

MARLBOROUGH MESA

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5th Annual Holiday Toy Drive

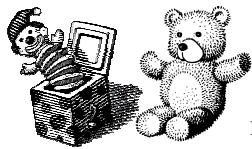
By Sandra Fischer

WHEN: Saturday, December 10, 2005

TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
(or whenever neighbors stop visiting)

WHERE: Our Park
(Corner of Wycliff and Peralta)

Let the Spirit of Christmas shine through and help those who can least help themselves – the children. Bring a new unwrapped toy for a child who otherwise may not have much for Christmas. This is a time we can teach our children what it means to give to others by just donating a toy. Just put your gift in one of Santa's big boxes right beside Santa himself..



Having said that, Marlborough Mesa, are you ready to party? If so, then join us for our 5th **Annual Toy Drive**. As most of you know, this is our time to visit with each other, have some food and fun and let our children have their picture taken with **Santa**. It is also an EASY

WAY to donate 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 with families in great need. Toys that will not be used by this program will be donated to either the East Valley Child Crisis Center or Save the Family. To make this a success, we need you.

Our menu this year is Hebrew National Hot Dogs, salads, drinks and dessert. Thanks to Alma winning another award, the neighborhood is able to supply ALL the food for this event. There will also be games for the kids before or after visiting with Santa.

What do we need from you? We could use lots of **help** cleaning the park (before and after the party), cooks for the hot dogs, and help decorating the park. Please contact anyone on the committee. They are: Sandra Fischer - (480) 820-2773, email uffdaskf@cablcaz.com, Sandy Scully - (480) 345-9823, email runscully@msn.com, Diane LeFevre - (480) 730-8531, or Melanie Janusz - (602) 689-4948. Come celebrate with us, eat hearty and help bring smiles to lots of children this Christmas.

1st Annual MM Vehicle Show Craft Fair and Lunch

By Barb Melnick

After months of planning, the 1st Annual Car Show and Craft Fair was a huge success! The weather made for a perfect day of leisure to spend with neighbors! Many neighbors of MM turned out to see such cars as new & vintage Corvettes, an official Pace Car Corvette, motorcycles and trucks! **Doug Hanson** did one fantastic job of planning a great day for everyone. Of course, he had help, but this has been Doug's idea for MM for a long while and he put countless hours into it. Approximately 300 people were in attendance.

Neighbors were also able to do a little holiday shopping with such handmade crafts as knitted items, jewelry, hand stamped cards, wooden décor, and leather goods. When tired from all the shopping, there were representatives on hand from Discount Tire to do a mini-workshop on auto tires.

Music from the '50s and '60s was provided throughout the day by Alma's sister and brother-in-law, Marsha and Dennis Gilliam.

Not to be left out, children (and adults!) were having a great time playing games to win tickets for beautiful handmade gift baskets filled with holiday items, car supplies, etc. There was a game of croquet, toilet tissue toss, and golf chipping!

The 50/50 raffle was a great success also, with half of the proceeds going towards the neighborhood fund. Bonnie Peterson was the grand winner and took home \$111.00!

When the MM folks got hungry - they were able to enjoy chips, cold drinks and Hebrew National Hot Dogs grilled by none other than Ron and Joey Hedger! These proceeds will also be going to the neighborhood fund.

Any feedback you would like to provide on this event would be greatly appreciated to help make next year's event even better! Please direct to either Doug Hanson at saddletan@aol.com or Barb Melnick at blm_88iup@cox.net.

Marlborough Mesa Directory of Services and Businesses 2006

By DeAnna Fay

Marlborough Mesa residents are a diverse and talented group. A Directory of Services was developed for distribution within our neighborhood to promote a service you provide or to advertise a business you own or have received exemplary service from.

To list a service/business in the Directory, please provide the following information to be included in future publications. (If you have previously listed a service/business and wish to include it in the 2006 edition, you must still complete a form. Simply write in the changes or make a note if the ad should remain unchanged.)

Business Name _____

Business Address _____

Contact _____

Phone # - Home (optional) _____

Phone # - Business _____

E-mail _____

Include a brief description of the type of service or business (i.e., licensed & bonded, references, etc.):

If you are *referring* a company that has provided outstanding service, please provide the following: (This information will be printed in the Directory so others in our area can contact you if they have any questions.)

Your name _____

Your phone # _____

Your Street name _____

The Directory is printed annually; however, you are encouraged to submit this form or listed information via e-mail throughout the year. (The **deadline** for inclusion in the next printing is **December 30, 2005**.) It will be printed and packaged in your **January 2006** Newsletter.

Send your new or updated information to:

DeAnna Fay (Obispo resident) at
yafsdjk@cox.net, 480-839-4264

Christmas Tree Collection

Once your tree begins to look a little scruffy, this is a close location to take it after the holiday for recycling. Dates for collection are from December 31st thru January 7th. Times are from 7 AM to 2 PM at St. Timothy's Catholic Church at 1730 W. Guadalupe Road.



Katrina Victims Adopt-a-Neighbor

by Charlene Reaux

Thank you, neighbors, for reaching out to the hurricane Katrina victims who relocated to the area! Kitchen items and a dresser were donated and sent on to families in need. It is always great to see how our neighborhood reaches out in times of need. Have a great holiday season!

Security Lighting

By Cecil Duarte

Lighting Project Coordinator

Well, here we are right around the corner from Thanksgiving and I am working on getting the lighting project off to a huge success.



Lighting up areas in our Neighborhood will not only be a sense of added security, it will also allow us to grow as a united neighborhood.

In my years here in Marlborough Mesa, we have joined forces as neighbors to paint our perimeter walls, paint our address on the curb, design and mount our MM logo, organize parties, hold meetings with elected officials and police officers, and the list continues.

The money funded for our lighting project comes to us from Mesa United Way to help us continue leading the pack with neighborhood comradery and I need all your help. I have made several drives throughout our neighborhood to identify dark areas and homes that would benefit from motion detection lighting. I might have missed some homes and ask that if you feel your home qualifies - you contact me directly at cecilduarte@cecil.com or call me directly at 480-444-2211 and leave me a message.

I will be coming by the week of Thanksgiving, November 21-23 to introduce myself to those selected homeowners and see when we can get your lights up and running with the help of our Neighborhood Godfather, Jim Jones

With all of us working together as we have so successfully in the past - help me to make this Lighting Project for Marlborough Mesa be a smashing example of how we come together and help lead the way for other neighborhoods to follow.

Local Hero Recognized

By Shawna Fletcher-Carey

Marlborough Mesa's own Alma Jones has been recognized for her Neighborhood Excellence on Wednesday, November 16th at the Phoenix Art Museum. Alma joins five other awardees in accepting **Bank of America's Local Hero Award**.

This award recognized outstanding community leaders that have made a significant impact on individuals, families, and the community at large. This award is designated to individuals who have inspired others to community service or have served as a catalyst for neighborhood initiatives.

The award allows Alma to direct a \$5,000 contribution to the nonprofit of her choice. Alma chose the Mesa United Way for their continual support of our neighborhood efforts.

Congratulations Alma, you deserve it!

And from the City Manager's Office:

Bank of America recognizes veteran neighborhood leaders and award winners:

Two Mesa neighborhood leaders are among five Valley residents honored by Bank of America for their leadership in solving local issues and making significant contributions to neighborhood vitality. Bank of America selected Mesa neighborhood leaders Gene Ham and Alma Jones as Local Heroes and presented them with a plaque and a \$5,000 check for their favorite charity on Nov. 16 at the Arizona Arts Museum.

Gene Ham was selected for his leadership in helping the residents of Mesa Royale get organized to reduce crime, starting preschool education programs in partnership with Mesa Public Schools, and other youth activities and programs for adults. Mesa Royale's neighborhood group, Comité de Familias en Acción, was honored with Spirit of Mesa Neighborhood Awards in 2001 and 2002.

Bank of America selected **Alma Jones** for her work as a Marlborough Mesa neighborhood leader, her many community activities and building sustainable depth on the bench by creating a team of leaders. Marlborough Mesa was honored with Spirit of Mesa Neighborhood Awards in 2001, 2002 and 2004; Alma Jones received the inaugural Virginia Lamb award for Neighborhood Leadership in 2004.

A Performer in our Midst ...

Dan Wiebe will be performing from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Donna's Family Restaurant at Dobson and Guadalupe Rd. on December 2nd, 9th, 23rd, and 30th. The dates are most of the Friday nights in December.

Come on by for dinner or a beverage. It's a nice place, good food, and good people. He will be playing and singing his heart out, and probably do a few Christmas carols to "make the season bright." :-)

You can visit his website for more information at www.danthemusicman.net or call 480-235-0113 or email dannyw@cableaz.com.

New Code Compliance Officer

By Debbie Driscoll

Tom Okabe is your new code officer. He is cool and pretty responsive. He will be a good partner. Give him a call and invite him to a meeting. He is at 644-5512.

Several people have requested a copy of the Property Maintenance Code that was voted on in 2000. On the back of this newsletter, you will find that copy.

Neighborhood Notes



2 New MM Ambassadors

Welcome to our 2 newest Ambassadors who deliver Welcome Baskets or Totes on their streets. They are: Charlotte and Keith Thatcher on Mollera; Melanie and Jeremy Janusz on Olla.

Additional Ambassadors Needed

With all the moving we have had in 2005, we need a few more Ambassadors in the following areas:

1000-1100 blocks of Obispo
800-900 blocks of Peralta

800-900 blocks of Pecos
1000-1100 blocks of Plata
1000-1100 blocks of Portobello

Please consider this, as delivering a basket to someone moving into their new neighborhood takes so little of your time and it is such a nice gesture ... PLUS ... it will let us know WHO is actually moving into our neighborhood and what their needs may be. The baskets or totes are made up for you by Debbie Glick. Should you want to deliver a basket to a neighbor close by – but do not want to be the Ambassador, you can still deliver one to them. Just call Alma Jones, 480-831-1525 or 602-321-1139 or email jnajones@cybertrails.com and you can pick up one. Currently, our Ambassadors include:

*Suzanne and Craig Weaver – Pampa
Linda and Mike Murphy – Spruce
Christal and Kevin Biesty – Peralta
Nicole and Gerald Bakke – Osage
Denise Jones – Plata
Keith and Charlotte Thatcher – Mollera
Melanie and Jeremy Janusz – Olla
Barb and Bob Melnick – Extension
Teresa Weiland – Obispo
Kim and Rick Parsons – Posada
Charlene Reaux – Pecos
Nancy and Bret Borg – Portobello
Carol Behrend – Pecos
Debbie and Dan Jarvis – Wycliff/Plata/Spruce
Alma and Jim Jones – Posada
Sandy and Michael Scully – Emerson*

New MM Photographer

Our new MM Photographer, **Melanie Janusz**, took her first group of pictures for our neighborhood during Doug Hanson's 1st Car and Craft Show in November.

Melanie has given these all to Paul Simpson (our Media Manager and Crime Statistician) to be put on the website at

www.neighborhoodlink.com/mesa/marlborough.

Go online and look at these photos. There are some really beautiful old cars, trucks and motorcycles and it will give you an idea of the fun you missed if you were not present.

Treasurer's Report

By Debbie Glick

As of 11/30/05, the neighborhood funds account is at \$2,292.26.



MM CLASSIFIEDS

SEEKING a female roommate. You will have your own private room and bath along with kitchen privileges. The location is the Southeast corner of Alma School and Guadalupe in Mesa. The cost is \$500 a month including utilities. Must be very clean, neat, and a non smoker. No pets. References. Contact Jeannie Pratt 480-703-3086.

THIS is your final destination to a permanent weight loss solution! WANTED: 100 People to lose up to 30 lbs in 30 days!! Natural & our Products are Guaranteed - Go to: www.whatshaperuin.com or Email: Jimmie_461@hotmail.com. Phone 480.345.2509

LOAN Originators Wanted. No Experience Necessary. Work From Home. Make your dreams come true! Call Cindy 480-797-5599.

PIANO LESSONS for beginner to lower intermediate, \$15 per hr and \$10 for ½ hr. Contact Syna Daudfar at 480 491 0454.

COMPANY coming for the Holidays? Need more dining space? Formal dining table for sale. Dark wood, 6 chairs, 2 leafs included. Great table for a large family or gathering, seats up to ten adults. \$450 OBO. Call Jessica Huntsman @ 480-897-8443 Or Bruce at 480-221-1331 (cell)

2002 BASS Tracker 17' deep V Bass Boat, 50 HP 4 Cycle Tracker motor, Trolling motor, 4 seats, live well, bait well, trailer etc. AM/FM CD player, vests, depth finder, and a few accessories. \$7500. RUNS XLNT. Call Jessica Huntsman @ 480-897-8443 Or Bruce at 480-221-1331 (cell)

12" CRAFTSMAN table saw \$120. Call Jessica Huntsman @ 480-897-8443 Or Bruce at 480-221-1331 (cell)

ANNUAL Walk Through Bethlehem at Resurrection Church Dec. 9, 10 & 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. each night! Located at 3201 S. Evergreen Road, Tempe, Az (located west of Dobson - north of Southern - on Evergreen. Crafters boutique during this event - call Joan at 602-380-4659 IF interested! Many Marlborough Neighbors involved! Open to all!!!!

Fabulous Events! Need to plan an *affordable* reception, dinner party or any event? I can help! Save yourself the headache and endless hours of research. I have all the contacts, resources and ideas. Experience, References & Affordable.

Fabulous Events by Robyn

Robyn Olson, 503-577-2233 robyn.olson@cox.net

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
from all your
Volunteers in
Marlborough Mesa*

Neighborhood Website Address:

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

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