



### Meet Your Board:

The Phoenix Homestead neighborhood newsletter is published by the Phoenix Homestead Neighborhood Association. Boundaries: Thomas Road to Osborn Road, 24TH Street to 28TH St.

#### MEETINGS:

General membership meetings are held twice a year, in April and October. Open board meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at McKenna's at 28<sup>th</sup> Street & Indian School at 7:00PM. Dues: \$24 per year, due in April.

#### BOARD 2008:

Members are elected each April at the general meeting.  
President: John Berends (956-6794)  
Vice President: Sally Andrek (778-9950)  
Treasurer: Kris Straub (381-0382)  
Secretary: Sue Thomas (956-0364)  
Block Watch & Newsletter: Bea Ray (614-4355)  
Newsletter: Charlie Boyce (957-8880)  
Members: Suzanne Bracker (468-0114), Vicki Council (413-0289) and Jeff Blase (468-1112).  
If you have any comments or would like to become a member of the Phoenix Homestead Neighborhood Association, please call Kris Straub at 381-0382 or Bea Ray at 614-4355.

## McKenna's Tavern & Eatery

2808 E. Indian School Rd.

(formerly the Vine)

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## Candied Sweet Potatoes

8 medium sweet potatoes	½ tsp. ground cinnamon
½ cup packed light brown sugar	¼ tsp. ground ginger
½ cup granulated sugar	8 tbsp. unsalted butter
½ tsp. ground nutmeg	½ cup water - boiling



Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Lightly butter a 9" x 13" baking dish. Bring a large pot of lightly-salted water to a boil. Add sweet potatoes and cook until tender (about 25 minutes.) Drain and rinse under cold water until cool. Peel potatoes.

Combine sugars and spices together in a bowl. Slice sweet potatoes in ½" thick rounds, layer ¼ in prepared dish. Sprinkle with ¼ of sugar-spice mixture and dot with tablespoons of butter. Repeat with second and third layers. Pour boiling water into dish around potatoes, not over them. Bake for 45 minutes, basting every 15 minutes with the syrup from the dish until glazed.

by Bea Ray

## Join The Neighborhood Yahoo! Group

This is an electronic forum, and neighbors have thus far shared useful information on crime, a planned development, the dog show, and other topics. There are currently 69 members, and we believe that many more people in the neighborhood would like to join the electronic conversation.

To do so, go to: [http:// groups.yahoo.com/group/phoenixhomesteads/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/phoenixhomesteads/) and click on the "Join this Group!" button.

# Together

We can accomplish much when we work...

PHOENIX HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION

Neighborhood News and Upcoming Events - Holiday Issue 2008



by MDVH

## LUMINARIAS

Saturday, December 20 - Starts at 8:00 A.M. at the park - 27<sup>th</sup> St & Flower

Everyone is invited to participate, join the fun:

1. At 8:30 A.M. come to the park to help assemble and distribute the luminarias. Trucks for distribution are especially appreciated.
2. At sunset, come out and light the luminarias. Walk around and enjoy the sights
3. Make a donation (\$5 suggested) to the luminaria fund. Please make checks payable to the **Phoenix Homestead Association** 2640 E. Earll Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85016

Coffee, donuts and juice will be provided!

**BREAKFAST IN THE PARK** was a huge success! More than 70 people showed up to enjoy a wonderful meal, great live music and visit with neighbors new and old. This event is one of our best for meeting people who live in Phoenix Homesteads. How many of your neighbors do you know?



# Calendar of Events:

**Saturday, December 20 LUMINARIAS**  
Meet at the park at Flower & 27th st. at 8AM

**Saturday, March 7 Dog Show**

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

By Sally Andrek

Kelly and Matt McEniry moved to 3212 N 27<sup>th</sup> St. last March. They love the tall trees, greenery, and historic homes in our Homestead neighborhood. They also have a pool, which was a "must have" for Kelly, and outbuildings for Matt's workshop and music studio.

Both Matt and Kelly are 34, and have been married for fifteen years. They were high school sweethearts back in Sioux City, Iowa, where they're originally from. Both graduated from the University of Northern Iowa



with degrees in Art Studio. Kelly got a second BA in Interior Architecture and Matt received an MBA from ASU. They started their own business, Wall-Art Studios, in December '04. They work mostly with corporate clients decorating offices and lobbies with prints or original works from local Artists. Wall-Art does it all – from selecting the right look for individual clients, creating a piece, framing it, and hanging it on site.

They are both volunteers at the Family Advocacy Center, a domestic abuse watchdog group, and Tumble weeds, a homeless shelter for young adults in Tempe. Kelly recently joined the board of directors for the Family Advocacy Center.

Welcome to the neighborhood Matt & Kelly.

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9:30 am  
&  
6:00 pm  
SUNDAYS

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2438 E. Earll Drive  
(24th St. & Thomas Rd.)

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## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE . . .

To support activities, such as Luminarias, Breakfast In The Park, Dog Show and lots more, we ask you to join the Phoenix Homesteads Association. **Yearly Dues is only \$24.00.** Please, place a check or cash in the envelope provided and either mail it or drop it off at the address stamped on the envelope. For those who cannot afford the entire amount, donations are welcome in any amount. Make checks payable to: **Phoenix Homesteads Association.**

**ALL MONEY COLLECTED IS USED IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.**

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Any specific concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

## CREIGHTON PLACE By Sally Andrek



A small group of 6th, 7th and 8th graders from L.C. Kennedy School attended our recent Breakfast in the Park. These students are officers of the Builders Club: a community service organization whose

members participate in, among other things, neighborhood cleanup projects, including our own Homestead neighborhood.

Membership in the Builders Club is earned through hard work, (students must have at least a B average), and excellent behavior. Teachers must nominate students for membership.

This year, about half of the club, 40 students, will help make and distribute luminarias for our 19th Annual Luminarias Event, on Saturday, December 20th. If you know of a place that could use some cleaning up, the Builders Club would like to help out. Please bring it to the attention of one of the Board members listed in this Newsletter. Thank you.

## GOT RATS? By Jeff Blase

If you haven't seen them for yourself, I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but the Phoenix Homestead neighborhood is one of the newest hosts to the dreaded roof rats. Their scientific name is *Rattus rattus*. They originated in the forests of Southeast Asia. The roof rat is appropriately named because by nature it is a climber and commonly lives in attics, palm trees and other above ground areas. Our neighborhood provides these good harborage areas as well as an unlimited food supply with our lush landscaping, well-established dense tree cover, fruit and nut trees, outdoor dog and cat pens, bird feeders, and our irrigation system.

### Signs that you may have roof rats are:

- hollowed-out fruit on the ground or in the trees
- gnawing or scratching sounds in the attic or walls
- chewing and grease marks on entry points
- live or dead rats.

### The things you can do to keep your property and home rat free are:

- harvest fruit and nuts in a timely manner.
- make sure any fruit or nuts that have fallen on the ground are picked-up..
- don't leave pet food out overnight.
- keep landscaping trimmed and away from the house.
- make sure openings around water, electricity, air conditioning, drain pipes, and vents are properly sealed.

To get rid of the existing rats, the best method

is trapping. Snap Traps provide quick results and can be easily set and secured for multiple uses along the rats' runways. These methods are the most effective for long term elimination results.



Rat poison should be used only as a last resort; poisons are dangerous and can kill none-target animals, either by direct or secondary poisoning. Since we have some Owls and Hawks living in the neighborhood, I would strongly discourage the use of any poison to control rodents of any kind. Since most of us love our pets and wildlife, it poses an unnecessary risk especially when there are more effective alternatives to this problem. If you need help or have questions, feel free to give me a call.

## SUZE NEWZ

I'm back with "the gossip", better known as neighborhood newz.

You know, David, on the corner . . . who just celebrated his 60th birthday (when life begins), just became a proud grampa of an 8lb. 10oz, 22" long baby boy, Milo. Sounds like he might be tall.

I'm really not the type to gossip, but I do talk TRASH once in awhile. You know, that stuff people put out on the curb before "Big Trash Day"? Keep our neighborhood beautiful and observe the trash dates. **THANKS!!!**

Well, I need more **NEWZ**. So call me at **602-468-0114** so I don't have to talk trash anymore.

**Pro • Tek**  
Pest Elimination  
Phoenix Homestead Resident

**602-468-1112**

CALL ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIALS

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# DEVELOPING STORY

By Sally Andrek and  
Monica Dudok van Heel

Mercury Development plans to purchase the vacant lot on Osborn Rd. between Beekman Place and St. Sophia's Church. They plan to build twenty-four townhouses pending approval by the Zoning Board to re-zone from single family to multi-family use.

The sale should close on April 15th, 2009.

The proposed townhouses, called Lido on Osborn, will have three stories and be thirty feet tall – similar to Sutton Place across the street. Each townhouse consists of 2,400 sq.ft. – 2000

living and 400 garage. The first floor (ground level), has a two car garage, a bedroom, full bath, and a small living area. The second floor has an open kitchen – eating - living area, a dining room, a ½ bath, a bedroom with full bath, and balcony. The top floor has the largest bedroom with full bath, living area, and terrace.

Plan



Virginia Senior and Kim Kristoff, Principals at Mercury, specialize in “infill” development. This means they focus on building projects on empty lots within the City of Phoenix. Virginia and Kim are building this project despite the current housing slump. The asking price for each townhouse will be between 410 to 450 thousand dollars.

Virginia is also Principal Architect and is LEED certified. LEED stands for “Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design” and has a nationally recognized standard for design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

“LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings,

energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.” LEED website

The PHA board has voted to support this project. Construction is slated to begin in the Fall of 2009 with completion expected twelve months later.

Virginia and Kim are willing to have another meeting with interested neighbors who have questions about the project. Please e-mail Sally Andrek at sandrek@cox.net. If there is enough response, a meeting will be arranged.



View looking Southeast on Osborn Rd. and 25th Place



“View looking North at 25th Place and Flower St. “