

PVO Block Watch

Paradise Valley Oasis News

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Next Block Watch Meeting

May 21, Thu, 6:30pm to 7:30pm
CTK Church, Cheryl & 32nd Street
RSVP: 602.992.1345 – 602.788.9016
or pvblockwatch@cox.net

Subjects:

- Announcing the all new PVOasis Coffee House, Home Bank, & JobNet – All at CTK Church – See page 6
- Recent neighborhood crimes.
- Street lighting, do we want more?
- Plan our PVO Fall neighborhood party.
- Bring a neighbor, tell your neighbors to tell their neighbors.
- Plan our needs for next year's Block Watch Grant.
- Determine what you would like us to plan for: Street Lighting, Block Watch signs, more frequent newsletters, you tell us.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

Find out! Please join our "ALERT! News Email Report" system! It's FREE and you get action alerts via email in our BW area!: pvblockwatch@cox.net

Block Watch Bites Back With PNP!

What is Block Watch?

Battle	We're
Line	Actively
Of	Thwarting
Citizens	Criminal
Knowing	Harassment

What is PNP? "Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol"

The popularity of PNP and Block Watch is growing fast; the training room is now larger and can now seat up to 200! Now there is no need to pre-register — Just show up, you and all of your neighbors!

The above is from Phoenix Police and the PNP Trainers, the following is (mostly) from me, Jerry Cline, this newsletter's Editor and I do take some license :-)

PNP Training Classes Are Taught Saturdays – Current Dates:
Jun 6, Aug 1, Oct 3 and Dec 5th
Consider Being PNP Certified
It's An Education, an Honor, And It's Fun!

PNP training is a fulfillment: It is serious stuff, and you need to know that you, my neighbors, are the most important elements of my family's safety and my protection in my neighborhood. Sound selfish? I promise, I will return the favor in kind!

Crime is an action against you, your family, your safe and well being, and your future. If you want to be protected from problems that may inhibit your security, then you must be part of the solution that can prevent the problem. It's true, we all need to be aware! You can't just pretend you are free like a butterfly and that impending potential problems can't happen to you. You cannot totally depend on other neighbors to stop all the bad stuff that could potentially happen to you — You have to be part of the solution, not an absentee to the potential problem.

Innately, we depend on the safety of numbers. Like a flock of birds, a school of

fish or a herd of buffalo, we gregariously coalesce because we are a species that has inherited the use of *herd instinct* to protect us from danger — our inner being empirically tells us there is safety in numbers. Your neighbors depend on you, but if you want to have that feeling of a safety blanket for your own privacy, only you can make it happen, you must be a neighbor and inter-react, and you do that by being vigil, a watcher and a reporter — be part of that group that surrounds you, and then realize the group is depending on you.

All of the above is true, but there is another factor... Who is your neighbor? Do you know them, and do they know you? Can you easily communicate with them? If there was an emergency, could they contact you?

May 2008 I attended a PNP class, a class I thought would be about neighborhood safety, and what I learned was that I had been taught the importance of being a neighbor "(verb [trans.] (a place or thing) be situated next to or very near (another))". That is the grammar, but the inference of the philosophy is that there must be some interaction between the neighbors. Prior to that, I just thought my neighborly position was to mind my business, and like a turtle, keep my head pulled in and let the world around me do what it does.

The PNP education given by the Phoenix Police (mostly police women) who teach the class stunned me. When the class was over my head was reeling. I drove home thinking, I've been a neighbor for ~70 years, but I never realized the real potential of being a "valued" neighbor was for my own protection, and I also never realized the danger of how a simple interaction with a neighbor might send me to jail just because I did not know what I had just learned in this class. It is time to rethink who and what am I.

I've lived in my Paradise Valley Oasis neighborhood for almost 40 years, but I've more or less impervious and not affected by neighbors. After the class, I was motivated and wanted to know more about my neighbors; I knew that I had to take that class again, and I did! However, when I walked into the next training session, I got a blank stare, then the question... "You've already

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About Us

The Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch News

We want your block watch
related ideas, help, and questions.

- Request access to in our
"ALERT! News Email Report!":
pvoblockwatch@cox.net

• Also Download this and earlier
"PVO Block Watch News.pdf" files:
[www.neighborhoodlink.com/phoenix/
pvobw/news.html](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/phoenix/pvobw/news.html)

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

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FAXNET1 Crime Statistics

Paradise Valley Oasis Area

[www.faxnet1.org/crime_stats/gridmaps/
ci34.htm](http://www.faxnet1.org/crime_stats/gridmaps/ci34.htm)

Reported Crimes – our vicinity

View crimes reported in 85028:

(Back ~45 days & up to currently available.
Bookmark this URL to view last 30 days of
crimes in all of 85028.)

[www.azcentral.com/CrimeMaps/?location
=&category=&t=1&city=Phoenix&zipcode
=85028&days=30](http://www.azcentral.com/CrimeMaps/?location
=&category=&t=1&city=Phoenix&zipcode
=85028&days=30)

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taken this class!" I said, "Yes, but there is
more; there were parts where I missed some
detail, and I want to know more about. Now
the class is being repeated, and I'll be there
again! This time with my wife Pat, as well as
many of you as I can convince that you too
need to be there!

Knowledge is power!

PNP Training

Facts and statistics prove that involved
residents are the most effective crime fight-
ers, reporting suspicious activity as it occurs,
and that is important! (Hey! It is not only
important, it's just common sense and we
all enjoy doing it!) Supporting that fact, the
PNP program provides the opportunity for
residents to become a collective educated
group, more socially and actively involved as
partners in crime prevention. PNP neighbors
are trained to be the eyes and ears of the
Phoenix Police Department. "At a distance"
we do the surveillance, and up close the
Phoenix Police do the heavy lifting. We win
because we reported a possible problem!
In the end we all win, because the Phoenix
Police were able to "take out a problem" –
they love doing that, and that(!) is why we
pay them the big bucks! <smile>

History of (PNP)

Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol

The Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol
Program began in 1994 and since, mem-
bers have not only donated many-many
thousands of hours of their personal time,
they've walked and driven thousands of
miles patrolling their own neighborhoods.

The Power of the Neighborhood!

Local neighbors assist Phoenix police
officers because they care about their own
neighborhoods, they are familiar with
their neighborhood, and are out into their
neighborhood watching for suspicious
and criminal behavior, altercations, traf-
fic problems, stolen vehicles, and missing
persons – Hey! It's a no brainer! Local
neighbors are what we are, and we (you, me
and every neighboring one of us) are the
best at what we do! We are the most highly
qualified for this job! Think about it, who
knows more about your local neighborhood
than you? Who else knows that the unusual
looking person knocking on doors, or the
vehicle parked down the street that looks
out of place? Here's the quiz!: What do you
do... Now think about it! Do you call 911 or
Crime Stop... what is Crime Stop, and what
is the number?

PNP training classes give the opportunity
and privilege of training with other neighbor-
hood citizens in gaining observation skills, crimi-
nal codes, the legal aspects of reporting and
interaction, and avoid possible liabilities of
addressing other neighbors or even possible
suspects with illegal implications. You learn
police policies and procedures, and drug
recognition through non-confrontational
methods.

Citizen Patrols (PNP) equates to crime
prevention, and it is every citizen's respon-
sibility to know what is happening in their
close environment and report it as needed.

The numbers of Phoenix Neighborhood
Patrol trained members are growing in Phoe-
nix communities because the patrols are
a proven, successful crime deterrent. PNP
give people a stronger sense of ownership
in their neighborhood, as well as wanting
to draw neighbors together for a common
cause.

Patrols are conducted on a "time avail-
able" basis. When you have the time to walk
the neighborhood, you walk with the pride
and a purpose, knowing that you are trained
in crime deterrent, and the Phoenix Police
Department provides the training and tools
to the PNP volunteers who have the desire
and the education to become more involved
in crime prevention in their neighborhood.

Requirements:

Becoming A PNP Member

When the following qualifications are
met, a background check for the individual
is completed. This includes a check for war-
rants and any criminal record. Persons listed
as suspects or investigative leads on police
reports will be handled on a case-by-case
basis. Final approval for participation in the
Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol program will
be at the discretion of the Patrol Division
Assistant Chief of Police.

Qualifications:

- Reside in the City of Phoenix
- At least 18 years of age
- Possess a valid driver license or Arizona
identification card
- Complete mandatory Phoenix Neighbor-
hood Patrol training

Disqualifiers

- No felony convictions within the past 60
months (from time of application)
- No pending criminal charges
- No conviction for child molestation
- Not registered as a sex offender
- Not adjudicated by the courts as mentally
incompetent.

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When Qualified, you get a photo ID Badge and PNP member number, a PNP T-Shirt and access to other PNP items that can be paid for through the Block Watch Grant.

How Many Hours Are Required To Participate?

Once you complete the eight hour training, you decide the amount of time you wish to participate. Volunteers contributing documented hours to this program will be invited to an annual program-related ceremonies.

See the Training Outline and Schedule dates below.

What Is A PNP member?

Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol participants are citizens. You are not police officers or Phoenix Police department volunteers. You have no powers of arrest beyond that of a private citizen. You are trained for observation purposes only! You participate only for the benefit of the community and your neighborhood.

Training

There is one eight hour training class that teaches patrol procedures, observation skills, the 911 system, reporting techniques, confrontation avoidance, safety practices and Block Watch grants.

Citizens completing the training will be provided program identification cards with a PNP badge number, PNP logo T-shirts, authorization to use identifying automobile door placards and cellular telephone equipment (via the Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch Grant) to conduct crime prevention activities in their neighborhood and to record and report suspicious activity.

After completing your first 25 hours of reported Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP) service, you are awarded a very nice collared "golf-style" PNP logo shirt.

Just To Make it Clear

Block Watch does not promote intervention, you are trained to report and to NOT intervene. Participants are to taught to exchange ideas involving crime prevention with Phoenix Police and PNP patrol officers in their area, but to NOT get involved in the problem.

Ask for more information or allow us to assist you in registering for the June 6th PNP training class. Please contact me, Jerry Cline, we want to know that you and your friends and neighbors are joining us! ;-]

Several of us in Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch are certified PNP members

and we walk and drive your neighborhood often and frequently B1ofUs.:

Jerry Cline
Denny Walker & Judy Walker
Donald Duck

Training Location:

Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)
Lodge #2
12851 N 19th Ave (Between Cactus & T-Bird on 19th Ave)
Registration begins at 7:30 AM

- The morning session is the only requirement for those who are training to be Block Watch Leaders.
- PNP training must attend the entire day – mandatory!
- Water, coffee, tea and sweet-rolls are provided in the morning session. Lunch is not provided free, but you may bring a lunch or the FOP Lodge sells burgers and sandwich options that you may purchase – you pay for that when you sign in, and the orders are ready at noon.
(The schedule is tight and full – does not permit time to leave for lunch – lunch is allowed to be consumed while the next training event is in session (conserves time).)

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Block Watch Metal Signs

Free But Order Now!

We're preparing an order of Block Watch Signs and need information from you.

The signs are 16" x 20" heavy metal, and are free to you for use on your property, if you live on or between Cheryl, and Northern, and on or between 28th St and 32nd St (Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch) (see map <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/phoenix/pvobw/map/>). The signs actually cost \$16 each, but we're paying for them using our PVO Block Watch Grant Fund.

We will assist in inspecting the sites for mounting and we will assist in mounting them and then photograph

the sign at the site. The signs mounted on a pole costs an additional \$125+, mostly in legal fees, so we'll have none on mounting poles this year! These signs must be mounted on a flat surface that can accommodate the sign. We request that the sign is in full visibility of the public, on a alley wall or a front area wall – The more who see the signs, the better the system works for all of us.

The signs are the same "BLOCK WATCH" signs you may have seen in the 2900 block of Turquoise, and on Cheryl and Onyx at about 30th Street.

We suggest mounting the signs where they are clearly visible, such as on an alley wall, and if you have property that is on a corner, where the alley meets the street, and the sign can be seen from a street, that would be excellent! If you have more than one mounting area that have good visibility, we would like to see the area and may consider using more than one sign. The quantity of signs we can purchase is limited to the amount we entered into the 2008-09 Grant Budget, so first come, first serve.

Please contact Denny or Jerry to order and to make arrangements to have it installed.

Jerry Cline & Denny Walker
PVO BW Captains & PNP members.

Put Some Spring In Your Pool!

I've been caring for swim pools for the past 37 years and in the last couple of years I've even rebuilt a couple of them, one of them literally and figuratively from the ground up.

I've been to Paddock stores with their *over-zealous sell lots of stuff whether its needed it or not sales folks*. I've had some very bad experiences with Perry's Pool Motor on 19th Ave. I've been to the Leslie's stores, the one on Shea is now under new management, and they needed it. I've also worked with Today's Pool & Patio (NE corner Tatum & Cactus) and with One Stop Pool Shop just north of Thunderbird on the east side of 32nd St. My favorite is Today's Pool & Patio and my second favorite is One Stop Pool Shop. Both are seemingly honest and helpful.

I tested all of the above stores by taking samples from my pool, and two other neighbor pools that I care for and manage. Many times I've bottled four samples from each of the pools and taken the groups of bottles to the above mentioned pool stores for testing. I've tested my pools, as I do 2-3 times per week, so I have a good frame of reference on the chemical conditions of each and am interested in their reports – Paddock was mostly always BS – they've closed their store! Enough said!

In finding what I really needed for the pools in question, the stores that seemed most courteous

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and forthright were Today's Pool & Patio and One Stop. The one that got me out of trouble with the least fuss and bother was Today's P&P, but George at One Stop is also very good at what he does and was especially helpful during my remodeling sessions – He's bruske, a bit of a curmudgeon, but harmless and honest.

I Linda at Today's P&P about getting a pool ready for summer an article, she obliged, it follows: ~Jerry Cline

Spring Time!

What a beautiful season to live in Arizona. Some are getting their yards and gardens ready for the summer while others are simply taking advantage of the cool nights and the 80-100+ degree days. Many are going through their spring swimming pool maintenance so here are a few tips for your personal oasis.

As the weather warms: Make sure the pool motor and filter are running correctly, and for the adequate amount of time relative to the temperature. Rule of thumb: "Run-time should be 1 hour for the average of every 10 degrees of the ambient weather."

It's time to add a few more chlorine tablets to your floater and keep your chemical balance within the constraints you normally follow. If you have a salt system, make sure to test your stabilizer and salt. Then dial up the system a few notches. If you need help on any of this, please call or email me.

"Nip it in the bud!"

Be Proactive – Not Reactive.

Be in the habit of testing your water at a minimum of once a week. This helps you, especially for the summer-time care, which with the warmer water, is where care and concern about the condition of your pool can make it easier for you in the long run, and help you to save money by not chasing after problems that didn't need to happen.

Wind adds organic matter to the pool, and heat of course warms the water, and in combination they can quickly create undesirable chemical imbalances.

Preventative Maintenance:

- Check the skimmer and pump baskets daily if you can, especially when we have those pesky winds.
- From time to time, ask to have your water tested for phosphates. This is a great preventative against allowing the easy growth of algae – Once started, it's a pain.
- Brush the pool flat surfaces so that debris does not settle and stay, brush walls from time to time, and if you have steps or

benches, keep them "dust" free. Also watch the shady parts of walls and the vertical parts of steps, where algae get it's start.

Mustard or yellow algae is one of the most common algae that people get as we go into and come out of our swim season. "Nip it in the bud!" Anyone who has had it knows that it can keep reappearing until you treat it with an algicide. So treat it and move on to a wonderful swim season.

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About Linda

Linda started at Paddock as a cashier then trained in swim pool sales which she taught for the next nine years and shared her professional knowledge by training pool pro's throughout the company. During that time she earned her CPO (Certified Pool Operator License). She has also instructed classes on the use of alternative sanitizing solutions. After 11 years with Paddock she stepped up – four years ago she started with Today's Pool & Patio and is now the pool products manager, purchaser and staff trainer. She works closely with, and is extremely knowledgeable about all major pool products.

Coupon\$ense Does It Make \$ense To You?

Is the economy affecting what you buy and where you buy it? Not to worry, you can have as much, even more food and household goods for fewer dollars! A secret that some of you may have heard of is CouponSense (C\$). Some may ask, what is C\$? People purchase a service through C\$ for a nominal monthly fee are allowed to access the C\$ Database, which uploaded grocery stores sales in your area twice a week. Not only do we "C\$ers" get to see potentially where an item is less expensive or FREE; but we also are able to determine if we have the coupons to use so each of our dollars buy with more purchasing power. The C\$ website is not our only tool; we also subscribe to the Arizona Republic (for instance, I receive the paper on Tues, Wed, Sat, and 6 Sunday papers)! People have even asked me if we have moved or were on vacation! The extra papers give us the extra coupons which allows us to get several packages of one item at a really good price instead of just one; this is the one of the secrets behind C\$! Never pay full price! Pay a lower price and buy in quantity so that you have

enough to lasts until it's on sale again.

I am sure you wonder how this can help you in this economy. Ideally, people purchasing this service should save 50-75% on their grocery bill! In the past two months of being part of C\$; I average a savings of over 60%! Yes, you read that correctly; my average savings is over 60%! This past weekend I received the following items FREE: 8-Challenge Butters, 6-Act Mouthwashes, 8-McCormick Grill Mates, 6-Quaker Rice Snacks, and 6-Brut Deodorants. This is for real and you can be saving just as much or more than I!

Interested in learning more? I am considering teaching a free class, at my house, the first weekend in June. A C\$ representative will be the presenter, it will be a couple of hours in length, and the knowledge you'll gain will be priceless! Please e-mail Deb at "dsorgi@cox.net and I will advise of the exact date, time, and location!

If you are already familiar with C\$ or cannot make a class; but would like to join C\$, please go to www.couponsense.com and sign up; please remember to use offer code 1714303. Your first month is a trial period and is only \$4.00; but you'll be hooked!

Valley review: www.couponsense.com/media/tribune01.htm ~Deborah Sorgi

Another coupon/discount shopper assistant is now available for your phone. It is referred to as an ".app" (cell phone application) and its name is "yowza!!". Pat, my wife, heard about it on early morning TV3, I got it from iTunes (free) for both of our iPhones. It works and shows the best shopper deals within a chosen radius of 5, 10 or 15 miles, it is so new, there are not many stores involved as of today. ~Jerry Cline

When Involved In An Accident

- Call 911 (emergency) or 602.262.6151, as appropriate
- Collect the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all parties and witnesses
- Obtain the insurance information for all involved vehicles
- Use a cell phone (or keep a disposable camera in your car) and take pictures of the damage to the vehicle(s) involved in the accident
- Notify your auto insurance as soon as possible.

Coyotes & Pets

As noted many times, my dog Kito and I walk our neighborhoods predawn. Kito is a Shiba Inu, and his name means life or hope... Kito was a runaway who found us. Kito and I look for out of place things and being PNP trained (see PNP refs in other parts of this newsletter) we report. I call Crime Stop (602.262.6151) if it is something that just needs to be brought to awareness – it does not seem to be an emergency, and Crime Stop 911 when a crime is in progress. We've had some interesting experiences!

What we see mostly are bike riders, other neighbors some also walking their dogs, local folks coming and going, but all always about the same place going the same direction at the same time of morning.

We see lots of cats and cottontail rabbits in yards and running across the street, and when on a straight street, they can be seen for hundreds of yards under the streetlights scampering to and fro. And of course, we also see coyotes in their characteristic loping run looking for those same cats and rabbits in front yards, crossing streets in the distance, and they often find their targets – They are good at what they do.

Kito is on a leash, so no problem, although he alerts! I look right over his back, through his ears, which are up like a gunsight, and down his nose to see what is getting his attention – and he quietly whimpers. He has that special radar, the same model as is installed in coyotes.

We see lots of coyotes, even six-packs, but usually just two at a time. We see them on the chase, and hear the captures, coyotes can be vociferous during and before a kill. If/when you hear the yipping and howling, they have prey cornered and are carrying on to scare the prey to run – which is where they have the advantage.

One morning we walked north on 30th Street and rounded the corner, where 30th Street becomes Onyx, we saw a pair of coyotes. We continued on, the coyotes went into a couple of yards, one left and one right. We passed 31st Pl and were walking on Onyx toward Northern, when I became aware that a vehicle was pulling up behind us (Kito and I walk in the street, not the sidewalk, because there are fewer smells out in the street to attract Kito's too sensitive nose). I turned to see a pickup which was about 30-40 feet behind us, and between us and the headlights was a coyote which had come around behind, and was "dogging" us.

That's when I met David Young, a painter who lives on E Onyx and often goes to work

that time of day. We talked, the coyotes left and we continued our walk.

Kito and I also see lots of signs on lamp posts about missing cats (Kito likes to "read" the pmail on the post, as I read the signs).

I like birds, and cats like birds. I have a large aviary flight cage in the back yard and cats like to run across our flat roof (rudely waking all of us) then pounce on the aviary during the mid night. Frightened! The birds fly, break their necks and wings, Kito runs out and barks, the cats leave, but I'm left with wounded and dying pets – nobody knows, and nobody cares.

I have a six foot block wall, my pets are remanded to the restrictions of our back yard, or a leash when outside of it, but cats use our graveled yard as their litter box, and attack and kill wild birds inside of our private compound. Where is justice?

Kito was alerted to some excitement below our kitchen window recently. I ran outside in time to see a running cat with a quail in its jaws, flailing for its life – It happens often, but more often to the more plentiful lovely doves – quail are now few and will soon be gone – there are too many cats living outside and quail have just no chance – baby quail are barely a mouthful, just warm fluffy cat food. I love the sound of the quail calls in the morning.

Studies show that outside-cats each take about ~60 birds per year as well baby cottontails and other live bait, but also our lizards which live on insects.

I've witnessed interesting events, some are non-reportable crimes. Someone living on the south side of east Cinnabar places a block of birdseed in their front yard. The lovely small Inca, Mourning and the White Wing doves feast on this, starting pre-dawn. At near daybreak, a mostly white cat with a dark spot on the end of its tail waits in the hollow of a citrus tree well just a couple of feet away from these feeding doves, which are its prey. It's a game, the cat ambushes the doves and leaving pile of feathered debris... just for the game of the chase and the kill. Do you feed birds where they are in danger of being cat food?

On the other hand, coyotes also like cats...

~Jerry Cline

Tree Talk

By Revell Thompson

Hello Neighbors!!! Now is the time to start thinking of your Palm Trees. Please remember that all the flower pods should be in full bloom prior to having them trimmed. The Mexican Fan Palms (tall & skinny) are generally ready towards the end of May and The California Fan Palms (thicker in girth) are generally ready to trim by July or so. It is a mess I know, but save yourself money and a summer mess when have it done right.

Now is the perfect time to trim your Desert Trees such as Palo Verde and Mesquites. It is important to reduce the weight and thin out the branches prior to Monsoon Season so your trees have a better chance to withstand the storms.

Please call or e-mail us if you have any tree related questions, we'll be more than happy to answer and help with your concerns.

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...just north of McDonalds

Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch Reaches Out!

This Area To Show: Neighborhood, Helping Neighbors & Announcements

- Neighborhood Helping Hands
- Neighborhood FREE WIFI network
- Home Bank for unused "stuff"
- Conservation
- Greening
- Property Values
- PV Emergency Food Bank
- "Homestyle" Coffee House
- Job Net Office for NE Phoenix!

Everyone Needs A Hand Sometimes

By Shelley Koss

With the current economic woes some of us got our heads together and got to thinking (I know that is dangerous! <smile>). Sometimes everyone needs a hand, whether it's because of illness, age, economy or whatever the extenuating circumstance.

Several of our PVO BW community have suggested we organize a group of neighborhood volunteers, a group of folks willing to assist a neighbor when assistance needed, e.g., removing weeds from their front yard or alley.

This is a great idea, because it not only assists a neighbor, but by association, improving a neighbor's property improves all of our properties (a rising tide, raises all boats).

A half dozen neighbors showing up to a yard at an organized time, could do the work quickly and efficiently, and we as a group build karma!

Think about it... we need neighborhood strength, and working on projects with each other gives the opportunity to associate, ask questions, and exchange ideas. We as neighbors need to know each other, and what better way than to work on assistance projects within our own neighborhood?

Even if you don't have the time or ability, donating a few dollars to purchase weed or grass control chemicals and a sprayer is a part of sharing the experience. Also, note where our group has a scheduled project and stop by with rolls and coffee. The association is the important part of making a neighborhood work together!

Please contact me. Let's get this going now! – Shelley Koss, CPA
602.770.6469 cell – 602.513.7031 fax

CTK Announcements

Christ The King Church, A Warm Neighborhood Friend & Associate

By Rev Janice Meier, Pastor

Many changes are happening at CTK and all of them fun, progressive, interesting, beneficial, charitable, and benevolent, some even reaching out to our "creature comforts," and all reaching out to you and all of us as neighbors.

Our New "Home Bank"

Bring your used furniture and gently-used household goods to help local families get through crisis! Our Home Bank can accept all your Stuff! Got computers, beds, tables, lamps, light bulbs, plates, cups, silverware and more? We need them! Email or leave a voice message for time to drop off your things. We're thankful for your generosity!

Contact Denny Walker, our Pickup/Delivery coordinator. Denny will meet you at CTK (32nd & Cheryl) at a designated time per mutual convenience. If you are unable to deliver the materials, Denny will coordinate and arrange a pickup time. Email dnyjdy@aol.com, or call 602.531.0043.

CTK plans to open "PV Oasis" Coffee House!

As we connect with our neighborhood, we have realized that our community lacks a homey place to sit and relax.

A "Third Place" w/WIFI

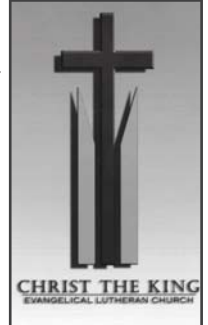
People work, go home, and they also often go to a "third place" just to get away from the routine. In partnership with the PVO Block Watch, we offer a third place, a "Coffee House" where neighbors could stop in, get a cup of something, read, relax, listen to cool jazz, use the free WIFI and search the Internet! BTW! Our WIFI is always up and running, no password – it's free. You're welcome to park in our lot, or sit on the outdoor patio "alfresco" – anytime!

We may offer drinks for a donation and perhaps some goodies. Bring used books, magazines, we'd love to have them.

Christ The King
Lutheran Church
Rev. Janice Meier, Pastor

10030 N 32nd St
Phoenix, Az 85028
602 281 4935

Sunday Worship
Service 9am
All are welcome!
www.ctk.phx.org



We're looking for your responses to establish our Coffee House and the possibility for sharing our space with the neighborhood. Our "King's Cave" room is already a comfortable, quiet place to visit. Chairs, tables, easy chairs to lay back, read, relax and chat. Let us know if this concept is of interest to you. Do you belong to a group that meets regularly, to visit, plays cards, read? Please consider our PV Oasis Coffee House

Please suggest the times of day that would be most helpful and appealing to you. We're looking for your feedback; we want to hear from you!

We envision this as a place maybe managed by volunteers – even you! Let us hear from you. We even created a special email address: pvoasis@ctk-phx.org

This coffee house is adjacent to our newly-opened JobNet office a "One-Stop" Office for City of Phoenix Employment Opportunities, which is housed at our CTK complex (32nd & Cheryl). Thanks & blessings! Pastor Janice+

CTK Church – 602.281.4935
office@ctk-phx.org – www.ctk-phx.org

JobNet

Partnership w/Lutheran Social Services & CTK.

Our New Phoenix JobNet Office is now open to assist anyone seeking employment, assistance with utilities & rent, job skills improvement, etc, in their new location at CTK. Leave a voice mail to make an appointment with Mr Robert Sanders at 480.332.5589.

Garbage Rules

How It Breaks Down

- Plastics: May last up to ~500 years
- Aluminum Can last ~500 years: Aluminum is one of the easiest metals to recycle and since it is one of the most common substances used to hold inexpensive foods and beverages, there are millions of aluminum containers used and disposed of on a yearly basis in the United States alone. The development of the "can" originated in Napoleon's time around the early 1800s; however, the use of aluminum in beverage containers did not debut until 1965. The aluminum can is the most valuable beverage container to recycle. By doing so, its recycling provides environmental and economic benefits to communities and organizations across the country.
- Organic matter: cotton, rags and paper products lasts ~6 months.

Caution About Recyclable Materials!:

Recycling rules and regulations
<http://phoenix.gov/menu/resutilgarbrec.html>

The smooth, slick, hard cardboard material used to package beer and soft drinks is waterproof and is not recyclable in Phoenix as this time. Please separate them before placing in our recycle containers save the bottles and cans and recycle those, but not their containers.

Garbage Container Condition

If your garbage container are in the alley, and are in poor condition, broken lid or whatever, call 602.262.7251, give them your address, and tell them of the problem. Phoenix Solid Waste will have the container repaired or a replacement container delivered.

Keep Your Alley Clean or Be Fined

Weeds, brush, debris targeted!

The Fire, Public Works and Neighborhood Services departments are teaming up again this year in a campaign to reduce the number of weed, brush and debris fires in neighborhoods.

Firefighters will begin surveying neighborhoods and alleys for grass, brush and debris fire hazards and forwarding the location of possible violations to the Public Works and Neighborhood.

Services departments for city code enforcement.

The city requires that property owners keep lots, properties, alleys and easements

free from litter, garbage, overgrown vegetation, dead trees, brush, weeds and other conditions that present health, fire or safety hazards.

No Materials In Alley!
Except During Pickup Schedules!
<http://www.phoenix.gov/GARBAGE/trsh-main.html>

One Week Rule

City ordinance allows only 9 days prior to the scheduled collection week to put bulk trash out for collection. It is a violation of City ordinance to place bulk trash out before the listed 'Placement Begins On' date.

Construction/demolition materials are NOT accepted and placement is illegal!

Street Lighting For Safety

"31st Street off Onyx" & "28th Place off Cheryl,"

Give us your ideas on street lighting in your immediate neighborhood. Street lighting is a safety issue where our Block Watch may be able to offer direct assistance in correcting safety issues in your immediate surroundings just by adjusting or installing street lighting.

My predawn walks show a couple of obvious dark spots, in particular, the culdesacs "31st Street off Onyx" and "28th Place off Cheryl," both are without street lighting – then again, the neighbors may like the privacy and anonymity!?

Block Watch Grants: Our Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch Annual Grant may be able to fund the installation of street lights (usual estimated cost between \$800 and \$3000) when installed in obvious safety issue dark areas. However, our next formal Grant Request for the next year needs to be discussed now, because the administrative level of such a project takes time. If you have issues with your local neighborhood street lighting, let us know ASAP. Talk to your neighbors (and also tell them about "Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch News," and ask them to join our "ALERT! News Email Report!" where these issues can be easily discussed.

Dirty Poles

Why is it that when some neighbors have a sale, or lose a pet, they place signs on poles but do not remove them — or if they do remove the sign, the too often leave the tape and other crap waving in the breeze? Many of our lamp posts, street regulatory

signs and bollards are left with a form of graffiti by our neighbors. Not even birds and animals mess their own nest.

When you walk the neighborhood, carry a screwdriver and/or small scraper and help remove and dispose of "post-garbage."

PV Emergency Food Bank

Neighbors Caring – Neighbors Sharing Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank (PVEFB) is a food pantry formed from existing organizations in the Paradise Valley area to aid the community's hungry.

We provide emergency assistance to individuals living within the boundaries of the Paradise Valley Unified School District. PVEFB distributes food to families that would otherwise go hungry. The emergency provisions provide wholesome, nourishing meals to families in need that can bridge the gap until a long-term solution can be arranged.

Our contributors are area schools, temples, churches, civic groups and agencies participate in this effort.

Ask your Pastor, Minister, Rabbi or leader, a group you belong to may be a member organization. If they are not, they may want to be.

PVEFB a network of volunteers, takes calls from clients and Social Service Agencies. Other volunteers set up food boxes to be picked up.

Our need for food is constant. Nonperishable food items may be donated. In addition to canned goods, there is a need for cereal, oatmeal, Juices, dry milk, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, baby food, detergent, soap, toilet paper and diapers.

Please volunteer to collect and distribute food, stock shelves, answer the phone and staff our office.

"Summer Season is most critical!"

Cash contributions help pay rent, utility and phone bills. They are also needed to purchase the needed foods that may not be donated at the time of need.

For those needing assistance, you must be a resident within the Paradise Valley School District, you must call in advance, supply your Social Security number and your phone number.

Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank
10862 N 32nd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85028-3204
Information or donations: 602.867.9228
<http://www.pvefb.org>

Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch News "Neighbors helping neighbors"

3035 E Topaz Cir • Phx, Az 85028-4423

THIS CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM IS FUNDED IN PART BY FUNDS
GRANTED UNDER THE CITY OF PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK
WATCH FUND PROGRAM FOR CRIME PREVENTION.

- Crime Stop: 602-262-6151
- Phx Police Info Desk: . . . 602-262-7626
- Emergency — Crime In Progress: . . 911

Address Label

PVO Block Watch News



Come by and see our remodeled location, we are excited to meet you, our neighbors. We are at 10410 N. 32nd Street, next to Ozzie Ice.

Call us to schedule a time and bring this offer to receive our special oil change pricing, honored on most cars, and 15% off any other service.

602-482-7100

(This offer not to be combined with any other offer.)