

PVO Block Watch

Paradise Valley Oasis

Welcome to your Paradise Valley Block Watch News!

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Change of Guard

Jerry Cline and Denny Walker accepted the positions of Block Watch Co-Captains for the Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch area for this year. To better understand how we can assist and share information, we have been attending Phoenix Police training sessions and Block Watch meetings.

Items on our agenda include better communications between all of us.

- Block Watch works on the principle that each street or specified area has a Street Captain who can communicate between the neighbors within their immediate area; only you can see what is happening in your area. Please volunteer and contact Denny Walker and/or Jerry Cline and we can assist by sharing the information we're learning.
- We plan to send this newsletter,

bimonthly. We hope to defray the cost by requesting help from our local businesses.

- We have also created a Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch Email list (PVOBW Email). This email list is private to us, it's free, and easy to use to communicate with a lot of folks. We presently communicate with about 30 PVO Block Watch neighbors via email, and would like to be able to communicate with all of you.

This newsletter, with postage, labels, printing and paper costs a nominal .65¢, but can be emailed as a PDF document for no cost. Those who prefer to get a printed copy can do so just by letting us know which you prefer. Details on how to contact us, and/or be included on the PVOBW Enews is at the end of this newsletter.

What is Block Watch?

Block Watch is an organization of folks who are interested in the safety of their neighborhood. You depend on your neighbors who also depend on you, and you freely and easily communicate aberrant activities to each other, and call the police as necessary. To be good at what we do, we all need to know who we're working with — our neighbors!

Block Watch Crime "Seen"

The Paradise Valley Oasis Block watch area is forming up nicely! The more of us who get involved, the more unified we are, the better and stronger we all become. United, "we" are the power.

In future issues, and also via email, we will communicate crime incidents within our area.

The Primary mission is to have a proactive service so that we enhance the safety of the community, establish

positive relationships, build trust, and encourage community involvement.

We want to assist by building relationships through education, communications, and sharing support.

Block Watching 101

The success of a Block Watch Program relies on prompt reporting of all suspicious activity. Neighborhood crimes can be, and are prevented because alert neighbors report what they see (Phoenix Crime Stop 602 262 6151).

Trust your intuition!

If something in your neighborhood looks wrong — report it. It's better to know that nothing is wrong than to allow a crime to be committed.

The Five "W's"

- Who: (or a description)
- What: (happened)
- When: (day, date & time)
- Where: (location)
- Why: (what was suspicious)

If you see someone in your neighborhood with whom you are not familiar, let them see you seeing them.

Be obvious, let them see you seeing them and their vehicle as you write a note, even pretend to write a note, or photograph them; cell phones are good, because they are generally with you. Even if you have nothing with which to write or photograph, go through the motions — fake it — put a scare into them! If they're legitimate, they won't be troubled, if you make them nervous, observe and remember them: license plate numbers, descriptions of the people, or their vehicle (brand, type, model, color, age). Think about what you need to know to enable you to describe your observation to the police.

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Report Suspicious activity:

- Strangers or slow moving vehicles cruising the streets or alleys — possibly observing or leaving a home break-in.
- Vehicles being loaded with valuables — break & enter or theft in progress.
- Abandoned vehicles — possible stolen and abandoned.
- Property carried by persons on foot — possible stolen property.
- Persons going door to door — possible casing neighborhood.
- Persons waiting in front of a home — possible break & enter lookout.
- Opened / forced door or window — break-in possibly in progress. Do not enter, call the police!
- Be suspect of any situation that doesn't fit in or feel right.

Important Police Numbers

- Crime Stoppers:
602-262-6151 (the non-emergency police number)
- City of Phoenix Police Information Desk 602-262-7626 (to obtain information; not to report a crime in action.)
- Emergency ONLY!: 911

FAXNET1 Crime Statistics Paradise Valley Oasis Area

http://www.faxnet1.org/crime_stats/gridmaps/ci34.htm

Neighborhood Info

http://www.faxnet1.org/community_info/community_info.htm

Helicopter Noise

In the past 20 years, and especially the last few years, since the SR-51 cut through our area, we are literally under constant helicopter harassment; they buzz overhead at what seem to be lower and lower altitudes. Some weekends during special events, 50+ flights have been counted as they "buss" their high price fares to and from media events.

The complaint is not about police and sheriff or emergency equipment, just the too many, obnoxious news and charter "bus" choppers that are making and saving money at our expense and apparently could care less that they sound and feel like huge trucks driving though our homes.

They fly lower, and are also getting larger, heavier and larger (louder) engines. As we're all aware, they destroy peace and quiet, raise us out of sound sleep, even seem to jolt us out of our beds. Their outrageous noise interrupts conversations, a TV, radio, phone conversations, etc. Sometimes you can hear them coming for 30 seconds, and then leaving for the next 30 seconds, and that one minute seems like five.

They're taking advantage of the fact that Dreamy Draw Pass is a low spot, so they don't need to fly higher, which adds to operating costs, and they also use the SR-51 as a "cement compass."

Karen Keyes, a copter pilot who used to fly for 10TV many years ago told me they were NEVER ALLOWED to fly over the "moneyed" areas of Tatum, east Lincoln, and Camelback. Their instructions were to use the area north of Squaw Peak. That's us! These chopper-busses carry their moneyed loads low over your house instead of over their house.

Alternatives would be to alternate routes and share the discomfort. Fly across the mountain preserves, if they must have a "cement compass" follow Tatum, Lincoln, Camelback, Cactus and Thunderbird, Greenway and Bell. Fly higher to help negate noise.

To register a complaint, call US-FAA: 480-419-0111. Within a few days, we're supposed to receive an FAA complaint form. Contact us for details.

PNP Meeting News

The **Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol** (PNP) training meeting is March 15. This program allows residents (the Phoenix Police Department's "Eyes and Ears!") to become more actively involved as partners in crime prevention.

New Member PNP training
FOP Lodge #2, 12851 N 19th Ave.
7:30 AM to 3:00 PM

For details see this web site,
<http://phoenix.gov/POLICE/bwonpa1.html>
...or call Denny Walker or Jerry Cline

2008 Street Captains

The following neighbors have volunteered as Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch Street Captains for 2008:

Gene Gentry - Turquoise
Donald Duck - Onyx/30th
Mike Thompson* - Northern Ave.
Monica Ferraro - 31st Street
Mary Lucas - 30th Place
Mike Terrell - 29th Place

Street Captains help to communicate to their local neighborhood, and more are needed, we need at least one for each of the streets not listed. Please contact us for information.

Block Watch Signs

Large (18"x24") heavy metal Block Watch signs are available for \$16 ea (delivered). Many members have placed these signs on their property and alley walls, and five are mounted on posts.

Small (8.5" x 11") paper (card-stock) Block Watch window signs are free.

Contact Denny Walker or Jerry Cline for more info, or for assistance in mounting the metal signs.

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We want your block watch related ideas, help, and questions. Please contact us!

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To receive the "PVO Block Watch News" via email, and/or be included in our email list, send your request to Jerry Cline.

Edit & Layout
Jerry L Cline
"If we all share our ignorance,
we'll soon have none left!"

Good Neighbor Award!

*Mike Thompson, Owner — Paradise Valley Trimmers, 602.992.1345, noticed a neglected small overgrown bush was blocking a neighborhood sidewalk where his kids walk to school, and they had to walk into the street to pass the bush. He took time from his busy day to trim the bush and haul off the excess.

Our opinion: Mike trims palms beautifully, he's an artist, and does better work than any other trimmer we've seen — and he guarantees his work — if they sprout seed pods after the trim, he'll remove them. That does not happen with the itinerant trimmers.

Advertisers Needed

Please propose a local merchant who may be interested in advertising on this page in our next newsletter?

Contact Denny Walker or Jerry Cline.

Tell them, if they do not have art, or any suitable ad info to fit, we'll help, we'll even create their needed art, per their specs or preference at no charge. Tell them to contact me. The contact info is in this newsletter. — Jerry Cline

We Need News From You!

Contact us, and provide information and write relevant stories for your local block watch newsletter.

We Have Our Own Website!

Next newsletter, or via email if you are on our email list, we'll have news on updating our own Paradise Valley Oasis website. The URL (website address) is:

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/public/main.html?nneighid=511670651&nsupercity=559970528>

At the time of this writing, we are in the process of updating the website. Contact us if you need info or would like be involved.

Denny & Jerry

This space: \$50 (.25¢/home)

This space: \$14 (.07¢/home)

This space: \$26 (.13¢/home)

This space: \$14 (.14¢/home)

Space proposed for local advertising

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"Neighbors helping neighbors"

3035 E Topaz Cir • Phx, Az 85028-4423

*Proposed advertising
space for local merchants*

This space: \$60 (.30¢/home)