

PVO Block Watch

Paradise Valley Oasis News – www.neighborhoodlink.com/phoenix/pvobw/

Block Watch Meeting

Next Meeting: August 5th

6:30pm to 7:30pm

CTK Church, Cheryl & 32nd Street

RSVP: 602.992.1345 – 602.788.9016

or pvoblockwatch@cox.net

Subjects: Blighted Properties

- Reporting Alleged Property Violations:
- Overheight Weeds/Grass or Dead Vegetation - provide a description/location:
- Abandoned or Junk vehicles - provide description of vehicle(s):
- Trash/Litter/Debris - provide a description/location:
- Open/vacant buildings or structures - provide a description/location:
- Outside Storage - provide a description/location:
- Fences in Disrepair - provide a description/location:
- Parking on a non-dustproof surface - provide a description:
- Graffiti - provide a description/location:

Crime Seen?

When we are one, we have won!

The Paradise Valley Oasis Block watch area is forming up nicely! Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch is recognized

The more of us who get involved the better and stronger we all become. More of us need to get to know more of us, to make our block watch work for all of us.

The Primary mission is to have a proactive service so that we enhance the safety of the community, establish positive relationships, build trust and encourage community involvement.

We need to commit to building relationships through education and all share our support. See page five for a form that will help you get acquainted with your neighbors.

Also see Crime Alert, page 11.



Report Strangers in our neighborhood!

ALERT! News Email Report?

An example: This event happened the week of June 21, 2010, did you know about it? Our email members received these Alerts.

Request to be added to the PVOBW "ALERT! News Email Report."

Email Request: pvoblockwatch@cox.net

STRANGER DANGER?

"A suspicious white van with an orange stripe following close to some of our swimmers riding to practice this morning. The van followed them from around Cholla and 28th St to Melrose Park.

The driver is described as a white male wearing sunglasses exhibited peculiar behavior by pulling into driveways right in front of the kids and even crossing the street when they crossed the street, etc. They were able to get the license plate number.

- Please talk to your kids – be careful!
- White van w/orange stripe and tinted windows
- Lic Pl #AZ REPORTED but not shown
- White male wearing sunglasses"

PNP & Block Watching 101

The success of a Block Watch and Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP) program relies on prompt reporting of all suspicious activity. Neighborhood crimes can, and are prevented because alert neighbors have called:

Crime in progress: 911

Crime Suspected:

Crime Stop: 602 26 26 151

Trust your intuition!

If something in your neighborhood looks wrong, report it! It's better to know that nothing is wrong than to allow a crime be committed.

What is needed?

Get the information in a way you can recall it. Reporters / journalists collecting information use what they refer as the 5 "W's"

- Who: (or a description.)
- What: (happened.)
- When: (day, date & time.)
- Where: (location.)
- Why: (what made you suspicious?)
If you see someone, anyone in your observation, think "5W's!"

Thinking "5 W's" is an easy way to remember enough information to be of help when you're ready to pass the information on. However, the police need more detail, so be prepared to answer other questions as may be needed, and as you are able:

Questioning Techniques "The 10 W's"

When you call Crime Stop or 911, you are likely to be asked the following questions which are referred to as "The TEN W's":

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**In your back yard,
a naked lady with
stripped laced
stockings bites
your ankles.**

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Welcome! To Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch

We need input from you to help us fill the pages with your stuff, and make this newsletter a value to you and all neighbors living in the Mountains' shadow of our beautiful quiet surroundings.

We've grown from where we first started in the early '90's from maybe a dozen families and now are reaching out to ~300. We expect to keep growing and be able to get the word out to the homes west of 32nd St to the foothills on the west, and from Northern to Shea. A guesstimated and hopefully eventual 2000 homes. We want to assist any and all existing block watches in the area and would like to combine meetings from time to time. If you are in this area, and are now a block watch or would like to be, let us assist you! We've been there and done that, and clearly understand that the more block watch areas we can assist, the stronger are our defenses. Also, we would like to get you trained with *Alert Awareness* by having you train with the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP), we can assist!

We need reporters

We want to reflect input from all of the schools, and community personal benefit institutions, churches, food banks, etc. That being said, we are thankful Pastor Janice and Christ the King Church for reaching out to us, allowing us to use their facilities for meetings and events. We show our appreciation by mentioning that they are always there for us! We very much appreciate their warm and sincere hospitality and the use of their facilities.

If you work at, are a supporter of, or a parent of a child at any of the local schools, please help us as a liaison to communicate with them, we not only want to brag about them to our community, but post their event schedules in our news and email and assist them however we can. We will also "register" them in our website as one of the many assets of Paradise Valley Oasis.

Jerry Cline, Editor

Denny Walker

Co-Captains PVOBW

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**On all Streets
in PVOBW,
THE LAW is 25!
Keep Kids
and Pets Alive**

Your PVO Website

Paradise Valley Oasis website:

See the URLs on the bottom of this page for this and prior PVOBW Newsletters. Also note our other neighborhood information at the website! Details are in the upper left corner of the website window.

About Us

The Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch News

**We want your block watch
related ideas, help, and questions!**

- Request access to our "ALERT! News Email Report!": Email: pvoblockwatch@cox.net
- Also Download this and earlier "PVO Block Watch News.pdf" files, see the bottom of this page.

Contact us!

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**"If we no before we know,
we may never know!"**

About this Newsletter

This newsletter is appreciated, supported and sponsored by its readers who reply via email, mail, calls and direct contact – It's fun getting to know you!

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SpotCrime

Comprehensive online source of crime information. Local maps, crime reports & classifications, real-time interactive maps.

spotcrime.com

Download this and past newsletters using the URLs below. The top URL takes you to our PVOBW Newsletter gallery, and the second URL takes you to our website.

PVOBW Newsletters: http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Paradise_Valley_Oasis_Block_Watch/newsletters/

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Graffiti Busters

Times are changing!

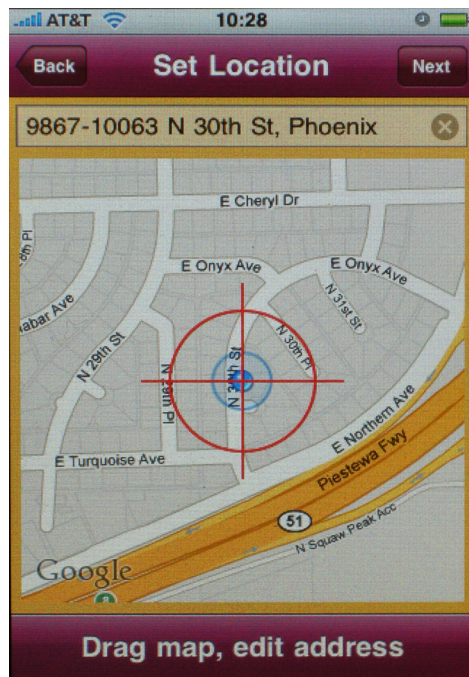
New technology is upon us!

Whenever you see graffiti, report it immediately! The longer you wait, the more satisfaction you grant to the criminal artist; the person who committed the crime. They will be back to add more art to their canvas if they know that they have found a nice studio that is willing show their work.

I feel good about a city using forward-looking technology to solve problems, especially when it creates instant efficiency and encourages volunteer service!

This is about technology that will allow you to photograph a crime scene and within seconds place the image on computers anywhere in the world and the address of the scene is identified within a few feet of the related longitude and latitude of where you are standing – Just Amazing!

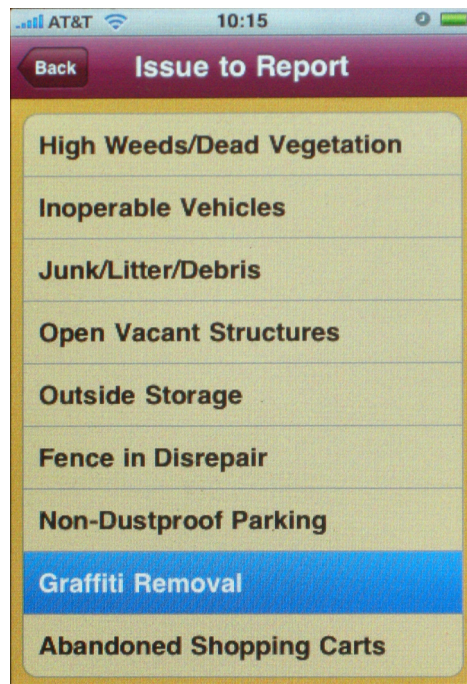
If you have an iPhone, model G3 or later, or know someone who does, download the free “MyPhoenix” App from the iTunes / store. This App allows you to photograph the crime scene, and use GPS to show the



exact location on earth of the created image, then you are presented with options to select and describe using voice or text and then send the image to the proper department in Neighborhood Services Dept (NSD).

I received a call from Phoenix PD Officer Debora Iodice, Citywide Block Watch Coordinator and she asked that I download “MyArizona” App to my iPhone and report my findings. I did that, then worked with it a bit and contacted the NSD group who are

working with this project and I asked if I could assist with the initial configurations of MyPhoenix. We set up a conference call and they are accepting suggestions for possible consideration of improvement. (I worked in Apple software engineering and customer interface in my own company for 15 years, so I have background in this product type.)



The location marker can be repositioned if the location marker does not appear to be exact.

Once the scene is marked, and appears to be accurate, “Next” selects “Issue to Report” that allows a selection of what the “crime” image represents. When the issue is selected, the “Next” screen allows you to identify yourself or remain anonymous.



Pat Cline learns about the NEW “MyPhoenix” iPhone app as she photographs a tagged wall in NE Phoenix. The image is automatically sent to Graffiti Busters.

All of this is then automatically sent to NSD and they track the location and assign the work to the appropriate specialists.

More division in the “Issue to Report” window (center column) will be needed. This morning I photographed a burned recycle trash barrel in one of our neighborhood alleys, and discovered there was no category for such an item. Maybe adding Phoenix Waste Disposal or even a miscellaneous issue might be a consideration for a future version? I will suggest it.

Other smart phones are being considered in the near future. Watch the Neighborhood Services Dept website:

<http://phoenix.gov/nsd/>

Hot Phone numbers

Graffiti Busters 24-Hour Removal Hotline:
602.495.7014

- Graffiti in progress: 911
- Send site locations using email: graffiti.busters.nsd@phoenix.gov
- Free paint for graffiti removal: 602.495.0323
- Tools for neighborhood clean-ups: 602-495-0323
- Need a paint sprayer? (training provided): 602-495-0323
- Retail (non-access to paints by juveniles): 602-262-7844
- Vandal Catching/Reward Program: 602.262.7327
- Crime Stop Hotline: 602.262.6151

I’ve been walking our alleys, and fortunately, found very little graffiti – When you find graffiti, contact me:

Jerry Cline 602.992.1345

pvoblockwatch@cox.net

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WHAT is your emergency?
WHAT happened? What type of crime?
WHERE is the problem? Exact location.
WHEN in progress or when did this happen? (Determines the priority of the response time, effort and expediency.)
WAS anyone hurt?
WEAPONS involved?
WHAT manner did they leave? Vehicle or foot.
WHO did it? Suspect description.
WHERE did the suspect go? Direction.
WHAT did the suspect obtain? Type and amount.
WHO is calling? Name, location, phone number.

On Priority 1 calls only

The Operator will ask the caller to remain on the phone until Officers arrive.

Observe & report!

Be ready for emergency situations? Do you have the contact information for all of your surrounding neighbors? Do they have your contact information? See page 5.

When you see anyone in your neighborhood with whom you are not familiar, increase their alert awareness by letting them see you as you are seeing them.

Be obvious and let them see them you looking at them, and/or their vehicle as you write a note, or even photographing or pretending to photograph them. Hold up a cell phone, or wallet, anything that at a distance may appear to be a cell phone or camera being used. It works! If it makes the suspect nervous, your suspect is likely up to no good.

Cell phones are valuable because they are generally with you, and you are used to using one, the results are good and if you tell the police, they may request you to send your photos or video directly to them. Even if you're in a situation where you have nothing with which to write or photograph, go through the motions — fake it — and put the scare into the suspect! If they're legitimate, they won't be troubled, if you make them nervous, observe, and remember anything distinctive about them, especially vehicle, clothing, hat, shoes, hair, license plate numbers, descriptions, vehicle descriptions (type, color, age) so you will be able to describe your observation to the police. Do not be apprehensive about dialing 911 or 602 26 26 151, the operators are folks just like you, and their job is to assist you!

If you have a cell phone call immediately

"Green" bulbs can lower your bills

These days, it seems that everyone is striving to "live green." You can make big changes, like driving a hybrid vehicle or installing solar panels on your home, but you can also start with simple changes, like refilling your own water bottle or using cloth bags when shopping.

That one small change lead to lower energy bills as well as a positive environmental impact. Start with one light - a compact fluorescent light bulb, or CFL (circular fluorescent light).



To help customers make the switch to energy-efficient CFLs, Arizona Public Service Co. has partnered with retailers to offer its customers reduced prices on a selection of Energy Star qualified CFLs. These discounts make the price of the bulbs - which can last up to seven years - more comparable to incandescent bulbs.

Idea: Use a marker to date the bulb's day of installation.

For homeowners and the environment, the benefits of CFLs are many. They use up to 75 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs, which over the lifetime of the bulb can save up to \$30 in lighting costs. Multiply these savings by the many bulbs in your home, and you can see the savings add up.

Lower cooling costs are also associated with CFLs, since they give off 75 percent less heat. Less energy use at home helps re-

duce carbon emissions from power plants.

All Energy Star qualified CFLs start instantly and reach full brightness within a minute. Many styles are available, including the unique "twist," plus globes, reflectors and more traditional a-line styles.

Getting started with CFLs at home is simple. First, identify the areas where lights are on the most (where you have the most opportunity for savings) - usually the kitchen-ceiling light, living-room table lamps, bathroom vanities, or outdoor lights.

Second, determine how much light, or lumens, you need. A 60-watt incandescent puts out about 800 lumens of light, the same as a 15-watt CFL.

Finally, think about the style. Reflectors are ideal for recessed cans, globes are great for bathroom vanities and a-lines are perfect where the bulb extends beyond the fixture. If the fixture is a 3-way, or on a dimmer switch, look for CFLs rated "3-way" or "dimmable."

Lately, concerns have been raised over the amount of mercury in CFLs. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the amount of mercury in one CFL is about five milligrams, an amount that would cover the tip of a ballpoint pen.

However, no mercury is released while the bulb is in use, and manufacturers are taking steps to further reduce the amount of mercury in their products. In addition, APS is working with local retailers to provide convenient sites where you can drop off used CFLs for recycling.

For more information on CFL discounts, participating retailers, and proper disposal and recycling options, visit www.aps.com.

and describe what you are witnessing LIVE! With a 911 operator.

I've experience that situation several times. Just recently in a vacated home on the SW corner of 30th St and Turquoise St where a crime was in action as I talked to a 911 operator and described what I was seeing as it happened.

Report all suspicious activity:

- Slow moving vehicles cruising the streets or alleys — possibly observing a home for a break-in.
- Vehicles being loaded with valuables — break & enter or theft in progress.
- Abandoned vehicles — possible stolen and abandoned.
- Property carried by persons on foot —

possible stolen property.

- Persons going door to door — possibly shopping your neighborhood.
- Persons waiting in front of a home — possible break & enter lookout.
- Stranger in backyard or alleys — looking for easy entry point into property and home — yours or a neighbor's.
- Opened / forced door or window — break-in possibly in progress.
- Be suspect of any situation that doesn't appear or feel right.

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Block Watch Resident Reference

Address: _____
Adults' name/s: _____

Children's names: _____

Home Phone#: _____
Work # & Name: _____
Work # & Name: _____
E-mail: _____

Address: _____
Adults' name/s: _____

Children's names: _____

Home Phone#: _____
Work # & Name: _____
Work # & Name: _____
E-mail: _____

Address: _____
Adults' name/s: _____

Children's names: _____

Home Phone#: _____
Work # & Name: _____
Work # & Name: _____
E-mail: _____

Address: _____
Adults' name/s: _____

Children's names: _____

Home Phone#: _____
Work # & Name: _____
Work # & Name: _____
E-mail: _____

YOUR HOME

Address: _____
Adults' name/s: _____

Children's names: _____

Home Phone#: _____
Work # & Name: _____
Work # & Name: _____
E-mail: _____

Address: _____
Adults' name/s: _____

Children's names: _____

Home Phone#: _____
Work # & Name: _____
Work # & Name: _____
E-mail: _____

Address: _____
Adults' name/s: _____

Children's names: _____

Home Phone#: _____
Work # & Name: _____
Work # & Name: _____
E-mail: _____

Address: _____
Adults' name/s: _____

Children's names: _____

Home Phone#: _____
Work # & Name: _____
Work # & Name: _____
E-mail: _____

Address: _____
Adults' name/s: _____

Children's names: _____

Home Phone#: _____
Work # & Name: _____
Work # & Name: _____
E-mail: _____

Resource Phone Numbers:

9-1-1 = Crimes in progress or other emergency services
(Fire, medical, police, etc.)

- Describe the EMERGENCY or CRIME
- Give NAME & ADDRESS
- Give LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE
- STAY ON THE LINE UNTIL HELP ARRIVES

Crime Stop (602) 262-6151 (non-emergency reports)
Silent Witness (602) 262-7667 or 1-800-343-TIPS
(Unsolved felony crimes only)
Graffiti Hotline (602) 262-7327 (if suspect is known)

List member's utility company numbers here:

Electric() _____
Gas () _____
Water () _____

Suspect information to give to Police:

Male / Female / Unknown

White / African-American / Hispanic / Asian / Unknown

Age _____ Height _____ Weight _____

Hair: Color _____ Length _____ Style _____

Glasses: YES / NO

Acne: YES / NO

Facial Hair: YES / NO

Tattoo: YES / NO

Clothing: _____

Vehicle: Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

License # & State _____

Color _____ ID Marks _____

Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch Reaches Out!

This section is for neighborhood Helping Neighbors & Announcements

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.

CTK "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. 602.531.0043 —dnyjdy@aol.com.

CTK: New TAA Meetings – "teen addiction anonymous"

We are the place for TAA meetings this summer ... this is a 12-step recovery program for addictions of all kinds - created by teens and led by teens (14-18 years old). CTK provides the space and adult trained facilitators who understand addictions and offer support. Meetings are in the CTK King's Cave Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you want a meeting at another time, we will offer it. Just let us know how to help. Call, email or text Bill Klever at loyaloak@cox.net or 602- 625-9342

or Robin Wilssens at rwilssens@gmail.com for information.

Teen addiction anonymous there is a way out

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.

JobNet is housed on our campus, OneStop employment opportunities, Home

Bank, Refugee apartment setup and more: Mr. Robert Sanders, 480.332.5589 or rsanders@lss.org

Also, Bill Klever is now working with Lutheran Social Services (LSS).

More Christ the King Lutheran Church Partnerships

— Future Plans —

"PV Oasis" Coffee House!

This summer we are connecting with our neighborhood, we have realized that our community lacks a homey place to sit, read, play cards, chess or whatever and relax.

A "Third Place" with 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, request 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 would love to have them.

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 (voicemail)
office@ctk-phx.org – www.ctk-phx.org

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



Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest

Lutheran World Relief Global Outreach: Refugees, Craft items, artist worldwide, ELCA Alternative Gifts, Fair Trade Support. Buy our Fair Trade Coffees! Help small farmers by donating \$7 for 1 pound Decaf, Regular Sisters, Ground Check out our BLUE CART (Equal Exchange) COFFEE. We offer this Fair Trade Coffee on Sundays.

Onsite Counseling: Carmen Traill,

Arizona Interfaith Counseling: In the Youth Room, call for appointments. (602) 402-1542. All insurances welcome.

Joan Parkinson: Parenting Classes,

Tuesdays, 6-10 p.m., in the Gathering Room. Teen counseling, "getting over drugs", help with grief & divorce, Call Joan at (602) 329-5679 for appointment

Help our Neighbors and our Community:

- Undies and socks for Children Collection Please place new packages in the basket in the Narthex. We provide these for the Paradise Valley Elementary School Nurses.

- Used Magazines for Central High School. A collection basket is by the door in the Gathering Room.

- CTK Refugee Family Home Bank We need Beds, Tables, Chairs, TVs, furniture! Gently-used kitchen things like dishes, pots/pans, flatware, towels, linens. Help set up apartments for our Refugee Newcomer Friends. USA has been welcoming refugees since our birth as a nation, and leads the world in welcoming the most refugees annually – offering them a place to begin again without religious or political persecution. Please consider sharing whatever you can to help welcome them! For pickups at your home, call Donna Buckles at LSS-SW 602.248.4400.

Around Paradise Valley Oasis?

Our son Derek and his wife Christie were both born and raised in this area, graduated from the local schools and although they have a beautiful loft condo in Artisan Village downtown, they recently moved back to this area where Christie can aid her aging father. They now receive and enjoy the Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch Newsletter, and last month Derek suggested using space in the newsletter to point out items of interest about all of us here in PVOBW, each issue with a new and different interest supplied by you!

A new metal sculpture

A couple of weeks ago I noticed a new and very interesting metal sculpture has landed in Donald Duck's front yard, at Onyx and 31st Place and I took photos to capture the event.

I think this is a Blue Mower-beaked Shovelback Rake Bird with nutty eyes. The head is a hay-mower bar guide, the back is a shovel, the wings are a grading rake split

in half, the tail is a leaf-rake, the legs are rebar. Just extraordinary – LOVE IT!

Now it's your turn! Please let me know... do you have photos or news, or anything of public interest that the rest of us here in PVOBW would enjoy.

**This is not a comment
about neighbors!**



In Cooperation with the Phoenix Police Department



BLOCK WATCH

To Report Suspicious Activity Call Crime Stop 602-262-6151

EMERGENCY 9-1-1

If I Don't Call...

My Neighbor Will

Free Block Watch Signs!

Ask Denny Walker or

Jerry Cline, see page 2

Deter the "One-Stop Shopper" with a screwdriver in his pocket! Keep them out of our alleys. Be Alert/Aware! Don't allow them to shop our neighborhood!

**Post your alley and
your property as a
"NO SHOPPING ZONE!"**

Our goal is to keep neighbors and neighborhoods connected and communicating, and keep the bad guys worried that we may ruin their plans du jour. The more alert & aware folks we have in our neighborhoods (those who think "BLOCK WATCH"), the harder it is for them to do what they've come to do to us.

We have metal outdoor signs for exterior use, and cardboard signs for use inside. The "card" types fade from exposure, but they're free to you! Ask! We'll replace them.

- The metals ones must be installed on a wall or post.
- Walls next to an alley where they're exposed to the streets are ideal, and walls in alleys also work well. If you are not able to mount them, ask and we'll assist. We only need photographic proof of where they're located.

WARNING

THIS AREA PROTECTED
BY
**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
AND
OPERATION
IDENTIFICATION**

TO REPORT
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
CALL: 602-262-6151

TAKE A BITE OUT OF

CRIME



What's Your Opinion?

Let's Discuss:

"About Local Shops & Businesses!"

Where's the best & worst?

Your turn! "What's Your Opinion?"
Jerry Cline

Not having any opinions for this issue,
here are letters to the Editor:

Hi Jerry

We loved the information in the last newsletter about displaying the United States flag.

Trail Etiquette

One thing that might be good to discuss in a future newsletter is trail etiquette. The paved trail as well as the gravel trails are multi-purpose. The problem I run into often is people walking three, four or more across the trail not allowing passage of a faster moving person. Rule of thumb is to stay alert (iPod low enough to hear what is coming up behind) and walk like you would drive, on the right side of the road. As for the person passing, it is appropriate to let the "passee" know you are coming. I usually say "on your left" and then "good morning" as I pass.

Local Vandals

As an aside, both Don Duck and myself had our JD Hayworth signs torn down last night ... mine was completely ripped in half so it is unusable, Don's was just torn off the post, he was able to repair it.

Thanks for all you do.

Lisa Daugs

APS locks on gates.

About 4-5 years ago after being burglarized by way of the alley gate, we found that APS will issue a padlock with keys. The homeowner has a key and the meter reader has a key.

When we moved in, we were told we should not lock the gate because we are on the 9 to 9 special APS rates which requires the meter reader to physically come into our yard to read the meter on the back wall of our home. The new homes have the meters in the front where they can access them easier. The lock will not stop all thieves but is a deterrent.

Kimberly D. Young

Your pool in hot weather

As a pool owner it is your responsibility to provide safe and clean water for your swimmers. Proper water balance is the answer for keeping your pool sanitized. Sanitation is the process of destroying organisms that are harmful to people: bacteria, fungi, and viruses. Maintaining a proper amount of sanitizer is one of the most critical steps in the process of balancing your water.

Chlorine – the most common sanitizer used in Arizona.

The proper and most comfortable chlorine range is 1.0 to 3.0 ppm (Parts Per Million). This can be maintained by using chlorine tablets. The amount of how many tablets to use depends on the size of the pool, and bather load. In the hot summer the number of tablets needed increases drastically. When you purchase tablets it is important to look for and read the container contents, and make sure that you are buying tablets that have 98 to 99 percent chlorine. Tablets that do not have that amount may contain an inert ingredient that may cause future problems such as excess phosphates.

Super chlorinating, also known as shocking the pool, is also a necessity. Shocking your pool water raises the chlorine level up to 10ppm. This kills and oxidizes contaminants that become immune to the normal chlorine levels. It is considered good practice to shock your pool biweekly during summer. Also shock the pool if your chlorine level drops to zero: after a storm or after heavy swimming use. After shocking, wait 24hrs, or until chlorine level has returned to 3ppm before re-entering the pool. Several different types of chlorine can be used to shock your pool: sodium hypochlorite (liquid chlorine), calcium hypochlorite (granular), dichlor (granular), trichlor (granular and tablets). Take a water sample to your local pool store to find out which shock chemical will work best for your pool.

Test your water at least once a week. Be sure that you always maintain a healthy level of chlorine. If you are having any problems with either maintaining your chlorine level, chlorine loss, or any other water balancing problems ask your local pool shop for advice. Have a happy and healthy swim season.

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Tree Talk

By Revell Thompson

About Palm Trees

A friendly reminder to all neighbors with palm trees.

Mexican Fan Palms (the really tall palms) should not be trimmed until all the pods have come out completely and are flowering. The end of May to the beginning of June is usually when they're ready, depending on their irrigation. The Felifera Palms (with more girth and generally shorter) are not ready to trim until the end of June and sometimes even later into the summer. If they're trimmed too early, you will still be dealing with the mess they make, and may need to remove the flowers a second time.

We recommend waiting and trimming palms properly.

While it is obviously necessary to climb palms to allow trimming, each time a palm is spiked (which happens during climbing procedure), the health of the tree could be compromised leaving it vulnerable to insects and disease. So plan the trimming event to allow everything that will need to be done for that year in just one event. This of course saves your money and keeps your trees healthy. This procedure is recommended by the ISA (International Society of Arboriculture). If you have questions please call me: 602-992-6212. PV Trimmers Tree Care & Removal *-Revel*

Know your neighbors:

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We hope everyone in our community has a safe and Treerific summer.

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Meet Ms. Aedes Aegypti Mosquito

The mosquito that loves its new home – Southern Arizona

Monsoon conditions support carrier of dengue fever

From Africa, this very small vector has made its way from the tropics to across lower Texas, and now found drip irrigation farms and the monsoon which gave it a path into all of Southern Arizona. This tropical mosquito is an important disease vector, including human, e.g., west Nile virus, yellow fever, dengue and others, e.g., heartworm in dogs. (A vector transfers a pathogen from one host to another without being effected.)

The Aedes aegypti mosquito is unusual because it specializes in, and actually prefers, biting humans.

The above noted viruses transmitted by an Aedes aegypti biting a person who has a disease virus, e.g., dengue, and later biting someone else. Thus the transmission is human to human through the mosquito, with no other animal hosts involved.

Southern Arizona is of course part of the Sonoran Desert, and to the ever adaptive mosquito Aedes Aegypti, a tropical paradise! Unlike other mosquito species, this one survives in small – very small – amounts of water in any small container that accumulates water. This particular mosquito is a significant medical threat to Southern Arizona, it lives around humans, and breeds in our yards, and homes. Controlling the mosquito is a matter of controlling the breeding sites. To be a threat to public health in Arizona, both the mosquito and the virus must be present, as the disease needs a vector.

Focus on the mosquito's egg-laying behavior.

The frequency of its blood meals, and how often it bites animals other than humans are being studied. Also under study are the various ways people make their homes and back yards attractive habitats for the insect.

Egg-laying behavior

Re; A study in 2000 in Southern Arizona. A study of neighborhood's, in a network of alleyways across a seven-block test area, students set out 36 egg-laying traps – one-quart mason jars painted black with a piece of paper inside. The jars were filled with water

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Naked ladies with black lace stockings are biting your ankles w/a kiss of disease! Meet Ms. Aedes aegypti, cold blooded killer!

to attract egg laying mosquitoes to lay their eggs on a paper medium. The research team checked the jars twice a week. Each time, counting only the Aedes aegypti eggs. Most eggs were found in July, August and September, which correlated with rainfall occurrence during the monsoons.

They found ~20,000 eggs in those four months, which means ~300 females producing ~60 eggs (each of course, after blood meal), and learned Ae's are present in the largest numbers during that time, but are actually there all year. Even through drought, because the eggs can dry out, remain dry for months, and then hatch when water is available. In Africa this mosquito originally evolved in tree-holes and rock pools that dried out regularly so it adapted to survive periodic dryness – thus the adaptive and productive transition to the Sonoran Desert – very scary!

Vectoring Ability

A disease vector (carrier), a mosquito in this instance, must take a blood meal from a virus infected animal, and then live for 10 to 14 days. During this time the mosquito may take more than one blood meal while the virus multiplies in its body. By the time a third blood meal is taken, the mosquito could have enough virus in its system to transmit to another animal as it feeds again. The researchers wanted to find out if the mosquitoes that were coming to bite people had already bitten somebody else, and could potentially transmit the virus.

Offering herself as a potential victim, a visiting undergraduate student from Switzerland, Paquita Hoeck, went to the test

neighborhood over a three-month period in 2000, stood in the alleys, and waited for mosquitoes to land on her and she caught them before they bit her and took them back to the lab where she dissected them and looked at the ovaries to see if they were dilated (this provided evidence that they had taken blood meals and produced eggs).

On average, 40 percent of the mosquitoes coming to bite her had taken a previous blood meal and had developed a batch of eggs. "Surprisingly, this is the same average the Aedes aegypti mosquito shows in Thailand and Puerto Rico, where dengue is endemic.

What Did They Feed On?

The next step: discover if the mosquitoes had recently fed on humans or on animals. Although they prefer humans, and can only transmit dengue from one human to another, they will also bite dogs or other pets when preferred option are not available. They may also feed on birds carrying west Nile virus.

Human Ecology

"The human link in all of this is that we (all of us in our neighborhoods) create the conditions the mosquito larvae can breed in, and we provide shelter for the adults, which need protection from the heat of the day. The homeowner should focus on environments in and around the home that attract Aedes aegypti, including shrubbery where the adults hide during the heat of the day, and more importantly, places in and around the home that contain water. Window and door screens can prevent

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mosquitoes from entering the home if they are completely bug-proof, but pet doors and opening screen doors used to vent evaporative coolers can allow them to pass into your home.

The *Aedes aegypti* mosquito can breed in a short time in very small quantities of water in containers around the yard.

Potential mosquito breeding "ponds"



Mosquitoes prefer living in areas with moisture, the adult insects can't survive flying across long stretches of empty desert. So how are they moving? Possibly by vehicular transportation. The mosquitoes in Phoenix may have arrived by hitchhiking rides.

Young Mosquitoes

The larvae breathe through a breathing tube extending from the 12 abdominal segment to the water-air interface. This appendage is non-articulate, and to get air, movement of the water requires constant wriggling on their part, in actively circulated water they normally tire and drown.

Some species of mosquito are adapted to flowing water but those species are not the local species which carry arboviruses (a shortened name given to viruses that are transmitted by arthropods, or arthropod-borne viruses).

There are no real facts that show evaporative coolers contribute to problems. Due to the small volume of water and its metal encasement, coolers are often too hot for

mosquito larvae. However, coolers could breed mosquitoes when not maintained, or the water does not circulate, and when favorable conditions – shade may be a factor.

Life Cycle:

1. Newly hatched females are met by males waiting to mate.
2. The pregnant females then seek blood in order to produce the albumin and complex proteins required for oviproduction. They do not feed for their own metabolism, only to produce eggs.

The *Culex* genus lay ~60 eggs in a cluster called a raft, directly on the surface of the water.

The larvae go through 4 molts then enter a pupation period. The pupae do not feed, but maintain some motility, and have a breathing 'horn' on each side of the head. In the pupal encasement the organism is undergoing metamorphosis into an adult.

Eclosion, a fancy word for 'hatching' is when the pupal encasement cracks along its length and is pushed open ... allowing the adult to flex its wings and fly, being very careful to not get stuck to the water.

Mosquitofish



The small fish placed in abandoned and green swimming pools AKA "ponds," to eat mosquito larvae are Western Mosquitofish, *Gambusia affinis*, appropriately referred to as "mosquito eating fish".

This information was collected over the past ~ten years, from various websites, phone calls, and emails from Roger Hazel & Kirk Dymbrowski, Maricopa Vector Control & Mosquito Abatement 602.506.0700

by Jerry Cline

PNP Training

by Phoenix PD instructors!

The popularity of PNP and Block Watch is growing fast! No need to pre-register — Just show up, you and all of your neighbors!

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Solid waste pickup

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Phoenix Block Watch Advisory Board

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(PBWAB) Meeting July 27

Hosted by South Mountain Precinct

Cmdr J. Alexander

Topic: Mortgage Fraud - Mike Flynn from the Attorney General's Office

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CRIME ALERT!

Please note, this happened on the west side of Phoenix, but it applies – Be Alert Aware!

Monday, June 21, 2010 6:31 AM

Subject: Re: Suspicious female at door
Sunday 5:00am 38xx W Montebello Ave and other addresses.

The woman described below has contacted residents in west Phoenix, on both Sevilla and West Plaza. She contacted others plus Ms Pyle (whom I know personally) in West Plaza, very early on a weekend morning between 5 am and 6 am asking for cash.

Female Hispanic

25-30 years old

5ft 2 inches

long curly hair

smoking cigarette

Left in a vehicle, unfortunately, no plate number... sigh

The suspect is asking for cash for medication for recently hospitalized daughter.

She is contacting households with single elderly female residents, very early morning.

Please call 911 (Emergency) immediately if ever contacted in any suspicious manner.

Call Crime Stop: 602 26 26 151

...if the crime is not eminent and not happening at the time of the call.

Please get the word out to your neighborhoods.

Our job as neighbors sensitive to our surroundings and what is happening around us, is to relate to 911 or Crime Stop whatever seems to be suspicious.

Be comfortable in calling the police when "strange" things happen.

*Please take care, be
Alert & Aware!*

Jerry Cline

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Let's Talk Pet Talk

**"DO" the "do" when
you walk your dog!**

Ed and Lisa are neighbors you often see walking their dogs in our neighborhood. We talked about those who do not bother to pick up their pet's droppings. Ed suggests bringing an extra poly bag or two, and when you see other droppings, pick them up. What's the hurt and bother with that? It's a good idea, a good deed, and it saves face for those of who normally do pick up the do. Those property owners with the fateful deposit probably view every dog-walker of being someone who could care less, and that is just not true! Most of us "do care," and we'll make an effort to clean up after those "do-not" so to speak.

Drop the collection into any black barrel that is close to an alley end.

For the dog owner who does not understand the procedure of a clean getaway:

- Carry small poly or Ziplock bags.
- When the dog stops for business, insert your hand and arm into the empty bag, e.g., thread a bag over your extended hand and arm like a large loose glove.
- Pick up the dropped parts with the "gloved" hand.
- Grab the top part of the bag up on your arm, and pull the "poly-bag-glove" inside out, capturing the do.
- This extracts the clean hand and folds the contents neatly and cleanly inside.
- Tie a knot in the neck of the bag and look for a black garbage can in one of the alleys.
- Pre-test the bag before use it to see if it holds air, if so, the bag is safe to slip into a loose pocket; it works for me.

Are you a bird feeder?

We have a flight aviary in our back yard, and love it, but we also enjoy feeding wild birds. We tried the seed blocks and the "cheep" bird seed from the "end-cap" at the grocery store, but there is very little food there for desirable birds, but draw's pigeons and sparrows, which are aggressive against other birds, and are messy and unsanitary.

I walk early mornings with Kito my Shiba Inu dog, and we noticed a home on Cinnabar has a special feeder that attracts finches. Their are special feeders that can feed specific birds, mostly just finches. I contacted the home owner, Rick, and he gave me a URL to find the feeder on the Internet. I checked it out, but found it also at PetSmart on Tatum and Shea. The price was the same as online and the sales tax was cheaper than

shipping, so I bought a couple of them. They are designed to vend black thistle seed (sold under a trade name of "Nyjer").

The Stokes 38171 Screen Feeder is designed to allow ONLY finch type birds, which are able to feed by grasping onto near-smooth surfaces and peck at the food source. The feeder's screen only allows a seed the size of the very small thistle seed to pass through, and the finches, "House Finch" and "Lesser Gold Finch" (below) both cling, and coax the seeds through the screen feeder. Both are desirable & attractive songbirds are entertaining to observe.

About four days after placement, the



finches found it and we now feed a small finch community.

Go to Western Ranch Store to buy your supplies. They are local, have been at 16028 N 32nd St forever, and money spent there stays in our community. See card lower left of this page.

Feed humming birds using a hummer feeder filled with four parts water and one part sugar during the winter, or five to one, more water in summer than winter. Coloring is not advised. It may satisfy you, but the hummers do not need it and some coloring dyes may be detrimental to their tiny bodies.

In our next newsletter we'll show how to attract house finches and verdins (a very lovely and very tiny songbird) to sugar water. Both are indigenous to our Sonoran Desert and are birds that love to visit sugar-water sources when served according to their needs.

Jerry Cline

**Paradise Valley Oasis
Block Watch News**
"Neighbors helping neighbors"
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