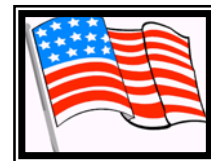




MOON VALLEY GARDENS NEWSLETTER

November 2009

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The purpose of our Block Watch Association is to make our neighborhood a safe and appealing environment for all residents by communication, encouragement, and help to one another.

Hello Neighbors,

Thanks to all of you who made it to our October meeting, it was one of our best attended meetings yet. Due to prospective busy schedules, it was voted by the attendees to not hold a blockwatch meeting in December.

We will not distribute a December Blockwatch Newsletter either. Our meeting, after November 19th will be held on January 21, 2010. I can't believe 2010 is already upon us.

Welcome to all of our new neighbors, we look forward to seeing you at our blockwatch meetings. Please contact us via the website with any questions, comments or concerns. Also, please contact the website if you lose or find any pets. Utilize our e-mail tree in order to spread the word fast regarding important issues.

Thank you,
Samala Molina, President
Moon Valley Gardens Block Watch

Virginia's Corner

I'm pleased to see autumn and Halloween decorations in our area. Brings back memories of the decorations in the Chicago and Iowa areas. Looking forward to your Christmas decorations too.

I have been delivering our newsletter to some of our long-term businesses and offices in our area, to publicize that we are part of a concerned residential area.

Thank you all for voting in this past election. You have exercised your rights.

Virginia, Treasurer
Moon Valley Gardens Block Watch
Precinct Committee Person

NEXT MEETING

Guest Speaker

Erynn Crowley

Deputy Director

Neighborhood Services Department

Thursday, November 19th

7:00PM

Moon Mountain School Library

Mark your calendars for January 21, 2010

Moon Valley Gardens Internet Link

Visit the web site to post your yard sales and other events in the community calendar,
www.neighborhoodlink.com/phoenix/mvg

Send you contact info to mvge@cox.net for alerts and updates.

Crime Report

Moon Valley Gardens, January -August 2009 totals
4 Violent Crimes 60 Property Crimes

Violet crime increased by 2 and burglary and theft increased by 9 from the last report.

Also visit www.spotcrime.com

PNP Training

The next Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol training will be Saturday, Dec 3rd from 8am to 3 pm at the FOP Lodge, 12851 N. 19th Ave. To attend training, please RSVP with jill.fowler@phoenix.gov

Energy Challenge

Reduce your bill with weatherizing and bill assistance. To help limited income customers reduce their electric bills, in conjunction with local Community Action Agencies, APS provides funds for home improvements that reduce energy use. Some funds may also be available to pay past due electric bills in hardship cases.

To qualify for the APS Energy Wise Program, the federal government must at or below 150 percent of the low-income guideline establish household income. To find out if you or someone you care about is eligible for this program, contact your nearest Community Actions Agency office.

Surplus Sale

Surplus material ranging from furniture to cars will be sold by the city at an auction Saturday, Nov 14.

Gates to the auction yard at 2820 S. 22nd Ave will open at 7:30 a.m. and the sale will begin at 9 a.m.

Inspection of the auction items will be allowed at the yard from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov 12, and Friday, Nov 13.

Household Hazardous Waste

Nov 19, 20, 21 North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Ave. Acceptable items:

- antifreeze, paint, oil, and car batteries
- brake-transmission-power steering fluid/degreasers gasoline/diesel fuel/additives
- varnish/turpentine/linseed oil/solvents/adhesives
- pesticides/herbicides, pool chemicals
- fire extinguishers/compressed gas cylinders
- Freon based refrigerators/freezers/water coolers air conditioners, heat pumps
- Electronic equipment
- evaporative coolers
- residential appliances

BlockWatch Grant Update

Volunteers will be needed to install the signs that are being ordered. There is money budgeted to reimburse fuel expenses for neighborhood patrol and graffiti abatement. Sign up for training and volunteer with PNP or Blight Busters. Moon Mountain Elementary School has begun the open gym and library on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The postage and printing for this newsletter is also being funded by our grant.

Remember to SHOP PHOENIX. The sales tax helps fund city services.

Safety Tips

There should be a smoke detector on every level of the house and outside each sleeping area. It also is important to have detectors installed properly and tested to ensure they are in working condition.

As a precaution, all homes should have a least one class ABC fire extinguisher placed in an easily accessible area. An extinguisher with an ABC classification puts out all three types of fires: combustible-liquid fires, fires from burning wood, paper and cloth; and electrical fires. It is important to check the pressure in the extinguisher at least every month and refill or replace it if it's low. Know how to properly use the extinguisher.

Lighting Safety

- Never use electric lights on metallic trees. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.
- Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use.
- To hold lights in place, string them through hooks or insulated staples, not nails or tacks.
- Make sure all the bulbs work and that there are no frayed wires, broken sockets or loose connections.
- Plug all outdoor electric decorations into circuits with ground fault circuit interrupters to avoid potential shocks.
- Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.

Children and Pets

- Keep any ribbons on gifts and tree ornaments shorter than 7 inches. A child could wrap a longer strand of ribbon around their neck and choke.
- Watch children and pets around space heaters or the fireplace. Do not leave a child or pet unattended.
- Keep scissors and any sharp objects that you use to wrap presents out of your child's reach.

APS Warns of Fraud

Customers are being warned that there have been individuals claiming to represent the company to gain entry into a home. Once inside the customer is asked to watch a light in a different room to see if it flickers while performing tests in another area of the home. This gives them an opportunity to burglarize the home. ALWAYS check for an employee identification number on their photo id. Call APS Customer Center at 602 371-7171 for any questions or concerns.



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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

911	Police-Fire-Medical
<i>-For non-emergency police contact-</i>	
Crime Stop	262-6151
Silent Witness	261-8600
Gas Leaks	271-4277
Blue Stake	263-1100
Graffiti	495-7014
Park Watch	262-7275
Poison Control	253-3334
Barking Dogs	262-6466
Abandoned Vehicle	495-0809
Illegal Dumping:	
Washes:	262-6441
Alleys	262-7251
Garbage/Trash	262-7251
Desert Horizon Precinct	495-5006
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New Recyclables

The city recycling program has adding the following to the recycle list:

- Wet strength chipboard/paperboard: 6/12-pack holders, detergent boxes, frozen foods, and paper cups
- All plastic containers: Hard plastics (Codes 1-7, including buckets)
- Shredded paper: Placed in clear plastic bags