



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 Phoenix Christian Reformed Church Library room at 6:30PM. Dues: \$24 per year, due in April.

BOARD 2009/2010:

Members are elected each April at the general meeting.

President: Jeff Blase (468-1112)

Vice President: Edwin Henry (826-1986)

Treasurer: Kris Straub (381-0382)

Secretary: Jeff King (955-6162)

Block Watch & Newsletter: Bea Ray (614-4355)

Members: Suzanne Bracker (468-0114),

Eleni Venetos, 956-2818,

Vicki Council (413-0289) & John Berends (956-6794).

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 334-1583

WINTER VEGETABLES GARDENING TIME:

Cool-season vegetables include beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, lettuce, onion, peas, potatoes, radishes, spinach and turnips. Because they are hardy and frost tolerant they can be planted in Fall. For best quality these vegetables need to mature during cooler periods rather than in the heat of summer.

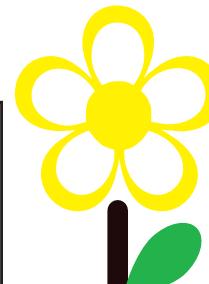
Soil preparation is a must! First mix lots of organic matter into the soil. The best types of organic matter are compost and composted manure, also potting soils high in peat. Till the organic matter in with a garden spade. It's important to loosen the soil and thoroughly mix in the organic matter. At the time of seed bed preparation, also mix into the top 12 inches of soil a high phosphorous fertilizer, such as ammonium phosphate (16-20-0) at the rate of 2 - 3 pounds per 100 square feet of bed area.

Phosphorous stimulates root development and the nitrogen (16%) contained in ammonium phosphate will stimulate growth of the cool season leafy vegetables.

After raking and leveling the garden bed, create a smooth surface to plant seeds. It is important to water at ground level to reduce the risk of leaf molds and fungus. Water enough to wet the soil down to a depth of 12 inches. Remember to have fun!

GARDEN CORNER

by Robert & Beatrice Ray



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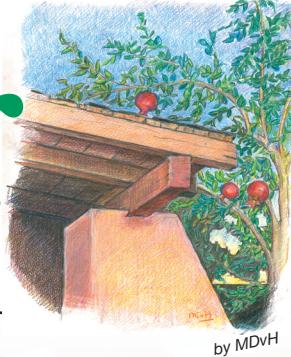
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breakfast in the park

with a big

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS GIFT RAFFLE Saturday, October 24 at 9:00

We want you to join us on **Saturday, October 24 at 9:00 am** at our local park (**27th St. & Flower**) for our annual **Breakfast in the Park**.

There will be lots of great food and friendly people to meet and mingle with.

This year we feature an exciting **RAFFLE**, with some really good prizes from neighborhood businesses worth \$15 - \$25 each.

So far we have received donations from **ABC Cleaners, Arizona Art Supply, Avanti Restaurant, Barb's Bakery, Cactus Candy Co., Carl's Jr., CVS Pharmacy, Duck & Decanter, Domino's Pizza, Dunkin Donuts, Filiberto's, Four Peaks Brewing Co., Jodeci's Quick Mart & Long Wong's**. Tickets will be sold at the park for \$1 each, or a dozen for \$10. **The drawing will take place between 10:00 & 10:15 am**. You will need to be present at the time of the drawing in order to win.

Don't miss this great annual event!

Calendar of Events:

Saturday, October 24

BREAKFAST IN THE PARK

Starts at 9:00 in the park on Flower

Saturday, December 19

LUMINARIAS

Starts at 8:00 in the park on Flower

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PHOENIX HOMESTEADS NEEDS A **WEB MASTER**

We need someone to update &
maintain our Web Site.
Please call Jeff Blase 468-1112

CREIGHTON SCHOOL SPECIAL BOND ELECTION

Vote Tuesday, November 3.

Creighton District is planning on selling bonds over the next 6 years to fund the projects:
Health and safety • Environment • Internal appeal
Program requirements and space • Infrastructure
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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.** For those who cannot afford the entire amount, donations are welcome in any amount.

Make checks payable to: **Phoenix Homesteads Association.** Mail checks to: Kris Straub • 2640 East Earl • Phx, AZ 85016

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Any specific concerns: _____

DON'T BECOME A VICTIM OF A CRIME!

By Eleni Venetos

The Phoenix Police Department offers a variety of programs and information that can help you reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

You can learn how to protect yourself from purse snatchers, car thieves and home burglars and how you can take part in special programs for neighborhoods and neighborhood organizations.

At our last Block Watch Meeting on June 4, 2009, Officer Julie Smith reminded us of the Burglary Reduction Program offered through our Squaw Peak Police Precinct located at 6206 N. 24th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85016. The phone number of our Precinct is 602-495-5007. All of us can ask for an officer to visit our property and comment on conditions and details that can deter or help prevent burglaries on our property.

After that constructive Block Watch Meeting in June, I decided to take advantage of this Burglary Reduction Program. I called Officer Flores at 602-534-1253 who returned my call and told me that he would pass my request to Officer Gerald Stuart, a Crime Free Multi Housing Officer whose phone number is 602-495-0486. Officer Stuart returned my call and made an appointment to visit my property on August 19, 2009 at 9 A.M.

Officer Stuart offered me good suggestions for house safety. He was knowledgeable and thorough in his evaluation both inside of the house and outside around the property. The half an hour we spent was very valuable. Aside for the benefit I gleaned from the visit, I was honored to meet one of our Officers, one on one. I appreciated the opportunity to be educated about property safety features. I am very grateful for the Burglary Reduction Program.

Without any doubt, I eagerly encourage all of our neighbors here at the Phoenix Homesteads Historic District to take advantage of this wonderful program available to us. It was such a positive and proud experience for me, that I took the time to write a letter to Commander A. Smith at the Squaw Peak Precinct. I was so impressed that I wanted Officer Stuart to be recognized and I definitely wanted the Commander of the Precinct to know how grateful I am for this program. We want our unique historic neighborhood to be first in the minds of our Officers who patrol our streets. The charm and special characteristics of our neighborhood can be protected by our diligent Officers. We simply need to interact and always take the opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for all that they continue to do on our behalf.