onions, chopped, including tops

Blend all 3 ingredients, white part of onions only, with a fork, spoon, or your hands. After it's blended roll into a large ball and then roll in the reserved chopped green part of the onions.

This is a great Holiday idea as the presentation is very colorful. Serve with your favorite crackers.

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... AND CAN KILL!



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