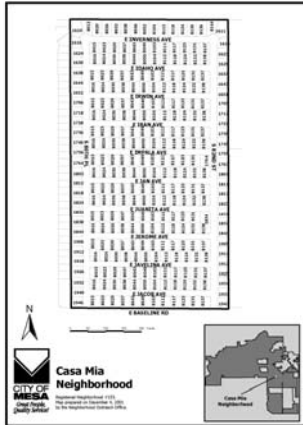


# CASA MIA NEIGHBORHOOD

September 06



## Neighborhood Meeting

Please join us Thursday, October 5, 2006 at the Light of the Desert Church for a neighborhood meeting. If you have never attended a neighborhood meeting before, please join us now. Networking opportunities are available for long-term success in your neighborhood.

Family members are welcome and encouraged to participate.



**Light of the Desert Church**

**Where: 7930 E Baseline Rd**

**When: Thursday, October 5, 2006**

**Time: 6:30 pm– 8:00 pm**

**We hope to see you there!**

## Helpful Numbers

Abandoned Vehicles

On public streets  
(Police) 480-644-2211

On private property  
(Code) 480-644-2061

Code Compliance  
480-644-2061

Graffiti Hotline 480-644-3083

Community Action Team (CAT)  
Officer for Beat 71  
xxxxxxx  
480-644-xxxx

## Beat 71, Superstition Substation, Mesa Police

Quarterly Beat Statistics. Number of Calls during Jan–Mar 2006

Abandoned Vehicles	35	Subjects Disturbing	160
Armed Robbery	1	Theft from residence	18
Juveniles Disturbing	121	Trespass	30
Loose Dog(s)	52		
Loud Music	57	Percent of calls of the	
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	18	Superstition Police District	
Shots Fired	17	15.6%	
Stolen Vehicle	34		

## Mesa United Way P.R.I.D.E. Grant Dollars are AVAILABLE!!

Mesa United Way's PRIDE (People and Resources to Improve, Develop and Energize Mesa's Neighborhoods) Mini-Grants Program encourages and supports residents in their efforts to build safer, healthier, and more self-sufficient neighborhoods. By funding project ideas which have evolved from shared community concern, we help assure that the people who are most affected by an issue or challenge are the ones who plan, design and implement the solutions.

Neighborhood proposals to improve the Casa Mia neighborhood include:

- \* Purchase and/or build a stone monument neighborhood sign for the entrances of S 80<sup>th</sup> Place and S 82<sup>nd</sup> to welcome visitors to Casa Mia.

- \* Landscape the stretch of Baseline that borders our neighborhood, so that it blends with the rest of the road and prevents further vandalism, parking of cars for sale and trash.

- \* Bring your ideas and enthusiasm to the neighborhood meeting October 5 as we work together to spruce up our neighborhood.

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**NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING Thursday, October 5, 2006**



Michelle (see *A Letter from your neighbor*) would like to establish a Neighborhood Business Directory that lists who does what in our own backyard. This networking can help to increase business and establish new relationships within our own community.

***If you would like to be a part of this directory please bring your business info and maybe some business cards or flyers to the meeting to distribute and share.***



**Watch your speed!  
Children at PLAY!!**

#### ***Neighborhood Contacts***

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#### ***City of Mesa***

Susan Frabotta 480-644-5432

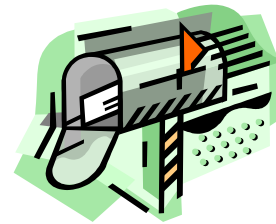


#### **Code Compliance Reminder**

Neatly kept homes and yards provide a safe, attractive neighborhood and help maintain property values.

Owners and residents are responsible for property maintenance, as well as the maintenance of sidewalks, and other public places bordering their property.

Overgrown weeds, shrubs, trees, grass, and vegetation are fire and safety hazards. Property must be kept free of weeds and grass more than 9 inches tall. Trim tree branches, shrubs, or cactus that extend over sidewalks, streets, or other public places so they do not obstruct vision or the travel of pedestrians or drivers. All dead or dry trees and vegetation must be removed and disposed of property.



#### **A Letter from your neighbor:**

Dear Residents and Future Friends of Casa Mia,

It has been nearly one year since we've had a neighborhood committee meeting. I know we all lead busy lives and so much had happened in the last year. Our zip code has changed from 85208 to 85209, creating a small increase in the value of our neighborhood. That, combined with the opening of the entrance to the 202 and the big housing boom of last year, has seen the value of our properties jump a record 46%. This is a big deal because it empowers us homeowners to pull out some of our equity to fix our homes, build additions, and purchase a new car or vacation. Our homes are our greatest investment and also our biggest asset.

When I first moved to this neighborhood, I saw a pride in the people who live here through the way they cared for their homes. However, in the last year and a half I've seen the beauty of our neighborhood diminish. There's graffiti on fences, unkept front yards and driveways, trash and weeds that are out of control. The houses for sale are on the market way too long and that means that people do not want to move to our neighborhood. When this happens, it drives the value of our properties down and affects all of us. Both those of us who rent, and those who own, want to live in a safe, beautiful neighborhood. There seems to be an increase in the number of times the police visit us. We, as a community need to get together and care again. Together we can tackle these issues and make our neighborhood of Casa Mia a place of envy, a place of value.

It is sad to say that I have only met two of my neighbors since my family moved here in March of 2005. My name is Michelle and I live at the green house at 1906 S 80<sup>th</sup> Place. I am frequently in my front yard playing in my garden. Please say "HI" when you pass by and maybe we will meet at our meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>.