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AAA Asks "Need a Guest Speaker?"

News from AAA Arizona

AAA Arizona can provide a qualified guest speaker for your school, corporation or community organization. We have programs available to help increase safety awareness and usage by your employees, students or members.

Here are some brief descriptions of the **programs** we offer:

The "**Dare to Prepare**" workshop is a presentation that provides critical information parents and teens need to know before teens take the wheel.



Through fun educational videos and a website, "**Otto the Auto**" helps teach children in preschool through second grade the important information they need to know to remain safe on and around our roads.

"**Helmet Your Head: Bicycle Safety**" will teach kids the importance of helmets while learning about the brain, with the chance to win a free helmet!

"**School Safety Patrol**" program instills students with a sense of responsibility and leadership, as they help protect classmates going to and from school.



"**Distracted Driving**" is committed to educating drivers on the full range of distractions that can lead to crashes.

"**Seat Belt and Child Passenger Safety Awareness**" are the single most effective means of reducing the risk of death in a crash and have saved thousand of lives in the United States.

"**Drunk and Drugged Driving**" needs an educated community-wide effort to making the roads safer for everyone. One way is to offer tips to parents to help them talk to their teens about drinking and driving, another is Corporate Workshops.

"**Tips for Parent Driver Training**" because parents play a vital role in shaping driving habits and behaviors behind the wheel.

AAA also offers two senior mobility programs as described below:

"**CarFit**" is an educational program developed by the American Society of Aging, AAA, AARP and the American Occupational Therapy Association to help older drivers improve the "fit" of their vehicles' safety and comfort. Trained professionals from AAA and other organizations will work side-by-side to assist senior drivers with items such as a clear line of sight over the steering wheel, adequate space between the front airbag/steering wheel and the driver's breastbone, properly adjusted head restraints, easy access to gas and brake pedals and proper seat belt usage.



"**Roadwise Review**" is a computer-based screening program that tests seniors on the most likely predictors of car crash risk.

To arrange a presentation and for more information of any of these programs, please E-mail our Traffic Safety Specialist with your information at publicrelations@arizona.aaa.com.

Public Affairs Specialist Office: 602-650-2736 Fax: 602-776-0466

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Criminal Activity Information

By CAO Doug Dillard – Cactus Park Precinct

**Residential Burglary, Burglary of Vehicle, Theft from Vehicle and Auto Theft
all fall under different Arizona Revised Statutes but they share many things in common.**

• Victims

Were not talking about banks, jewelry stores or large corporate endeavors, we're talking about people like you and the others that live in YOUR neighborhood.

• Losses

The financial losses are often small by comparison to other crimes, but they tend to cause greater losses in the areas of sentimental value, inconvenience, sense of security and sense of violation.

- o Banks don't get real emotional over a couple of thousand dollars loss to a bad check but when someone breaks into your home and steals Great Grandma's costume jewelry broach, it becomes more of an emotional loss than financial.
- o You car or truck may be a wonder vehicle. It's a wonder that it still runs at all and you keep wondering why you haven't gotten rid of it by now... But consider the inconveniences the loss of it would cause.



But probably the most common factor in many of these crimes is OPPORTUNITY.

• Opportunity

Many, if not most of the criminals active in the above listed categories do not fall under any heading of organized crime. I'm not referring to the stereo typed Al Capone Gangster type of organized crime, but any type of criminal activity that is organized or planned out by two or more people. Most crimes under these categories are crimes of OPPORTUNITY. By certain actions, or lack of action on your part, you create the opportunity that the criminal simply takes advantage of.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o View of residential doors / windows obscured by landscaping o Doors / windows left unlocked o Little to no interaction with neighbors o Cars parked on the street overnight o Cars, boats & trailers in driveway or side yard o Tools and equipment left unsecured in the back of trucks o No visual anti theft devices like the "Club", chains or cables | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Home exterior poorly lighted o Appearance of no one home o No alarms o Car window left down o Keys left in the car o Items of value left visible inside car o No car alarms |
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When it comes to Crime Trends or MO's (Method of Operation) there are again, many things in common.

• Crime Trends

What might at first look appear to be a trend, 3 or 4 victims of Burglary of Vehicle on the same night on the same street will very commonly fall into the category of "Crime of Opportunity".

- o Al Capone and the boys did not "case" the neighborhood and come up with a grand scheme to break into cars to steal small change and CD's.
- o Someone walking, driving or riding through the neighborhood, who may not even had any criminal intent, was presented with an opportunity that they chose to act upon.
- o The further they went along through the neighborhood, the more opportunities that presented themselves that they acted upon.

• MO's

The Method of Operation in these crimes is usually not unique to one person or group. They commonly employ a method that the opportunity presents or avails itself.

- o View of house front door obscured by bushes lends itself to a door kick. Door Kicks are very common MO's. No tools required, just kick it open.
- o Cars, trucks, boats, ATV's, Jet Skies, etc. are rarely stolen from inside a garage but left in the yard, driveway or on the street, presents a lot of opportunities.
- o Many Japanese cars are easily accessed and started with "Jiggle Keys". A car key with the teeth rounded off and smoothed over.
- o GM vehicles are commonly victimized by a "Column Punch". This breaks the plastic steering column around the turn signal lever in order to access the backside of the ignition lock.

I think that you can see from the above that the most common factor in these crimes is that of **OPPORTUNITY**. Whether it's having your car stolen or your house burglarized, the **OPPORTUNITY** must exist for a criminal to take advantage of.

ELIMINATE the OPPORTUNITY

Reduce your chance of being a victim.

OPERATION EARTHQUAKE – A NIMS Crime Suppression Effort in the 91 Area

Information from Lt. Williams, Sgt. Brandenberger, Officer Kelly Turcotte – Cactus Park Precinct

On May 21st and 22nd the Phoenix Police Department conducted a thirty-six hour crime suppression program called Operation Earthquake. The goal of this program was to reduce violent crimes, specifically robberies in the area between 15th Avenue and 35th Avenue, from Bethany Home Road to Thomas Road. Using intelligence driven analysis, three precincts (Cactus Park, Maryvale, and Squaw Peak) joined efforts to target robbery suspects, and other criminal activities that tend to support robberies. Other agencies and details playing a major role in this operation include The Department of Public Safety, The Maricopa County Probation Department, The Phoenix Fire Department, and several bureaus within the Phoenix Police Department including Gang Squad, Major Offender Bureau, Traffic Enforcement, Homeland Defense, Vice, The Crime Analysis and Research Unit, and The Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol. This is the first time this type of program has been conducted within the City of Phoenix using the National Incident Management System (NIMS).



This very successful program resulted in the following:

- Total Arrests: 178
- Adult Misdemeanor: 103
- Gang Member Arrests: 2
- "John" Arrests: 43
- Prostitution Arrests: 21
- Homicide Arrests: 2
- Armed Robbery Arrests: 2
- Child Molester Arrests: 1
- Drug Arrests: 5
- Juvenile Felony: 1
- Drugs Seized: more than one pound of methamphetamine (\$10,000.), crack: 12 grams, powder cocaine: 5 grams, marijuana: 20 grams.
- Vehicles Seized from drug dealers: 3
- Vehicles Impounded for Thirty Days: 43
- Guns Seized: 5
- Search Warrants Served: 1



Operation Earthquake: Thinking Outside the Box

Sherry Dudek – Alta Vista Neighborhood

Operation Earthquake involved three precincts and many other city departments in a collaborative effort aimed at making an initial impact on crime in an area that has been inundated with crime for some time. With corporation and continued effort major crime issues will be addressed and changes will occur. By involving Block Watches, PNP groups and others in this project the bonds between the Police and our communities were greatly strengthened. Working together, much can and will be accomplished for the betterment of all.

Operation Earthquake Was a Success

Lou Snow – Metro Center Block Watch

Operation earthquake was a success, in part, due to the police working together with the volunteers of the PNP program. Many of us were there for the support of the police in whatever participation they had requested (i.e. assisting officers, providing information to the news media, promoting PNP, patrolling, etc.)

Lt. Williams did an excellent job in coordinating all efforts that made this a successful event. Let's not stop here; we have many other areas of the city that need this type of attention.



**2008 Calendar of Events
Block Watch Leaders
Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Program
Training**



Lunch will no longer be provided.

You may bring a lunch.

The schedule does not permit time to leave for lunch.

	DATE – SATURDAYS	TIMES	LOCATION
BLOCK WATCH LEADERS AND PNP NEW MEMBER TRAINING	JULY 19, 2008	8:00-11:30 AM BLOCK WATCH LEADER ----- 8:00 AM-3:00 PM NEW PNP MEMBER	FOP LODGE #2 12851 NORTH 19 TH AVENUE
BLOCK WATCH LEADERS AND PNP NEW MEMBER TRAINING	SEPTEMBER 20, 2008	8:00-11:30 AM BLOCK WATCH LEADER ----- 8:00 AM-3:00 PM NEW PNP MEMBER	FOP LODGE #2 12851 NORTH 19 TH AVENUE
BLOCK WATCH LEADERS AND PNP NEW MEMBER TRAINING	DECEMBER 6, 2008	8:00-11:30 AM BLOCK WATCH LEADER ----- 8:00 AM-3:00 PM NEW PNP MEMBER	FOP LODGE #2 12851 NORTH 19 TH AVENUE

**Please RSVP to attend training at deborah.iodice@phoenix.gov or jill.fowler@phoenix.gov
Or call 602-495-0597 or 602-495-0440.**

The morning portion is the only requirement for the Block Watch Leaders Training.
It is **mandatory** to attend the entire day for the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol training.

Registration begins at 7:30 AM

BE A BLOCK WATCH LEADER

From Jack Pesnell



I want to thank you in advance for volunteering your time and efforts to assist in creating a safer place to live with higher quality of life standards, which will result from your efforts.

It is critical that you understand the importance of staying the course and working with others in an on going effort to help make a difference in our quality of personal life and that of others.

To do this we ask that you evaluate and dedicate your time as needed to accomplish the following ongoing tasks and to make a commitment:

- * Attend local meetings and functions sponsored by your BW businesses and government entities. If you are unable to attend, please have a knowledgeable neighbor attend for you and do a brief for you of any activity for your summary.
- * Stay informed of your specific area of responsibility, communicate timely with professionals and neighbors that have a cause and effect on your area of responsibility.
- * Monitor existing available data, research to obtain accurate and timely information to share with others as needed when called upon.
- * Watch your neighbors' houses, stay alert; you know who belongs and who does not. Report any and all suspicious activity in your neighborhood (BE A GOOD WITNESS), do not be afraid to call authorities.
- * Be willing to serve in your capacity for as long as you live in your area. Make weekly reports to your President or Vice President on issues that arise in your area.

Introducing - Goldwater Block Watch

By James Shoemaker – Goldwater Block Watch

Bull Dogging Graffiti in (one small part of) the Cactus Park Police Precinct

Citizens in Phoenix will take another bite out of crime when they elect the first officers on the board of the new Goldwater Block Watch in their 1st general Meeting on June 17th, 2008. The meeting will be held at the Phoenix Fire Station #50, which is located on the NE corner of N 35th Ave and Loop 101 (Beardsley Rd) at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held to include the election of the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Goldwater Block Watch has already been working with the City of Phoenix's Neighborhood Services Department and the Phoenix Police Department to get rid of all graffiti in the neighborhood. It had become a burdensome problem, with people even tagging the Saguaro Cacti. In just the last month alone, over 80 cases of graffiti to NSD, and they were painted over shortly thereafter.



Goldwater Block Watch has a Two-Step process for getting rid of graffiti:

1. When members of the block watch see graffiti, they first take a picture of it and note the specific location. Goldwater BW simply uses the digital cameras in cell phones, and emails them to the Graffiti Detective in the Phoenix Police Department.
2. The next step is to notify NSD's Graffiti Busters via email or phone (Hotline # is 602-495-7014 or email is graffiti.busters.nsd@phoenix.gov). NSD will send someone out to paint over the graffiti within 7-14 days

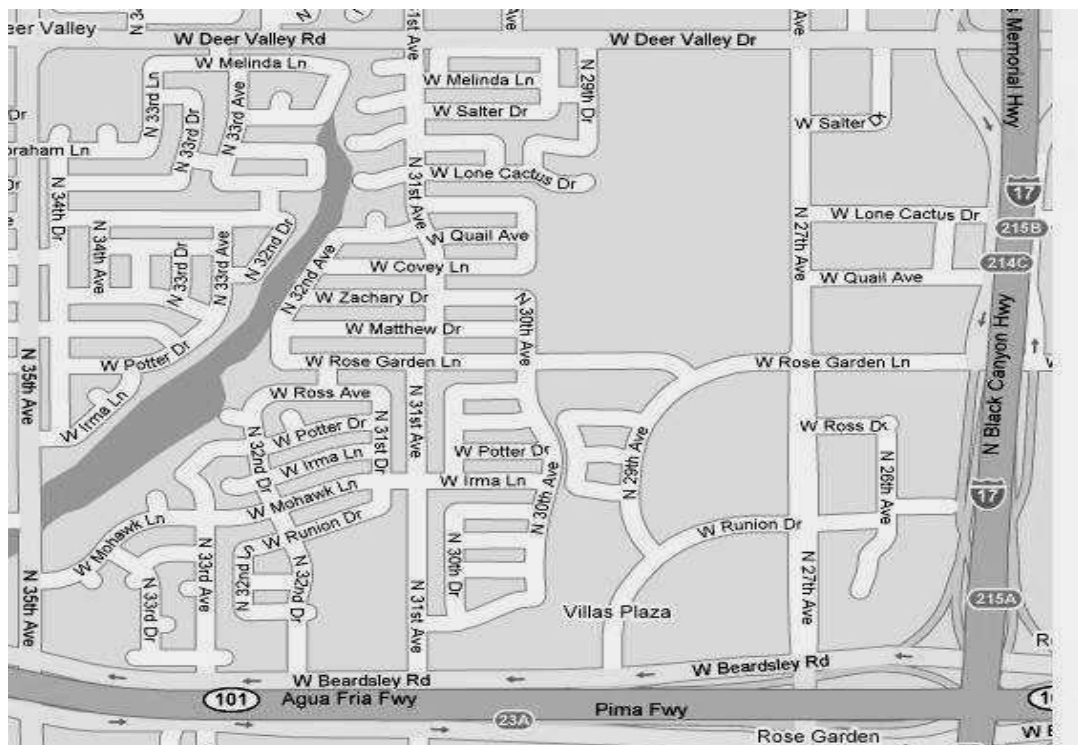
The Goldwater Block Watch meetings are open to the public, so bring your neighbor.

It takes good neighbors to make a great neighborhood.



Welcome! ABOUT Goldwater Block Watch - Goldwater Block Watch was created to help keep our neighborhood safe, quite, and a fun place to live. We also want to help our neighbors in need by helping them to keep up their homes and property. The Goldwater Block Watch area is South of W Deer Valley Rd and North of the Loop 101, East of N 35th Ave and West of I-17 (see Map).

Contact Person: James Shoemaker
Organization Name: Goldwater Block Watch
Voice Phone Number: 623-748-3387
Email Address: goldwaterbw@gmail.com



Avoiding "No Vacancy" Signs

Liberty Mutual



It's a good idea to leave outside house lights on and put timers on inside lights to deter burglars when you go away from home.....but, is it enough?

Burglars look for patterns. So instead of just the standard timers that are set to turn lights inside your house on and off at specific times, use the randomized kind that turn them on and off at various 15 minute intervals.

And put timers on outside lights too. A porch light that stays on 24hours a day is like a giant beacon signaling you're not at home.



You've Seen The Signs

From CAO Jeff Pfaffenbach – Cactus Park Precinct

Signs mounted on a utility pole announcing weight loss services or legal aid ... signs on sidewalks advertising easy credit card memberships ... signs on the shoulder of the road or bike paths announcing a new business around the corner ... signs advertising a garage sale ... signs giving directions to an apartment complex or new housing development.



All these signs are illegal.

The city's ordinance, governing signs in the right-of-way areas, includes severe penalties for anyone violating the ordinance.

The purpose of the ordinance is to provide for safe and well-maintained environments in communities. Illegal signs can be a hazard if they become loose and fall into the street or hit a pedestrian. Signs are a hazard if they block the view of motorists or pedestrians. Signs can damage the structural integrity of poles and create a hazard for utility workers. Signs on sidewalks or bike paths may force pedestrians into traffic. Signs are also an eyesore: they are visual litter, adding to the appearance of blight in a neighborhood.

Right-of-way areas vary throughout the city, but as a rule of thumb they include streets, curbs, medians, traffic lights, utility poles, and unimproved shoulders of streets up to private property lines and generally two and a-half feet beyond sidewalks. Placing any type of sign in these areas is illegal, including A-frame signs on sidewalks and on private property.



Business owners do have the right to attract customers and advertise by posting signs on their property as long as they have received the necessary sign permit from the Development Services Department. Permit applications are available by calling (602) 495-0301.

The fines for placing signs in a right-of-way range from **\$250 to \$2,500**. These fines are imposed **for each violation**

The sign ordinance allows police officers to cite businesses or individuals who may benefit from the illegally posted signs, even though the business or person may not have actually placed the signs themselves. As always, individuals caught placing the signs in the right-of-way will be cited.



The safest and best way to spread the word about your garage sale, lost dog or other personal message is to advertise in one of the many newspapers and community publications in the Valley. You may also ask permission to advertise on bulletin boards at neighborhood grocery stores or coin-operated laundries.

The city encourages individuals who have placed signs in rights-of-way to remove them before citations are issued. Individuals or groups should *not* remove other peoples' signs, though, because there are legal ramifications if you damage someone else's sign or any property to which the sign is attached.

For more information about illegal signs or to report a violation, call (602) 534-7100 or e-mail illegal.signs.rightofway.nsd@phoenix.gov

Water Meter Thefts

By Officer Pfaffenbach – Cactus Park Precinct

In case you haven't heard. The hottest thing to steal now is the lid from your water meter box in front of your house. The lids are made from brass and worth about \$16.00 each. The thieves are hitting in **YOUR** area please keep an eye out for non city people working inside of a water meter box. Get a good description of the person, call 911, and try to keep an eye on them if they leave the scene so you can tell the officer or operator which way the suspect is traveling. If the suspect has a vehicle, get the license plate number and vehicle description if possible. Note if they are on a bicycle or on foot as well. Over 50 of these lids have been stolen and confirmed by the water department on the 13th of February. This is mostly in the 921 beat at this time, Dunlap to Northern, I-17 to 31st Ave. but the suspects will have to keep moving in order to have lids to steal. Also be aware that the news media is reporting that manhole covers are being stolen as well. Report any and all suspicious behavior you observe.

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!!!



Orangewood - LifeBridge Community News

LifeBridge Community Alliance **Senior Connections** - this is a new 50 plus group that will be meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The next Senior Connections will be Board Games & Lunch on your own at Village Inn. **Date: June 19 at 10am.** Please rsvp to Joyce Pokorny at 602-995-2933 or by e-mailing her at jpokorny@orangewoodchurch.org Senior Connections is located on the campus of Orangewood Church, 7510 N. 27th Avenue, Phoenix.

LifeBridge **Community Volunteer Center** will be holding its next volunteer orientation on Wednesday, **June 18 at 6pm.** The Community Volunteer Center mission is to promote and support volunteerism in the community. We serve as a bridge between those who want to volunteer and organizations that need volunteers. We have opportunities for everyone - students, families and adults. Come learn how you can "Make A Difference - Connect with Your Community". The LifeBridge Community Volunteer Center is located on the campus of Orangewood Church, 7510 N. 27th Avenue, Phoenix. Please rsvp to Joyce Pokorny at jpokorny@orangewoodchurch.org or by calling 602-995-2933.

ABANDONED/EMPTY HOUSES

From Jack Pesnell - Westown

In the Westown area we have 14 bank owned houses and 15 up for auction, plus the ones not yet put into the above categories. These homes are causing concerns for the neighborhood.

If the weeds or grass are over 12 inches high it is considered a fire hazard. Green pools are a health issue and trash lying around is pulling down your home value. We, as a community, need to address these issues. You can contact your Community Action Officer and give them the address and explain the problem.



But you can also do more. To find out the owner of a property go to <http://www.maricopa.gov/Assessor/> and choose "advanced search options", there you can enter the address of the property and the ownership information will be displayed. Or you can call the assessor's office at 602-506-3406. If it is a bank or mortgage company you can find a telephone number either on-line or in the telephone book. It may take you some time to track down someone who will help you, but it is worth the effort.

In regards to having a citation issued for things such as weeds and other blight issues you will want to send an email to The Neighborhood Services Department Code Enforcement at blight@cityofphoenix.gov or call 602-262-7844 and make sure to specify the concern and address, no cross streets, an exact address is needed to open a case.

Leash Law

By CAO Karen Freund – Cactus Park Precinct

This article is to make you aware that there is a leash law in our city and what it specifically states. It says a dog is considered “at large” when it is “on or off the premises of the owner and not under control of the owner, or other persons acting for the owner. Any dog in a suitable enclosure shall not be considered to be running at large.” This means your dog must be leashed at all times (on a leash not to exceed six (6) feet in length), even in its front yard, except if it is contained within a secure fenced area or in a crate or similar type kennel.

Any dog at large in a public park is in violation of this ordinance and subject to a fine. Dog parks are designed for dogs to run free but, more importantly, they are fenced, so your dog would not be considered at large in this environment. However, keep in mind when you are at the dog park, even though a larger dog may only be playing it could still seriously injure or kill a smaller dog.

When you are walking your dog along a city street, at the park, or similar type “green” (common) areas, we should keep in mind that some people are very frightened of dogs, regardless of size, or may be severely allergic to them, or may just not like them. Just because your dog is a member of the family does not mean someone else is going to feel the same way. Keep your dog leashed or contained and everyone should be happy!



Burglary Prevention

By CAO Karen Freund – Cactus Park Precinct



My fellow officers and I often receive calls from residents who were “almost victims” who want to know how to protect themselves. A lot of the advice we give is common sense tips but we get so busy, we need to be reminded. So here you go:

- ~ Park your car in the garage where it belongs! If you must park in the driveway or on the street, make sure the car is locked, the windows are up, and don't leave anything in view that would tempt someone to break into the car. This includes empty boxes or bags that tempt someone to see what's in them!
- ~ Don't hide keys on your car. Don't you think burglars are familiar with this technique?
- ~ Lock the doors to your house! Don't hide keys outside.
- ~ Check to make sure you or your kids haven't left a window unlocked or open.
- ~ Do you have a doggie door large enough for someone to crawl through or reach up through to unlock the door?
- ~ Close the garage door! Don't tempt someone walking by to take something in the garage that you won't realize is missing until you go to use it.
- ~ Do you have the gates to the backyard locked? If you're afraid of access to your backyard, have you planted something “unfriendly” to discourage entry?
- ~ Do you have deadbolt locks?
- ~ Do you have a Block Watch on your street? Good neighbors are the best deterrent to crime. If you keep an eye on their house, they'll keep an eye on your house. If you want to get one started, call your CAO (Community Action Officer). If you don't know who that is call our precinct at 602-495-5009 and they'll send you to the right officer.
- ~ If you are the victim of a crime, call Crime Stop at 602-262-6151 and report it.
- ~ If you see a crime occurring, call 911.



Together we can all make a difference!!!

“Thank You” Commander T.J. Martin

Cactus Park Community Alliance wishes to give a huge “**THANK YOU**” to **Commander T.J. MARTIN** for all of his hard work and dedication to our community, especially for the work and time he devoted to CPCA and our growth in understanding procedures. He was always there for us, constantly answering questions, giving good and reasonable advice and mostly being a GREAT POLICE OFFICER. His wisdom, compassion and understanding of the word “community” has been greatly appreciated by almost everyone he worked with and shall have a long and lasting effect on those who were lucky enough to work with him. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors and we know he will do well no matter what the challenges that are facing him.

“The cyclone derives its powers from a calm center.

So does a person.”

~Norman Vincent Peale~

A NEW BLOCK WATCH NEWSLETTER

Lou Snow - CPCA President

You have worked long and hard to create your new block watch for your specific area. You have finally received authorization from the city officials that you are now an official block watch.

So what is next? How do you spread the word? Who do you contact? What is your next step? To assist you with these answers, Cactus Park Community Alliance (CPCA) has qualified and experienced staff to assist you, as well as other issues you may be confronted with as you go thru this process.

It is very important to keep your neighbors informed, in a timely manner, of activities within your community. One of the best ways to do this is through a newsletter such as what you are reading now. We have the staff to assist you in creating such a newsletter, all you have to do is ask for our assistance. In many cases we can put you in contact with other block watches that are in your area to also assist you in your efforts. Feel free to call any of our board members listed in this publication to ask how they each do their own newsletters.

Stay informed and share with others by attending our monthly meetings held every month (time and locations attached) bring other neighbors, participate in our discussions, and most importantly, take the information you have obtained back to your community and share with your neighbors through your newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing with you and your neighbors at our future meetings.

2008 POOL SEASON Dates/ Hours/ Fees

The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department's award winning Aquatics Section operates 29 pools citywide. Youths and adults can take advantage of general open swimming, learn-to-swim lessons, special-interest classes, recreational team programs, team water-sports, water-safety classes and special events.



Pools will open for seven-day-a-week operation starting on Saturday May 31.

Daily hours are noon to 8 p.m.

Daily admission is 50 cents for youth age 17 and under and \$2 for adults. A season pass is \$15 for youth, \$25 for adults and \$60 for a family of four (\$5 for each additional youth).

Swim lessons will cost \$12 per class. Registration for swim lessons begins May 3 at 10:30 a.m. You can register online at <http://www.phoenix.gov/parks/>. Once you are there, click on pools on the left side menu and follow the links. The 2008 summer swim class schedule will appear online two weeks prior to the start of registration.

For more information call (602) 534-SWIM (7946) or the Aquatic Office at (602) 262-6541; TTY (602) 262-6713.

SIDEWALK CURB PAINTERS

From Margie Anderson & Ben Kugler

Ben tells us some neighborhoods have had problems in the past with people claiming "the Block Watch" will write up residents or that the resident can be cited by NSD for not having their curbs painted. Both of which are untrue, but we've never been able to catch the person or person's making the false claims.

At one neighborhood meeting, a guy handed Margie a flier from a curb painter that said "get in compliance with HOA and City Ordinances". I looked it up, and this is what I found: It doesn't say anything about having to have your curb painted, and in fact it says that before someone paints your address on your curb they need your permission, and a license. There are also rules about the kind of paint, size of the numbers, etc. Apparently these people are handing out these fliers and making people think it's against the law NOT to have your curb painted. Here's the city ordinance that Margie found:

CURB PAINTERS

Sec. 31-112. License required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to paint street addresses on street curbs in the City of Phoenix unless such person first:

- (a) Obtains the permission of the owner-occupant for such address painting; and
- (b) Obtains a license to be issued by the Administrator pursuant to the provisions of this article.

Sec. 31-116. Duties of licensees.

- (a) No licensee may request permission to or actually paint a street address on a curb unless the licensee, concurrently with obtaining permission from the owner/ occupant for such painting, displays to the owner/ occupant an original or photo-exact copy of the licensee's current, active license. Only after permission has been obtained from the owner/ occupant through this process may the licensee paint the street address on the curb.
- (b) Licensees must limit all their business activities to the hours between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily.

Sec. 31-117. Curb painting requirements.

- (a) All street addresses painted on curbs by licensees must meet the following guidelines:
 - (1) The paint used must be reflective and in contrasting colors.
 - (2) The address letters or numbers must be within a driveway or start within three feet of the driveway, and all letters or numbers must be a minimum of three inches high.
- (b) Licensees shall be responsible for all cleanup connected with their business activities.

License Services, 200 W. Washington St., 10th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003-1611 (602) 262-4638 / FAX: (602)-495-0783

RESTRAINING ORDERS

By CAO Linda Johnston – Cactus Park Precinct

The most common types of restraining orders in Arizona are orders of protection and injunctions against harassment. If you are considering one of these, it's important to know what they do and don't do.

Any judge in the state can issue a restraining order, including justices of the peace, city magistrates and Superior Court judges.

An order of protection is designed to prevent domestic violence and is generally issued when both parties are members of the same family or household. This includes former and current roommates of either gender. It can restrict contact with children and even grant exclusive use of a home to one party for the length of time the order is in place.



An injunction against harassment is designed to stop harassing, annoying or alarming actions. These are most often served against neighbors, strangers, former dating partners or anyone else who doesn't fit the order of protection criteria. They are more limited in scope than orders of protection and typically restrain the defendant (the person against whom the order is issued) from making contact in person, by telephone or electronically.

Although the defendant doesn't have to be present for you to seek an order against them, he/she is entitled to request a hearing within 10 days of having been served. The person who requested the order should make every attempt to be present for this hearing. If the judge isn't able to hear both sides, they will likely lift the order since they can't substantiate the claims. Order and injunctions are valid for one year in Arizona.

It is important to understand that an order or injunction is just a piece of paper and offers no physical protection. People accused of violating the order are charged with interfering with judicial process, which is similar to contempt of court. The victim must still be vigilant about protecting their safety. Relying solely on an order to protect you is not sufficient.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU HAVE TO CALL 911

By CAO Linda Johnston – Cactus Park Precinct

Most people know the number to dial for an emergency is 911. But not everyone knows what to do once they call.

First, stay as calm as possible, speak clearly and slowly, answer all questions and don't hang up until the operator tells you to. These simple instructions can make a difference in how fast police, fire or medical responders get to you.

Second, when the operator answers, give them the nature and location of the emergency and the telephone number you are calling from. The operator will already know where you are calling from if you are using a landline, but will still ask you for the location to verify the correct information.

Some wireless phones don't provide the location of a call, so if you are using a cell phone, be sure of your exact location by knowing the street address, highway name, intersection, mile marker or even landmarks.

Please don't get upset if it seems the operator is wasting time by asking questions. Emergency responders are usually dispatched with the first 30 seconds – while you're still talking to the operator.

911

If all the operators are busy when you call, you will get a message asking you to stay on the line. This message will repeat in Spanish and TDD tones, which sound something like a fax machine. Don't hang up, stay on the line and your call will be answered in turn. For foreign speakers, some of the operators speak various languages. A translation service is also available.

Most importantly remember that 911 is for emergencies only. If you have a non-emergency such as minor traffic accidents, theft reports or loud parties, call Crime Stop at 602-262-6151. Both numbers are answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Liquor And Vice Complaint Information

Officer Oscar Cortez - Cactus Park Precinct

I hope that you find this information useful.

Vice complaints may be made to the **Vice Hotline at 602-246-1231.**

Liquor complaints may be made to the **Liquor Hotline 602-438-6625.**

"To know how to suggest is the art of teaching."

~Henri-Frédéric Amiel (1821-1881)

Missing and Exploited Children

Information From CAO Doug Dillard - Cactus Park Precinct



Stranger Danger is an old phrase that we are all probably familiar with, but it's not real accurate. Statistically it's not the "Stranger" that is the danger to a child. It's more commonly a family member, friend or someone that would otherwise be trusted.

The following are excerpts from www.MissingKids.com. The information that they have on their web site is probably some of the most concise, accurate and relative that I have found in one place. There is just too much information there to try and include here. So take a look at this brief preview and then visit their web site for yourself.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

We want to help you protect your children by teaching them to be smarter and safer. The best way to combat child exploitation and abduction is to prevent it. Please use our site to learn what you and your children need to know about protecting them from victimization.

- What to do If Your Child Is Missing
- Where to Report Child Sexual Exploitation
- Learn About Keeping Your Child Safer
- Information about International Abduction
- Child-Sexual-Exploitation State Resources

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

Charles B. Wang International Children's Building
699 Prince Street - Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3175
Phone: 703-274-3900 - Fax: 703-274-2200
Hotline: 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)
www.MissingKids.com



Shopping Cart Program

In June 2006 the Phoenix City Council approved an ordinance to remove abandoned shopping carts throughout the city. The ordinance calls for the removal of carts found off store premises, authorizes charging retail owners \$20.00 per cart retrieved, and provides for the disposal of unidentifiable carts and carts not retrieved by retailers.

Resident can help eliminate shopping cart blight by calling 602-CRT-PKUP (602-278-7587) to report abandoned carts or by sending an e-mail to shopping.carts.nsd@phoenix.gov



Attitude

Charles Swindoll

The longer I live the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude to me is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money. It is more important than circumstances, than failures, than success, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company, a church, a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...



CPCA Welcomes and Introduces...



Welcome to Cmdr. Benny Pena, who has a Community based policing background. He will be our new Commander in Cactus Park Precinct for the next few years. Many of you have met him recently at different events around the area. He will be making his presence known as time goes on. He is replacing Cmdr. T. J. Martin.

Our new **Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP) Coordinator** for **Cactus Park Precinct** is **Officer Jennifer Guiliano**. Officer Guiliano was met with much enthusiasm at a recent "Coffee with a Cop" event. She will be replacing Officer Terry Cooper who gave of us many years of service, laughter, caring and training.

We also have a new **Citywide PNP Coordinator**, **Officer Jill Fowler**, whom many of you have met through the Operation Earthquake event. She brings much enthusiasm to her position and hopes to use PNP in more roles through out the city.

Proposition 1 and Proposition A - 2008 Update

Phoenix AZ – Mayor Phil Gordon

I wanted to share an update and report on my promise to you to hire 400 new police officers in two years. Last September, Phoenix voters approved Proposition 1, a measure to hire 400 new sworn police officers, 100 civilian police personnel, and 100 fire fighters. Our goal, mandated by the voters, was to hire 400 new officers within two years.

As I write this, it is just five months into the first year – and we've hired 208 of the 400. That's obviously more than half – and thus an entire year's worth – in just five months. For a City and a Mayor that make public safety our number one priority, that is tremendous news. I'm proud of the efforts of our City Manager, Police Chief Jack Harris and our Police Department to make this possible. They truly are the best of the best.

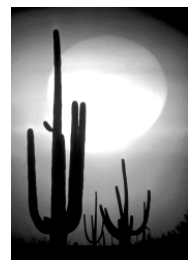


Historically, Phoenix voters have consistently supported propositions like last year's Prop. 1 which provide or improve basic services for our community. May 2008 has another Proposition up for vote that relates to the quality of life we are famous for here in Phoenix. The Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative – or Proposition A, as it's also known – is actually not a new idea. It proposes an extension of a successful program we've already had in place since 1999.

That year, the Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative was approved by 80 percent of city voters, to dedicate \$0.001 sales tax to help build and improve parks and to preserve open space and desert. Funding was split three ways: to develop and improve regional parks, to develop and improve community and neighborhood parks, and to acquire desert and mountain preserve land.

Since 1999, here's what we've accomplished:

- Eight regional parks have been completed and are open to the public.
- More than 160 park improvements have been made to neighborhood and community parks throughout the city.
- Nearly 4,000 acres of Arizona State Trust Land have been acquired for the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve using Phoenix Parks and Preserves Initiative funds and matching grant funds.



If Phoenix voters approve an extension of this Initiative in the election on May 20, here's what those funds will be used for. Sixty percent of the funds raised will be used to complete the regional parks started with current Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative funding; purchase land and create new regional, community and neighborhood parks; upgrade existing parks with better shade, green space, and recreational features; add more park rangers, lighting, security, and maintenance for parks and recreational facilities; add shaded pedestrian and bike paths throughout the city; and add recreation programs for youth to fight drugs, gangs, and crime.



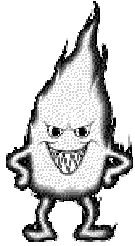
Forty percent of the funds raised will be used to purchase land for mountain and desert preserve open space; create new/better trailheads, trail, parking and interpretive centers for preserves; and provide more park rangers, security and maintenance of the preserves.

Whatever the outcome of this latest election, I have full confidence in Phoenix voters. They have always shown their faith in, and commitment to, their community. They have always realized what investments are most important to making our city a great place to live, work and play – and to *keeping* our city a great place to live for future generations. (*Ed. Note – The Election was in May and "Proposition A" **Passed** by a large majority)

Seasonal Fire Ban Announced By Parks & Recreation Department

From Phoenix City News

Starting May 12, 2008 – Ending: To Be Announced



The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department has banned open fires in city mountain preserves. The ban applies to Camelback Mountain; Papago Park; all areas of the Phoenix Mountains; South Mountain Park / Preserve; and includes North Mountain and its adjoining areas. The fire ban does NOT apply to traditional city parks. Smoking and charcoal fires again will be included in the ban due to the extreme fire danger created from rising temperatures and dropping humidity levels.

For those using the preserves, the fire ban stipulates the following:

- Open, wood & charcoal fires are prohibited in any part of the Phoenix mountain preserves.
- Smoking outside of enclosed vehicles is NOT allowed.
- Propane or gas grills may be used, but only in established picnic areas.

Motorists traveling through or near Phoenix desert preserves should exercise extreme care with smoking materials and use only their vehicle's ash trays to dispose of smoking materials.

Residents can get brush removal information or make inquiries by calling 602-495-5458. The Parks Department has created a Webpage with comprehensive fire ban information at phoenix.gov/parks/fireinfo.html. The Web page contains an e-mail form residents can use to send questions to park rangers, comprehensive information on brush removal and details on the fire ban.

Phoenix Fire Department "Fire Wise" Tips

The winter and spring rains result in a lot of vegetation around the Valley. But as temperatures climb, the vegetation dries out... and becomes a serious fire risk. Don't let your home or property fall victim to a brush fire.

Be Sure To Maintain Your Property & Landscaping In A Fire-Wise Condition

- Keep weeds and grass cut. The Phoenix City Code prohibits grass in excess of 6" and weeds over 12".
- Remove dead and piled up vegetation. Dispose of it properly.
- Properly dispose of trash & debris. Piles of refuse such as old furniture, boxes and pallets are fires waiting to happen. Even old cars can burn!
- Stack firewood away from structures, fences or anything else that may be combustible.

Maintenance Hints

- Remove low hanging branches. Also, remove tree limbs around chimneys.
- Keep the roof clear & Rinse it off on a regular basis to get rid of dry needles and leaves.
- Sweep gutters & eaves.
- Control the height of ground vegetation and mow the grass often.
- Provide enough water to keep plants healthy and green. Keep irrigation systems in good working order.
- Top trees only when necessary. Topping creates too many lower branches and increases fire danger.
- Store and use flammable liquids properly.
- ALWAYS dispose of cigarettes carefully.

Useful Summer Time Phone Numbers

Marilyn Cyrnek - Thunderway & Jack Pesnell – Westown

Water Safety Hotline 602-262-6910
Green Pools/ Mosquito's 602-506-0700
Report Overgrown Weeds 602-262-7844
Free Tool Lending Program Info 602-495-0323
Gas Leaks – emergency /smell gas 1-800-528-4277
Traffic Signs – Damaged 602-262-4659
Loud Party Info 602-262-7821
Street Repair and Potholes 602-262-6441

Identity Theft - Notify The Following
EQUIFAX 1-800-525-6285
EXPERIAN 1-888-397-3742
TRANS UNION 1-800-680-7289
Social Security Fraud Line 1-800-269-0271
Traffic Signals – Malfunctioning 602-262-6021
Neighborhood Narcotic Complaints 602-275-5886
Street Light Repair and Maintenance 602-495-5125



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**Community Meeting Sched-
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Cactus Park Community Alliance
6:45 p.m.

7/23/08 3581 W Northern Ave.
Manzanita Senior Center
Topic: Recycling Prgm. Changes

8/27/08 2001 W. Wahaha Ln.
Deer Valley Community Center
Topic: Prevention & Security

9/24/08 3581 W Northern Ave.
Manzanita Senior Center
Topic: Networking/Cmn. Mattox

Cactus Park PNP
2nd Thursday every month
6:30 p.m.

Location to be Announced
Call 602-534-8106 for information

Block Watch Advisory Board
4th Tuesday every month
6:30 p.m.
(Location varies)

Voice Mail: 602-534-2424 ext. 4056



Important Numbers



EMERGENCY

911

Crime Stop—Non Emergency Crime Reporting

602-262-6151

Abandoned Vehicles

Private Property

(602) 262-7844

Streets, Alleys

(602) 262-6151

Block Watch

(602) 495-0597

Community Programs

(602) 262-8371

Property Maintenance Violations

(602) 262-7844

Barking Dogs

(602) 262-6466

Family Advocacy Center

(602) 534-3072

Graffiti Reward Hotline

(602) 262-7327

Graffiti Busters

(602) 495-7014

Graffiti Cell Phone Hotline

#4663

Illegal Dumping

(602) 262-7251

Construction Permits

(602) 262-7884

Gang Hotline

(602) 534-4264

General Information

(602) 262-7626

General Investigations (assaults, sex crimes, homicide,

Robbery, auto theft)

(602) 262-6141

Impounded Property

(602) 262-8371

Poison Control

(602) 253-3334



Help us!

If you have moved out of the Cactus Park area or if you would like to stop receiving this newsletter, please contact Jo Ann Labate at:

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