



MARLBOROUGH MESA

News

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

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OCTOBER thru DECEMBER 2012

12 Years in 2012 of Christmas at the Park

By Sandra Fischer

It is almost time for our 12th Annual Toy Drive and Christmas Party. The date is:

Saturday, December 8, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Come and have breakfast with your neighbors!



SANTA will be there with a brand new suit and he is excited about having pictures taken with children and families. Our special guest will be Mesa City Councilman Dennis Kavanaugh. We are hoping to have more of our legislators. Please come and meet them, ask them your questions, tell them your concerns and let's have a good time with our neighbors. *If you are new to the neighborhood, whether you have children or not, don't miss this.*

We will again be supporting Save the Family and Helen's Hope Chest. Please bring an unwrapped toy and any travel size hygiene items. As you clean out your closets, look for items that you may want to donate and we will make it happen. Our donations to these organizations benefits our community.

Since this is not an event that can be done by one person, we need lots of help with picking up the food, decorating the ramada, and cleaning the park. *"Many hands make light work."* Please call me at my home #480-820-2773, my cell #480-234-1658 or email me at uffdaskf@cox.net if you can help in ANY way. Thank you for your anticipated support. We look forward to seeing you on December 8th.

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Summer Workshops Equals ...

Some Great Christmas Gifts

During our 4 workshops in July, 34 trivets were made ... then sold as quickly! There was lots of participation from all ages. Below is a picture of some of them. On one day, we had 29 people.

Since the trivets were such a success Jim, Don, Terry and ? will be making those again with the help of those kids who wish to participate. ***(I will send out an email when the time comes. It will be early November.)*** These will be for sale at our Christmas event at the park on December 8th. Each trivet will be signed and sealed. All donations from the sale of these trivets will be deposited into our neighborhood funds. Come and support the Toy Drive and picnic and purchase one of these trivets.

A Few of the
"Trivet Manufacturing, Inc." Workers



Bountiful Baskets

By Patty Wilson

Did you know we have a local food co-op run by volunteers who gather local, fresh, seasonal produce and distribute it to anyone who wants to participate? Its a substantial amount of food for a minimal cost. To participate, go to Bountifulbaskets.org and sign up. There are no contracts, no strings attached. Participate as much or as little as you want. Place your order on Monday or Tuesday of each week and pick up your bounty Saturday morning. Its always a surprise to find what's in your basket, but you can count on it that it is fresh and abundant!! I usually order the basic \$15 basket and it's a large laundry basket full of fresh produce.

Also, you can order artisan breads made by local bakers for a fraction of what you would pay at the grocery store.

The closest pick up location to Marlborough Mesa is LaCasita Rec Center in Dobson Ranch on Reyes. Give it a try!

Roof Rats are Here!!!



ATTENTION
RESIDENTS ...

Neighborhood Meeting

By Cindy White

DATE: October 30, 2012

TIME: 7:00 PM

WHERE: At our Park (Pampa and Wycliff)

I noticed a rat on my fence, and knowing that if there is one, there is more. We would hear strange noises and then we noticed rat droppings. My concern is, if they are in my yard, they are in my neighbor's yard. After researching the internet about these critters, I went to Tempe Feed and Tack located at 1041 W. University, where I purchased some items to try and get a handle on the activity in my yard.

Tempe Feed told me that this **cannot** be controlled by one person – that the entire community MUST get involved to take control of them. This is a very serious matter, since they have already invaded our community, we all have to do something and take a part in this before they destroy our neighborhood.

My email/phone: Notary1az@gmail.com; 480-797-5599

What will be addressed and provided at the Neighborhood Meeting:

- A Neighborhood Plan
- Bait station sample and bait - Purchasing info
- Learn how to get these rats under control
- Informative literature from the City of Mesa and Vector Control including:
 - Common signs of roof rat activity
 - What to do if you see evidence on property
 - How to handle dead rats, droppings, and nesting areas
 - Where are roof rats found?
 - When and how do they travel?
 - How do they enter homes?
 - Why attics?
 - What do they eat and drink?
 - How to seal your home
 - Harvesting citrus and other fruit
 - Manicured landscape
 - Don't feed them!
 - Long-term solutions
- Questions & Answers

If you have lived in the valley for awhile, you will remember how tough a battle the Arcadia Neighborhood had when these rodents arrived in the valley and infested their homes.

Clean Sweeps Arrived

By Kristine Malcolm

It's time to take advantage of the Clean/Green Sweep dumpsters that will be in our area in October as they are every year. All dumpsters must be on the same side of the street due to fire codes.

PLEASE be mindful of what can and CANNOT be thrown away in these types of dumpsters. The **do's and don'ts** are listed on the dumpsters. Your cooperation with this is imperative to the program continuing for Marlborough Mesa. **Also, please do not OVERFILL containers.** Thanks, in advance.

Examples of items **NOT** to be placed in any container: food waste, pressurized tanks (propane/oxygen), rock, dirt, concrete, block, construction materials, batteries, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, paint, tires, oil, or any hazardous waste.

ALSO - Set Dates are as follows:

10/15; 10/18; 10/22; 10/25

Your Assistance is Essential - HELP

Those of you, who have known me a long time, know that I have worn many “hats” as a volunteer throughout our neighborhood over the years. The year 1999 was perhaps the biggest endeavor as our website and newsletter were started. With that came a need for volunteers to pass out that newsletter – and YOU responded!

We then begin to have our Easter and Christmas events which were suggested by other neighbors because we then had a way to get the word out.

Now, with this being our last newsletter to be passed out, we will be missing one vital link. As new neighbors move in and others leave – our Welcome Tote Program is the only way we have of finding out “who moves in next door”. That program is in jeopardy.

This program was started to not only welcome new members of our community and make them feel “at home” quickly, but also to sign them up for our Neighborhood Email List whereby they can receive emails regarding important things happening in our neighborhood. Most of you know just how effective this has been.

Now, we have come to a crossroads:

- ◆ We need a Welcome Tote Coordinator (*our last one just moved due to her husband's transfer to Tucson*). This person makes up the tote bags with information and a myriad of gifts.
- ◆ We need a few more Ambassadors on some streets who will actually email me and let me know when someone new moves in and then can pick up a Welcome Tote and make deliveries. Ambassadors watch their area for homes up for sale or rent.
- ◆ We are all ambassadors in our own way, so when you know YOU have a new neighbor, even if you aren't the one delivering the tote, let me know. Please make the effort to greet your new neighbor.

If no one reading this comes forth to help, it will be discontinued, as I cannot do it alone. Email or call me at almajones2@cox.net or 480-831-1525.

I really want to thank all of the volunteers who

have diligently helped for years - they have given support and service to our neighborhood that make it what it is today. I cannot name them all here, but I do want to let you know WHO our Ambassadors are currently and which current streets need filled with Ambassadors. They are:

Peralta: Nina and Don Williams, Jeannine Lavendar, Michael and Sandra Fischer.

Davis Circle: Chanin and Bob Sauer

Posada: Hank and Terri Martinez, Jen and Paul Simpson, Alma and Jim Jones

Spruce: Linda and Mike Murphy

Portobello: Peggy and Wil Weister

Wycliff/Pampa at park: Chris and Stephanie Robertson

Pampa: Suzanne and Craig Weaver

Pecos: Earnestine Harrison, Matthew and Tiffany Harvey

Plata: Denise Jones

Wycliff Cir., Plata & Spruce: Debbie and Dan Jarvis

Obispo: Teresa and Chris Weiland (Also Teresa coordinates the passing out of our newsletters on every street.)

Emerson/Olla: Sandy and Michael Scully

Osage: Andy and Melinda Keels, Nicole and Chris Eckerson

Mollera: Kristi and David Ross

Vacancies abound and are just waiting for you to volunteer. They are on **Extension, Portobello, Pecos and Obispo.** Some of these streets are long, and cannot be covered by one person alone.

**Halloween
Red Carpet
Photobooth
Event 2012**

Brought to you by: Quade Imaging

Who: Marlborough Mesa neighbors family & friends
What: Photobooth Event
Where: 1044 West Portobobello
When: Oct. 31 6:30 - 8:30
Why: 100% of Donations are given back to Marlborough Mesa
Call for details (480) 518 - 1105

Printing
Photos
on the
spot!

Remember
this
haloween
forever!

The poster features a red carpet leading to a photobooth, with a pumpkin wearing a witch hat in the foreground.

Neighborhood Notes



New Codes Beginning October 23, 2012

By Nina Williams

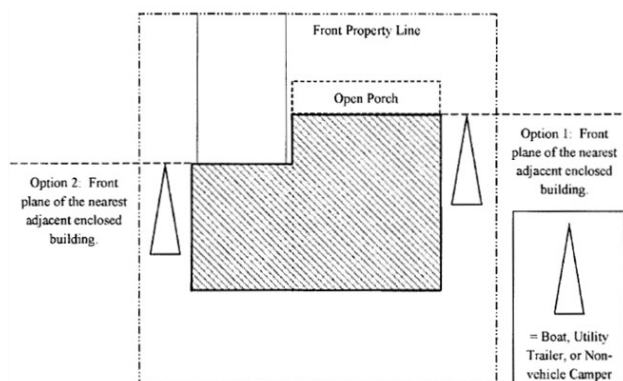
Code Compliance Liaison for Marlborough Mesa

I hope everyone has read the article in the Republic about the revisions of Code Compliance rules and regulations which take affect on October 23, 2012.

These changes covered 32 pages and will affect us all. They can be found on the city site at:

[http://www.mesaaz.gov/clerk/CodeBook/Uncodified Ordinances/Ord_5124.pdf](http://www.mesaaz.gov/clerk/CodeBook/Uncodified%20Ordinances/Ord_5124.pdf)

Please be more vigilant about the upkeep of yards, placement of autos, accumulation of debris, and general maintenance of fences, walls, and home. (see diagram below) The city will be taking a more stringent approach to code issues.



ALERT!!!! Stolen Mail AGAIN!!!

One of our neighbors had 3 checks stolen from the mail she put in her mailbox for pickup! One of those checks was made out to the IRS with a SS# on it. The checks were then washed and because of this, their SS# was compromised and a large purchase was made by the perpetrator as well as large sums of money. This has quickly become a nightmare for this family! Their IDENTITY was stolen ... and the work they face will continue for many months and perhaps even years. It has been reported to Mesa PD, the 3 credit unions, the 2 banks involved and the Post Office. This is now a federal offense.

*This has happened in our neighborhood several times before and we must all try to **LEARN** from this to **NEVER** put checks in the mail. If you absolutely must - don't raise the flag. The flag merely "paints*

a quick picture" for those criminals passing by that says in essence: "Stop here!"

There is a 24-hour US Post Office on the NW corner of Guadalupe and Country Club at the Chevron Gas Station.

New Neighbors

If you are new to the neighborhood, you can sign up for emails on important information to come directly to you as they happen. From now on, it will only be online on our website. Your emails are always kept confidential and all sent are in/thru the BCC field. Send your email and address (+ a phone number if you don't mind) to almajones2@cox.net. You will get a reminder when the newsletter is ready and online, as this one WILL be the last one handed out door-to-door.

MM CLASSIFIEDS



FREE: 2 kittens to a good home. My daughter rescued these female gray kittens approximately 6-8 weeks old. Where she rents she cannot have pets so she needs to place them as soon as possible. She has made many calls and has found the "no kill" shelters are full. Please call Donna Rapp at 480 777-0700 if you would like to have these cute playful kittens.

NEW Pampered Chef Consultant in your neighborhood! Host a party! Purchase quality kitchen products! Learn new recipes! Bring your friends! Have fun! For catalog of products and information, Contact Jean Souders at [480-755-3939](tel:480-755-3939) or email jeansouders@yahoo.com

BABYSITTING. Red Cross Certified neighborhood girl would like to baby sit your children. Soon to be 13, Honor Student, Girl Scout. Call 480.491.9659

LARGE game heads for sale. Call Jim at 602-317-1139.

WOODWORKING tools - never used.

1. Delta Deluxe Mortiser w/bits - \$200
2. 12" Porter Cable Dovetail Machine - \$90
3. Large Oak Desk - like new - reasonable offer

Call Jim at 480-831-1525. (*Make reasonable offer*)

ECA Tax Credit: My name is Jessica Geramanis and I live on Spruce Street. I am a senior and graduating this year. I have an opportunity to travel to San Francisco with my Geography class to learn about the different cultures as well as to learn how to use another city's transportation systems to get around the city. If anyone in the neighborhood is looking to help out via ECA credit, that would be awesome. ECA credit allows married couples to donate up to \$400 to a child or school program and then receive that back on their state taxes, **dollar for dollar**. A single person can donate up to \$200 and get that back as well. If anyone is interested or have questions please call my mom, Michelle Geramanis at 602-703-4877.