



MANZANITA BLOCK WATCH NEWS

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35th to 43rd and Northern to Dunlap Avenues

Board Member — Kay Steinmetz Will Lead This Meeting — 623.934.1736

Ida Alonge, Administrative Licensing Investigator for the Liquor and Drug Enforcement Detail of Phoenix, will speak at September 18, 6:30 pm, Manzanita Block Watch. We assemble in the Manzanita School cafeteria (Butler and 39th Avenues). Pizza and sodas? Yes.

Ida Alonge to Present Program on Effectively Cooperating With Liquor Licensing 6:30, 9/18

Ms. Ida Alonge is the Administrative Licensing Investigator for the Liquor Enforcement Detail of the Drug Enforcement Bureau of Phoenix. She has twenty-five years experience in this field.

She will present a program developed in cooperation with CLOUT (a "super neighborhood organization to the south of us). United Neighborhood Association, just across Northern to the south of us, had a problem with a tavern. The "owner," as it turned out wasn't the owner, but was a "straw person" set up by the real owner. Drugs and violence came along with this operation. Eventually there was a murder. United Neighborhood Association along with the Liquor Enforcement Detail of the Drug enforcement program closed the tavern.

Ms. Alonge and United Neighborhood Association worked to create a program that would help block watches be more effective in monitoring liquor licenses in their areas.

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Manzanita School News

School is back in session. That means students are walking to and from school. Manzanita School hours are from 8:00 am to 2:20 pm for grades Kindergarten through Second, and 8:00 am to 3:00 pm for grades Third through Sixth. We want to make sure all of our students are safe coming to school in the morning and going home from school in the afternoon. Please remember to watch for children when you are driving in the neighborhood. Follow the speed limit, especially in the school zone. Pay attention to our crossing guards located just North and South of the school on 39th avenue. Working together we will keep all of the children in the Manzanita Neighborhood safe.

Maria Farmer
Principal, Manzanita School

No Picnic In October

We've had a picnic for the neighborhood the past several years. It was decided by our board that we not hold it this October. It is hoped we might be able to arrange an event of this sort in the spring.

Effective Cooperation with Liquor Licensing (continued from page 1a)

This is the program Ms. Alonge will present to us.

Pizza and sodas will be served. Please donate toward the cost of the food. Thanks: to Kay Steinmetz for presiding, to Nancy Thern for bringing paper goods, to Caren King for securing the pizzas, to Kay Steinmetz, Verna and Stacy Hegeman for bringing drinks and ice.

7/17 Meeting Notes

Our thanks to Reginald High, Graffiti Busters District One, who spoke at our last meeting. Mr. High noted that there are 40 arrests in the program each month. Three police persons are assigned to this task force. Fines are stiff: \$300 to \$1000 per incident, and are soon to be: \$500 to \$1800 per incident.

Fourteen employees paint out graffiti. They painted out 95,000 illegal markings last year.

In discussion it was noted that one graffiti marker, active in our neighborhood, was arrested recently.

Secretary Verna Hegeman who told us our grant for the year has been renewed. It is for \$9380. The grant is used to publish this news, and do other community improvement projects. Thanks to Verna for getting this not easy grant secured.

Our Crime Stats 6/1 thru 7/31/08	Grid 1 (SE)	Grid 2 (NE)	Grid 3 (NW)	Grid 4 (Sw)	Total
Aggravated Assault	2	2	2	2	8
Auto Theft	3	6	0	4	13
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	7	9	6	22	44
Drug Crime	2	3	0	1	6
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	1	0	1	3
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0
Theft	2	5	2	4	13
Totals	17	26	10	34	87

Window Paper Car Jacking

You get in and start your car at the mall. Then you see there's a paper stuck on the back window. You get out to remove it, with the car still running. That could be a terrible mistake. Car jackers have used this ruse to grab autos. Unfortunately, when they rush up to knock you aside and take your car, they may also get your purse or other valuables.

If you note a piece of paper on your car's rear window, drive away. Don't unlock your car. Move out. When you are in a safe place, call 911. Perhaps the car robber(s) are still in the area and can be caught.

Thanks to City

Thanks to the City of Phoenix for paving our sw grid. It is a great improvement. Our whole mile now has new black top surfacing.

Manzanita Block Watch News is published each odd number month (J,M,M,J,S,N). Editors are: Caren King and Roger Zollars. Contact us at: zollarsrs@juno.com or 602.995.7243. News relating to our neighborhood and good citizenship is wanted. Deadlines are the 20th of F,A,J,A,O,D. We always need deliverers. It takes an hour every two months. Let Zollars know you'll help. See our web site: www.neighborhoodlink.com/phoenix/manzanita/main.html

Dusting Kills

A police K-9 officer felt sure his kids wouldn't do drugs in his house. The dog would "tell" on them. Thor, the dog, was trained to find drugs. The officer taught drug education in a variety of settings, as well as investigating drug sellers. He and his wife, a nurse, thought they knew all about drugs.

The officer bought a can of compressed air to dust off his computer key board. After the initial use, he set the can aside. Later, when he wanted to use the can of air again, it was empty. He assumed the can leaked, and bought another. The next day his wife couldn't rouse their son from sleep. He was dead. He had the straw from the dust can in his mouth. The can was on the floor.

"Dust Off" is being used by kids ages 9 through 15. The propellant in the can of "air" is sometimes fatal in the first dose. So here's another "chemical" to keep locked up.

New State Law: Unlawful Sale of Animals

There is a new law which establishes a civil penalty of not more than fifty dollars for the unlawful sale of animals by knowingly selling an animal on any public highway, street, park or adjacent public property, and commercial private property without the consent of the property owner or leasee. It restricts the unlawful public sale of animals in Maricopa and Pima Counties.

Every night a light outside every Manzanita Block Watch Home. Let's do it and make "baddies" cry. They like it when neighborhoods are dark.

Knock and Talk A Success

Thanks to Ray Reeve and Maria Uhing, of Neighborhood Services, for arranging a "Knock and Talk" for our mile. Police officers and zoning inspectors visited homes in each of our four grids. They discussed home maintenance and left literature.

The most common failures of home owner maintenance are: 1) weeds and grasses that are too long (over 12 inches). In addition to being unsightly, these are fire hazards. Keep weeds trimmed in your yard and on your half of the alley. 2) Keep storage out of sight. It should not be in the front yard or patio. 3) Keep fences in good repair. 4) Paint over graffiti. Painting over unwanted messages quickly, usually makes scribblers usually put the sign somewhere else. Free paint and rollers are available. Contact Ray Reeve (602.973.5065). 5) Park legally. The most common error here is to park in areas that are not "dust proofed." Off street parking spots must have three inches or more of rock for the width and length of the car. No more than 35% of a front yard can be used for parking. 6) Remove inoperable vehicles. Getting them off the street is most important. If they stay in the drive or car port for a long time, they should be removed from the property. Organizations will remove the vehicles, if the vehicle is donated to them. 7) Dispose of trash properly. It doesn't go in the blue boxes.

Drug Dealer Seeks Rental

"I want a messy street, where people don't look across their property lines. I hide marijuana plants inside with grow lights. I store drug working tools in old cars and junk. I need a new place. Will you rent to me?" This is a joke. Near to true.

House of the Month



A well kept home is at 3560 West Loma Ln. Thanks, neighbors, for maintaining it so well.

PNP Training is 9/20 or 12/6

Citizen volunteers drive around our mile in pairs. They are with the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol. They phone in suspicious activities the police should know. PNP members also get confidential information about crime developments in our mile.

PNP volunteers must be at least 18 years old, successfully complete a background check, and complete required training. Training is from 8 am to 3 pm. It is held at FOP (Police) Lodge # 2, 12581 North 19th Avenue. Call Andy Sievers, our PNP Chairman, at 602.544.0192, to learn more.

Block Watch Leader Training

Those interested in learning more about working with our block watch may receive training. Classes are at the same address as above, and on the same dates with same phone. They are from 8 am to 11:30 am.

Thanks to Bill and Pat Facemire who recently volunteered to deliver our newsletters. This service only takes an hour every two months. Call R. Zollars 602.995.7243 and say, "Well, yeah, I guess I could do that." Zollars will refer you to the captain in your area. Our thanks to rest of the delivery team, about 40 people.

Manzanita Block Watch Board

meets at Friends Church, 7 pm, October 15.



Make That Call!

Emergency is 911
Crime Stop: 602.262.6151 (not emergency)
Hispanic Language Police (not emergency) 602.534.2424, extension 5050
Community Action Officer (Jeff Pfaffenbach): 602.534.0474
Graffiti Busters 602.495.7014
Thelda Williams, City Council Rep: 602.262.7444 or council.district.1@phoenix.gov
Zoning Enforcement: 602.262.7844 (weeds, trash, etc). Maria Uhing is our Code Enforcement Officer.
Domestic Violence Hotline: 1.800.799.SAFE
Child Abuse 1.800.4A Child
Rape, Abuse, Incest: 1.800.656.HOPE
Food Carts: 1.800.CRT.PKUP (email is: shoppingcarts.nsd@phoenix.gov)
Liquor Hotline 602.438.6625
Mediation: 602.256.4309 (for Landlord/Tenant/Neighbor problems)
Prostitution: 602.426.VICE (1231)

Watch for Bank Scam

The lady on the phone says she's from your bank. Your account is delinquent. Unless you put money in NOW, it will be canceled. The quickest way to put money in is to give her your credit card number. She'll also ask that you "verify" your account number and social security number. Don't do any of it. Don't give any of this kind of information to anyone who calls you on the phone.

Banks don't operate in this way. If your account is delinquent, the bank would notify you by mail. You could go in and deal with it face to face. Usually banks notifies you in ample time for you to respond, if there is a problem with your account.