



## Neighborhood and Block Watch February 2014 Newsletter

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### **Virginia's Corner**

Wishing all a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Happy Valentine Month

On 2/5 had Coffee With the Cops right here at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge. It is so close.

No reason not to be there. Mayor Stanton, Vice Mayor, Bill Gates who also represents our council for District 3, were present and available to talk one on one.

Anyway I represented our area and addressed the increase in burglaries in our area. Spoke both with Sargent Jeff Green Burglary Detection (Cactus Park ) and Detective Brett Ivankovich who is stationed at Sunnyslope Station. One thing they did mention was as the weather is nicer people tend to leave a window or door open and maybe forget to lock it later. Some of this is seasonal versus an increase. So enjoy our weather, but be alert.

Next time they have a meeting there check it out.

There is concern from residents which was expressed at the meeting regarding the Community Action Officers being reassigned to patrol. Per Lieutenant Kennedy This will be a temporary change and we can still contact our CAO, he will still be working with the squad so

there should be no noticeable changes except that they will report to the Lieutenant not to a sergeant. "Every effort will be made to maintain the level of service resident have come to expect from their CAO's" This is from Sgt Mike Dwyer who was one of the three original sergeants to have a CAO squad and served in that capacity for 8 years.

Other news: The Sports Castle on 19th Ave has been sold and will be turned into an office building. The new Mexican Restaurant on Thunderbird has had a grand opening the first week of February.

### **Virginia**

Treasurer Moon Valley Gardens  
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**Moon Valley Gardens**



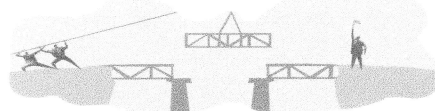
**Phoenix Block Watch Advisory  
Board Meeting Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at  
American Royal Palace 1915 W.  
Thunderbird Rd - Topic Senior  
Fraud & ID Theft**

**COMMUNITY  
MEETING  
Thursday  
Feb 20th  
7:00PM**

**Moon Mountain  
Elementary School  
Door Prizes**

**Next Meeting Mar 27<sup>th</sup>**

**\*Reminder to bring  
BoxTops and Labels for  
Education**



### **Road Closure**

Beginning in March Greenway Rd will be closed from 19<sup>th</sup> Ave to 7<sup>th</sup> Ave for six months for replace of bridge over Cave Creek Wash. For more information

**[www.greenwaybridge.com](http://www.greenwaybridge.com)**



**Coffee With A Cop  
Cactus Park Precinct Mar 5<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am at Daddy-o's Grill  
4163 W Thunderbird Rd**

## **I Recycle Phoenix Festival**

Join Paradise Valley Mall and Keep Phoenix Beautiful on Saturday, February 22 from 8:00am-2:00pm to drop off almost all of your recyclable and reusable items.

### **What can you bring?**

Electronics, Cell Phones, car seats, document shredding (up to 5 boxes), hard drive shredding, phone books, laptops and desktops, writing utensils, plastic bags, ink jet cartridges, rechargeable batteries, clothing and household donations, just about anything! Hazardous waste such as paint, tires, and chemicals will not be accepted.

### **The next Hazardous Waste**

**event** takes place on Thursday, February 27, through Saturday, March 1, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Arizona State Fairgrounds 20th Ave Parking Lot on the southwest corner of Encanto Blvd and 19th Ave. The event entrance will be on Encanto Blvd.

## **WHEN YOU'RE HACKED**

Almost every transaction you make - be it using a credit card, getting a blood test, posting on Facebook or gets captured in cyberspace and stored in databases operated by corporations, health care providers, government agencies and other organizations. That data is a treasure trove for Identity thieves. It's no wonder, that hackers are relentless in their attempts to get our data. When they succeed, the result is a "data breach."

There were a record number of such breaches last year, with 2,644 documented incidents exposing some 267 million records. Last year was also a big one for identity theft: One in 20 Americans was hit by this crime - that amounts to one every three

seconds - at a total cost of about \$21 billion. Half of known fraud victims had previously been subject to a breach, according to Javelin Strategy & Research. Although you can't prevent data breaches, you can minimize your personal risk. Here's how: Be sparing with your data. If you're asked on an application to provide your Social Security number, ask why. It may not really be needed. It's always safest not to store financial account information online for bill paying. But if you do, credit cards offer better protections than most debit cards or bank account numbers if compromised. If the hacked company has your address, expect breach notifications to come by U.S. mail. Be suspicious of notification emails, especially those containing links or attachments (they may contain computer-infecting malware). If your Social Security number was taken in a breach, your risk of ID theft is five times greater than the average consumer's. As soon as you can, place a fraud alert or security freeze on your credit report at the three big credit-reporting bureaus:

Equifax 1-877-576-5734,  
Experian 1-888-397-374  
Transunion 1-800-6807289.

Say yes to added security. If the breached organization offers you free monitoring service, take advantage of this extra layer of security. Only 20 percent of breach victims do. Protect your medical records, which are especially prized in breaches because they fetch more on the black market than financial data. Read every letter you receive from medical insurers and providers - including those that say "this is not a bill" - to ensure that no one's been masquerading as you to get treatment. To be

extra safe, ask for a listing of medical insurance benefits paid out in your name each year. Keep tabs on recent breaches by going to sites like [www.privacyrights.org/data-breach](http://www.privacyrights.org/data-breach) or [www.idtheftcenter.org](http://www.idtheftcenter.org). Remember: Not all breaches are reported to victims. Monitor your accounts, including your Social Security earnings record. Ask your bank or credit card issuers to set up free e-mail alerts to notify you about activity on your account, including change-of-address requests. Change your passwords frequently and order, for free, your credit report from each agency once every four months. Call 1-877-322-8228 or e-mail [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or mail to Annual Credit Report Request Services, P. O. Box 105283, Atlanta, GA 30348-5283. Make sure you get a report from all three major credit bureaus, Equifax, Experian and Transunion.

(Sid Kirchheimer author of Scam-Proof Your Life, AARP Bulletin/Real Possibilities 11/13)

## **Trivia**

The Prescott Miner carried the following advertisement on Dec. 7, 1870:

"GREAT SALE OF LOTS AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA on the 23rd and 24th of December."

The first effort resulted in the sale of 61 lots at an average price of \$48 each. The first lot was purchased by Judge William Berry of Prescott. It was the southwest corner of First and Washington streets, and he paid the rather steep price of \$116.



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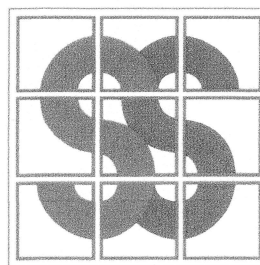
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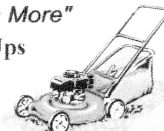
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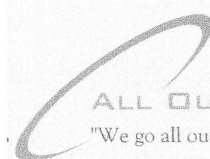
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