

SPECIAL THANKS

to
Don Swanson
& Heidi
McKeever of
Cholla Middle
School for
organizing our
student
volunteers and
to
everyone at St
Andrew
for their
continuing
support in
hosting our
neighborhood
events

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April

Saturday, 4th Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting

- Officer Karen Anderson will attend
- Please e-mail or phone in your questions to her before the meeting at Karen.anderson@phoenix.gov or 602-534-0474

Where: St Andrew 3101 W Cholla

When: 4 – 5 pm

June

Saturday, 20th Neighborhood Shred-a-thon

- To help prevent identify theft!
- Bring your boxes of documents for FREE on-site shredding by Iron Mountain
- Tax records, bank statements, any personal documents

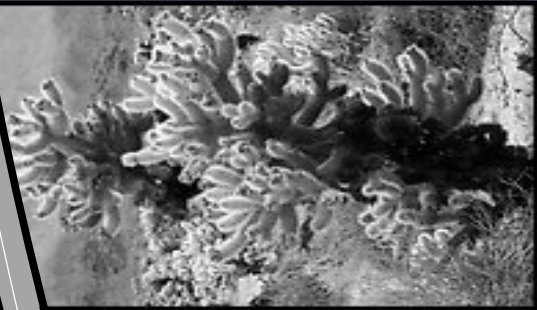
Where: St Andrew 3101 W. Cholla

When: 10 am – 2 pm

- ♦ St Andrew will provide snacks

We need volunteers to deliver newsletters in June
Call 602-993-4517
Just 1 hour helps a lot

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Cholla Area Neighborhood

Be Alert, Not Afraid

BY MERCY SALAZ

Know 4

Daytime burglaries are definitely an issue in the neighborhood. Alleys don't help. Routines like clockwork don't help. Vacant houses don't help.

There are ways for us to help ourselves and our neighbors. The first step is simple – know your neighbors. “**KNOW 4**” is a good start. Know the neighbors on either side of you, across the street and directly behind you. Know their names and exchange phone numbers. Once you know who your neighbors are – talk to them. While many of us work during the day, we have many retirees and many moms who are home during the day. They are the front line for observing and reporting unusual activity.

A formal Block Watch is the next step. Our Community Action Officer, Karen Anderson and I can certainly help you get started. A Block Watch needs to be a small group to be effective – probably 12 to 20 houses. Each Block Watch needs a captain and involvement by the group to meet regularly. It can be as easy as pizza on the first Friday of every month or every quarter.

Our Community Action Officer

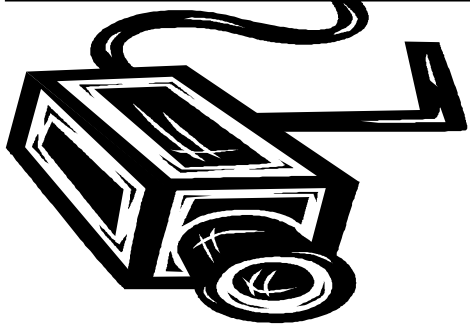
Please welcome our new Community Action Officer (“CAO”), Karen Anderson. CAOs are part of each police precinct in the city. They are a separate unit than the regular patrol officers. CAOs' main duties are to collect intelligence about criminal activity, investigate neighborhood complaints, be a liaison with non-police agencies, participate in community programs and track current crime trends in the area.

Please phone in or e-mail your neighborhood concerns to Officer Anderson at 602-534-0474 or Karen.Anderson@phoenix.gov. Her area is from Northern to Cactus from the Freeway to 43rd/51st. So keep in mind that we are just one part of her area. Officer Anderson will attend our next neighborhood meeting. If you have concerns, please send them to her BEFORE the meeting. She won't be able to give answers if she just learns of the problem.

For Emergencies call 9-1-1
For Non-emergencies call 602-262-6151

A Great Idea for Crime Prevention: Security Cameras

Successfully used by one of our neighbors, Robert



Here are a couple of examples of the types of security cameras you could purchase for home security. The (top) wireless security system I have had for almost a year. Its picture quality is almost that of cable tv, nothing like the security video you see on television. I record the video using my laptop, you could use a dvr or a vhs as well. The vandalism has cut way back in my neighborhood after getting the cameras as some are visible & some are not; however, placement is essential if someone approaches one camera to disable it, they should be in view of another camera. There are many security cameras available. Wired or wireless. Wired will take much more to install, wireless is easier, however you will still need a power source for the camera & could have issues with other wireless devices in your home. I hope this is useful. - Robert

Option 1 Wireless

Wireless Security Camera

About \$150 but hard to find;
review specifications at website

CM-818T3
(3 Cameras Set)



Option 2 Wired



<http://teamresearchinc.com/>

- Weatherproof night vision wireless color security camera.
- Built-in 12 Infra-red LEDs to aid nighttime vision.
- Professional quality and durable design, just connect to your TV or VCR.
- No wiring needed, installs in 5 minutes.
- Built-in microphone.
- High quality color images: 380 TV lines.
- Electronic shutter: 1/50 – 1/10,000 second.
- Transmission distance: 150-300 feet (line of sight, reduced through obstacles such as walls).

<http://www.costco.com/Home.aspx>

Q-See 4 Channel H.264 250GB DVR w/ Mobile Phone Surveillance & 4 CMOS Camera Kits
Item # 379578

\$299.99 Plus Shipping & Handling

Protecting yourself and your assets doesn't have to be a full time job. This 4 channel DVR system provides you peace of mind by allowing you to remotely monitor your premises over the Internet, or even on your WinCE or Symbian enabled 3G phone. Watch live video or playback video, and even access DVR menus from virtually anywhere in the world. With the sophisticated user interface, you can plug in your USB mouse (included) to easily navigate through the program menus. H.264 compression allows you to maximize your hard drive recording time, and delivers good digital video quality when viewing over the Internet or 3G mobile networks. This DVR combo solution records real-time digital video onto the pre-installed 250GB HDD, and includes 4 complete out-of-the-box color CMOS camera kits with cables and stands for ease of installation.

Q-see solutions are the perfect answer for keeping your family secure, protecting your assets against theft, or managing your staff and resources more effectively. This easy to install complete security package has everything you need to setup a secure home or business, and can be integrated into your current security system.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTACT INFO FOR CITY OF PHOENIX RESOURCES

APS (to report street lights that are out): **602-371-7171**

Cholla Area Neighborhood (C.A.N.): Mercy Salaz **602-993-4517**

Community Action Officer: **602-534-0474** Karen Anderson

Crime Stop – non emergencies: **602-262-6151**

Emergencies: 9 – 1 – 1

Graffiti Busters: **602-495-7014** This is a City of Phoenix service

Graffiti Buster Team Leader: **602-441-5244** Neighborhood volunteer MaryAnn Johnson

Graffiti Cell Phone Hotline (for Alltel & Verizon) **#4663**

Illegal Dumping: **602-262-7251** Report illegal dumping in our alleys

Neighborhood Services: **602-262-7844** Report blight such as weeds & outside storage

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTACT INFO FOR OTHER SOCIAL RESOURCES

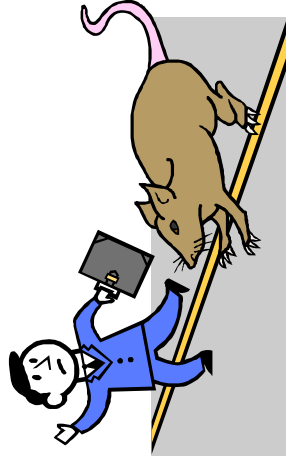
St. Andrew Lutheran Church 3101 W. Cholla www.saintandrewwaz.org
602-942-5811

St. Jerome Catholic Church 10815 N 35th Avenue www.saintjerome.org
602-993-1690

Shepherd of the Valley United Methodist Church
3039 W. Cactus www.shepherdofthevalleyumc.org 602-942-9288

Trinity Bible Church 3420 W. Peoria Avenue <http://tbcphoenix.org>
602-942-8330

Westown First Southern Baptist Church 11415 N. 35th Avenue
602-993-8213



Roof rats have been positively identified around 31st Avenue and Peoria.

Control and eradication depends on absolutely every single homeowner participating.

Activity will only increase as the citrus ripens and the temperatures cool down. We have had wonderful support from the Arcadia Neighborhood. They were the first homeowners in Phoenix that had to deal with these rats. They are more than willing to share what they have learned. For whatever reason, the rat’s primary motive is to gain entrance into your home!

Two websites have incredible amounts of pertinent information.

<http://www.roofrat.net>

<http://www.maricopa.gov/EnvSvc/VectorControl/RR/RRInfo.aspx>

You can also call the Community Helpline, sponsored by the Arcadia Neighbor to Neighbor Campaign, at 602-740-7361.

Charley Alger has volunteered to be an initial point of contact. **He will not do the work for you.** If you would like an evaluation by a neighbor who is already working to control and eradicate the rats, please call Charley Alger at 602-942-1275.

Unwelcome Newcomers Are Everyone’s Problem – Roof Rats

NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS

Homeowners can and should take several steps to prevent and minimize the rodent’s length of stay and possible damage. If you have a rat problem, so do your neighbors. Pass along this information.

Roof Rat Description

Roof rats are dark brown to black and measure 13 to 18 inches in length including tail. They weigh 5-9 oz, are slender, and their ears are large and nearly hairless. Droppings are long and cylindrical.

Nesting Requirements

Roof rats nest outside in trees, woodpiles, storage outbuildings, landscape debris, and in dense vegetation, such as oleanders. Inside, roof rats prefer to nest in the attic and ceiling areas.

Food Preferences

Typical food is fresh citrus and apple fruits, plant material, pecans, wild bird seed, vegetables from gardens and pet foods left outside. Water is key to the rodent’s survival, such as pools, ponds and landscape irrigation.

Indication of Roof Rat Presence

Hollowed out citrus attached to the tree or on the ground. Smudge marks around openings and ledges. Be vigilant for rat droppings, nests in attics and storage rooms, gnawing marks, and pet excitement.

Potential Damage

Rats do damage by gnawing door frames, woodwork, plastic piping, upholstery, electrical, alarm and telephone wires, as well as contaminating stored foods. They will chew car hoses and wiring.

Rat Eradication Methods

A combination of poisons and traps properly placed and maintained will easily rid your property of any roof rat activity. Both traps and poisons should be placed in containers to protect children, pets and wild birds.

Rat Proofing

1. **Inspect your attic, laundry room and garage for entry locations and seal.**
2. **Manicure landscape, thin hedges, trim trees from roof edges; remove all debris.**
3. **Keep pet waste cleaned from yard, do not leave pet food outside overnight.**
4. **Promptly pick up any fallen fruit and nuts from yard area.**
5. **Harvest your citrus crops promptly and completely when roof rats are present.**

Personal Use Bait Stations (PUBS)

Personal use bait stations are offered by the NEIGHBORtoNEIGHBOR Campaign (see number below) for \$5.99 each. The resident is fully responsible for purchasing and placing the recommended poison in the bait station. Read and follow directions and warnings on poison label. The bait station is ideal for people who have lush landscapes, unpicked citrus, pecan trees, figs, date palms, pomegranates, apples, and peaches. The roof rats are attracted to these areas because of their search for food and water. They are prone to take the poison bait, leave the PUBS and usually die outside within 3 to 5 days. Dead rats should be sealed in plastic bags and placed in the trash.

To report a complaint, call the **Maricopa County Citizen’s Environmental Complaint Line at 602-506-6616**. For more information about controlling and eliminating roof rats, contact **Barry E. Paceley**, director of the **Arcadia NEIGHBORtoNEIGHBOR Campaign** at 602-273-0435 or visit the web site, **www.roofrat.net**.



Kids Do Care

Congratulations and thanks to the students from Cholla Middle School who volunteered their free time on two Saturdays to help clean up our neighborhood.

We cleaned up trash and litter in February with 68 students. The city supplied us with trash bags and gloves. Cholla Area Neighborhood purchased litter pickers for the event.

In March, we had teams paint out graffiti on light poles and utility boxes. There were 45 students who showed up for the event including some from Moon Valley. Those names in bold and underlined attended both events.

The city supplied us with paint and paint brushes. Cholla Area neighborhood provided other supplies such as buckets with lids.

On both Saturdays, St Andrews hosted hot dogs and volleyball afterward.

Cholla Middle School

Feb Litter Crews

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <u>Alex</u> | 35. <i>Alma</i> |
| 2. <u>Jacky</u> | 36. <i>Bethany</i> |
| 3. <i>Dong-Won</i> | 37. <i>Alyssa</i> |
| 4. <i>Jacob</i> | 38. <i>Cheyenne</i> |
| 5. <i>Devon</i> | 39. <i>Shonna</i> |
| 6. <i>Jacob</i> | 40. <i>Jessica</i> |
| 7. <i>Anthony</i> | 41. <i>Elise</i> |
| 8. <i>Kyle</i> | 42. <i>Feto</i> |
| 9. <i>Jensen</i> | 43. <i>Robert</i> |
| 10. <i>Zaen</i> | 44. <i>Carlos</i> |
| 11. <i>Julian</i> | 45. <i>Ronny</i> |
| 12. <i>Kelsi</i> | 46. <i>Alex</i> |
| 13. <i>Gavin</i> | 47. <i>Saidy</i> |
| 14. <i>Shalae</i> | 48. <i>Denise</i> |
| 15. <i>Brianna</i> | 49. <i>Morgan</i> |
| 16. <u>Amber</u> | 50. <i>Brandon</i> |
| 17. <u>Destiny</u> | 51. <u>Aaron</u> |
| 18. <i>Elizabeth</i> | 52. <i>Trevor</i> |
| 19. <i>Jessie</i> | 53. <u>Eric</u> |
| 20. <u>Jacquelin</u> | 54. <u>Dustin</u> |
| 21. <u>Crystal</u> | 55. <i>Dominik</i> |
| 22. <u>Lisa</u> | 56. <i>Ashley</i> |
| 23. <i>Ariana</i> | 57. <u>Kalyn</u> |
| 24. <i>Alexis</i> | 58. <i>Mekah</i> |
| 25. <i>Zech</i> | 59. <u>Kenisha</u> |
| 26. <i>Matthew</i> | 60. <i>Monique</i> |
| 27. <i>Nick</i> | 61. <i>Rachel</i> |
| 28. <i>Ryan</i> | 62. <i>Tori</i> |
| 29. <u>Grecia</u> | 63. <i>Megan</i> |
| 30. <u>Caroline</u> | 64. <u>Ashley</u> |
| 31. <i>Laura</i> | 65. <i>Kari</i> |
| 32. <i>Christina</i> | 66. <i>Jason</i> |
| 33. <i>Anthony</i> | 67. <i>Josh</i> |
| 34. <i>Mary</i> | 68. <i>Mary</i> |

Wipe Out Graffiti Participants

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| 1. Amanda – MV | |
| 2. Jennifer – MV | |
| 3. Eric – MV | |
| 4. Lillian – MV | |
| 5. Vincent – MV | |
| 6. Alexandra | |
| 7. Dustin | |
| 8. Alex | |
| 9. Dwois | |
| 10. Whitney | |
| 11. Jasmine | |
| 12. Jasmine | |
| 13. Esmeralda | |
| 14. Jocelyn | |
| 15. Nikole | |
| 16. Jessie | |
| 17. Lauren | |
| 18. Danielle | |
| 19. Lisa | |
| 20. Carlos | |
| 21. Christine | |
| 22. Jordyn | |
| 23. Mercedes | |
| 24. Destiny | |
| 25. Chelsea | |
| 26. Grecia | |
| 27. Caroline | |
| 28. Juan | |
| 29. Amber | |
| 30. Stephen | |
| 31. Jacquelin | |
| 32. Crystal | |
| 33. Jacky | |
| 34. Aaron | |
| 35. Deni | |
| 36. Jesse | |
| 37. Ashley | |
| 38. Kenisha | |
| 39. Kadejah | |
| 40. Kalyn | |
| 41. Sammy | |
| 42. Kaw | |
| 43. Ann Marie | |
| 44. Jackie | |
| 45. Jeycly | |

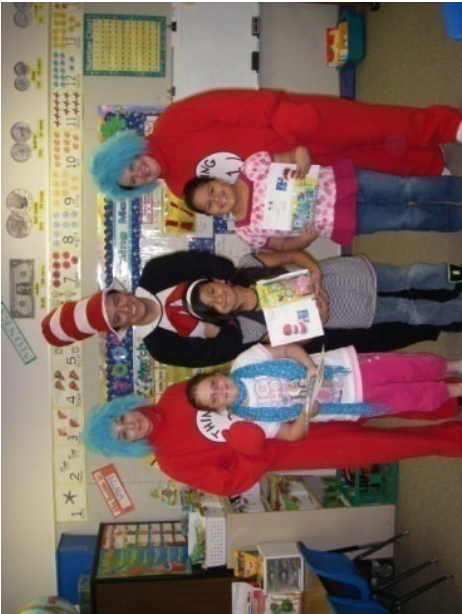


Pictured: 2nd Grader, Joey with Circus Performer during After-School Academy

Lakeview 21st Century Program: Last Spring, Lakeview Elementary School was awarded the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant in support of before and after school classes, summer school, and adult classes for parents. The Lakeview 21st Century Program is celebrating the success of the before and after school program with more than 130 students who have attended at least 30 days or more. In addition to math, reading, and English Language Learner classes, one feature of the after-school program has been outside vendors who have provided excellent enrichment opportunities for students such as Yo-Yo Tricks, the Circus, Reptile Adventures, and Juggling on Wednesdays. In addition, Lakeview is preparing to offer approximately ten summer school classes to our school community during the month of June. Lakeview is also currently offering an adult English as a Second Language class for parents on Tuesday evenings. Lakeview parents are also encouraged to attend upcoming Active Parenting and technology classes that will be offered on campus. More information will be sent home with students in the near future.

In support of Lakeview’s 21st Century Programs, Lakeview is always seeking community partners who are willing to work together with the school to provide goods and services to students. For example, something as simple as coupons for free kids meals to be handed out as attendance award can mean a great deal to a student. For more information or to donate to the Lakeview 21st Century Program, please contact Mrs. Nelson at 602-896-5801.

A Winning Season for Dragon Girls’ Basketball: The Lakeview Dragons Girls’ basketball team recently finished a record-breaking season of 8 wins and only 2 losses.



Pictured: Mr. Tejada as Cat in the Hat, Mrs. Bustamante as Thing 1, Mrs. Deeley as Thing 2, and 2nd Graders Brianna, Ashley, and Makayla who are being rewarded for their outstanding efforts in reading

Read Across America 2009: Along with students from across the country, on Monday, March 2nd, Lakeview celebrated Read Across America Day. This day encourages students’ love of reading, as well as celebrates the birthday of Dr. Seuss. The Lakeview staff and students would like to thank all of the many volunteers and community partners who came to read to students throughout the day. A highlight of the day was a visit from *The Cat in the Hat*, played by Principal Tejada, and his two pesky sidekicks, *Thing 1* and *Thing 2*, played by Mrs. Deeley and Mrs. Bustamante. With a generous donation from a local business, all Lakeview students received a Dr. Seuss bookmark, a Dr. Seuss pencil, and a Read Across America activity book.

Eco-Friendly Kids Club – Paper Recycling Program: The Lakeview Eco-Friendly Kids Club invites the community to utilize the paper recycling bin in the Lakeview parking lot. Items that can be placed in this bin include newspaper, magazines, office & school papers, shopping catalogs, and mail. Items that may NOT be placed in this bin are plastic, glass, metal, trash, corrugated cardboard boxes.

For every pound of paper recycling, the school will receive proceeds to support student activities.



Snow in Phoenix? Many Lakeview students have never had the experience of seeing and playing in the snow. In December, Lakeview participated in the St. Mary’s Food Bank food drive and held a Blood Drive. In January, to celebrate the generosity of the Lakeview community, students and staff were rewarded with the opportunity to go sledding down a huge slide of snow on the Lakeview playground. This may have been a once in a lifetime experience for some of these students, and it will be a memorable day for many years to come.

Pictured: 2nd Graders Dinah and Sarai sled down the snow slide with Erik and Matthew waiting their turns and Mrs. Eastin assisting

2009-2010 Kindergarten Registration: All children living within the Lakeview boundaries who will turn 5 years old by August 31, 2009 are eligible to register for Kindergarten for the 2009-2010 school year. Kindergarten pre-registration is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29th, 2009 from 12:00pm-8:00pm. Documentation needed for registration includes: updated shot records, birth certificate, 2 proofs of residence, any legal documentation such as custody papers. Parents should be prepared to fill out the registration forms, including personal information such as addresses, emergency contacts, pediatrician information, etc. Please note that there will be no tours of campus or classrooms during this time. A future date will be scheduled late summer for Kindergarten orientation to bring your child to familiarize them with the campus. For more information, you may contact the Lakeview office at 602-896-5800.



Pictured: Kindergartener Benjamin, with his 6th Grade Buddy Justin

Calendar of Events
3/31/09 & 4/6/09 – 4/10/09 AIMS Writing, Reading, Math, and Science Assessments – Grades 3-6
4/6/09 – 4/7/09 Terra Nova Assessment – Grade 2
4/29/09 (12:00pm – 8:00pm) Kindergarten Registration for the 2009-2010 school year – for children turning age 5 by 8/31/09
4/30/09 Last Day of Before and After School Classes
5/6/09 National Teacher Appreciation Day and National School Nurse Day
5/12/09 Community Literacy Night
5/27/09 Last Day of School

Pasta for Pennies – Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Fundraiser: March 23rd-April 3rd, 2009, students at Lakeview will be bringing in coins to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Last year, the school raised approximately \$700 in support of this great cause. The class that raises the most funds will receive a pasta party from Olive Garden. If you are interested in donating to this charitable cause, please stop by the school office or call Mrs. Nelson at 602-896-5801.