



MARLBOROUGH MESA

News

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

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A Definition of Neighborhood

By Joe DePinto

Here is a definition of neighborhood:

Neigh•bor•hood (noun)

1. A distinctive area
2. A vicinity
3. An approximation of amount
4. Surrounding points

These may be accurate but they do not capture the spirit of our neighborhood because Marlborough Mesa stands for people.

When it was time to paint the fences surrounding Marlborough Mesa, neighbors turned out in mass to utilize paint received from the City of Mesa Paint Reuse Program. Families, a carpenter, a teacher, an editor, retirees, painters, an officer, a real estate broker plus many others including children.

Almost a mile of fences along Alma School and Guadalupe took 130 gallons of paint and with the City of Mesa planting new plants along both roads and the backdrop of freshly painted walls, it's looking very nice indeed!

This is a neighborhood with many long time residents who take pride in their neighborhood and in making sure that anyone in need is not left alone. Whether it is

neighbors doing their part in crime suppression by being the "eyes and ears" of the Mesa PD or just people stopping their cars on the way home from Safeway because they see a neighbor and want to say hello or inquire about a family member. Maybe we need to ask Merriam Webster to add a new listing for neighborhood: *See Marlborough Mesa.*

Code Compliance

By Nina Williams

Our neighbors in MM need to give themselves a big pat on the back in the way that we have all pulled together to make our neighborhood beautiful. Just take a look around at your yard as well as your neighbors' yard - see how nice we DO look!

Our Code Compliance Officer, Sam Jeppsen, says we have one of the nicest looking 30-year-old neighborhoods in the area. He would be proud to be living here.

Of course, we have a few properties that have not gotten with the program as of yet, but I am sure there are several reasons for that ... i.e. vacations, illness, foreclosure, etc. Sam says it would only take about a 1/2 hour of each of those neighbor's time and we would all be in compliance. There are programs available should you need help in any of these areas.

Visit the *NEW* section of our website at:

www.marlboroughmesa.org/codeviolations

Have an enjoyable summer

Bragging Rights

By Bill & Rachel Chesley, Pecos

Our son, **David Chesley**, a 7th grader at Bethany Christian School in Tempe, traveled to Washington DC on May 10th to compete in the Association of Christian Schools Int'l National Spelling Bee. Previously David had won both the District and 6-state Regional spelling bee competitions. (Their daughter, **Lydia** also helped paint our fences.)

Goodbye note: Our family will be returning to Chad, Africa in July to continue our work as Bible translators. We have thoroughly enjoyed living in Marlborough Mesa these past 10 months. We had some terrific neighbors! Thanks for making us feel so welcome.

By Teresa and Chris Weiland, Obispo

We are very proud of our boys, **Adam** and **Aaron**. In February, Adam was urged to audition for the Mesa Young Peoples Orchestra by his orchestra teacher, Mr. Chelpka. He was one of many chosen to play for this group. In April, the Mesa Young Peoples Orchestra performed in the Ikeda Theatre at Mesa Arts center. The performance was recorded and has been televised on Cox channel 99. At the final orchestra concert at Frost Elementary last week, he was given a Blue Ribbon Award from the MYPO and a letter from the Metropolitan Youth Symphony, inviting him to audition for their group in August.

Also, Aaron and the rest of the Rhodes Junior High Concert Band, as well as the Concert Orchestra and Choir attended the Fullerton Forum Festival, at Fullerton College in California at the end of March. The groups did very well and the Concert Band finished with a Superior with Distinction mark again. The groups also performed at the Carnation Stage at Disneyland for all to see!

Our New Website ...

www.marlboroughmesa.org

Our new website is moving along with links from the current one to the new one. Both are still being used and may be for some time now. You see, Paul, our Administrator, (and Jen) have been a little busy lately. They have a new baby girl named **Gael Rasine Simpson**.

The Discussion Boards are up ... General, Code Violation, Classifieds, Crime, Calendar Events and even Recipes. You can once again report a code violation anonymously by using "mm" as your username and password just like you did on our old site. The "mm" account can also be used on the regular forums (general/classifieds/etc), OR you can register for a personal account if you wish by clicking the "Register" button at the top of the forum pages.

And, from Paul, himself:

The new site is a work-in-progress, and still looks a little rough, but enhancements & improvements are on the way soon. Those include:

- * Better Flickr / Photos / Videos integration
- * Improved look and feel with new theme
- * Maps, floorplans, stories/history

- *Possibilities...*

- you@marlboroughmesa.org email aliases?
- Personal blogs on the site?

- Your suggestions / requests? Email:

paulsimpson@marlboroughmesa.org

Www.flickr.com

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/marlboroughmesa/>

This is the website where all of our Neighborhood Photos are being put—both past and present. At www.marlboroughmesa.org (our new website), there is a link. I am uploading them as time permits but all of the recent Paint Day pictures as well as the Paint Party photos are there. A few Easter and Christmas photos are also on there. I still have NO PHOTOS of Christmas 2006. *Unless someone out there has a few—this will be a “lost chapter” in MM history.*

Clean Sweeps

By Kristine Malcolm

The City of Mesa has told me that we are not eligible for Clean Sweeps until next "year" - which for them starts July 1st. So they will keep our application on file and will contact me after July 1.

My best guess is that it will be like last year and be sometime between mid September and mid October.

As soon as I hear, it will be posted online and be published in our next newsletter which should come out sometime in August.

Farmers Markets

We have some great Farmers Markets that offer fresh local produce. Here are a few:

MESA COMMUNITY FARMERS MARKET

Fridays - Open all year every Friday except holidays.

Hours: 9 AM - Noon

Location: On Center St. just South of University at Rendezvous Green, 260 N. Center St. Free admission, free parking

MARKET on MAIN

Main and McDonald Streets

10 am – 2 pm Saturdays from Oct. 22 thru May

CHANDLER FARMERS MARKET

Dr. A.J. Chandler Park

So. Of SW corner Chandler Blvd & Arizona Ave.

Thursday, 3 p.m.-6 p.m. Open year-round

Also, you may want to check out Superstition Ranch Market on Main St. just E. of Greenfield.

Garage Sale!

Proceeds go to a great cause!

By Michelle Geramanis

I live on Spruce and my walking partner, Jackie Griffith lives on Plata. We will be walking the **breast cancer 3-day walk for the cure** this year for a total of 60 miles to help fight this awful disease. Unfortunately, we all know someone that has been touched by this disease in one way or another.

Jackie and I have decided that this is what we can do to help win the race and find a cure so our kids won't have to endure what we have. According to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, approximately 200,000 American women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and nearly 40,000 will die from the disease. That's why we are walking so far. To do something bold about breast cancer, I hope that you'll share this incredible adventure with us - by supporting us in our fundraising efforts.

We need to raise \$2200.00 each before we can walk. We have decided to have a **Garage Sale** in our Marlborough Neighborhood on **June 20th and 21st** on **Spruce Street**. What we are asking from all of you, is that if you have 1, 2 or 10 things sitting around the house or in the garage that you don't want or need, or plan on donating to Goodwill or any charity and you would like to donate them for our garage sale - that would be wonderful!

We will be driving the neighborhood on **June 11th and 17th** to pick up your donations. Please put out by the curb after 4:00pm with this note attached and we will come by and pick it up. You can also drop things off on Thursday,

June 19th at 3101 S. Spruce with this note attached. Please keep in mind, that the items donated need to be in working order, reasonable size for loading and in good condition.

Michelle – 3101 S. Spruce 480-775-0917

Jackie – 963 W. Plata 480-491-2074

Thank you so much in advance for your donations!

Michelle and Jackie

Help Keep Your Teen Safe and Crime Free This Summer

By Jerry Quarles, Crime Prevention, City of Mesa

Every summer, Mesa's youth take to the streets looking for something to do. Boredom busters are often found at shopping malls, parks, movie theaters, and other public activity locations. Often, youth who are unsupervised do not use sound judgment or make good decisions as to their conduct. The Mesa Police Department would like to offer the following tips to help keep your teen safe and crime free this summer.

- *Establish boundaries*
- *Curfew—In Mesa, it is unlawful for a minor under age (16) to be out between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 5:00 A.M. and for minors between ages (16) and (18) to be out between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 A.M.*
- *Arrange to pick-up your teen promptly after their event /activity.*
- *Graffiti and Tagging is a CRIME!*
- *If your teen is driving, reinforce safe driving skills and to obey the speed limits.*
- *If your teen is on a bicycle, they need to obey all traffic laws and have a white light to the front, red light to the rear after dusk.*
- *Many injuries and death occur when teens attempt to cross the street between lights.*
- *Encourage your teen to avoid underage drinking.*
- *Shoplifting is usually committed by peer pressure from friends. Discuss with your teen that their choice of friends should not include friends encouraging criminal activity or behavior.*

Your teens choices and judgment are ultimately your responsibility as the parent or guardian. Please take time to discuss making good decisions with your child. Spending just a few minutes with them could make a difference between having a fun and safe summer or facing consequences for their actions.

Also From the MPD :

We have found that about 48% of our house burglaries involve open and unsecured garages and doors to homes, and about 52% of our car burglaries involve open or unsecured cars.

The next highest percentage of car burglaries are to vehicles that have purses, laptop computers, iPods, brief cases, and other electronic items laying on the seats and readily visible through the windows. Remove the "opportunity" out of the "crime of opportunity."

NOTHING LIKE FREE PAINT!



TOO BAD IT CAN'T



UNLOAD



ITSELF

Mixing Cake is Easier!



MADE IN THE SHADE



**WHAT ...
WE DON'T GET
PAID FOR THIS?**



Teamwork



**Lots
of
Colors!**



**It's
NOT
My Color**



**130
GALLONS**

**OF PAINT
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THE WALL ...



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**FINE
ART**



**HONEST OFFICER
WE HAVE A
PERMIT!**



**JOB WELL DONE ...
GOOD FOR ANOTHER
8 YEARS!**



Directory of Services for 2009

DeAnna Fay has done an incredible job in putting our directories together for the past 4 years. This requires time and dedication and a lot of "sticktuitiveness". She has had that!

The 2008 Directory was the last year she put it together. Now we need a replacement. We need YOU!

Countless times, I have pulled my directory to find someone in our neighborhood who does the kind of work I need at the moment—both for myself and others who have misplaced their own directory.

Now is the time to "step up" and volunteer a bit of your time for this project. It only happens once a year—so why not give it a try? You can keep the same format—or come up with a brand new one—it will be your publication, so it is your choice. I will always help and provide information from the past, as I am sure DeAnna will also. And, when finished, I will take it to be printed with the first newsletter of next year.

Call me if you are interested and would help at 480-831-1525 or email at almajones2006@cox.net.

Neighborhood Notes



Easter Egg Hunt 2008

By Monette Coyle Wendel

The Marlborough Mesa neighborhood racked up another successful Easter Egg hunt at the Park. Goody bags were provided to all kids sixth grade and under, along with mini-prizes and three grand-prizes. The Grand Prize winners were:

4 and under winner, Brionne from Portobello

5 to 7 years old winner, Kaylin from Peralta

8 to sixth grade winner, Tygart, from Wycliff

We would also like to thank the Mesa Firefighters and Police for taking time from their important duties to stop by the egg hunt. As always, without a lot of great volunteers this event would not happen. Your neighbors donated their time and items for the luncheon to create yet another wonderful annual event that grows a little in tradition each year. Thank you and we look forward to your help and participation in next year's annual Marlborough Mesa Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt!

New CAO Officer

Officer Chad Townley is our new CAO (formerly Community Action Team) officer. He helped us paint our fences. His phone number and email are: 480-644-2431, Chad.Townley@cityofmesa.org

Crime Stats

By Paul Simpson

February 2008: 1 criminal damage,

March 2008: 1 strong armed robbery, 1 criminal damage, 1 residential theft

April 2008: 1 vehicle theft, 1 criminal damage, 2 vehicle burglary, 1 stolen vehicle

Missing in your Directory of Services 2008

Glenn Pierce, RealtorR, e-PRO

John Hall & Associates, Phoenix, Arizona

Direct: 480-560-5094 Fax: 480-831-7195

Email: Glenn@GlennPierceRealtor.com

My family and I have been Marlborough Mesa residents since 1978. I know the area and have developed specialized marketing tools for the Marlborough Mesa neighborhood. If you're not completely satisfied with my marketing efforts after 30 days—FIRE ME. *CUTTING EDGE TOOLS + SPECIALIZED SERVICE = A GREAT EXPERIENCE*



im's Rain Report

By Jim Jones

Feb. .82" Mar. .0" Apr. .0"

Yearly Total to Date: 2.83"

MM CASSIFIEDS



LAWN MOWING, trimming, general maintenance. Do you need someone to cut your lawn? Contact **Tyler Murphy** for estimate 602-578-3333.

OUTDOOR green grass carpet—new, 4'x21', \$15. Call Jim at 480-831-1525.

PRIVATE In Home Care. My husband and I are opening a new senior care home from our residence in our neighborhood. My profession has always been a caregiver and I am a certified nurse. We are welcoming anyone over the age of 65, to come live with us. We are providing home cooking, laundry service, housekeeping, and some transportation. We have room for 4 people. Our rooms can be furnished or non-furnished. Pricing starts at \$2500. per month depending on care that is needed. Please feel free to call if you have any questions. Our numbers and emails are: 480-839-0030 or 480-414-4499, marilou3boys@yahoo.com or d55_levi@q.com.

OCCASIONAL companion needed for 80 yr old lady - pleasant, fun loving, loves people, just cannot stay alone - occasional relief for caregivers, especially during ASU football season - good pay - please call: (480)345-6481