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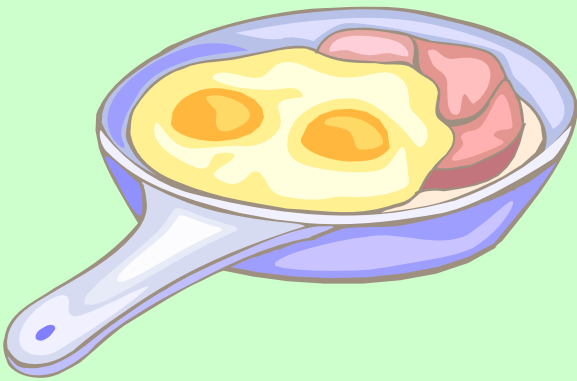
PHOENIX HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION

Neighborhood News and Upcoming Events – Fall Issue 2006

Annual Breakfast in the Park

Saturday, October 21st, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
in the Park at Flower & 27th Street

By Rick Engelmann and Sally Boyle



Come join your neighbors for a free community breakfast. Well, it is not really free - the breakfast is just one of the ways our \$24.00 contributions are used during the year. There will be sausage, eggs, pastries, juice, coffee and good neighbors. For those who have been to the event in the past, come again. For those new to the neighborhood, please come meet your neighbors. For those who are ready to leap into our community with renewed enthusiasm, yea and welcome. We provide all the

goodies. We won't have many tables and chairs, so you are certainly welcome to bring your own chair if you choose.

We have invited local artists to display their work and there will be live music for our enjoyment. It will be a fun morning. I know some of you are wondering, and yes, you will be able to join up and pay your dues that morning if you wish.

This year PHA will offer the 3rd Annual Crafts Fair during our Breakfast in the Park.

If you are interested in exhibiting/selling please fill-out the attached form and return to Sally Boyle by **October 19**.

Exhibitors: Please plan on bringing your own tables, etc. for set-up.
Plan on setting-up between 8-9 a.m.

3rd Annual Crafts Fair: Exhibitor Registration Form

Name _____

Phone # _____

What crafts will you be exhibiting/selling?

Please submit by October 19

To: Sally Boyle, 3148 N. 27th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85016. 602-956-1178

Upcoming Events: Holiday Luminarias

Saturday, December 23, 2006 (Save the Date!)

Lighting at 6:00 pm (dusk)

By Morgan Skiles

This is my favorite neighborhood event. I love the sense of community and fun as everyone strolls up and down the neighborhood enjoying the beautiful holiday lights, the candy canes on Pinchot and the luminarias flickering with a warm and cozy glow. Everyone seems to be out and about, festive and full of food and drink and the holiday spirit. Happy Holidays in advance, everyone!

Luminaria Setup

Saturday, December 23rd, starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Park on Flower and 27th Street. Come and help us do the setup for the Luminarias! It's fun! Donuts and coffee, chat with the neighbors, and find out who's having parties that night!

Upcoming Events Calendar

October 06

- Breakfast in the Park, Oct 21
- Phoenix Christian Reformed Church Harvest Party, Oct 28
- Movie in the Park, Oct 28
- Board Meeting*

November 06

- Block Watch Meeting, week of Nov 5-11
- Bulk Trash pick-up, week of Nov 20, (start placement only on Nov 11)**
- Board Meeting*

December 06

- Holiday Luminarias, Dec 23
- Board Meeting*

January 07

- Block Watch Meeting, week of Jan 14-20
- Board Meeting*

February 07

- Dog Show in the Park
- Bulk Trash pick-up
- Board Meeting*

March 07

- Block Watch Meeting, week of Mar 11-17
- Spring Cleaning Neighborhood Yard Sale, Mar 31
- Board Meeting*

April 07

- Annual Meeting
- Board Meeting*

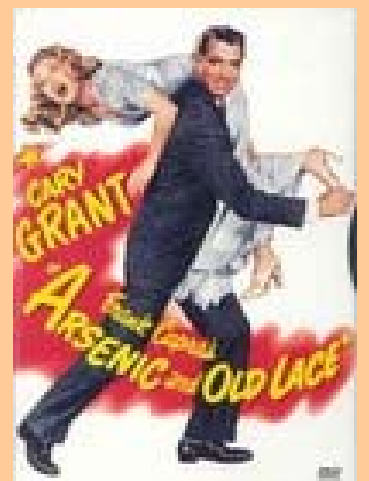
*If you would like to attend board meetings, please send an email to Morgan at shabdikaur@cybermesa.com and we will add your email address to our emailing list.

**Please note that you may only start placing bulk trash for pick up the week before collection in order to keep the neighborhood clean and beautiful. Thank you!

Movie in the Park *By Rick Engelmann & Sally Boyle*

Saturday, October 28th, 8:00pm

At the park on 27th St. we are trying something new for the neighborhood. We will be showing "Arsenic and Old Lace", a classic Cary Grant comedy set, appropriately for this time of year, on Halloween weekend. The film is silly and perfect for young and old alike. Plus, it is Sally's favorite film, and we have the projector. In the story, there are issues with disappearing "older gentlemen", an evil brother, a crazy uncle and crazier aunts. It will be a nice, relaxing neighborhood event. (Hopefully there will not be irrigation that night.) Bring your own chairs, blankets, snacks, "Elderberry wine", or whatever concoction you prefer and join us. We put the screen on the northwest corner; seating is on the grass and is first come, first served.





CANDY
FOOD
DRINKS

Harvest Party

GAMES
PRIZES
FUN

Saturday, October 28th
1-4 PM

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Phoenix Christian Reformed Church
See other side for directions

Phoenix Christian Reformed Church Harvest Party

Saturday October 28th
1:00pm – 4:00pm

Candy, Food, Drinks,
Games, Prizes, Fun

2438 East Earll Drive
602-956-5440

SUZE NEWZ/#1 October 2006

By Suzanne Bracker

Do you have something to brag about?

I have some interesting tidbits and after I tell you mine please contact me and tell me yours. I accept almost anything for example: Your accomplishments, your kids' accomplishments etc. Who had a baby or got an award or painted their house or planted some wildflowers.

So what's my newz?

Bryon and Tamomi had an adorable baby boy, Kenzo.

I saw a fabulous bottle cap tree with multiple trunks on the south side of Flower St. at 25th Pl. Check it out and let me know what you think.

Check out the NW corner of Earll and 27th St. A Great Garden.

I saw Rosie walking around the park on her own.

Betty my dear neighbor collects a bag of refuse every morning on her morning walks.

We've got chickens and I think some goats and a horse in our neighborhood.

Sally is still working on botanical illustrations of the 'rare and endemic' plants of the Grand Canyon to be published soon.

Suzanne composed some music for Rick's creative film class at Chandler High.

Carol & John, welcome to the neighborhood!

Have you noticed the pine trees on Pinchot from 25th to 26th St.? They are getting huge all because of Brett Bacon and his infamous tree planting program.

I've noticed more people walking and riding their bikes. Come join us.

Lots of people are taking pride in their surroundings. It's contagious.

We've had some incredible sunsets. I hope you get out there and enjoy.

Email your neighborhood tidbits to snbracker@msn.com

Join the Phoenix Homesteads Neighborhood Association!

Your yearly contributions help to pay for our neighborhood events, block watch meetings and flyers, neighborhood newsletters and more.

Please fill out this form and **send along with a check for \$24.**

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Any specific concerns? _____

Make Checks Payable to: Phoenix Homesteads Association

Mail to: Chris Mayor, PHA Treasurer, 3014 N 27th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85016

NEW! Phoenix Homesteads Neighborhood Yellow Pages

This is a new service for Neighborhood Association members. If you have paid your yearly dues and wish to advertise your business or services in our Neighborhood Yellow Pages which will appear in every newsletter, just fill out the form below and send it to Morgan, 3142 N 27th St., 602-293-3232. Or send the information to shabdikaur@cybermesa.com.

Neighborhood Yellow Pages Registration Form

Name/Household _____
 Phone _____
 Business/Service Name _____
 Business/Service Contact Information _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____
 Address _____ Email/Website _____
 Business/Service Description _____

Neighborhood Yellow Pages*

Service Listings

Blue Avatars Web Design

Reincarnate your web presence
<http://www.blueavatars.com>

Two Sparks Electric

Residential/Commercial Electric
 Phoenix: 602-778-9191
 Flagstaff: 928-600-1303

Your Business Name Here

In the neighborhood
 555-555-5555

Retail Listings

All the Kings Flags – Discounts

Discount Prices on Flags & Poles
 3333 N 24th St.
 Ph: 602-956-5999
 Fax: 602-381-8577

Barb's Bakery

The Finest Pastries & Cakes
 2929 N 24th St
 Ph: 602-957-4422
 Fax: 602-957-1085

Pat Murphy's Pub & Grill

Pool, Darts, Music, Food & Fun
 3215 E Thomas Rd.
 Ph: 602-522-0669

Others

Suzanne Bracker

Arts & Crafts
 Teaching classes this spring!
 Ph: 602-468-0114

*Phoenix Homesteads Neighborhood Association is not responsible for any products or services rendered.

Important Contacts

Police non-emergency number: 2626-151

Mayor Phil Gordon

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 Email: mayor.gordon@phoenix.gov
 TTY: (602) 534-5000

Squaw Peak Police Department

6206 N 24th Street
 Phoenix, AZ 85016
 602-495-5007

Councilman for District 8

City of Phoenix, Councilman Michael Johnson's Office
 200 W. Washington St., 11th floor
 Phoenix, AZ 85003
 Phone: 602-262-7493
 TTY: 602-495-5810
 Fax: 602-495-0587
 Email: michael.johnson@phoenix.gov
 Chief of Staff: Janelle Wood

Websites:

Squaw Peak Precinct Police Department Website:
<http://phoenix.gov/POLICE/700spp1.html>

City of Phoenix City Government Website:
<http://phoenix.gov/CITYGOV/MAYORCOUNCIL/index.html>

State of Arizona Department of Public Safety Sex Offender InfoCenter: <http://az.gov/webapp/offender/main.do>

Phoenix Homestead Website:

www.phoenixhomesteads.com

Phoenix Homesteads Newsletter Addendum

PHA Block Watch Meeting Meeting Notes from September 13, 2006

Presented by Officer Joe Brill

Squaw Peak Precinct
602-495-5007



Officer Joe Brill has been a patrol officer in our area for 12 years. He is now a Field Training officer and trains new officers for the beat.

The Baseline Rapist is still an active investigation. Citizens should maintain alertness and call in to the police any suspicious activity or anything relating to the investigation. More information about the man arrested on Pinchot recently cannot be revealed.

Sex Offender Notification: There are levels 1, 2 and 3 of sexual offenders. Note which type of offenders you have in your area. The notification is there for you to be aware that a person previously convicted of sexual offense is living in your neighborhood. It isn't grounds for harassment to the individual. Police do not know whether the individual will commit more crimes. To learn more about level 2 or 3 sex offenders in the area, visit the State of Arizona Department of Public Safety Sex Offender InfoCenter at:

<http://az.gov/webapp/offender/main.do>

Neighborhood Block Watch

The citizens are the eyes and ears of the police, who want the community to get involved. The city of Phoenix has quite a strain on its Police Departments. Phoenix is the 5th biggest city in the nation, just bigger than Philadelphia by population, but with less than half the number of patrol officers. Phoenix PD also has the challenge of patrolling one of the biggest cities in the nation in terms of square miles.

Because of this the Neighborhood Block Watch is very important. The Mayor and our Councilman are involved in promoting neighborhood Block Watch. If we aren't getting a satisfactory response from the police on an issue, we should contact the Mayor or our Councilman to request that they look into the issue. The neighborhood Block Watch is a powerful force.

A Neighborhood Block Watch can cut the crime in the neighborhood in half with their efforts. By reporting suspicious or unusual activity residents can increase patrols in the neighborhood. This will help to be pro-active in preventing crime because criminals will move elsewhere. By increasing bonds between neighbors, crime is decreased. Neighborhood events and get-togethers help to strengthen bonds between neighbors.

We should have a Block Watch Captain for our neighborhood. The Captain is the liaison between the police and the neighborhood. This position can be rotated.

Recent Stats for Phoenix Homesteads Neighborhood

Our neighborhood (24th St to 32nd St, Thomas – North) has experienced an increase in crimes. Mostly it has been burglaries and not so much person crimes.

Only 8 residential burglaries (inside the house) have been reported for this year (which is an incredibly low number), but there have been more property burglaries (in other structures, driveway or car).

Currently we have had a lot of calls reporting suspicious or unusual activity in our area. 1000 calls for our block (24th to 32nd, Thomas to Osborn), 688 of which were responded to with some sort of contact by the police. These calls include reports attributed to undercover police activity (which may appear suspicious) or Baseline Rapist tips. There is a tremendous amount of police resources in our neighborhood right now, which may be undercover sometimes. (Due to the Baseline Rapist investigation).

Advice

Trust your instincts, if things don't seem quite right, call the police. Call 911 for an emergency, or call the Non-Emergency number 602-262-6151 (OR 2626-151, if it's easier to remember that way). The police do not ever recommend that a person get involved directly during a crime.

Knowing Your Neighbors: The residents of a neighborhood know its patterns better than any police officer. It is important to take notice and call in any suspicious or unusual activity. Often the police will ask if you would like to be called back (referenced) for the crime related to your call in. You may choose to be anonymous, but know that you being a witness to a crime can often help the police convict a criminal.

Trusting Certain Neighbors: Sometimes sharing information with your neighbors can be a good idea. Get to know your neighbors and respect them. Residents can look out for one another and call the police if there seems to be unusual or suspicious activity at a neighbor's home. Residents can call Squaw Peak precinct for special vacation patrols if they are going out of town.

Graffiti Busters Hotline – 602-262-7327. Rewards for catching people in the act of doing graffiti. There are programs to help clean up graffiti. The more clean and well-kept the neighborhood, the less likely they will do graffiti.

Community Action Officer: Monty Woods (Call Squaw Peak Precinct, or his direct line: 602-262-6173). (Different from a patrol officer.) This policeman goes more in depth to solve neighborhood issues. Contact him to report suspicious activities or crimes that are occurring on a regular basis. He will help to isolate the problem areas in the neighborhood and increase patrols in these areas.



Neighborhood Services

By Morgan Skiles

(Excerpted from the Block Watch Meeting Notes)

I was surprised to hear Officer Joe Brill reiterate the importance of appearances in helping to deter crime. He said that when a home looks well-kept, clean and tidy then it gives the impression that someone cares and is paying attention (they are!) Criminals are easily frightened and they are looking for opportunities that seem quick and easy. If there seems to be a chance that they will be caught, they will often move on to somewhere that they feel they will be less likely to be noticed.

The Board decided it would be a good idea to put all of Officer Joe Brill's advice on how we keep our neighborhood into a section of this newsletter so everyone can read about these ideas for keeping things clean and safe.

Appearances

Keeping the neighborhood looking nice helps to deter crime. When the grass is cut, the hedges are trimmed and the landscape is well-lit, it gives the impression that someone is paying attention and that they care. Criminals tend to target more dilapidated houses where they think they will go unnoticed. Keeping window sills and screens clean can help to show that someone is paying attention and that they care. Often criminals will move on to somewhere that they feel they will be less likely to be detected.

Landscaping: High hedges can hide criminals. Keep your hedges well-trimmed and below 4 ft if possible. Or give them a manicured shape that is more difficult to hide behind.

Lighting

Lighting helps to deter criminal activity. Often criminals will target a house just because it is dark and they feel that they will be more likely to go unnoticed. Motion sensors help. The sudden lighting will often scare criminals into finding an easier target.

Alleys

It isn't legal to use an alley as a thoroughfare, so please call in non-local activity in your alleys. Alleys are criminal highways as they are used to do criminal activity unseen. Call police if you see people hanging out in the alleys, driving through them or dumpster diving. Keep your gates into the alleys locked.

SRP Alley Lights: Yellow cards from SRP on your door knobs notifies of a fee to keep the alley light lit. Collaborate with the neighbors to split the fee. The lights help to deter criminals in the alleys.

Don't forget to lock alley gates!!

Security

Criminals are looking for opportunities, places where they can get in and out quickly. They are nervous and work fast knowing that the longer they are present the more likely they will get caught. A forced entry (like breaking a window) is usually finished in 2 mins. A non-alerting entry is usually finished in less than 4 mins.

Fencing: Make your fencing into the alley difficult to get over. The more difficult it is to hop the fence, the less likely they will do it. Often low block fencing is the easiest to hop. Consider raising your fence or adding a decorative feature that makes it difficult to hop over.

Sliding Doors/Arcadia Doors: These doors often require additional security. Please look into this if you have these types of doors on the outside of your home.

Garage: Keep garage doors closed even when you are home, unless you are in the garage. It only takes 50 seconds to burglarize an open garage. Disable your garage door when you go on vacation so it can't be remotely opened with a hacked code. Make sure your garage door closes all the way before you drive away from your home. Lock your car even when it is in the garage, and never leave your keys in the car, even in your garage.

Pools: Keep pool gates locked and childproof. Drowning is always a concern when there are children and pools.

Alarm Systems: Deter criminals but also take up a lot of police resources. 97% of police response to alarm systems is a false alarm. It is the biggest preventable expense for the PD. Please get an alarm permit from the PD before using an alarm system in your home. This gives the police information to get a hold of you if the alarm goes off and no one is home. If your alarm goes off in a false alarm, please contact the non-emergency number to help head off the emergency response to your home.