

SPECIAL
THANKS

to everyone
over the
last year
who has
been
involved in
helping
improve
our area

SAVE THIS PAGE!
Events June 2009

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 has generously volunteered to provide lunch

The city will decide the 2009 – 2010 Blockwatch grants in July.

If we get funding, the printed newsletter will continue in September.

If we don’t get funding, the printed newsletter will stop, but please check www.neighborhoodlink.com/phoenix/cholla/

July -
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Cholla Area Neighborhood

Burglary Prevention Tips: Protect Your Home

[HTTP://WWW.PHOENIX.GOV/POLICE/BURGT11.HTML](http://www.phoenix.gov/police/burgt11.html)

Doors

Exterior Doors

Many residential doors feature hollow-core construction and poor locks, which are easily forced or kicked open. For additional protection, you need solid core doors and quality locks.

Arcadia Doors

Many burglars enter homes through improperly secured arcadia doors. Additional locks and security measures will prevent the door from being opened or lifted out of the track.

Screws installed in the track above the sliding door frame will prevent the door from being lifted out of the track. Drill a pilot hole in the top track above and slightly in from each corner of the sliding doorframe section and install a screw into each hole. Adjust the screws so that the head of the screw just barely clears the frame when it is moved back and forth.

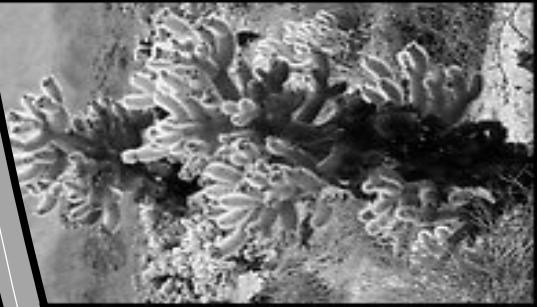
Double Doors

These doors need solid security as they are easily jimmed or forced open. Flush lever bolts installed at the top and bottom of the doors are recommended. Make sure the bolt is long, sturdy and mounted into a solid door frame.

Doors with Windows

Doors with glass windows or glass ornamentation require double key deadbolt locks. This prevents the burglar from breaking the glass and reaching inside to unlock the door.

The key to a double key deadbolt lock should be left in the lock at all times when someone is home to ensure easy exit in the event of a fire or other emergency.



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Alleys

You are responsible for keeping your portion of the alley clean, regardless of where your garbage collection service occurs.

Your portion of the alley is **one-half of the width of abutting alleys from the property line to the centerline of the alley.**

For example, homes with alleys connecting to 35th Avenue no longer have their weekly garbage collection in the alleys but are still responsible for cleaning their portion of the alley. The alley must remain in clean condition in such a manner as to be free from:

- (1) Litter, garbage, debris, rubble;
- (2) Insect and rodent infestation;
- (3) Overgrown vegetation, dead trees, brush, and weeds; and
- (4) Other conditions that present a health, fire or safety hazard.

Failure to comply can result in fines and a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Problem Houses Are Complicated to Resolve

We are in a mature neighborhood which is home to people with a wide range of economic resources. When a homeowner lets their property decline, whether because of illness or economics or lack of concern, there are options that the city can pursue either through the police or neighborhood services.

We have three main resources:

1. The main goal of the patrol officers is to prevent crime. If you suspect criminal activity, call Crime Stop at 602-262-6151.
2. If there is no suspected crime but you are concerned about the safety of the house or there is a recurring problem, then the best contact is our CAO karen.anderson@phoenix.gov.

Our CAO can contact the bank to find out who owns it and if the house is in foreclosure. While a house may be in serious disrepair, the people staying in the house are not necessarily squatters and may have a legal right to be in the house.

3. For weeds and blight, call the Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) at 602-262-7844 or report blight online at www.phoenix.gov/nsd/.

Councilwoman Thelda Williams’ office is looking into the recent conversion of about 300 homes from alley to curbside service by the Solid Waste Department. The area covers Desert Cove to Cactus and 35th Avenue to 33rd Avenue.

If you have questions or concerns about this issue please call the Councilwoman’s office at 602-262-7444 or call Jeff Byrne at the Solid Waste Department 602-495-6941.

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

Councilwoman Thelda Williams: **602-262-7444**

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 Volunteer: **602-441-5244** Neighbor MaryAnn Johnson

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

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



K-3 Override

Programs such as Lakeview’s full-day kindergarten and reduced primary class sizes are funded, to a large extent, by the K-3 Override that Washington Elementary School District voters sanctioned in 2004. These programs have had a significant positive impact on the academic achievement of our young learners! **It is likely that on November 3, 2009, voters will be asked to approve a continuation of the current K-3 Override.** If the measure is not reapproved at that time, these K-3 program funds will be phased out by the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Without K-3 Override funding, WESD will not be able to sustain the very programs that are helping our children succeed – full-day kindergarten, reduced primary class sizes and at some schools, K-3 intervention programs! For more information, please visit www.wesdschools.org