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# MARLBOROUGH MESA

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual MM Vehicle Show, Craft Fair and Lunch

*By Barb Melnick*

It's hard to believe that November is just around the corner but it is! And MM begins the month with a first ever MM Vehicle show!! Cruise no further than our own neighborhood park on **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm!

Once there, you will find our local neighbors showing off their old cars, hot rods and everything in between! It will be a great day of fun and is being organized by MM resident, Doug Hanson, a lifetime car enthusiast. Why not enter your own car to show off? It will be plenty of fun for the entire family. 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 **839.4720** to sign up for your spot in the 1st Annual MM Vehicle Show & Craft Fair.

In addition to the car show, to keep the ladies and teens busy as well . . . there will be a craft fair with a variety of craft items handcrafted by our

MM residents. Among the items for sale will be custom and beaded jewelry, leathercraft items, hand stamped greeting cards, etc. Also on hand will be representatives from Pampered Chef (Michelle Geramanis) and Cookie Lee Jewelry (Tammie Johnson) with samples to view and information on purchasing their items or being a hostess. For more information and to reserve a spot for your handmade items, please contact **Barb Melnick** at **699.6079** or email at [blm\\_88iup@cox.net](mailto:blm_88iup@cox.net) for more information.

All the shopping and car excitement got you hungry? Stop by the food booth to take a break and enjoy lunch! MM will be hosting the lunch – for only a \$4 donation.

Lunch will include a hot dog, bag of chips, and soft drink or bottle of water.

(Bottled water and canned soda will also be sold separately for .75¢)

Proceeds from lunch will go to the neighborhood fund to continue activities such as this.



## MM's 5th Annual Holiday Toy Drive

*By Sandra Fischer*

WHEN : **Saturday December 10, 2005**

TIME : 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.

WHERE : Our Park (Pampa and Wycliff)

Yes, it is that time again when Marlborough Mesa gets together to eat, take a photo with Santa and help needy children in our community. For all our new neighbors, this is a great time to see what your neighborhood is all about, as well donate a toy to a worthy cause.

This year the toys will be donated to Southwest Human Development Newborn Intensive Care Program where our neighbor, Diane LeFevre, works. As a community health nurse, she and her co-workers see families that are in great need. Her

office tries to make their Christmas a bit brighter by adopting them. Last year, our neighborhood was able to assist 5 families which all of them were very appreciative. The toys that they will not be able to use will be donated to the East Valley Child Crisis Center or Save the Family.

Have your picture take with Santa from 10 AM to noon. There is a charge of \$1 per photo to cover film and processing and any additional funds are given to our neighborhood fund.

Our menu this year is hot dogs, salads, drinks and dessert. Neighborhood funds will provide the hot dogs and salads. What we need from you are the following: soda, bottled water, ice and your favorite dessert. We could always use holiday plates, plastic silverware, more outdoor holiday decorations and a giving heart.

To donate any items requested, or to help the Christmas Committee, please feel free to contact anyone on that committee. They are: Sandra Fischer, 480-820-2773, [uffdaskf@cableaz.com](mailto:uffdaskf@cableaz.com); Sandy Scully, 480-345-9823, [runscully@msn.com](mailto:runscully@msn.com); Velda Burton, 480-345-9978, [velda@cableaz.com](mailto:velda@cableaz.com).

We look forward to seeing all of you there.

## Adopt-a-Neighbor from New Orleans

*By Charlene Reaux*

Dear Marlborough Mesa Neighbors,

We have a unique opportunity to provide direct help for families displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Several families are moving or have moved to the valley and are in need of household items. The request comes from a great friend of mine, Lisa MacAfee, who is the Human Resources Vice President for a distributing company based out of New Orleans. They have 145 families who lost everything as Katrina totally destroyed their facilities as well as their employee's homes.

She has several families relocating to the valley and has pulled every professional string she had to find what all the first 2 families have needed. Now she's putting the calls out to friends, family and church folks to get things for several more families who have little more than suitcases and occasionally a car.

A request is made for furniture (beds, couches, bookshelves, tables, lamps, etc.) and household items (pots, pans, dishes, flatware, pillows, sheets,

blankets, glasses, measuring cups....). Imagine the things you use at least 3 times a week and that's the beginning of what they need. The request does not specify monetary donations but gift-cards to Wal-Mart or Target are always a great idea.

The most recent family has 3 children, a daughter 14, son 7 and son 3. Storage is not an issue because they need items NOW and Lisa can arrange for a truck to pick up large items. A central neighborhood location is available for any of your donations, just mention **Marlborough Mesa Hurricane Relief** when you call.

Contacts:

**Lisa MacAfee 602-451-3992** (big/small items)

**Charlene Reaux 480-456-6903** (in MM)

Please take advantage of this unique opportunity to help out our new neighbors! We are all neighbors in this world. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

## Security Lighting Project

*By Cecil Duarte*

We received a grant to pay for 20 security lights but we MUST install them before May 2006 or lose the monies.

I have chosen 20 of the dark spots in our neighborhood (there are many more) to place these security lights. I will be making contact with you starting about the middle of October once the weather cools down a little. If any of these 20 homeowners do not want the lighting for any reason, we will move on the next designated dark spots. (Also, your property will NOT be listed as receiving these lights in any newsletters or to the community.)

Any local electricians who would be WILLING to help in making the "hookups", please let me 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.

You may contact me with any questions at 480-444-2211 or [cecilsells@cox.net](mailto:cecilsells@cox.net)

# Working hard to Preserve Your Neighborhood

*By Debbie Driscoll*

*Neighborhood Services- City of Mesa*



Jim, Sandy, Linda and Alma met with City of Mesa Neighborhood Services Manager,

Lisha Garcia and Interim Code Compliance Director, Angela Duncan, to ask why Code has been unable to get the dead trees and junk removed from 1036 W. Portobello. After seven citations, each levying a \$50 fine the trees and junk are still there. Angela told us that the Code Compliance Division has finally decided to take this case criminal.

Thank Heaven! But we do not know how

long it will be before the trees and junk are moved. That now depends on how long the court system takes! Hang in there Marlborough Mesa, and rest well knowing you have neighbors working hard on this case!



## And at that meeting ...

*By Barb Melnick*

There were many Mesa residents on hand from various neighborhoods for the Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> "Meet & Greet" to introduce Mesa's new Neighborhood Outreach Office Director, **Ray Villa**, including Bob and myself. Ray comes to us after just returning from Fresno, CA where he spent 3 years in their Code Compliance Department. Prior to

moving to CA Ray worked as a police officer in Chandler for 20 years.

Also on hand was, Lisha Garcia, who is the head of the Neighborhood Outreach Department as well as Code Compliance.

Ray was very attentive as he listened to not only the positive things that the Neighborhood Outreach Office does for Mesa residents but also concerns residents had. In particular, code violations. Ray urged residents to follow the process on the City of Mesa website ([cityofmesa.org](http://cityofmesa.org)) to file complaints residents feel deemed necessary. Everyone was in agreement that without the support of all of us to keep our communities looking desirable to live in and move to, it will be difficult to achieve our goal - which is to keep increasing our property values!

It was also noted that MM is considered a "Model neighborhood" in Mesa. We, as residents, should take pride in this achievement and continue in our commitment to make MM a wonderful and desirable neighborhood to live in.

## Summer Crime Recap

*by Paul Simpson*

Summer is over and it's time to review the crimes committed against our neighborhood. I have been compiling monthly stats from Mesa PD on our website so that we can chart trends month-to-month. Unfortunately, the police reports website at [www.mmcrime.com](http://www.mmcrime.com) only has 1 summary out of 13 Police Reports files between June 1 and August 31, 2005. Please help keep this up to date by completing the form on the site, or by emailing summaries to [report@mmcrime.com](mailto:report@mmcrime.com).

### **June:** 2 Police Reports

- 1 Subject Disturbing
- 1 Burglary - Vehicle

### **July:** 6 Police Reports

- 2 Subject Disturbing
- 2 Burglary - Vehicle (details for 1 on [www.mmcrime.com](http://www.mmcrime.com))
- 2 Stolen Vehicle

### **August:** 5 Police Reports

- 1 Theft - Commercial
- 2 Burglary - Commercial
- 1 Burglary - Vehicle
- 1 Suspicious Activity

**September:** 2 significant events so far:

**September 10, 2005** between 12 & 3am. There was a large party on the 900 block of W. Posada with underage drinking, nitrous use, and a street littered with cups and bottles. Partygoers allegedly threw multiple bottles at a car driving by on the street. 911 was called a total of 4 times, but Mesa PD never responded. When queried the next day, they advised that they were too busy at the time to respond. This raises another concern, as we were promised a fast response at the last meeting whenever drugs or underage drinking were reported. (Information available at [www.mmcrime.com](http://www.mmcrime.com))

**September 15, 2005** around 9:30pm. Reports of shots fired around Extension between Peralta & Pampa. The "shots" were actually huge firecrackers from Mexico (apparently the size of a flashlight) that had been set off.

Fireworks have been heard on a couple of other nights since. (Information available in "Talk About It" at [www.neighborhoodlink.com/mesa/marlborough/](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/mesa/marlborough/))

Keep up the reporting and keep awareness high, if criminals know they are being watched, they'll strike other neighborhoods. Protect your neighbors and yourself, stay alert.

## Staying in the Holiday Spirit at the Airport

**by Donna Delpier**

Delpier Travel Services

With the holidays just around the corner, you may be facing travel plans during the busiest time of the year, for both you and the travel industry. The combination of large crowds and travelers' strong desire to get to their families in time can result in a harrowing airport experience. Here are a few recommendations to help insure a safe and pleasurable trip:

**Book tickets and accommodations in advance.** It's no surprise that airlines and hotels get booked quickly during the busy holiday season, but also keep in mind that car rentals and transportation to and from the airport should be arranged ahead of time. Last minute travelers should be as flexible

as possible and ask their travel agents to look into flying during non-peak hours or using an alternative airport.

**Arrive at the airport early.** Allow extra time for traffic. Remember, airport parking lots can fill up very quickly, so finding a spot can be difficult. Holiday travelers often have to park in alternate lots and take shuttle services to the terminal. Long lines and crowds also slow down travelers and with the possibility of airlines overselling flights, passengers who check in the latest are more likely to get bumped.

**Passengers who get bumped have rights.** In the event your flight is overbooked, the Department of Transportation (DOT) requires carriers to provide passengers with a written statement explaining their rights. These rights can include alternate travel arrangements and compensation if the new arrival time is more than one hour later than the originally scheduled time. Passengers should check the small print of their ticket voucher or with desk agent to learn more.

**Know baggage limits and keep gifts unwrapped in case of an inspection.** Security is heightened during peak travel times, so packages are inspected more frequently. Be sure to tag all carry-on and checked baggage. For added safety, only write your work phone number and address. It's also important to inquire about baggage limits since they can vary according to airline, type of aircraft and destination.

**Keep a constant watch of all belongings.** Pickpockets love crowds. Travelers should always be mindful of their surroundings and keep a close watch on all their belongings, including tickets, watches and wallets.

*May all your journeys be safe and enjoyable, especially during the hectic holiday season!*

## CATS – The End

**By Dale Howell**

I want to resign from being in charge of the cat project. AZCATS requires the people who are feeding the cats to cooperate, and a Portobello resident refuses to. Since they will not even speak to me because of efforts in trying to make

our neighborhood a safer place to live, we are at a standstill.

There were two large issues in me doing this project. First, early in the summer we took in a litter of kittens from both Pecos and Portobello homes. These homes back up on each other. All 4 kittens we took died a horrible death from panleukopenia virus. The virus is really stable in AZ, so we can't foster any more kittens. When people asked me for help with litters, there was nothing I could do because NOBODY had any room in their shelter and no one from the neighborhood was looking to foster.

The second big issue is that we have an incredible number of OWNED "OUTDOORS ONLY" cats. I talked to DOZENS of people all over MM who own cats but don't let them in the house, or only let them in at night. Most of them don't even wear collars, so it is impossible to tell who is feral from who is owned. Yes, the feral cats are more skittish, but it is still hard. I have taken probably a dozen angry phone calls from IGNORANT residents who feel we shouldn't trap the cats because their "outdoor only" cats might get trapped. If they WERE TRAPPED – they would be RETURNED to you spayed or neutered. I just cannot deal with these people!!!! It has left me annoyed, frustrated, and spent.

So... if someone else wants to take up the lead, I will gladly help you, but I need to back off and admit I can't handle it right now.

Thanks to all of you who have helped with this endeavor.

## Taking Your Dog for a Stroll?

*By Michelle Schafer*

People love seeing others walk their dogs - but they are simply TIRED of a few "guilty ones" leaving the feces on their lawns. So this, you might say, is a warning to those who do. People ARE watching and WILL be reporting who you are and will be calling in the City for help. This is, after all, against the law.

This issue has gotten so far out of hand and the "Gentle Reminder" of the past has been disregarded. YOUR neighbors are just plain tired of cleaning up after a FEW particular dogs - so

bring a plastic bag along on your walk. It won't hurt to bend down and pick up after your dog.

## Phoenix Children's Choir Fundraiser

*By Len Manzo*

*Get some Christmas shopping done and help a non-profit organization.*

There are 5 children who live in the MM neighborhood who attend and perform with the Phoenix Childrens Choir, a non-profit organization with a 501C-3. They do fund raising to support the choir and provide scholarships for children who would otherwise not be able to participate in this choral group.

The students have recently been around the neighborhood selling Deck discount cards for restaurants and family fun areas. During the month of October and November they will be selling Gold Canyon Candles door to door. Just in time for the holidays! If there are neighbors who buy these candles for gifts or personal use, perhaps they could place their order with one of these five children. 40 % of the all sales benefits the Phoenix Childrens Choir. I will also be happy to take orders over the phone or via the e-mail. All orders must be paid in full at the time they are placed and I can take **Visa or M/C** as payment. All phone sales and email request will be divided equally among the 5 students.

If you have any questions please feel free to call or e-mail meat 480-756-1075 or [losmanzo6@earthlink.net](mailto:losmanzo6@earthlink.net).

## Neighborhood Notes



### In Need of Newsletter Distributors

Teresa Weiland, our dedicated lady who sorts and bundles all of our newsletters for others to pass out is in need of additional help in several areas. (The Weiland's pass these out on her street).

This can be a very time consuming job, given that there are 469 homes. She needs our help in passing out these newsletters and flyers. With the



Holidays coming, she needs a few back-ups as well, as there will be additional flyers for events.

The areas can be small or large - whatever you choose. She breaks them down in sections or complete streets.

Would you be willing to volunteer your time to pass out a few of these? If so, please contact her very soon at [coffeedude@cox.net](mailto:coffeedude@cox.net) or 480-897-0276. Any help would be appreciated.

## Emails I Cannot Send – You Cannot Receive

Attention: AOL, CS and CABLE AZ customers. Your messages are returned to me, so you never receive any of the updates in and around the neighborhood between newsletters.

Please change your computers to accept both Sandy's and my email addresses if you wish to receive them. They are: [runscully@msn.com](mailto:runscully@msn.com) and [jnajones@cybertrails.com](mailto:jnajones@cybertrails.com).

## Treasurer's Report



*By Debbie Glick*

As of 9/18/05, the neighborhood funds account is at \$2,288.39.

## MM CLASSIFIEDS



**DELPIER TRAVEL SERVICES.** 26 year Marlborough Mesa resident is now available for all your travel needs. CTA (Certified Travel Agent with The Travel Institute), member of ASTA (American Society of Travel Agents), 16 years experience in the travel industry. We're here to help. Remember, without a travel agent, you're on your own. Contact Donna Delpier, CTA, Phone and Fax: 480-820-5645, E-Mail: [GoWithAPro@hotmail.com](mailto:GoWithAPro@hotmail.com)

**FOR SALE:** Little Tykes Wave Climber in good condition \$40. Contact Linda Murphy at 480-820-5742

**PIANO** lessons for beginner to lower intermediate, \$15 for 1 hour and \$10 for a ½ an hour. Contact Syna Daudfar at 480 491 0454.

**FOR SALE:** 1994 Infinity G20, 128,000 miles needs some work but will negotiate. \$3700 obo. Call Terrance Carey at (602) 576-1858.

**LOOKING** for Vehicles with Better Gas Mileage? Call Dale at Power Toyota (in the Tempe Autoplex) today if you are tired of the high gas prices. We already have a surge of people coming in to buy our new and used vehicles that get great gas mileage saving customers \$\$\$\$ daily. Also, ask about our hybrid vehicles like the Toyota Prius and the Highlander for additional savings. I have lived in Marlborough for over 25 years and will give you a great price and great service...let me know you are a neighbor when you make the appointment. Call (480) 430-1692.

**2000 Honda Foreman 450 quad.** Hardly ever used. Has less than 200 miles. Looks great. Asking \$3,600. Call Don Ambler, 480-777-9796.

**NEED CDs** put onto tapes. Who has the capabilities to transfer/copy some CD's onto tapes? It is a book and my son has vision problems and would like to hear it. I will gladly pay whatever the going rate is – I just do not have the equipment. Contact Alma at 480-831-1525 or 602-321-1139, email at [jnajones@cybertrails.com](mailto:jnajones@cybertrails.com)

**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.

**LOOKING** for someone to walk your dog? I am just the person to do it for you. I charge \$5 per dog each time I walk them. I am available to walk them Monday thru Thursday 4-7pm. Please give Patrick a call at 480-820-2773 to schedule your pet's walk time.

**HOUSECLEANING:** Weekly, Monthly, or Once-in-Awhile. Please contact Kathy Larsen 480-831-5103.

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

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