

# MARLBOROUGH MESA

Section Break (Continued from "Land of the free and the home of the brave" so

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## 7 Years of Volunteering

*By Donna Delpier*

Great things come in 7's:

The seven continents.

The seven seas.

The seven wonders of the world.

The seven years **Linda Murphy** has volunteered to spearhead our Easter Egg Hunts.

Linda's seven years of planning, preparing and executing this event has not only given us lasting memories with our families, but has also fostered a model of volunteerism that has now been adopted by youngsters who were once beneficiaries of the event and are now older and lending their hands.

Rain or shine, Linda had a plan, even during years when the event took place at "Lake Marlborough". She helped bring us all together as a community to watch our little ones gather eggs and, year by year, watch them grow and blossom. Thank you, Linda, for your commitment, our annual memories, and for helping our neighborhood grow and blossom along with our youngsters.

## In Honor ... of our Armed Forces

On July 4, 1776, we claimed our independence from Britain and Democracy was born. Every day thousands leave their homeland to come to the

they can begin their American Dream. It takes our men and women from the Armed Forces to keep that freedom every day. So, this year when you celebrate, take a moment of silence to thank those men and women who help keep America safe.

In May, I sent out an email that if you knew any military personnel and would like to send words of thanks this Fourth of July ... send it to be published in this newsletter. Most all military men and women have access to the Internet.

Here are a few responses:



"I just wanted to thank the men and women in the military for protecting the freedom we tend to take for granted at times. I believe it is important to address the "queen bee" that has the potential to threaten our very existence."

*Alison*

"To all our soldiers serving now, do your job, do it well, and return home safe. We're proud of you."

*Kevin*

"I have no friends or relatives serving in the Armed Forces but I am VERY GRATEFUL to all of our servicemen who have left behind family and friends and answered our country's call whether or not they believe in the current war."

*Carol*

"You honor America for serving your country. We thank you for keeping us free."

*Jim*

"There aren't enough thanks in the world to cover what you have done for your country."

*Phillis*

## Keeping Up Appearances

Isn't it nice to have "crackless" streets once more? They won't last long but they sure make our neighborhood look nicer for the moment. Our streets are due to be completely resurfaced in 2010-2011.

Speaking of "sprucing up" – several homes have new facelifts ... new paint, new landscaping, new roofs, etc. If you haven't driven around for awhile, you may be pleasantly surprised.

Should you need paint for your home, you can get it thru the Mesa Paint Reuse Program. It is FREE for the asking. Call (480) 644-2690.

# Lost Pets/Pet Safety

By Deborah Hewett-Elson

A missing pet can lead to heartbreak. I have seen “lost pet” signs around the neighborhood from time to time, and as a volunteer for both the AHS and the MCACC shelters, I wanted to get some information out to fellow MM residents about how to search for a missing pet. The **worst** day of the year for runaway dogs is **July 4<sup>th</sup>**, which is coming up fast. The noise of fireworks causes many to panic and flee. Sadly, the county shelters are full of frightened dogs on July 5.

## **What to do if your pet goes missing:**

Immediately upon realizing that your pet is missing, enlist help and canvas the area. Healthy animals can travel as far as 20 miles per day—the sooner you start looking, the greater your chance of success. Next, you should go *in person* to the Maricopa County shelters and the Humane Society to look for your pet. Time is of the essence—you only have *72 hours* to retrieve your pet from a shelter before it will be offered to others for adoption. You should also contact Pets 911, and post signs in prominent locations around the neighborhood and at businesses with high traffic, such as supermarkets.

## **Where to look – local shelters and services:**

**Pets 911** is the largest local lost and found service. They may be contacted at 1-888-PETS911, or check online at [www.pets911.com](http://www.pets911.com).

**The Arizona Humane Society**: If an animal is found sick or injured, the most likely place for it to end up is the Arizona Humane Society. They are at 9225 N. 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. (13<sup>th</sup> & Hatcher). Online at [www.azhumane.org](http://www.azhumane.org).

**Maricopa County Animal Care and Control**: The MCACC website is [www.maricopa.gov/pets](http://www.maricopa.gov/pets). Their two facilities are located at 2323 S. 35<sup>th</sup> Ave (West Phoenix) and 2630 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St. (Mesa.)

Take preventative measures—keep your pets safe and secure in your house and yard w/gates locked. Have ID. Microchips, inserted under the skin are better than tags, as collars do come off. The cost is only \$35 for an AVID microchip and first registration at the AHS, which is less than what veterinarians charge. Microchipped pets are registered online by address. (If you move, remember to update the information!) Also, keep in mind that **animals that are spayed or neutered are less likely to roam**. This Independence Day, keep your pets inside all day if possible, and reassure fearful pets. Let's make this a safe and happy

summer for everyone, including our non-human family members!

## ***Drowning Prevention Program***

This year, partnered with Banner Desert, the City of Mesa Fire Department and Neighborhood Services will *Walk Across Mesa* for Drowning Prevention.

Starting at 6:30 am June 23, volunteers will help flyer neighborhoods with drowning prevention information. The goal is to educate as many Mesa community members as possible with the important life saving information.

Volunteers are needed for the event. If you are a group or individual who is interested, please contact Neighborhood Services Volunteer Coordinator, Katie Brown at 480-644-3705 or email [Katie.Brown@cityofmesa.org](mailto:Katie.Brown@cityofmesa.org).

## **Clean Sweeps Coming**

By Kristine Malcolm

No date has been set as of this publication when the Clean Sweeps will arrive. When I receive the date, it will be posted on the website at [www.neighborhoodlink.com/mesa/marlborough](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/mesa/marlborough) in the Discussion and/or Calendar areas.

## **National 811 -**

### ***"Call Before You Dig"***

In May of 2007 National 811 was launched. The “Call Before You Dig” Number will Save Lives and Protect Underground Infrastructure. The new number is the same in every state.

Starting May 1st the new number to “Call Before You Dig” is 811. It is the new FCC-designation N-11 number that quickly and easily begins the process of getting underground lines marked as the first step in any digging.

Call 811 (Arizona Blue Stake Center) at least two (2) working days before starting your digging or excavation project (excluding weekends, and legal holidays) to have underground utilities marked. Utility operators will mark what they own and maintain, which typically means they will mark to their meter. Anything beyond the meter is customer-owned and maintained, and will need to be marked by a private locate company at the customer's expense.

Whether you're a homeowner landscaping your yard or a professional contractor digging utility trenches, remember to “Call Before You Dig,” it's not only a good idea, it's the law.

# The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

## Code Enforcement Update

*By Nina Williams*

We would like to reassure everyone that the Code Compliance issues have not been forgotten by us or by the City. The new proposals are going thru Council the end of June and we are anxiously awaiting their findings. Some have already gone thru and have been passed as the article by Code Director, Ray Villa shows below. We will keep you posted as the other part of this program develops.

If you missed the March Meeting w/ Code at the park and would like more information or would like to participate, contact me at 480-831-1926. If you would like to view the video, go online to our website and see it in its entirety (compliments of Paul Simpson) at [www.neighborhoodlink.com/mesa/marlborough/](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/mesa/marlborough/).

## Code Compliance Check

As mentioned in previous newsletter articles, Marlborough Mesa is one of 4 trial neighborhoods to test a new program in the near future thru the city.

Thus, there is a new area of our website, [www.neighborhoodlink.com/mesa/marlborough](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/mesa/marlborough) wherein you can report code violations ONLY and remain anonymous. In the left main column under Local Government, you will see in **RED** "Report Code Violations". (Begin there.) Then "Start a New Discussion". This is the place to either sign in or register. (Put the violation address under "Headline".)

### How to Log a Violation

1. Register w/Neighborhood Link if not already.
2. When you post a violation, no need for names.
3. If you see any one of the *\*following* code violations, it can be reported here. This information will then be relayed to the Code Compliance Department at the City of Mesa. The following information **must** be included:

- a. address (put in "headline")
- b. list violations – be specific (choose a # below for each violation) (put in "message")

After the City has been contacted, an officer will come thru the neighborhood to verify violations. A citation will then be sent thru the mail that explains the process. Once a violation has been corrected it will be removed from the website within 7-10 working days.

OPTION: If you wish to have it removed from the website sooner and the problem has been corrected, you can post it under "Reply to This Message" (in **BLUE**) under your address. In a few days, your address and post will be removed.

### \*Violation Guidelines:

1. Overgrown weeds and/or grass
2. Trim tree & shrub branches
3. Dead/dry trees & vegetation
4. Junk, garbage or materials stored outside
5. Broken fences
6. Parking in dirt or grass
7. Recreational vehicles parked longer than 72 hrs on private property
8. Boats, utility trailers or camper shells not stored behind fence
9. Exterior home needs repair

### And for these other violations:

- Inoperable vehicles parked on street – call Mesa PD at 480-644-2211
- Recreational vehicles parked longer than 48 hrs on street – call Mesa PD at 480-644-2211
- Graffiti – call hotline at 480-644-3083

For all other discussions, continue using the regular Discussion area at the top of our website.

## Re-Inspection Fees Implemented

*By Ray Villa*

*Code Compliance Director, City of Mesa*

We have been researching ways to resolve more violations and preserve neighborhoods while recovering Division expenses. The following program will begin **August 1, 2007**.

Courtesy notices will be sent to all responsible parties containing information on the received complaint or observed violation, and information on how to bring the property into compliance. First inspections are conducted seven (7) days after the courtesy notice has been sent. A notice of violation will be issued if upon the first inspection, the violation is found to exist. The responsible party will then have ten (10) days from the date of the violation to bring the property into compliance.

If the violation still exists after the second inspection of the property, a \$200 re-inspection fee will be charged and a civil citation will be issued. This \$200 fee is over and above any civil citation fines imposed.

Once a citation is issued, a re-inspection date will be set for seven (7) days after the issuance of the citation. If the violation is found to still exist, an additional \$100 re-inspection fee is charged. The \$100 re-inspection fee is charged each time the Code Officer re-inspects the property after issuance of a civil citation until the violation has been abated.

# Bragging Rights

Many times our children do outstanding and even amazing things without due credit. Here's a place to give them the recognition they deserve. Who wouldn't want to see their child's name in print for a job well done? Tell me about a remarkable "something" your child has done and I will print it in the next newsletter.

## ***This one features Tyler Malcolm:***

Back in December 2006, Tyler was 9 years old. He collected canned goods as part of his service project for his Cub Scout badge. Tyler dropped off notes at 196 homes and collected 529 items (his goal was 300). (This also says a lot about the generosity of our neighborhood.) He then delivered them to St. Vincent de Paul shelter and received a tour of the facility.

In January, Tyler went back on a monthly "kids day" where the kids get to volunteer for a morning. What a difference 1 kid can make!

*And from his parents, Tim and Kristine: "When we took him down to St. Vincent de Paul - they kept asking who the other kids were that helped him collect the cans. When Tyler informed him that it was his idea and he collected them all himself, they were shocked and said it had been the biggest donation by a single person....much less a kid under 10. We are so proud of him and his generosity toward others that are not as privileged as he is. That day made up for some of those days as parents when their behavior is such that you don't even want to claim them. The giving continues - we're planning to bake cookies for the people at the Ronald McDonald House next. Our hope is that we as a community can continue to inspire children to see the world outside of their own and foster their generous spirits."*

## **"Stop Metal-ing in Mesa"**

It has cost the City of Mesa thousands of dollars in damage and replacement costs, impacted sports programs, delayed streetlight repairs and has proven dangerous. The theft of copper, brass and other metals is on the rise in Mesa and around the Valley. It is usually sold for scrap metal and gives thieves quick cash often used to buy illegal

drugs. That's why a new campaign "Stop the Metal-ing in Mesa" is underway to raise awareness of the crime.

Thieves will remove copper wiring, along with backflow valves with copper and brass fittings – anything metal. The stolen backflow devices result in City customers being without water. The wiring thefts also put thieves in danger of being electrocuted, which has happened in Mesa and around the country.

More than 17,000 feet of copper wire has been stolen from streetlights in 14 City locations in the past five months.

Replacing the stolen wire has delayed repair crews from getting to normal streetlight outages. Currently it takes more than four weeks to get a streetlight repaired.

If you should see someone that looks suspicious in these areas – call the police at 480-644-2211.

## CARE Food Drive

***By Debbie Driscoll***

Community Asset and Resource Enterprise (CARE) Partnership brings together individuals and organizations from all walks of life who share their time, knowledge and resources to improve the life conditions of others.

Care Partnership is a unique non-profit in that we ask people with needs to donate to help others from their talents and strengths. Service is required to the community to use or receive something from the center. During the summer months, we run very low on non-perishable food items in our food pantry. We would appreciate the help of Marlborough Mesa neighbors in stocking the pantry. Please donate food items to CARE 466 S. Bellview Mesa, AZ 85204/ or 480-962-5197.

Not only do we have the food pantry, but we have a pediatrician that sees children that have no insurance and we do free HIV and pregnancy testing. Feel free to utilize our services, or tell your friends about us.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Marked Your Items?

***From the City of Mesa***

Burglary is the most frequently committed crime in the United States. We encourage you to join the many residents who participate in Operation Identification. It's very easy to do and will save

you a lot of aggravation should your home ever get broken into and your property stolen.

Operation ID, is a citizen's burglary prevention program for you to use in your home. The program involves marking your property with an identifying number, usually a driver's license or identification card number as a means of discouraging burglary and theft. In communities where it has been properly implemented, Operation ID has shown dramatic results in its ability to reduce burglaries.

Engravers are available from the Mesa Public Library. If you choose not to engrave, you can use a permanent marker (i.e. Sharpie brand) and write the information directly on your property. (For example, write your driver's license number on the back of your television set.) If your property is stolen and the thief attempts to pawn the items, or the police find stolen property, there is a greater likelihood your items will be returned to you. Marked property is difficult for a burglar to dispose of or resell, as it can be traced back to the owner with relative ease. If a burglar is caught with marked property, it is solid evidence of possession of stolen goods.

You may download the property inventory form from the web at

[www.cityofmesa.org/police/literature/pdf/property\\_record.pdf](http://www.cityofmesa.org/police/literature/pdf/property_record.pdf)

## Know those Curfews

Most children probably know about curfews. Most parents have instituted those already in your own home. A good number of cities enforce curfews for young people. Mesa is no exception. Curfews were put in place to help keep kids safe and protected.

### The City of Mesa's Curfew Ordinance:

1. It is unlawful for a minor under the age of 16 to be in, on, or upon a public street, sidewalk, alley, right-of-way or other public place in the city between the hours of 10 pm and 5 am every day.
2. Those same rules apply to minors between the ages of 16 and 18 with the hours being a bit more lax: 12 pm until 5 am.

These rules do not apply to legally emancipated minors, those accompanied by a parent, those pursuing lawful work in which consent of the parent has been granted or those returning home from functions where parents have granted permission.

## Neighborhood Notes



### Treasury Report

*By Debbie Glick*



As of 6-13-2007, the neighborhood funds account is at \$2,845.24.



*im's Rain Report  
in Marlborough Mesa*

March 1.16 " April .29" May 0.00

Yearly Total to Date:  
2.45"

## MM CLASSIFIEDS



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**FOR SALE:** Queen size sofa hide-a-bed - \$75. 480-820-1078.

**REMODEL.** We are in the midst of a kitchen and landscape remodel. We do have a few things that many be desirable to Marlborough owners. The pool was removed; we have a diving board, Zodiac salt generator cell, misc. pool toys and floats. We also have upgraded wet bar cabinetry including wine rack and seeded glass doors. Call Robin or Jerry @ 345-0438

**MURAL/CARTOON** Character Painting: Would your child like their favorite character painted in their room? Call Stacy LeFevre @ 480-730-8531. Reasonable rates. References/Portfolio available.

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