

MARLBOROUGH MESA

News

Strengthening our Neighborhood and Promoting the Well-being of our Community

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Marlborough Mesa Community Picnic and Egg Hunt Rolls into 8th Year

By Monette Coyle Wendel

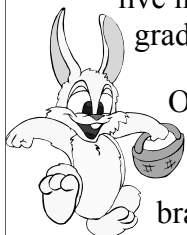
When: Saturday, March 8, 2008

Where: Our park

Time: Picnic 11: 30 am

Egg hunt at 12:30 pm

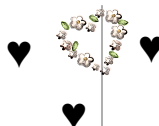
Who: This event is only open to children who live in Marlborough Mesa and are in sixth grade or younger.



Once again the Easter eggs are rolling into Marlborough Mesa with our neighborhood's annual Egg Hunt celebrating its 8th year of fun, food and friendship. To make this a fun event, we need adult and teen volunteers. If **you** can help with planning, operations or donations email Monette Coyle at monettecoyle@yahoo.com or call 480-491-9659.

The outpouring of great things to eat and drink at the picnic is one of the fantastic things about our Egg Hunt. Your contributions help us in that cause. Contributing picnic foods such as **hot dogs, soda, juice, water, bags of chips**, etc. helps us make this an enjoyable event. Please drop off any donations prior to March 5th, at 1007 West Posada Ave.

A parent must accompany all children. In case of rain, the event may be rescheduled. Marlborough Mesa is bounded by Alma School and Extension Roads; south from the Chandler/Mesa border to Guadalupe Road.



Painting Our Fences

(Our Perimeter Fences on Alma Sch. & Guad.)

Paint Day:

Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 11:00 am

Note: It might be nice, but our fences cannot be painted with a sprayer because it is re-used paint and it will clog the sprayers.

Toni Gotschika, 602-622-0227, will be the expeditor for this project. She will make sure you have supplies and will be watching both areas to be painted and repair fences prior to paint day. Bring your roller handle and a paintbrush if you have one available.

The last time our fences were painted was in 1999 and 2000. It is time for a **NEW** paint job. Now that we have the paint from the City of Mesa Paint Reuse Program—all we need is YOU, our ever-faithful VOLUNTEERS!

Our Painting Coordinators are:

Doug Hanson, 480-839-4720, Guadalupe Rd:

Chanin Sauer, 480-491-7880, Alma Sch. Rd:

(*Whichever fence you would prefer to paint—contact that coordinator. We need lots of help.*)

Need 1 week prior to paint day:

March 22, 2008 at 11:00 am

1. Volunteer to cut back vines & foliage at Alma School & Pampa.
2. Volunteers to power wash both fences. This will be prep/prime/wash day. Toni Gotschika will have all equipment. (She needs at least 1 volunteer for each road.)
3. ALSO: Those of you who live on the West side of **Mollera** and the North side of **Guadalupe** – we need your water hose across your back fence to power wash those fences on the outside.



It is email, website or phone after this.

Mayor and Council race

Recently, Jim and I attended one of the mayor and councilmember forums at MCC Campus. We asked questions and heard answers from all candidates about the condition of the City and their plans to move us *forward* and where they stood on certain issues. At the conclusion, I personally asked each of them if they would like to include a paragraph or so in our upcoming newsletter about themselves, perhaps their past and/or present community involvement and whatever else they chose to say.

In their own words ...

By former Mesa Councilmember Rex Griswold

"Why I am running for Mayor

As a Mesa City Councilmember, I supported strong neighborhoods. I worked to clean up distressed areas and remove drug houses and crack down on slum landlords. As Mayor, I will work to insure that neighborhoods are safe and secure. Marlborough has set the example on how residents who care can partner with the City of Mesa to produce a better community. I ran for Mayor of Mesa to be able to take the "Marlborough Model" to other neighborhoods who want to live in a better, safer environment. I would appreciate your vote for Mayor of Mesa. To contact me directly, please go to my website at:" www.rexgriswold.com

By former Councilmember Dennis Kavanaugh

"One of my most memorable accomplishments during my prior service on City Council was connecting to Marlborough Mesa. From a simple neighborhood meeting at a local school came the great idea to make a park out of the retention basin. This was one of the first projects I worked on and look how it took off! Simple things such as signage, website and newsletter combined with dedicated residents and supportive city staff has helped to create a marvelous and sustainable neighborhood. From sitting on Santa's lap to getting nearly run over at the Easter egg hunt I have fun and great memories.

"My track record is one of responsive constituent service to all of the neighborhoods in District 3. I have the experience, skills and connections to again serve you well and I ask for your support." www.denniskavanaugh.com

By Scott Smith

"The upcoming election for mayor and council may be the most important in Mesa's history. Voters will select who will lead the city as it confronts its many challenges and seeks to maximize its many opportunities. I believe Mesa is headed in the wrong direction. Our city is currently known primarily for its financial problems, payday loan stores and pawn shops. We deserve much better than that. My opponents have both been part of city government for many years. They both have had the opportunity to lead, and they

have not delivered. My training as a CPA and attorney along with my 25 years experience as a professional and business owner make me uniquely qualified to lead Mesa into the future. Real change begins with a change in leadership. We need new faces with new ideas. A vote for Scott Smith for mayor will bring both. Find out more at:"

www.scottsmithformayor.com

By Mesa Vice-Mayor Claudia Walters

"I have lived in Mesa for almost a quarter of a century. During that time, I've given my time and my heart to Mesa. I've had the pleasure of serving in areas across the spectrum of our community, from the schools to the non-profits to youth sports to city government. In 1997, I was asked to fill the remaining seven months of someone's term on the Mesa City Council. While serving, I became concerned that Mesa was not placing enough emphasis on its neighborhoods, so I ran in 2000 with an emphasis on neighborhoods, an area where Marlborough Mesa has been a shining example. Since 2000, I've helped increase the number of registered neighborhoods from fewer than 100 to almost 400. I believe that the City needs to be a partner in helping neighborhoods stay clean and safe. In early 1998, I helped to pass a Council Use Permit requirement for pawnshops and since 2000, thanks to that use permit requirement, there has been just one new pawnshop in Mesa. I have an aggressive plan to work on uniting Mesa and addressing issues such as community safety, cleanliness and appearance. I would be honored to serve as your mayor." <http://claudiawalters.com>

By Mark Yarbrough

"My name is Mark Yarbrough and I'm running to represent our district on City Council. I was born and raised here in Mesa, and I'm raising my family here also. I love the climate (yes, it gets hot, but only for a few months) and there is plenty of sunshine to get outside and enjoy life. I have been both President and Vice-President of our local Little League for the past several years. I've also been both President and Vice-President of our local Parent Teacher Organization. I work for a Scottsdale communications company, as their Director of Operations. In fact, I am the youngest Director of Operations in the history of the company. I enjoy looking at challenges and finding ways to solve them.

"My goals are pretty simple; I want to have safe neighborhoods, family parks, and reliable public services. As a council member, we need to make decisions which are in the best interest of the people of Mesa. We need to be open, honest, and up front about city finances. I have not excepted any special interest or PAC funding for my campaign, therefore I am free to make decisions without any 'outside influence'. If your looking for a candidate who has been on the council and is looking to continue the same course, I'm not your guy. If your 100% satisfied with where Mesa is today, I shouldn't be your choice. If your looking for someone with fresh ideas, a passion to make Mesa great again and solve our challenges, I would ask you to give me the opportunity to represent you. It would be my honor to help fix Mesa so my children and grandchildren can also call our city their home."

Memories on Main Street

By Doug Hanson

Marlborough Mesa residents—you have an opportunity to bring downtown Mesa to life! On Saturday, March 15, 2008, from noon to 10 p.m., downtown Mesa will be transformed into the car capital of the valley. It is the site of **POP's Memories on Main Street**.

From noon to 5:30 p.m., a "Park and Show" of 600 plus cars, trucks, and anything on wheels will be displayed in every parking spot that can be found. At 5:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., vehicles with cruisin' decals will cruise up and down Main Street between Mesa Drive and Country Club Drive. The best part is—the spectating is FREE!

Bring the family to downtown Mesa by mid-afternoon and make a day of it. You can purchase lunch or dinner in the downtown area or bring a picnic meal. Check out varied shopping from Harleys to antiques to my favorite—the coin store. Remember your folding chairs and just sit along Main Street later in the day.

There are many "nice" vehicles in Marlborough Mesa. So, get them out and come on down to downtown Mesa on **March 15**.



New Way to Steal your VIN

By Kevin Biesty

I just came from a conference where there was a great deal of discussion on "Vehicle Identity Theft" or "Vehicle Cloning". It is becoming an increasing problem across the country from small towns to big cities. Basically, here is how it works:

Let's say someone has a stolen 2005 Ford F-150. They will find another 2005 Ford F-150 in a parking lot or on the street and copy the VIN # (vehicle identification number) through the wind-shield. They will then make a dummy VIN plate with that number and often create counterfeit ownership documents for the stolen vehicle or obtain the ownership documentation under false pretenses. With the counterfeit VIN tag, the stolen vehicle can easily be sold without detection by government agencies.

It's causing a huge nightmare for people who unwittingly purchase these stolen cars and for the owners of the stolen VIN.

You can make it difficult for someone to clone your vehicle by simply placing an index card over your VIN plate (bottom left of your windshield). Should you ever get pulled over and the officer needs to check your VIN, just simply remove the card.

The National Insurance Crime Bureau suggests that to avoid purchasing a cloned vehicle:

- Check the vehicle's VIN with appropriate government agencies or your state bureau of motor vehicles.
- Analyze the ownership pattern for any new or late model vehicle with no lien holder.
- Be careful about purchasing a used vehicle from an individual running a newspaper ad and using a cell phone number.
- Conduct a title search of the vehicle.
- If possible, have your insurer inspect the vehicle prior to purchase.
- Trust your instincts: If you don't like the answers or the deal sounds too good to be true, walk away!

Code Compliance

By Nina Williams

The Training Class for new volunteers for the Mesa Volunteer Code Team has been completed and the volunteers are now ready to begin a 1-year trial period in 4 neighborhoods to help improve the appearance of their areas.

The main purpose of the training classes is to educate residents with regards to this new program and to help guide everyone to the programs available if they should need help with tools or labor. There will be future training classes if you are interested. You may call me at 480-831-1926.

Our own Code Compliance Officer, Sam Jeppsen has readily agreed to go the extra steps to help us keep our area beautiful. His following "Greeting" can also be seen on our website at: www.neighborhoodlink.com/mesa/marlborough

Greetings for 2008

Dear friends and neighbors.

Greetings. As your code compliance officer, I want you all to know that I cruise your neighborhood—every street—once a week, looking for things to take action on to keep your neighborhood a great place to live. I also want you to know that though I haven't kept up with your website in the past, (it causing me extra work,) I have decided to keep up on it for 2008. Why? Very simply put: Because you have pride of ownership in your neighborhood and because what helps you, helps me.

Your neighborhood, excepting a few concerns, is an exceptionally nice and pretty one. You are to be commended for the way you keep it. Your neighborhood is a great place to live, to invite your friends and family over and to raise your children. And that's what it's all about, isn't it?

Thank you for all you do to keep your neighborhood appealing.

Officer Sam Jeppsen,
City of Mesa Code Compliance
480-644-3054 (direct line)

Hours: 6:am to 5:pm, Tue. thru Fri.

Neighborhood Notes



We have a Facelift ... and – Let's NOT Forget our Website

You have noticed by now that we have a “Newsletter Facelift”. This has been a long time coming.

Since our newsletter only comes out once every quarter, we MUST rely on our website more. Check those Discussions often. Many times you will know what is going on at the time, because a few people will post something as it is happening. It is: www.neighborhoodlink.com/mesa/marlborough/

One of Our Own ...

Thank you so very much for your generous heart, spirit and donations in helping a fellow neighbor.

What a wonderful neighborhood we live in! Jean

A Lovely Note from Santa ...

Dear Marlborough Mesa Neighbors,

We want to thank each of you for your part in making Santa's 50th year (as Santa) so special! Twenty-five of those years have been since we moved into our present home here on Portobello.

Thanks also for the photos and gift cards – (Mrs. C.) especially enjoyed those! The best of everything to each of you in 2008!
Sincerely, Bob and Millie Cingel

Treasury Report

By Debbie Glick

As of 2-2008, the neighborhood funds account is at \$2,700.

New Ambassador

Hank and Terri Martinez, original owners in Marlborough, have a new responsibility. They are the new Ambassadors in the 800 Block of Posada. They delivered their 1st basket to a young couple who purchased their 1st home.

Crime Stats

By Paul Simpson

November 2007: 1 vehicle theft, 1 criminal damage

December 2007: 1 vehicle burglary, 1 commercial burglary,

2 vehicle theft, 1 residential burglary, 1 stolen vehicle

January 2008: 4 vehicle burglary, 1 criminal damage

Recent Graffiti found on our Alma School Wall

Recognize this? It was reported by Tyler Murphy. We bought paint and covered it since it happened over the holidays. The City still has the graffiti hotline whereby you can call and get them to paint over it. It is: Graffiti Hotline at (480) 644-3083



Directory of Services 2008

Our new Directory is included with this newsletter. Keep it with your “other” phone books and turn to it when you need something.

You will be surprised just how diverse our residents are. Thanks go to DeAnna Fay who put it all together and to all of you who contributed.

We will need a volunteer to take her place next year if we want to continue the Directory. Interested? Call Alma at 480-831-1525.



Jim's Rain Report

By Jim Jones

Nov. 1.76“ Dec. 1.49” Jan 2.01

2007 Yearly Total: 8.47”

After May 1, 2008 Frost Elementary will be a Candidate School for the International Baccalaureate Programme Primary Years Program (PYP)

By Chanin Sauer

The PYP defines the characteristics of students who are aware of and sensitive to the experiences of others. These create a profile of the PYP student, which helps teachers and students to establish goals, plan units of inquiry, and assess performance.

- Their natural curiosity has been nurtured. They have acquired the skills necessary to conduct purposeful, constructive research.
- They actively enjoy learning and their love of learning will be sustained throughout their lives
- They exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to make sound decisions and to solve complex problems.
- They receive and express ideas and information confidently in more than one language, including the language of mathematical symbols.
- They approach unfamiliar situations without anxiety and have the confidence and independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas and strategies.
- They care courageous and articulate in defending those things in which they believe.
- They have spent time in school exploring themes which have global relevance and importance. In doing so, they have acquired a critical mass of significant knowledge.
- They have a sound grasp of the principals of moral reasoning. They have integrity, honesty and a sense of fairness and justice.
- They give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and analyze their personal strengths and weaknesses in a constructive manner.
- They understand the importance of physical and mental balance and personal well-being.
- They respect the views, values and traditions of other individuals and cultures, and they are accustomed to seeking and considering a range of points of view.
- They show sensitivity towards the needs and feelings of others. They have a sense of personal commitment to action and service.



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TONI'S Custom Painting and decorating. Toni Gotschika, 602.495.1000. Painting (Interior and Exterior). Faux finishes, decorative wall finishes, murals. Drywall repair and texturing. Decorating and colorizing. Licensed bonded and insured.

TONI'S Window Cleaning. Toni Gotschika, 602.622.0227. Residential. Windows, tracks, screens. One and two story. Also construction clean up and debris and paint removal from windows and tracks. Licensed bonded and insured.

CRYSTAL Blue Pool Service, Brian Lewis, 480.205.6859. Licensed bonded and insured.

FOR the cleanest clean you've ever seen! Call Jeanine, 602.758.5027. Licensed bonded and insured.