

PVO Block Watch

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

Block Watch Meeting

Thursday, October 28

6:30pm to 7:30pm

CTK Church, Cheryl & 32nd Street

RSVP: 602.992.1345 – 602.788.9016

or pvoblockwatch@cox.net

Subjects: All neighborhood discussion items in this newsletter



Signs of the past are afoot!
Clues of a 50th year



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Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch Meeting

The Third Thursday,
October 28th 6:30 pm

Christ the King Church
Cheryl and 32nd St

This discussion began from an Email query in our

"PVO ALERT! News Email Report" about placing speed bumps on a neighborhood street.

Since only half, about 100+ of the 200+ neighbors we reach out for receive our email Alerts, the discussion was carried forth and presented here to all who get the Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch Newsletter.

Questions and discussion such as this are exactly what are needed to strengthen our neighborhood inter-communications and when we do that we begin to know and care about who lives around us.

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Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP) Classes FREE! Here in PVOBW!

This training is a game changer, you will see yourself, your family, your pets, your property and the neighborhood differently!

NOTE!! If 20 of you/and/or friends, family neighbors from anywhere in Phoenix will commit for a Saturday PNP Training at Christ the King Church, Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch will pay the room rental fee and I will arrange to have Phx Police officers here to teach the six hour course (includes lunch!).

I am proud to be able to tell you that the Phoenix Police will tell you we live in a near

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Around Paradise Valley Oasis?



What's going on at Shea Café?

You too may have noticed that Shea Café located on the northwest corner of Shea and 32nd Street closed a couple of months ago. What's with that? Just sad, because this neighborhood coffee shop was a secret gathering hot spot among our neighborhood locals, but apparently, just within the last year

with the tough economy it did not survive. We so badly need a venue of this type! I am just ill... I have a client showing up early tomorrow morning as I write this, and I have to travel a mile or two, just for quiet place to sit and discuss business. Bummer!

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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 potential 2000 homes.

We want to assist any and all existing block watches in the area and would like to combine meetings when possible. 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 introduce you the training by officers of the Phoenix Police 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.

Co-Captains PVOBW

Jerry Cline, Editor

**Jackie Barkworth
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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.

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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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This discussion will be a primary subject of our Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch meeting Thursday.

The following is from an email discussion:

Begin forwarded messages:

From: Jerry L Cline

Date: October 12, 2010 7:15:56 PM MST

Subject: Question Re: speed bumps?

A PVOBW member asks:

"Jerry; Now that Mercury Mine is back to school, the high speed vehicle traffic is also back. I'm not sure if speed humps/bumps are available through block watch grants. If they are, I would be happy to write the application and spearhead the detail work. We're on Cinnabar which is a popular cut-through street for parents on their way to and from Cheryl to 28th St. Let me know if you are interested. Take care." -Rick

Jerry Cline replies:

Humps & Bumps

"There are speed bumps that are industrial plastic and easier to install and speed humps which are like those on Cheryl.

Speed bump expense information is available via the Block Watch Grant List:

<http://www.phoenix.gov/STREETS/speed-hmp.html>"

I asked for anyone interested in speed bumps last year as we wrote this year's grant, but there was no interest.

The Grant writing process begins Jan 02 (forms become available online).

Grants are analyzed by the Block Watch Grant Oversight Committee (in full disclosure, I am a Block Watch Grant Oversight Committee committee commissioned member representing Council District 3).

Money becomes available after July 01

A lot has to be done, including city inspection, neighborhood surveys and general agreements.

I located the forms URL so you can follow through as you proposed, and I will assist where I can.

Be aware, it could take a couple of years, this is the government and it takes time to get all the ducks lined up.

Before you go to far, spend time walking Cheryl and observing the traffic. Note the noise, slow down, over the hump, speed up, slow down, over the hump, speed up... I was considering them for 30th St, but decided the noise is not worth the difference.

Alternatives:

I will be purchasing a RADAR gun with grant money.* It also requires 4 PNP members for a squad: Operator, Observer, Photographer and a note taker. Tickets are not given, but reports with photos are presented to our Phx PD Community Action Officer (CAO).

PNP RADAR Training, a 2 hour class

* RADAR operators also require PNP Basic Training (free, the and next class is Saturday 2010-11-13, sign-in 07:30 at the FOP Lodge, Sweetwater and 19th Ave).

We now have the following trained for Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP)

Denny Walker

Judy Walker

Donald Duck

Ron Thomas

Pat Cline

Jerry Cline

And in close by Heritage Heights:

Jerry Hatcher

Howard Norman

When more of you join in and become PNP members trained by Phoenix Police officers to be a Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP) members, then as teams, you would be enabled to work with other PNP members here in PVOBW you could create teams to cover your street on planned days and hours and know how to control your streets.

Instead of requesting crosswalk guards to do your work for you.

Preemptive planning

For example, 30th St between Northern and Onyx at 31 Pl, gets all of the cut-through traffic from the business' on Northern Rd. This includes their employees going to work, to lunch and back, and then to home in the latter part of the day. I have a plan that would include the above mentioned PNP members to directly control this situation proactively and the same could be done for Mercury Mine School and other similar problems.

As an "attention getter" we will use the RADAR gun and a camera to photograph this illegal activity (illegal, because Northern is the collector street, and 30th St is not to be used as a cut-through street). Standing by the freeway wall at the south end of 30 St, from about 11:30am to 1:30pm, we will photograph and annotate every car coming from the businesses and turning onto 30th St. We will also do the same for all traffic driving south on 30 St and then turning into the businesses. We have SW radios to communicate so by posting folks at different locations, we can "see around corners".

In addition, Northern is a two-way street,

but many who drive it think it is a two-lane one-way frontage road. The speed limit is set at 30, but traffic is too often 40-50.

We will then create a letter signed by all of us PNP members, to be hand delivered by us, and officially announcing that our neighborhood would appreciate their cooperation in rerouting their employees and clients, FED-EX, UPS and other deliveries around Northern, and not down 30th St.

We will watch the effect, then if necessary do the RADAR / Photo routine, but with some of us PNP members standing on 30th St with signs stating, "NOT A CUT-THROUGH STREET", 25 MPH, "WE HAVE YOUR PLATE NUMBER"

The same could be done on Cinnabar as it relates to the traffic and the school.

A similar routine, as applicable would work on any street.

Working together is win-win, and the process and rewards are enjoyable!

We can solve this and other local problems, but we will need help from all of us. Together we are strong, alone we are weak. To start, I will be contacting, educating, and getting the following alliance to assist in our quests: Councilman Bill Gates, Neighborhood Services (Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department (NSD), Phoenix Streets Dept, Phoenix PD, Az Dept of Transportation.

Reply messages to and from the PVOBW Email:

Jerry; A couple of words about the speed bumps on Cheryl. I live on Cheryl and consider them a blessing. I've never noticed any noise but guess that's more to do with living in a block house than lack of noise. What I have noticed is that the bumps make 99% of cars slow down so that I can back out of my driveway safely. I encourage my neighbors to consider them strongly as safety features for driving, walking, children playing, pets crossing the street etc. Again, I've never noticed any noise but even if there were a bit more engine acceleration noise, it is far outweighed by the positive effects of making drivers slow down.

-Genevieve

Jerry, I live off of Cheryl and 28th Place and can relate about the speeding traffic. Don't these parents realize these are kids in the area! Anyway, about the speed bumps that are already on the East part of Cheryl, I think they are a joke. I see people breeze over them like they are not even there. I

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Personal Safety

Slightly rewritten with main theme and ideas from Community Action Officer (CAO) Karen Freund, Cactus Park Precinct #900. —Jerry Cline

A key component of personal safety is to be aware of your surroundings. Keep your head up with your eyes scanning for anything out of the ordinary. Is someone approaching you? Is someone standing near your car as you walk towards it? Does something just not feel right? Listen to your inner voice and be alert to better understand what may be different than normal.

When out walking, walk facing on-coming traffic. Not only can you see the vehicles approaching you, but it enables you to be more aware of the actions of the occupants. Look at people walking near you. If you make eye contact, they assume you will be able to identify them and may not bother you. Cross the street if you're not comfortable, but avoid areas with thick vegetation, or any location where someone could be hiding to gain an advantage.

Ladies:

- Don't carry large purses.
- Carry only what you need.
- Keep it close to your body or out of sight.

Ladies and Men:

If someone demands your wallet, don't just hand it to them. Throw it! And THROW IT HARD! And in the opposite direction, giving you time to run from the situation

Parking lots and areas where you may feel exposed

- Park in a well lighted area and have your keys ready as you approach your vehicle. If someone is standing near your car and you don't feel comfortable, go back in the store and have an employee walk you your car.
- Hold your keys so at least one of them protrudes between your fingers as you make a fist, while holding the keys. A quick jab or "slicing" motion with your extended arm can do damage to an attacker.
- A main deterrent is to present yourself as an image of someone who is alert, self-confident, and aware of their surroundings.

A very special thanks to all Cactus Park Precinct #900 civilians and **ALL** sworn PD members. You are too many to mention or list, but all are just special and, you know what you mean to me! Jerry Cline

From the Attorney General's Office

Storm Repair Scams

From the AZ Attorney General's office re; about possible storm damage repair scams, now and in the future.

- Shop around. Ask for written estimates from at least three people.
- Request a list of references and check them before agreeing to hire anyone.
- Check with the Arizona Registrar of Contractors www.azroc.gov to make sure the contractor you are considering has a license.
- Make sure the scope of the project, the price and any other relevant terms are spelled out in a written contract.
- Never allow yourself to be hurried into making a decision. No reputable contractor will try to pressure you into hiring them.
- If residents are approached by people who appear to be repair scam artists, please report them to the Attorney General's Office by visiting the Web site at www.azag.gov and submitting an online "Consumer Complaint" or calling the Office at 602.542.5763 in Phoenix; 520.628.6504 in Tucson; or 1.800.352.8431 outside the Phoenix and Tucson metro areas.

NEWS Oct 8, 2010 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

By David Cerull, Victoria Welch:
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Phoenix Now Offers Optional Paperless Billing

Phoenix water, wastewater and trash customers now have the option of receiving a monthly e-mail notifying them that their municipal services bill is available for viewing and payment online.

Customers can visit phoenix.gov and click on "Sign Up for Paperless Municipal Billing."

If a customer signs up for paperless billing, they no longer will receive a hard copy of the bill through the mail, but can view it online, then pay online or by phone using a credit or debit card, and by AutoPay (a monthly automatic withdrawal from a checking or savings account), or they can pay in person at a Water Customer Services Pay Station or Chase Bank branch.

According to Councilwoman Peggy Neely, chair of Phoenix's Transportation, Infrastructure and Sustainability Subcommittee, "Paperless billing is a great way to save time and money, as well as help the environment. It also will help keep Phoenix's water and wastewater rates among the lowest in the nation and Valley."

To sign up for paperless billing, all customers need is their account number, service address, and Personal Identification Number (PIN). Links to the city's newsletter, Notes, as well as the annual water quality report will be included in the paperless e-mail notification.

20,000+ Phoenix Students "Walk to School & Learn Safety"

More than 20,000 Phoenix students, the most student participants from one city in the nation, will take part in "Walk to School" events throughout October to highlight pedestrian safety, healthy habits and clean air.

The students, along with parents, teachers and community leaders and police officers join schools around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day Oct. 6. The month-long events in Phoenix begin before school with parents, community leaders and Phoenix police officers walking students along a designated safe route.

"Throughout the year we work with schools around the city to identify safe routes for walking and bicycling to emphasize the importance of pedestrian safety, physical activity and clean air," said Donald Cross, program coordinator, Phoenix Safe Routes to School.

The events are organized by the city's Street Transportation Department as part of the city's Safe Routes to School program.

During the Walk to School events, students are reminded to:

- Always cross at a traffic signal or marked crosswalk
- Stop before stepping out into the street and look left, right and left again before crossing
- Never step off a curb unless certain that eye contact is made with the motorist
- Always wear light-colored clothing when walking at night
- Where there are medians, use the two-step crossing process by crossing the street one half at a time.

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"Walk to School Day" was established in the United States in 1997 by the Partnership for Walkable America. The city of Phoenix works with more than 450 schools through the Safe Routes to Schools program, a collaborative effort involving parents, community leaders, school staff, children, Phoenix Police and Fire departments and others.

Back to School: Credit Cards on Campus

As college students across the country go back to school this fall, so do the credit card companies. Even though credit cards are currently not being marketed as aggressively as in years past, credit card companies will be setting up shop in bookstores and student unions offering food, clothes and other goodies in exchange for a credit card application. In just a few minutes, a student can get a free lunch and, in some cases, cause lasting damage to his or her credit report. Once a student gets a credit card, contract terms can quickly change and just one late payment can cause interest rates to be doubled.

Q: How can I protect myself?

A: Resist the temptations from credit card marketers and follow these five tips for a secure financial future.

Don't fall for the free pizza.

- Just because a credit card is marketed on campus, doesn't mean that it is the right card for you. If you need a credit card, shop around for the best rates.
- Don't apply for every card. Remember that every time you fill out a credit application someone is pulling your credit report and too many credit checks can actually lower your credit score.
- Beware of promotional rates. Many cards start out with low rates but eventually move up to high rates. Read the fine print and make sure you know when the higher rate begins.
- If you receive a phone call or email asking you to apply for a card or provide your credit card information, confirm that the solicitation is from a reputable company. Often, scam artists try to gain your trust by claiming to be from a well-known organization.
- After you are solicited, call the organization yourself with the number listed on the company's website, in the phone

book or on your credit card statement to confirm before giving out any financial information.

- If you do decide to get a credit card, do not charge more than you can afford to pay back in full each month. Over time, interest rates and fees add up and not paying back the balance on your card can negatively affect your credit report.

Q: Doesn't the Credit CARD Act of 2009 (Credit Card Holder Bill of Rights) put limitations on credit card companies?

A: Yes, the Credit CARD Act of 2009 – better known as the credit card bill of rights – protects college students by placing restrictions on contract terms, interest rates, fees and even how credit card companies market to students. However, these restrictions do not take effect until February 2010, so students need to be careful when starting school this fall.

Some of the most important consumer protections provided by the act are:

- Credit card companies will be severely restricted on when they can raise your interest rate due to a late payment.
- Universities will be required to disclose marketing agreements with credit card companies.
- Credit card companies will be prohibited from offering free merchandise to students in exchange for signing up for a credit card when the offer is made on or near campus or at a college event.
- Anyone under 21 years old will need a parent, guardian or spouse over the age of 21 to co-sign their credit card application.
- Credit card companies will be required to clearly spell out contract terms and post



Letter to the Editor

Hi Jerry

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

One thing that might 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 so as 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.

Lisa Daugs

Crime Reporting

Crime in progress = 911

**Crime suspected, but not in
progress = 602.262.6151**

**When you call, the items below
are of importance:**

Questioning Techniques - The 10 W's

- **WHAT**
happened? What type of crime?
- **WHERE**
is the problem? Exact location.
- **WHEN**
did this happen? Determines priority.
- **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 & quantity.
- **WHO**
is calling? Name, location, phone #.
- The Operator will ask the caller to remain on the phone until Officers arrive on Priority 1 calls only.

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).

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.

Common Entry Methods Used To Break Into Homes

- Door kicks: A burglar can be in, and out of your home in two minutes.
- Window entries: A burglar can make a complete sweep of your home and personal property within five minutes.
- Arcadia doors: A burglar can easily lift an arcadia door from its track or break it quickly with a swift hit from an object
- Attached sheds or available ladders may give burglars easy access to the attic. Once in the attic, they kick through the ceiling to gain entry.

- Garage doors: Open garages give burglars a visual inventory of your valuables.
- Keep all windows and doors locked.
- Never leave bicycles, tools, or other items unsecured or visible in yards and driveways.
- Always lock parked vehicles.
- Never leave keys in vehicles.
- Never leave your vehicles running unattended even for a few minutes.
- Never leave cellular phones or other valuables in vehicles.
- Never leave personal items visible in vehicles.
- Instruct your children to never open the door to a stranger.

Reach Out! A Helping Hand

The economic problems have effected most, if not all of us, and in true consideration, everyone could make use of an occasional helping hand.

I would like some helpers to organize a group of volunteers willing to periodically assist those in need. When a yard is in need of a few hours of work, we could assist in occasionally keeping the front of their house free of weeds, or just maybe raked.

If five or six people show up to a yard, the work could be quickly dispatched.

Around Paradise Valley Oasis?

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So what's next? I just heard a secret, and I'm not telling anyone except you!

Shhh... don't tell anyone, but... I've heard two of our neighbors and Paradise Valley Oasis block watch supporters have recently signed the lease on the Shea Café. Though the future direction of the new owners of the establishment has not been determined or announced, they have

expressed a deep desire to turn this into **"The Neighborhood Spot just for you!"**. I've heard they said, "We live in this neighborhood, we love this neighborhood and we want nothing more than to have a place for all of us to enjoy." The new owners of the cafe then expressed. "We are still working out all the many details, but hope to be open by the New Year."

WOW! FINALLY! A place for us (don't tell anyone! ;-)

More coming soon...

Phoenix Neighborhood Services (Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) for a list of guidelines 602.262.7844. Call the Phoenix Police Department for information about parking in the street Crime Stop 602.262.6151. Also, you can download the Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) presentation that illustrates the various basic requirements of maintaining a property:

<http://www.pnpmembers.com/advanced-training.php>

look for: **PNP Presentation.ppt**

- If you live next door to a vacant home try to help keep debris and weeds free from that yard. You could also call the City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services with concerns and questions. Vacant homes are often vandalized. Keeping homes looking well kept and lived in is important.

It is nice and it's convenient that we live in a neighborhood without a home owners association. Still it is wise for all of our property values for us to work together and keep our neighborhood beautiful and welcoming, so that buyers are attracted to buy other homes in the area quickly which helps keep our property values up. A good idea is to always keep in mind where you would like to live if you were purchasing a home.

Please watch for more articles like this in the future. We'll discuss more about preserving property values in our neighborhood.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Tomyal (Tomi) Emptage

Associate Broker/HomeSmart and Co-Captain of the PVOBW.

602.405.7941

**Also, see below!
Please join my class!**

FREE, FREE, FREE

HOW TO BUY A HOME SEMINAR

- How to buy in today's market.
- How much can you afford?
- Making an offer to find the best value!
- How do you know you're getting the lowest rates & fees?
- Wealth advice from special guest speaker.
- ALL AT NO COST TO YOU!
- WHEN: Nov. 13, 2010 @ 9:15 a.m.
- WHERE: Mesquite Branch Library (PV Mall Near Costco)
- 4525 E Paradise Valley Pkwy North
TO RSVP CALL: Tomi/HomeSmart
602.405.7941

Tomi

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PNP Classes here continued:

ideal neighborhood, let's work together and keep it that way! Pulling together, getting to know each other, communicating and creating an even safer neighborhood than we already have is a major goal! Urge friends and family, tell me you will commit to one Saturday! Please!

The training is FREE!

PNP / BW training will change the way you live and understand and protect your neighborhood, your property, your family, your pets and yourself and the BIG PLUS is, you will meet your neighbors and enjoy the process. Anyone and everyone from 18 years old to however old you are, and all are warmly welcome!

If, when you finish the training, and decide you do not want to patrol the neighborhood, no problem! We just want you to have this basic training!

Respectfully,

Jerry Cline, PNP Civilian Citywide Coordinator, representing Desert Horizon Precinct 600 and Councilman Bill Gates District 3.

What's Your Opinion?

Let's Discuss:

"About Local Shops & Businesses!"

Where's the best & the worst?

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

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

Tips: Help Keep Neighborhood Home Values Up

It's true that in Arizona home property values have generally gone down over the last two years. Still there are ways to help protect your own neighborhood property values and to see a bigger increase when the market does turn around.

I have been selling real estate for over sixteen years. Often times when I drive through a neighborhood and there is a sprinkle of homes that do not have well kept exteriors I wonder if the owners are aware that they are more than likely hurting their own property values and the neighborhood property values.

Even if you do not plan on selling your home anytime soon or ever, I'm sure it's still important to you to preserve your neighborhood and your own property value. Here are some tips that might help:

- Have your lawn clean cut, cleaned free of weeds, dead vegetation and trash.
- Have rocks blown clean.
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks of debris, remove oil stains and marks.
- Have exterior of home clean and appealing including, paint, window coverings, gutters and garage door(s).
- Plant attractive flowers or plants to give our home a lush look.
- Remove holiday lights and decorations once the holiday has past.
- Store all utility vehicles, nonworking vehicles, campers, box trucks and trailers behind gates or in designated parking areas. For questions about vehicles parked on the property call the City of

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don't think they are high enough or severe enough. I didn't think about the noise they would create with the stop and go of the vehicle. I think the radar gun is a great idea for those who have the time to do this. The visual of this documentation will make people slow down. —Debby Skroch

Jerry, think I would like to be part of the class to learn about the radar... hope my schedule works to do this... a great idea. —Ron

This is Michael Cruzado
9846 North 28th Way

I am very interested! These parents don't mind zooming through our neighborhood and it a danger for the children walking and crossing the streets on the way to school. Our neighbor Janell Pollack looked into it and has some info on this subject. I will forward this to them. Thank you for all you great work. —Mike

Hi Jerry:- I would like to put my 2 cents in on this. I live in that "Cinnabar Corridor" also.... and agree there is a big problem with traffic to the school. However, I am not a fan of speed bumps.

The speed gun thing sounds good, but I think the problem we would face is that most of us are just too busy. It's not a lack of interest, but of time. I know for myself, I've tried to come to the block watch meetings more than once and have never been able to make it.

I wonder if it might be a bit easier if we maybe invest in some of those bright safety jackets and a couple of 'please slow down' signs and have teams of two people stationed together where ever it's felt they are needed most for the commute. The second person could have the 'clipboard' and write down license numbers. I think that maybe just the site of people in those jackets armed with signs and clipboards, would be a deterrent in and of itself and would require less people and less 'education' to get the job done.

Just a thought. Wish I could volunteer if it's adopted, but I am out dropping kids off at school at the times I would be needed. Wish I could clone myself sometimes!

Have a good one! -Fabyann

Jerry, Count on Judy and me for 2. I will try to recruit others.

I would like to see speed bumps on 30th St and also on Turquoise. I also think they should be 2 inches higher and a foot wider than the ones on Cheryl. Maybe if some of

these speeders got the bottom ripped out of their cars, then maybe they might slow down. As it is now, many do not slow down on Cheryl. They just hit them (the speed bumps) hard and fly right over. I sympathize with the folks on Cinnabar, but I think we have an even bigger problem on 30th St, Turquoise, and on Cheryl between 30th St and 28th St 24 hours a day. And don't forget about Northern. We need more PNP volunteers. Because of work schedules and personal situations, 5 of us PNPers cannot patrol our neighborhood as needed. We need double or triple that to be really effective. The problem is really on every street in our neighborhood. Maybe we could get crossing guards or some volunteers to put up barricades on side streets like Cinnabar at the beginning and end of their shifts. (Just a thought) Along with signs saying no school traffic and no neighborhood traffic during certain hours. (Another thought)

This can be a subject of discussion at the next BW meeting.

Also what is the deal with that large commercial box truck that is parked on Onyx usually most of the day during the daytime, and usually parked on the south side of the street in the wrong direction. Is this truck legal. This is almost as bad as the guy who wanted to start an RV business on 28th St, only a little less visual. None the less, I'll bet the neighbors aren't to happy about it.

This is me, Jerry Cline speaking: I am not in favor of speed bumps and for the record neither are police officers in general. It takes longer for them to respond because they are naturally slowed, where the bad guy does not care so much about launching over the "catapults" as they attempt to get away. Phoenix Fire will tell you that when they respond to an emergency in an area "plagued" by speed bumps, the response time will proportionately be lengthened relative to the type and quantity of speed bumps encountered en route. A few seconds in cardiac arrest or your home on fire can make a difference.

There are other measures we can consider and as noted, getting involved up close personally and preemptively, is not only effective, but personally rewarding, is much faster than the studies and the installation, and surveys that will be needed for the consideration of change in the neighborhood, and the cost of the project.

For Northern Road as an example:

- I would like to have Phx Streets, paint double yellow lines from Onyx to as far as they will, and can legally do so.

- Paint white "bicycle path" type painted lines on both sides of Northern. The illusion makes the road seem narrow, effectively slowing traffic, and with the double yellow lines, at least to 30th St, should effectively "neck down" the traffic.

For 30th St, restrictive signs for cut-through traffic, maybe the bike lane effect and preemptive action working with the businesses on Northern. Maybe even double yellow lines there to, it is a curvy street.

For Cinnabar, see what I proposed. And I absolutely want to be a part of any interaction with neighbors and Mercury Mine management. I've wanted to connect with our local schools personally, and this is an excellent opportunity. I would like to get our Community Action Officer (CAO) or School Resource Officer (SRO) to be part of the group and have a formal conference of all who have interest in the project.

This is exciting! Please keep me in the loop with any exchanges or ideas, and let's discuss this further Thursday at evening our meeting! I am well connected with our official resources, and I look forward to all of us working together on this as a project as we create fresh new look and effectiveness in our neighborhood communications.

Jerry, did you get any response from the original member re any interest in the PNP program?

On a different tack I wonder what could be done to work with Mercury Mine. Maybe they could send home a flyer to explain the neighborhood concerns about safety issues in our neighborhood. We have the same issues with the Montessori school, although that's more about reckless driving than speed. Jackie

Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch Community Garden

Christ the King Church has offered our neighborhood a sizable space of their property for us to use as a community garden. The only way we can do this project is with a group of committed community-minded volunteers. We can grow anything we want that is legal.

We will have to locate grant money to help us get started and sustain the project,

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New (to you) Clothes and Bedbugs

The bed bug epidemic ... from an entomologist's view.

NOTE: Don't let this article bug you! But do follow the basic ideas of hygiene. The following was checked for its "urban legend" qualities, read it here:

See: <http://www.snopes.com/inboxer/household/bedbugs.asp>

The info is rated as mixed facts and assumptions. The basic premise is sound.

Similar articles have been on NPR and National TV. Whatever and however, its reality, just read it and be aware. I think we've all heard and read, that bedbugs are immune to the use of pesticides and that they are useless and harmful to you. More children, adults and pets have been harmed than have bedbugs by using the pesticides, especially when using multiple control chemicals in combination. Be careful and considerate of what you do to yourself, family and pets!

Also fact: A temperature of minimum of 113°F is the only known reliable control for this pest. If washing the item is used to rid the pests, the water must be at or above that temperature. The part about the temperature when using the drier is fact.

Jerry Cline

Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch

The bed bug epidemic from an entomologist point of view.

Since much of our clothing, sheets, towels, etc. now comes from companies outside of America, (sad but true), even the most expensive stores sell foreign clothing from China, Indonesia, etc. The bed bugs could be coming in on the clothing as these countries do not consider bedbugs a problem. His recommendation is, that if you buy any new clothing, even underwear, socks, sheets, towels, etc. that you bring them into the house and put them in your clothes dryer for at least 20 minutes.

NOTE:

One other detail is important to the process. The heat (must be a minimum 113°F) to kill the bugs and their eggs. After the drier has been active for about five minutes, open the drier door, place a thermometer inside and observe the temperature. If it is 115°F or higher it is doing what needs to be done. Remove the thermometer and let the drier run another 15 minutes or so.

Do not purchase clothes and hang them in the closet first

Not only clothing, but shoes, purses or any item from an unknown source ... Beware!

Beware of clothing from second hand type stores, garage sales, friends, etc, if the item is new to you, take necessary precautions.

The price range is of the clothing does not matter what, or even if the items come from the most expensive store known, the shipments from foreign countries.

All that is needed is to bring one contaminated item that has bugs or eggs into the house.

AS of now, entomologists state, "bedbugs feed only on humans, are harmless, do not carry, vector or spread disease, but are termed as an extreme nuisance."

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Garden Continued:

but the project is of a type that can bring a neighborhood together, communicating and making us stronger, that in itself is considered a crime deterrent.

We will be growing mostly vegetables in raised garden beds on approximately 3000 square feet. We can increase the size of the space if needed.

This project will take a lot of dedication and work just to get started and this year, we would not be ready to start planting until early spring.

- Level the area,
- create the raised planting beds.
- fill with loam soil,
- design and create drip system irrigation
- design and install a security system.
- First, we must find volunteers and then grant money. I have a boy scout troop that has volunteered to assist, but, they're not of the Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch neighborhood, and I would truly like to keep this a PVO community based project.

A portion of all we grow will go to our local community food bank.

All who are interested in participating, please call me.

—Denny Walker

Res: 602.788.9016

Cell: 602-531-0043

Please Provide Your Email Address!

We sometimes need to communicate with everyone quickly. Especially in emergency situations.

Right now, we are able to reach about every other BW member and because we are here to help, not having your email address cripples our ability to communicate with you and your part of your neighborhood! Please do not be the weak link!

Tomi Emptal one of your new Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch Co-Captains asked me: "Put something bold in the newsletter to get people to give you their email address? Like, Don't they have a desire to know?:"

- When a pet has been lost or found in the neighborhood?
- When vendors are canvassing door to door.
- Child molesters have been reported recently right here, don't you not want to know? You could help prevent a tragedy! When those events occur, we all need to mobilize immediately and work as a team to avoid any deviation from the norm.
- When a crimes like doors kicked in between 9am and 11am that happens here from time to time, we need to communicate that information immediately to all!

For quick updates to our news, send us your email and we will keep you in the loop of information exchange.

Please consider a fact where we could have grapefruit size hail, 8 inches of rain in four days like we had in June of 1972 and could not get to town for five days, tornadoes like we had right here in about 1980. Emergencies happen, think about gas pipe explosions and fire. Be prepared!

Give us a chance to all be in contact together. Alone we are weak, together we have power!

Your Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch Co-Captains:

Jackie Barkworth

Tomyal (Tomi) Emptage

Jerry L Cline

Contact me: pvoblockwatch@cox.net

—PLEASE VOTE!—

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by Phoenix PD instructors!

The popularity of PNP and Block Watch is growing fast! In the near future we hope to have additional 20 hour Civilian Emergency Response Team training as an upgrade to PNP Basic Training.

Contact me to pre-register, and then you and all of your neighbors use your web browser to go to the PNPMember.com website

On the right side of the website page, look for:

"GOING TO TRAINING??"

Click the link "PNP Training," and download and print the training files. Then bring those pages for your reference during training.

Important!

Download and complete the PNP Attendee information sheet below and bring it to class.

1 PNP Attendee Information.pdf

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**If we no before we know,
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**However, to know, and not to do,
is not yet to know.**

**And if we all share our ignorance,
we'll soon have none left!**

Phoenix Block Watch Advisory Board

Anyone interested in Block Watch needs to attend these (PBWAB) Meetings!

<http://phxblockwatch.org>

General Meeting excellent presentations and Door Prizes. Always on the 4th Tuesdays,

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Be sure your Block Watch is registered with the Phoenix Police Department.

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contact@phxblockwatch.org

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Dog Walkers - Own Up! Do Your Doody!

Good Morning Jerry,

I would like to make an appeal to my fellow dog walkers.

I walked my dog Monday morning around 6:30am and as I made my way to the corner of 28th and Cheryl I noticed that some of my fellow dog owners failed to clean up after their dogs. So, since I carry an extra bag, I picked four "deposits" off my neighbors lawn. I do not want dog owners to get a bad wrap, but, apparently some are not doing their part.

Please, my fellow dog walkers, be considerate of our neighbors and clean up after your dog.

Thank you,

Michele

2810 E Cinnabar Ave

Coincidence

This is interesting to me. Last year in July, early in the morning on one of the many 115°F HOT days, Kito and I were patrolling our neighborhood and we found a small dog with burned paws at 2810 Turquoise. It was dehydrated, kept licking its burned paws, panting heavily, so I asked the neighbor at that home if the dog belonged to them? I awoke them, it was very early, I got a COLD NO! ... and I was on my own.

It could not walk so I carried the heavy lil critter home, gave it water, food and a walk on damp grass. It came in the house and went to sleep in Kito's bed.

I sent email to our **ALERT! News Email Report** list and a couple hours later got a call from someone who knew of that dog and said its name was Star. The interesting part was the correlation of the address where I found the dog, and where it lived. Found at 2810 Turquoise, returned to 2810 Cheryl.

Coincidentally, the next morning at 5am, on the sidewalk in front of 620 W Washington, the Phoenix Police Station, I was asked to do a Public Service Interview (PSI) for TV-12 News about what is PNP. I related to what we do when we patrol the neighborhoods, and because it was fresh in my mind, and pet stories wag everyone's tail, I used the story above.

Smile, I guess in this instance one could say that PNP stands for Pets Neighborhood Patrol!

Jerry Cline &  Kito

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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.

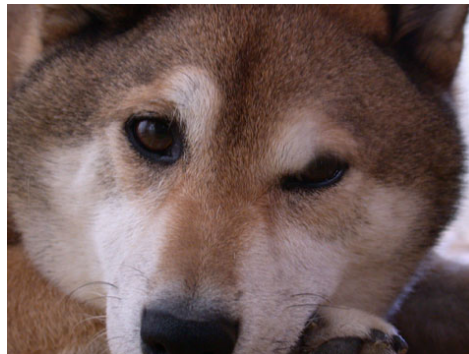
- The metal signs must be installed on a wall or post.
- Walls next to an alley where they're exposed to the streets are ideal, and walls in alleys also work well. If you are not able to mount them, ask and we'll assist. We only need photographic proof of where they're located.



Let's Talk Pet Talk

Unfortunately, we have no pet stories or photos from you for this issue, so we'll provide a default place holder. by Kito

Hi! My name is Kito (which translates as "Hope"). I ran away from my home in Hollywood Cal, got lost, and because my previous owner gave me no tag, he put me in jeopardy! The idiot gave me a collar, but no ID info! How lame is that!? Not even a name on a tag.



Derek Cline found me as I was checking some unfamiliar pee-mail and he took me home to his small apartment. He published fotos of beautiful me on posts all around, but apparently, my stupid owner could not read and Derek was stuck with me. He named me Kito and not being able to find my owner, he brought me to Phoenix to live with his parents). I am a Shiba Inu (Translates figuratively from Japanese as "bush, or brush" dog).

After years of walking our PVO neighborhood, I am now an officially trained PNP member and am waiting to get my official PNP jacket. Yeah, right like that's going to happen! He (Jerry) said, "They it has been ordered." If you can believe that!

I make the guy I live with, Jerry Cline, walk with me every morning, and we walk and talk in your neighborhood as we look for anything out of the norm. When we find a problem I stand guard while he (Jerry) calls 911 or Crime Stop ("he" never allows me to use he precious iPhone). Soon there are cop cars all over the place and they haul the problem maker guys off to "Bad Boy's Camp"!

Come out and play, or at least say hello! Walk with us while we protect your neighborhood – It's what we do!

Please send your pet articles and images so that I can meet other pets who own their owners, and then I do not have to bother with this guy who thinks he is running this show.



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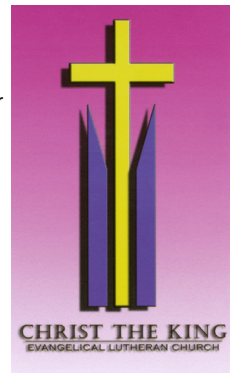
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