

# CASA MIA

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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**H**ello Friends and Residents of Casa Mia. This is our second monthly newsletter and our plans are to publish the news-letter on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month.

The newsletter 'editor-in-chief' is Michelle Ortiz and it is published by Don Brown. Your contributions to the newsletter are welcome; please provide your articles and contributions to Michelle no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month in order to be published in the next edition.

**LAST MONTH** the newsletters were mailed by the City of Mesa and were sent to the owners of the 350 homes in our subdivision. This month, we are distributing them manually in an attempt to reach all of the residents in this community, rather than solely those who own homes here. I hope that if you rent a home here in Casa Mia, you are just as concerned with the safety and beauty of our neighborhood as the home owners who live next door to you.

Before I catch you up on what you missed at the meeting, let me take this opportunity to, once again thank everyone who came out on October 5th. We had an excellent turn out with around 30 neighbors attending. I am pleased to say that I think our neighborhood is headed toward success!

I want to keep things moving right along, so I'm trying to reach as many people as I can with some important info. I pulled e-mail addresses off the sign in sheet from last month's meeting, but some were hard to read and obviously we don't have e-mail addresses for everybody in the neighborhood. We would appreciate it very much if you could contact either

Don or me and provide your e-mail address so we can send you the newsletter as well as other important neighborhood information.

We accomplished a lot at our initial meeting. More than anything residents notice that we are no longer afraid of one another. Many people expressed that they kept to themselves because others did the same and they were discouraged by the quiet and isolation from their neighbors. Now we are noticing each other, saying "hi" in the streets, honking horns as we pass by. The atmosphere is just a little more friendly and that is what makes a neighborhood a home.

Everyone at the last meeting expressed the same few concerns. We all got a chance to speak to each other and voice our concerns to our beat policeman, code compliance manager, and a gentleman from the traffic department.

I encourage everyone to come to our next meeting on **Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30 PM.** the meetings are at **Light In The Desert Church at 7930 E Baseline Rd.** (right on the next corner) Please come and express your views for our neighborhood and see what's in the future for Casa Mia.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WEB LINK

Please visit our neighborhood WEB link at

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/mesa/](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/mesa/)

Just enter "85209" to access our site. Be sure to visit "Discussion Forums" & "Community Calendar" for topics of interest to the entire neighborhood.

### OTHER TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION DURING NOVEMBER 2 MEETING

- Area Development
- Status of Speed Bumps
- Neighborhood Watch
- Neighborhood Business Directory

### RADAR GUN

Don Brown has the contact info for the radar gun. Anyone wishing to participate in using the radar gun on our neighborhood streets should contact Don at 602-432-4810.

### BASELINE BEAUTIFICATION

We had a lot of discussion in last month's meeting and want to continue the momentum. Those wishing to help with beautification projects along Baseline are urged to attend this month's meeting.

**FASTSIGNS Co.** has been working on plans for different styles of signage for the corner of S 80th Place and S 82nd Street. The signs will welcome you to "Casa Mia" as you enter our neighborhood. The cost of this is part of the Pride Grant that we are applying for in the coming month. In addition to the signs, we are also looking to landscape that entire strip with weed fabric, gravel and plantings. We discussed creating a uniform fence along that street and painting it one color. We signed up volunteers to begin that project as soon as paint is available. Options for this area will be shown to all who attend our next meeting. Please come and help us select our beautiful new signs.

### ADOPT- A- CURBSIDE

We are looking for residents who are interested in "adopting" a curbside in need of repair in the neighborhood. Michelle Ortiz has volunteered to take care of the curb on the southwest corner of S. 80th and Jerome. The owner of the home on that corner does not live in the neighborhood and therefore is not available to maintain it. She will be leveling out the gravel, cleaning it up and planting a few native plants and ornamental grasses that will grow a few feet tall to mask the open chain link fenced backyard. This helps the neighborhood in keeping it clean and beautiful, and also deters trash. If anyone else would like to do the same, let's talk at the meeting. If we can only get a few residents to do this once a month, the entire subdivision will look tidy and neat (and improve our property values)!

