

Slow Down

Speed kills. Sometimes I'm surprised at how fast I'm going. Usually I set the cruise control and let it keep me within the limit. Occasionally I forget and am cruising along with traffic when I happen to look at my speed. Holy Cow! I didn't mean to go that fast!

People are in a hurry. There's too much to do in too little time. If I can beat a light here, and pass that next car, I'll get there—probably about two minutes faster than if I had obeyed the speed laws. That's what studies have found. Speeding usually saves about two minutes on the average commute.

Experts in safety recommend the posted speeds. Yes, an accident can happen at 30 mph. It will happen quicker and be worse at 40. Some say, "I'm quick reacting, so I can drive faster safely. I've never had an accident." I suppose such people don't have fire insurance on their houses because they've never had a fire. Fire insurance is based on statistics. So is the recommended rate of speed.

When you're driving 30 mph in a 25 mph zone, you're going 17% faster than the posted speed. At a legal 75 mph, in order to go 17% faster, you'd be driving at 88 mph. Fifty mph in a 40 mph zone, is 20% over the limit. Twenty per cent over 75 mph is 90. These per cents above the posted speeds may help us see our 5 to 10 mph "creep" is dangerous.

Look at your speedometer often. Keep it within the legal rate of speed. The legal rate everywhere in our mile is 25 mph. The only exceptions to this are Butler and 39th Avenues. There the ok rate is 30 mph.(RZ)

Good Neighbors:

Keep weeds **down**. Keep storage **out of sight**. **Secure** buildings. **Maintain** fences. **Paint over** graffiti. **Park** legally. **Remove** inoperable vehicles. Dispose of **trash** properly.

A Big Thank You to Councilwoman Thelda Williams

We were very pleased to have Councilwoman Thelda Williams as our guest speaker for the March meeting. Councilwoman Williams was informative on the subject of Phoenix's planned budget cuts. As we all know there are many budget cuts coming our way. She told us of a few cuts that got a reprieve, the cuts on park rangers, closing of the libraries on Mondays, and there were no senior centers cut.

Thanks again to Councilwoman Williams for spending some time with us. It is always a pleasure to have someone who represents **us** to come and speak at our meeting.(CK)

Thank You 98%

As I was driving El Caminito I thought: "These yards and houses are well kept. Someone should thank the residents for their pride and hard work." So, thank you, ninety-eight per cent of Manzanita Block Watch (not just those on El Caminito). You are making this neighborhood one in which property values are good. You are making a drive along our streets a pleasant experience. You are good neighbors. (RZ)

Good Bless Connie & Mary Ann

Two of our best news deliverers have had illnesses. Our prayers are with them. (RZ)