

MARLBOROUGH MESA

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Security Lighting for our Neighborhood

Cecil Duarte is now our coordinator for this project.

We received the grant to pay for 20 lights but we **MUST** install them before May 2006. Our grant will only allow us that amount of time.

Cecil has already targeted some of our darkest spots on his map – but he has found a lot more than 20! He will be choosing the darkest areas for those 20 and be making contact with you during this next month. If you know that your home is one of the dark areas, please take the initiative to contact Cecil.

Do you have connections with a wholesaler or retailer? If so – please contact Cecil at **480-444-2211**. Obviously, if we can install more – more is better.

Also, if there are any local electricians who would be **WILLING** to help in making

our community a little brighter by doing the “hookup” part – please let Cecil know. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

We will not be getting into any attics – unless the homeowner chooses to do that part themselves.

Any donations for this project will be used for additional lighting above and beyond the 20 lights that the \$400 grant provides.

1st Annual MM Vehicle Show And Craft Fair *with Lunch*

By Barb Melnick

Do you enjoy a nice Saturday Car Cruise? Well cruise no further than our own neighborhood park on **Sunday, November 6th from 11am – 3pm!** Once there, you will find our local neighbors showing off their old cars and hobby vehicles. It will be a great day of fun and is being organized by our own MM resident, *Doug Hanson*, a lifetime car enthusiast.

While enjoying your day viewing the vehicles on display why not take a break and enjoy lunch? MM will be hosting lunch – for only \$4.00. Lunch will include a Hot Dog, bag of chips and soft drink or bottle of water. (*Bottled water or soft drinks sold separately for 50 cents.*) Any profit from lunch will go to the neighborhood to continue activities such as this. If we wish to have dessert, please bring your favorite to share.

Various educational booths are also planned, among them are: “How to check

tire pressure and change a tire ” and “How to check your oil and other liquids”. For more information, please contact **Doug Hanson** at **480.839.4720** to sign up for your spot in the 1st Annual MM Vehicle Show. All final details and information will be in the Oct/Nov Newsletter.

And – oh, yes – we have something for you ladies also – craft tables. They will be in the bottom of the retention basin – away from the cars and food. If you are interested in selling your crafts (good Christmas gifts), please contact **Barb Melnick** at **480.699.6079** or email **blm_88iup@cox.net**.

1st Summer Workshops a HUGE Success!

by Shawna Fletcher Carey

This summer, several neighborhood experts offered their time and energy to create workshops for kids. There were five workshops that would not have been possible without the generous support of many volunteers!

The **Anime Art Class**, designed by Marsha Gilliam, taught students art techniques and allowed participants to create their own character and then paint it. Participants were Adam, Rick, Seth, Eric and Aaron - their artwork was amazing! Though some had previous experience, this class helped each participant to understand and appreciate creating anime - *“The instructors helped me understand the material and helped me finish my work wonderfully”* (Aaron, age 11).

Leatherworking, taught by Jim Jones, was a four-week session to teach carving and stamping techniques by making a leather coaster and wallet. Participants included Tyler, Sam, Anthony, Aaron, Rick and Adam. This class was especially

successful since many of the participants had never worked with tooling leather - *“It helped me find an interest in leatherworking and got me started”* (Sam, age 9).

Scrapbooking, also a four-week session, allowed participants to organize their pictures and creatively remember their favorite vacation, friends & family. They completed a 20-page scrapbook. Participants were Helen, Emily, Maddie, Amber, Mekinna, Jessica, Dana, & Nicole. This class was taught by Alma Jones and participants LOVED their creations - *“... (out of) all my workshops I’ve been in, this one is the best!”* (Emily, age 8).

Jewelry & Keychain Making was taught by Renee Coelho and participants were able to create their own beadwork key chains and/or necklace. Participants were Mekinna, Dana, Nicole, Jessica, Tyler, Jordyn, and Jake. Thanks to Linda Murphy and Sandy Scully for lending their homes.

Finally, a **Bubble-maker** class was offered to introduce students to **SCUBA diving** and the use of underwater equipment. Though this class started with the kids, several adults decided they wanted to see what all the fun was about. Participants included Whitney, Lonny, Ian, Conner, Terry, Joshua and Diane. Thanks to Terry Carey for teaching and Trudy Embree for the use of her pool!

There were many hours spent in preparation for each of these workshops and I’d like to especially thank Alma & Jim Jones for hosting three workshops and for their hard work and dedication. Thank you also to Marsha Gilliam, Renee Coelho, and Terrance P. Carey for your expertise. Thanks to Suzanne Weaver and Barb Melnick for offering to teach additional classes. And thank you to all the parents for giving your children something interesting to do over the summer!

The pictures of the Summer Craft Workshops can be found under Neighborhood Photos

Police Reports and Logging Them

By Paul Simpson

With the warmer weather comes our annual increase in crime. The following police reports are from our neighborhood during the months of May and June, 2005:

MAY

1 Criminal Damage (vandalism)

1 Theft – Residential

1 Theft – Vehicle

2 Burglary – Residential

2 Burglary – Vehicle

1 Stolen Vehicle

JUNE

1 Subject Disturbing

1 Burglary-Residential

2 Burglary - Vehicle

1 Stolen Vehicle

Sadly, none of these were noted on our online police report log at www.mmcrime.com. The more we raise awareness of ongoing events, the less likely they are to recur. In sharing information with the neighborhood that your car was stolen, the neighbors will be more vigilant in watching for suspicious activity. Posting a brief summary of your misfortune takes only a couple of minutes.

Please visit www.mmcrime.com. I post the monthly crime stats there each month, so you can watch for trends.

You can report a crime for which a police report was filed by emailing a summary (please include the report number) to report@mmcrime.com, or by filling out the form on the www.mmcrime.com website. If you do not have a computer or online access, please ask a neighbor to post it.

Remember: all reports are logged anonymously at www.mmcrime.com, your name & / or email will not show up on the webpage, it is automatically stripped out of email headers in the posting process.

Planet Mars

We are extending an invitation on **Saturday, August 27th between 9 and 11 p.m.** to see thru a 100 power telescope to watch the Red Planet which is about to be spectacular!

Jim and Alma Jones

1031 W. Posada

During August, Earth is catching up with Mars in an encounter that will culminate in the closest

approach between the two planets in recorded history. The next time Mars may come this close is in 2287.

Mars will be easy to spot. At the beginning of August it will rise in the east at 10p.m. and reach its azimuth at about 3 a.m. On August 27th, Mars will be the brightest object in the night sky (next to the moon). At a modest 75-power magnification, Mars will look as large as the full moon to the naked eye.

By the end of August when the two planets are closest, Mars will rise at nightfall and reach its highest point in the sky at 12:30 a.m. That's pretty convenient to see something that no human being has seen in recorded history. So, mark your calendar at the beginning of August to see Mars grow progressively brighter and brighter throughout the month. *No one alive today will ever see this again.*

Spay/Neuter/Release Project

This project has encountered many difficulties – but it is not the cats – it is we humans. **Dale Howell**, who is our coordinator for this project has worked countless hours – even in the heat.

After our meeting at the park in May, Dale had set up the date for the end of June.

It was then discovered that PARVO was killing cats and that we had a major outbreak. Thus, AZCats could no longer trap the cats for fear of spreading the deadly disease. Then summer hit!

Adding to all of this, people did not want to have the cats returned once they were trapped, spayed and neutered. Doubly adding to Dale's frustration, was one family who feeds cats but are unwilling to let these stray and feral cats be trapped where their food supply is.

Surely we all realize that if NOTHING is done - these same cats will continue to multiply and our problem will go on to be an even bigger one!

Dale is not ready to give up on this project even though it has not been an easy task. She truly cares for all these cats.

If you are a family feeding the cats – please reconsider and give Dale a call or an email: dalelymanh@yahoo.com or 480-262-1751. Our entire neighborhood stands to benefit from the AZCats TNR Program we all heard about at that meeting in May. Dale cannot do this by herself – she needs ALL of our help.

5th Annual Holiday Toy Drive

By Barb Melnick

Feeling a little hot with the 100+ temperatures outside? "Cool" yourself off by marking your calendar for the upcoming Holiday Toy Drive! Join the MM Neighborhood as we help needy children in the East Valley. This is not only a great way to support those in need but a time to share in the holiday spirit with your neighbors. There will be plenty of food and fun for everyone and Santa will be there for pictures with all the little ones! **Saturday, December 10th , 2005**

Santa: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Lunch immediately after

Sandra Fischer is on vacation but is the coordinator for this event. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact her for more information. She can be reached at 480-820-2773 or uffdaskf@cableaz.com.

Stay tuned for additional details to follow in the next newsletter.

Neighborhood Notes



New MM Ambassadors

We now have new Ambassadors who will cover Extension Road (from Pampa to Peralta). **Bob and Barb Melnick** are new residents of MM. They moved back to the Valley from CA in April. They are excited to volunteer their time to help support this neighborhood effort! They can be reached at (480) 699-6079 and live on the SW corner of Extension/Pampa.

Barb will also (and is) helping me with the newsletter – a MUCH needed help.

Debbie Driscol Returns

This is her message:

Howdy to all MM Neighbors!

I'm back!!! Our office has a new Director, **Ray Villa**. Ray understands relationships and believes that everything we accomplish is done through relationship building. He has asked us to work with neighbors we know rather than have an area of the city we serve. Therefore, I am back working

with the Marlborough Mesa neighbors. It's nice to know that no matter who serves you, you all just keep doing awesome things! Congratulations on your 1st Summer Workshop Classes.

It sure is good to be home again!

Debbie Driscol

Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator

City of Mesa

644-5434

Treasurer's Report

By Debbie Glick

As of 7/25/05, the neighborhood funds account is at \$2,842.89.



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PIANO lessons for beginner students to lower intermediate. \$15 per hr./\$10 per ½ hour. Contact Syna Daudfar at 480-491-0454 on Plata.

HERTZ Car Sales, (1225 N Arizona Ave, Gilbert).

Contact: Marvin J. "Marv" Burton,

Phone #480-539-9317, Cell Phone #602-740-3781

Email: marvin@cableaz.com. Current Marlborough resident (11 years on Obispo). Excellent selection of late model pre-owned cars, trucks and SUVs meticulously maintained as part of the Hertz rental fleet. We keep and sell only the best – the rest goes to the auction. Full maintenance records on every vehicle we sell. Low, low "no hassle – no haggle" fixed prices. Additional fixed discount for AAA, AARP and certain other memberships. Free 12/12 power train warranty. Comprehensive VIP zero-deductible extended service plans available directly from Hertz at bargain prices. No pressure – no stress. Please call or email me for an appointment. I promise that you won't be disappointed! Buying a car can be fun!

BRIANON from Plata Avenue won two movie tickets for the right answer, (The Lion King), to June's question in NATALIE'S NEWS.

Congratulations Brianon.

WELSO CardioGlide Exercise Machine for sale by owner. 480-820-2773. \$60 OBO.

FOR SALE – 2 Southwest Airlines Rapid Reward Tickets. These are transferable to anyone & good for travel anywhere SW flies. \$250 per ticket. Call for reservation details, Mike or Linda Murphy 820-5742.

Neighborhood Website Address:

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/mesa/marlborough>

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