



MARLBOROUGH MESA

News

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

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OCTOBER / NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2008

Christmas Toy Drive, Santa, Boutique and Breakfast

By Sandra Fischer

When: Saturday, December 13, 2008
9am to Noon

Where: Park at Peralta and Wycliff



Christmas is coming and it is time for our 8th Annual Toy Drive and Christmas Party.

Santa will be there to do his part with the kids, so make sure your little ones have their lists ready. Photos are \$1 per child. Santa's helpers will be taking the toy donations for the East Valley Child Crisis Center AND Southwest Human Development. *Remember, for safety reasons, we need new UNWRAPPED toys for the kids who live at the center.* Even if you have no children at home, you can help by providing 1 toy and/or shopping at our boutique.

Boutique this year where a portion of all proceeds received will be donated to the charities listed above.

Breakfast will be easy to serve breakfast foods such as muffins, bagels, donuts, fruit, orange and apple juice, coffee and cocoa. If you can provide any of these items, please contact me at the numbers or email below.

Volunteers: As always, we need lots of help with the food, decorating the ramada, passing out flyers 2 times (1 before Thanksgiving and 1 the week of December 8th) and cleaning the park. Please email me uffdaskf@cox.net call my home 480-820-2773 or my cell 480-234-1658 if you can donate your time, food or toys.

Spruce Street's 9th Annual Christmas Luminaries

By Linda Murphy

Continue the tradition or start a new one on your street. The residents on **Spruce Street** prepare for their 9th Annual Lighting of the Luminaries, Saturday, December 20th at dusk. All it takes are a few plain brown bags, sand and votive candles. It is lots of fun and can fulfill 1 Blockwatch Meeting requirement.

Directory of Services

By Naomi Mills

The Directory of Services was developed for distribution within our neighborhood to promote a service you provide or to advertise a business you own or have received excellent service.

To list a service/business in the Directory, the following format is needed. (If you have previously listed a service/business - you must still complete a form. Simply write in the changes, make a note if the ad should be deleted.)

If you are **referring** a company that has provided outstanding service, please provide your name, phone and street name. (This information will be printed in the Directory so others in our area can contact you if they have any questions.)

2009-2010 Directory of Services

Kind of Service: _____
Name of Business: _____
Experience (how many years): _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Home Phone: _____
Business Phone: _____
Email: _____
Website: _____
References: _____
DELETED: _____

Please send your information to Naomi Mills, Directory Coordinator & Editor, at email nao-mijo@earthlink.net or call 480-345-8464.

The **deadline** for inclusion in the next printing is **January 30, 2009.**

The Time is Now ...

"Cutting costs" is being heard around the globe. We must do the same. Our newsletter will now be 1 page (no matter how small the print). Most of us realize that since we now have everything online, cutting down 1 more tree and spending those extra dollars for printing is a luxury we can no longer afford.

We will send an email letting you know when future newsletters are online. If your **email** has **changed** OR you have not sent it to me, please do so at:

AlmaJones2006@cox.net It will remain confidential!

Very Suspicious - Near Crismon School

By Velda Burton

A lady was walking the neighborhood very slowly and looking back between each house. A homeowner, thinking she might have lost a dog, asked her that question. She said no - that her dad installed siding and she was looking for potential work for him. The homeowner noticed that the woman had no notebook with her to write any addresses down. After watching her for some time, they were sure the lady was casing the neighborhood to see which houses would have easy access to the back yard in order to burglarize the house.

With so many people out of work and desperate, it is a good reminder for us not to become too complacent in the relative safety of our neighborhoods.

Safety This Christmas

By Paul Simpson

There are so many tips from the City and individuals regarding safety. This year, everything seems escalated. The City has sent several bulletins which will be online at: marloroughmesa.org and neighborhoodlink.com/mesa/marlborough. Here are a few:

3 BASIC RULES

DO stay alert. Keep your mind on your surroundings, what is around you. Don't get distracted. If you're worried about crime, ask a friend to accompany you.

DO communicate the message that you're calm, confident and know where you're going. Stand tall, walk purposefully and make eye contact with people around you.

DO trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation - leave!

Combined crime stats for Aug./Sept. - 2008:

1 criminal dmg., 2 stolen vehicle, 5 vehicle burglary

Please remember that our neighborhood crime statistics see a significant spike most years in November & December, so keep an eye out for suspicious activity. Report such activity to Mesa Police Department at (480) 644-2211 or call 911 for emergencies. You'll be protecting your neighbors and yourself.

Neighborhood Notes



New Welcome Basket Coordinator Needed

Debbie Glick has done a remarkable job in preparing all our Welcome Baskets since 2004. She is also our Treasurer. Now, we are asking for a volunteer to take that position. As you know, there are few homes on the market, so the need for those baskets is low. Please consider this, as everything is provided for you - all you need to do is make them up. Call or email: AlmaJones2006@cox.net or 480-831-1525.

Christmas Card List

By Karen Walsh

When you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please include the following:

A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

Dobson Orchestra Concert Dates

By Syna Daudfar

December 16th, 2008- Repertoire includes Finlandia by Sibelius, Dvorak's 8th Symphony, and the Nutcracker.

February 3, 2009- Step Up Concert with our excellent Junior High Music Programs.

March 12, 2009?- Due to complications, this date is yet to be determined. Please visit the website for updates.

May 12, 2009- Final Concert with recognition and concertos for the seniors.

www.dobsonmusic.com

www.myspace.com/dobsonhighschoolorchestra



Jim's Rain Report

By Jim Jones

Sept .02" Oct .0" Nov. 0" to date

2008 Yearly Total: 7.79"

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VIOLIN Lessons in my home on Obispo. I am retired from teaching orchestra at Rhodes Jr. High and am starting a violin studio. I have a Bachelors of Music & Masters in Instrumental Music + 33 years teaching experience. I play in the Tempe Symphony and the Kuchen Quartet and received the 2006 AZ Music Educators Association Excellence in Music Teaching Award. Will also give beginning piano and guitar lessons. E-mail me for more info! Claire Sievers claireshsi@aol.com



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