

MARLBOROUGH MESA

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Clean Sweeps Are Coming!

By Kristine Malcolm

It's time to take advantage of the Clean Sweep dumpsters that will be in our area the first couple of weeks in September. I have listed the addresses and the dates for pick-up and drop-off. Due to a new fire code, all dumpsters must be on the same side of the street. So now is the time to show our pride in our neighborhood and clean up that storage area or get the garage cleaned out so you can get another car in there. PLEASE be mindful of what can and CANNOT be thrown away in these types of dumpsters - I've listed the do's and don'ts below. Your cooperation with this is imperative to the program continuing for Marlborough Mesa. Thanks, in advance, for your cooperation and happy cleaning!

Examples of ACCEPTABLE items in the white Clean Sweep containers: furniture, wood, palm fronds, old toys, mattresses/ box springs, tree branches, bbq grills (no propane), general household debris (no food waste)

Examples of items NOT to be placed in any container: food waste, pressurized tanks (propane/oxygen), rock, dirt, concrete, block, construction materials, batteries, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, paint, tires, oil, or any hazardous waste.

ALSO - please do not OVERFILL containers

Clean Sweep set dates are as follows:

September 4, 7, 11 & 14

10 rollofs per drop

Set Date - 9/4/07 Removal Date - 9/7/07

Plata: 842, 934, 1049, 1127

Emerson: 2926 Obispo: 1116

Mollera: 2936, 2902 Spruce: 2904, 2928

Set Date - 9/7/07 Removal Date - 9/11/07

Obispo: 829, 921, 955 Emerson: 2822

Olla: 931, 939, 957 Osage: 918, 948, 954

Set Date - 9/11/07 Removal Date - 9/14/07

Pecos: 831, 927, 1063, 1135

Mollera: 3032, 3054

Portobello: 825, 921, 1007, 1055

Set Date - 9/14/07 Removal Date - 9/18/07

Posada: 811, 861, 955

Pampa: 860, 926, 954 Spruce: 3114

Peralta: 857, 959, 1022

In addition ...

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

Event hours are 8:00 am - 12:00 noon - no material will be accepted after 12:00 noon.

East Side Events - 6935 E. Decatur (Power Road North of University) - October 6, 2007 & February 2, 2008 **West Side Events** - 2412 N. Center (Center Street North of McKellips) - Dec. 8, 2007 & April 19, 2008

Items that will be ACCEPTED: Paints, polishes & varnishes, Paint related materials, Turpentine, Aerosol cans, Adhesives, Motor oil/Antifreeze, Transmission fluid, Fuel additives, Pool chemicals, Gasoline, Batteries, Mercury, Pesticides, Computer Equipment, Televisions, Appliances (limit 2), Automobile tires (limit 5) - rims accepted only if tire has been removed

NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: Commercial/ industrial waste, 55 gallon drums of material, Large truck tires, Radioactive material, Explosives

Rules & Regs:

Residents should be prepared to show their most recent trash bill. Residents are asked to remain in their vehicles when on the site. Please seal the material in its original container if possible. Please label unmarked containers if contents are known.

Free Spay or Neuter Services For Cats - September 13th

Thanks to a donor's generosity, the Arizona Humane Society on September 13 will spay or neuter 66 cats absolutely FREE!

AHS received a donation from the family of a wonderful man named Donald Howell. He was a lifelong cat lover who believed in battling feline overpopulation by spaying and neutering, and he did his part by trapping, neutering and releasing feral cats in his neighborhood.

Howell passed away last October, and his family made a donation in his name. His family asked that in his honor, we utilize their donation to spay or neuter cats.

The Donald Howell Feline Spay/Neuter Day is scheduled for **Thurs., Setp. 13, 2007**, at the AHS Sunnyslope Low-Cost Spay/Neuter & Wellness Clinic. Address is 1311 W. Hatcher Rd., Phoenix.

AHS surgeons will spay 33 female cats and neuter 33 male cats for FREE. All feline patients must be in good health; be at least 8 weeks old; and weigh a minimum of 2 pounds. Cats should not be given food or water after 10 p.m. on the night before surgery. Cats and kittens must be safely contained in a carrier.

No appointment is necessary. Patients will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Check-in begins at 7 a.m. Early arrival is suggested, as there are a limited number of surgery slots available. Clinic phone number is: 602-216-6442.

HEAT/VIN Etching

The following dates have been scheduled for HEAT/VIN Etching events. This is a free service offered by the MPD Crime Prevention Unit. Bring vehicle registration and proof of insurance with you. No appointment is necessary. Out-of-state vehicles can be etched also. You can also sign up for the Watch Your Car program at any of these dates and receive a free steering wheel lock (while supplies last). All locations are in Mesa. In the event of high winds or rain, the event for that day will be cancelled. Our recorded hotline is: 480-644-2300, option 3.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 8 am - 11 am
West Mesa Target Store, Southern/Longmore.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 8 am - 11 am
Red Mountain Target Store, Power/McKellips.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 10 am - 1 pm
Central Mesa Target Store, Gilbert/Southern

An Alarm You May Not Know you have ...

By Marsha Gilliam

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation.

Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around... After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And, remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or stop a sexual abuse crime. It would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone.

G.A.I.N.

(Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods)

GAIN will be held this year on Sat., Oct. 20, from 4-8 pm. Information packets and the registration form have been mailed to all block captains.

Deadline for registering your GAIN party is Friday, October 5. If you have questions, please contact the Mesa PD 480-644-3921.

PRIDE Grants are available and you can view info and download the application form at www.cityofmesa.org/neighbor/PRIDE.aspx.

All About the *New* Code Enforcements

Code Enforcement Update

By Nina Williams, Neighborhood Liaison

"Coming soon – possibly to a neighborhood near you ..." was the opening for an article by Gary Nelson, *Mesa Republic* on the new **Mesa Code Team**.

You may ask: Why must citizens do this job and not City Employees? The answer is because the city has lost nearly a third of its manpower. When Mesa citizens voted down a property tax, there were inevitable cutbacks. Perhaps if the city had managed its monies more wisely – it may not have come to the point of having volunteers picking up the slack. However, this gives Mesans a chance to understand and educate themselves on what truly constitutes a code violation. This is yet another set of eyes trying to improve our community.

The City Council gave a reluctant and qualified go-ahead to enlist city volunteers to act as code inspectors. The pilot program will be for 1 year in 4 neighborhoods after Council studies final detailed program guidelines. We can all help to assure that this program is a success by making sure weeds are cut and trash does not accumulate on our property. This not only makes our community look nicer – it maintains our property values and makes for a safer environment for everyone.

There is a similar program in Texas that has been operating for 14 years that has proven itself tried and true. In fact, the Mesa program was modeled after it.

The new volunteers would free up the Code Officer to work on the more difficult problems facing them on a daily basis. We cannot stress enough that this is a huge *educational* program in which we have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Code Enforcement in general

By Sam Jeppsen, Code Enforcement, City of Mesa

While serving as a police officer for 25 years, one of the things I learned is that everyone wants law and order--until it effects them. The same can be said about code enforcement. Everyone wants their neighbor to keep their yard looking nice. The

rub comes when your neighbors want you to keep yours nice too.

Code enforcement can be likened to a homeowners association that is run by the city and perhaps my wife said it best: "You love your HOA when they are after your neighbor; you hate them when they are after you." But the big difference between an HOA and city code enforcement is that city ordinances are adopted by what they call "Minimum Acceptable Standards." Which means a condition can be within city standards but still be an eyesore to the neighborhood.

Marlborough Mesa does not have an HOA, but be very thankful for the concerned citizens in your neighborhood that are trying to bring up your community. It is in every way, a benefit to you. It keeps your property values up; it makes your neighborhood pleasant for your friends and family to drive through when they come to visit; it helps keep the crime rate down; it makes it much-much easier for you to sell your property; and it makes your neighborhood desirable for others to want to move in to.

Marlborough Mesa is in a very good location and has great opportunity to drastically increase their property values. As the east valley is expanding to the point home owners are spending an hour or more to get to work, the inner city areas are becoming more desirable – if they are kept up. Many people are moving back in and Dobson Ranch is the perfect example. People don't mind buying older homes in Dobson Ranch because of their reputation.

Though Marlborough Mesa does not have an HOA, it does have many streets and areas that are very well kept and are very desirable. So be thankful for those who are trying to make your neighborhood a better place to live and please go out of your way to support them. It helps you in every way, including putting money in your pocket.

Code Compliance Cost Recovery Program - \$100 - \$200

From Mesa's "Across the Back Fence" Newsletter

The goal is to resolve more violations and preserve neighborhoods while recovering

expenses. Effective August 1, the City of Mesa's Code Compliance Division implemented a Cost Recovery Program. Under current procedures, courtesy notices are sent to all responsible parties about a complaint or observed violation with first inspections conducted 7 days later. If a violation is found, the responsible party will receive a notice of violation with 10 days to bring the property into compliance. Under the Cost Recovery Program, if the violation still exists after the second inspection of the property, a \$200 re-inspection fee will be charged and a civil citation may be issued. The \$200 fee is over and above any civil citation fines imposed. A \$100 re-inspection fee will be charged each time the Code Officer re-inspects the property, along with issuing a civil citation, until the violation has been corrected. Code Compliance Recovery programs already are in place in cities, such as San Jose, Sacramento and Fresno.

September – National Preparedness Month

We see it everyday and everywhere – disasters! Though, somehow, we never think any of it will happen to us. Since September is National Preparedness Month, how about taking just a little time and money to make that preparation for your family? Below are several tips, along with some very useful websites to help do just that.

Ten Elements of Preparedness

<http://www.whatsyourrq.org/tipsandtools.html>

(Most concise website w/ lots of links)

1) **Aware of Your Local Emerg/Disaster Plan**

Familiarize yourself w/local plans at:
www.az211.gov

2) **Know How to Find the Emergency Broadcast Channel on Radio** ALSO

We have about 3 Ham Radio Operators living in Marlborough. Andy Keels has volunteered his services should we ever need it.

3) **Seen or Heard Messages Encouraging Preparedness (in the last 30 days)**

Many websites have been created to help encourage preparation, and a great 1 for kids!

<http://www.redcross.org/>

<http://www.ready.gov/>

<http://www.ready.gov/kids/home.html>

<http://www.ready.gov/business/index.html>

<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/index.html>

4) **Prepare a Disaster Supply Kit**

It's best to think first about the basics of survival should any type of disaster happen: fresh water, food, clean air and warmth. At minimum, this should include:

- water (1 gal. per person per day)
- food (Costco has a 5-gal. bucket prepared w/the basics for @ \$125)
- battery powered flashlight or handcrank (Costco has the handcrank ones - 4 for \$20.)
- battery powered radio
- first aid kit
- blanket
- whistle
- dust mask
- moist towlettes
- garbage bags & plastic ties

5) **Prepare a "Go" Kit**

Include some food and water to get you from emergency to safety and some of the comforts from home, like a toothbrush. Customize your kit based on personal needs, but every kit should include:

- battery powered or handcrank flashlight
- battery powered radio
- blanket
- whistle
- plastic work goggles
- dust mask
- rain poncho
- first aid kit
- work gloves

6) **Family Communication Plan**

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so families must plan in advance. Who is the point of contact? How will you communicate? Making sure that your family has a plan is critical to effective preparedness.

(It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.)

<http://www.ready.gov/america/makeaplan/index.html>

7) **Establish a Specific Meeting Place**

Having a predetermined meeting place away from your home will save time and minimize confusion if your home is affected or your neighborhood is

evacuated. Decide on a meeting place and make sure everyone in your family knows where it is.

8) Practiced/Drilled -what to do in Emergency

Practicing an emergency drill is very important – especially where small children are concerned.

9) Volunteer

Volunteering before, during and/or after an emergency provides people with important skills and knowledge. It helps make a prepared individual better able to respond to a community.
<http://www.redcross.org/donate/volunteer/>

10) Taken First Aid (in the past 5 years)

This gives you the confidence to respond in an emergency situation with skills that can save a life. From CPR, first aid and automated external defibrillator training to injury prevention courses, blood borne pathogens training and community disaster education, the Red Cross is a 1st stop.
<http://www.redcross.org/services/hss/courses/community.html>

City of Mesa

The City of Mesa PD and Fire Depts. are having their 2nd Annual National Preparedness Day on Saturday, September 29 from 10am to 4 pm at Bass Pro Shop, 1133 N. Dobson Road (and the 202) in Mesa. You can get valuable information, including emergency preparedness, on how to keep you and your family prepared and safe.

Neighborhood Notes



Crime Stats This Year to Date

By Paul Simpson

JAN – 2 stolen vehicle, 1 residential burglary

FEB – 1 vehicle theft, 1 commercial theft, 1 subjects disturb., 1 vehicle burg., 1 criminal damage

MAR – 1 residential burglary, 1 vehicle burglary, 1 residential theft, 1 commercial theft

APR – 1 vehicle burglary, 2 criminal damage, 1 commercial theft

MAY – 3 vehicle burglary, 1 criminal damage, 1 stolen vehicle

JUNE & JULY – 3 vehicle burglary, 2 criminal damage, 3 vehicle theft, 1 residential burglary, 1 residential theft



*Jim's Rain Report
in Marlborough Mesa*

June .0" July 2.07" Aug .55

Yearly Total to Date:
5.16"

MM CLASSIFIEDS



SELLING jewelry? I have cases, trays, ring foams, displays, and other supplies. Good price. Call Jessica 480-897-8443.

MISSING dog. Aslan has been missing since July 26 from our home on Pampa. He is a very small male Pekingese (less than 5 lbs) and is multi-colored black/tan/rust. Aslan is dearly loved and missed! If you have found him or seen him, please call Eve at 602-295-2808 or you can put him in our yard at 1108 W. Pampa Ave. No questions asked – I just want to bring my baby home! Thanks!

WANTED: I have been the neighborhood block captain of 1100 W. Obispo Av. and need to retire from this position and wondered if I could get someone to take over. HELP deec444@msn.com

DRYER for sale: Electric White Signature 2000 (Norge) . Works great! Phone (480) 201-7991

LIKE to Scrapbook? Enjoy making handmade stamped cards? Want to earn money doing a hobby you love? Ask me how! Your MM Neighborhood source for all your Rubberstamping & Scrapbooking needs! ***Reference this ad and get the new 2007 Idea Book for only \$5! (That 50% off the retail price!)* Barb Melnick, Independent Demonstrator Stampin' Up! PH: 480.699.6079 Email: inkinpaws@cox.net. Learn more about Stampin' Up! @ www.stampinup.com

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Drawing to occur first week in October.



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