

PVO Block Watch

Paradise Valley Oasis News

The Paradise Valley Block Watch News!

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Break In Burglaries

Two homes had their front doors kicked in at mid day. Without regard to the fact that it was about noon time, in bright daylight, they burglarized and generally messed up insides of the homes. The homes are in close proximity, but are on different streets; in the vicinity of Onyx, Cheryl, and 31st Place.

Have you subscribed to the email news? Send an email to PVOBlockwatch@cox.net — ask to be included.

At Street Speed

Local traffic

A month ago, a traffic survey was placed at 3100 E Northern (about the apex of the curve). Apparently recording traffic, time, quantity, direction, speed and maybe other data. We've not been able to get the stats on that test, but have requested them and will report what we find in this newsletter and the PVOBlockWatchNews email.

A Neighborhood of Blind Curves.

Many complain about the speed of traffic on our local streets. Some point out the "cut-through" traffic from the businesses on Northern. There certainly is some of that, but with our "curvy" streets, it's hard to know where the traffic it comes from, and where it goes.

Paraphrasing Pogo's (Walt Kelly cartoonist) immortal words from the middle of the last century, *"We have met the enemy and it is us."* Maybe most of the complained about traffic is really just us, in a hurry to slow or stop at the next corner. An inherent danger may be the that genius of John F Long shaped our roads for privacy. The posted limit on all of our "inner streets," the curvy ones, is 25 MPH, because faster than that can get us into quick trouble if a child or pet is crossing the road just around the bend — you come up on them quickly even at 25 MPH.

I've heard anecdotally that the young boy on the gas-motor scooter killed on Northern several years ago may have been influenced by the combined closing speeds of both vehicles and the "blind-curve" in that road.

Speed on the collector streets, Cheryl and Northern are 30 MPH and all others, between Shea & Northern and 32nd St and 24th Street is 25 MPH.

I walk dogs early in the morning when it's dark, and I prefer to walk in the street so that my dogs never do duty on your private property. I wear reflective clothing and flashing lights, but some traffic comes around the "bendy" streets almost faster than we can get out of the way. Some don't even stop at stop signs, they just slow enough to turn the corner.

There are about a half-dozen of us "early dog walkers," and we walk at different places and different times together. I'm out and about, maybe on

your street, between 4am & 5am, if you see a guy with two dogs and flashing lights, wave!

There are many folks moving around our neighborhood in the early morning hours; I see neighbors going to work and coming home. John Keeter, delivers newspapers to the PVO Block Watch area between 4 & 5 am, and the Gentrys on Turquoise returning home after doing the same on another route; they leave early morning and arrive back between 4 & 5 am, and they too actively watch your neighborhood as they come and go.

I always have my cell phone when walking and have reported several incidents to the police in the last several years. We'reThere4U! —*Jerry Cline*

Our Own PVO Website!

We have our own Paradise Valley Oasis website. The URL (website address) is:

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

You can download this and prior PVOBW Newsletters from our site! Look for the following header info in the upper left corner of our web page:

Neighborhood Information

- About Our Association
- Your Neighborhood Contacts
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- NEW! Neighborhood Map
- About Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch
- Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch Newsletter
- Meet Your Neighbors

Contact us if you have neighborhood history, or need info, we want you to be involved — it's your site.

—*Denny 'n Jerry*

Pool Safety

From the Phoenix Fire Department web site: www.phoenix.gov/fire/water-safe.html

Summer Is Upon Us

Too often, firefighters hear people say, "...it was only a few seconds..." Unfortunately, just a few seconds is all it takes for a child to drown. Drowning is the leading cause of death in Arizona for children under the age of five.

Most of these children drown in their own backyard swimming pool, but others drown in buckets, bathtubs, toilets, dog water bowls, canals and ponds. Small children are top-heavy, and they don't have the upper body strength to lift themselves out of these dangerous situations. Even if the child survives the incident, they are too often left with permanent brain damage.

Drowning and near drowning can be prevented, and you can help! Anyone involved with the supervision of children needs to be aware of the dangers associated with any body of water. Below are useful tips to help prevent these needless tragedies:

- ALWAYS know where the children are!
- Use an approved barrier to separate the pool from the house
- Never allow children to be alone near any water source
- Have life saving devices near the pool – a pole/hook, or floating device
- Keep large objects: tables, chairs, toys, and ladders away from pool fence
- Post the 9-1-1 number near phone
- Do not allow children to play around the pool alone — store all toys outside the pool area
- If you leave the pool area, take the children with you
- Always have a designated child watcher
- Learn to swim
- Never swim alone, or while under the influence of alcohol
- Never swim when thunder or lightning is present
- Never dive into unfamiliar or shallow water. —Denny Walker

Good Neighbors Care

Last year Phoenix neighborhood Services (PNS) investigated more than 56,000 blighted property complaints. A higher number is expected this year because of vacated and foreclosed properties.

The Paradise Valley Oasis area is in better condition than many other neighborhoods, although there are a few problems, properties where the grass and weeds are out of control and yards are not being maintained. There are also properties with damaged fences & gates, which detract from the overall acceptable neighborhood appearance.

Several alleys have weeds and grass. The Phoenix Blight Ordinance states: *alleys are to be maintained the same as any other part of your property: otherwise, are considered fire hazards.*

Seemingly abandoned/forgotten vehicles (cars, trucks, boats and trailers), visible trash, litter, and miscellaneous "forgotten" items can be considered as blight violations.

Un-maintained buildings or structures, vacant properties showing deterioration, i.e. broken windows and grass growing in the cracks of, and onto a sidewalk can cause liability problems and also degrades all of our property values.

I've lived in PVO neighborhood for 30 years and Jerry for 37 years, we're proud to be here, and we hope you all feel the same.

Be aware of your own surroundings. Don't wait for Phoenix Neighborhood Services (PNS) to report as they tour our neighborhood looking for blighted properties. If your property is suspicious, correct the problem now, your neighbors will appreciate your effort.

To report or get more information:

- Blight City Zoning: 602.262.7844
- Graffiti removal: 602.495.0323
- Graffiti in progress: 602.262.7327

—Denny Walker

Enforced Alley Rules!

City of Phoenix Pub Works States \$2500 Fines Possible

The rules for solid waste pickup from our alleys have not changed, but are now enforced more specifically and rigorously! Phoenix City Code Chapt 27

Items are not allowed in the alleys for pickup, except during the explicit times between the listed pickup dates.

Quarterly, a schedule of those dates are in the publication "**notes**" accompanying the water bill.

We are responsible for items placed in the alley behind our property, and we can be cited if items placed there are not as described, in content, quantity, size, and **ONLY** within the scheduled dates and times.

Important Notes

Items can be placed in the alley **ONLY** from the first day listed and until 6 am on the second day listed, about a nine day period. **Be aware** that the official day of trash collection begins at 6 a.m. on the second date, but you may see trucks collecting trash during the listed trash placement days — the crews attempt to stay ahead of the work and cleanup as we place the trash. They will always return on or after the second listed date to pick up any remaining trash for a final "sweep."

The next solid waste collection dates for our **Area 8**:

Jul 19 Jul 28
Oct 18 Oct 27

Questions? Call : 602.262.7251,
email: pwserve@phoenix.gov
or: <http://www.ci.phoenix.az.us/GARBAGE/trshmain.html>

Download a comprehensive PDF file of the Phoenix Solid Waste Management rules and collection dates: <http://www.ci.phoenix.az.us/GARBAGE/schedule.pdf>

We Need News From You!

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

Police Numbers

- Crime Stoppers: 602-262-6151
- Phx Police Info Desk: 602-262-7626
- Emergency — Crime In Progress 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

2008 Street Captains

Sharing information is our weapon. Captains communicate with close neighbors. 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 within their local neighborhood, and more are needed, we need at least one for each street not listed. Please contact us for information.

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

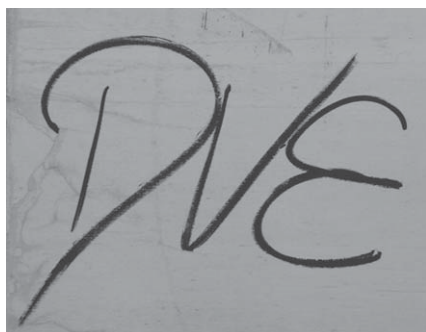
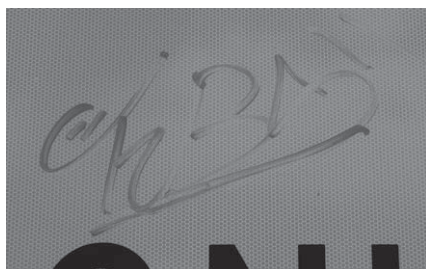
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"If we no before we know,
we will never know!"



Graffiti

Graffiti is showing up in our neighborhood area. We want to photograph each and every event, contact us and report every graffiti event you find. The images shown here are being sent to the Phoenix Police for identification and their graffiti ID program.

These signs have been damaged, some apparently by one individual. Look closely at the handwriting, style, characters and words — Do you recognize them?

Call Jerry Cline or Denny Walker and let us know if you have any clues or info on this growing problem.

What does "GISE" stand for (see Block Watch sign)?

Tougher Graffiti Law Takes Effect

Juveniles across the state convicted of committing graffiti will face stiffer fines thanks to a new state law. Juveniles convicted of graffiti will be fined between \$300 and \$1,000, plus pay an 80 percent surcharge for court costs. This translates into a minimum fine of \$540 and a maximum fine of \$1,800.

"Graffiti is ugly, destructive and costly to residents and taxpayers alike," said Jerome Miller, NSD director. "We're aggressively attacking the issue, but we need help from our residents."

Catch Reward Program

Win \$250 Reward \$\$\$\$

Graffiti vandal Catching / Reward program. 602.262.7327

This is a special Police Department graffiti hotline. If you believe you can provide information leading to the arrest of a graffiti vandal, call this number to make a report. You don't have to give your name or other identification, and you could receive an award up to \$250. For more information on this program visit the Police Graffiti Hotline site:

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Block Watch Meeting

PVO Block Watch meeting: Wednesday 28th at 6:30pm at the home of Denny & Judy Walker; 9830 N 30th St; Phx, Az 85028; Res: 602.788.9016; Cell: 602.531.0043 — Please RSVP!



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About Palm Trees

A friendly reminder to all our neighbors with Palm Trees.

Mexican Fan Palms (the really tall palms) should not be trimmed until all the pods have come out completely and are flowering. The end of May to the beginning of June is usually when they're ready, depending on their irrigation. The Felifera Palms (with more girth and generally shorter) are not ready to trim until the end of June and sometimes even later into the summer. If they're trimmed too early, you will still be dealing with the mess they make, and you would have to call us out again to have the flowers removed.

We recommend waiting and doing it properly. If you spike [climb] into a Palm too many times you could compromise the health of the tree and leave it vulnerable to insects and disease. So save yourself the money and help keep your trees healthy by pruning them at the ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) recommended time. If you have questions please call me: 602-992-6212. PV Trimmers Tree Care & Removal *-Revel*



Know your neighbors: Mike & Revel Thompson (PV Trimmers), are neighbors who care about our Paradise Valley Oasis neighborhood.

About This Newsletter

This newsletter is appreciated, supported and sponsored by its readers who reply via email, mail, calls and direct contact — It's fun getting to know you!

Each of the 200+ copies costs \$1.00+ per copy (.42¢ postage, .70¢+ for paper and printing, plus labels and printing supplies; the labor of data entry, layout, proof printing, folding and distribution are at no charge). Denny Walker and I shared the entire costs, of the first issue, and some of this second issue, but some neighbors have generously donated cash (gladly) accepted! (smile), ...which tells us the effort is sincerely appreciated, accepted, and that this newsletter is wanted and needed!

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-Jerry Cline

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