

PVO Block Watch

Paradise Valley Oasis Web – http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Paradise_Valley_Oasis_Block_Watch/home/

PVO BW Meeting

Christ the King Church - Cheryl &
32nd St - Thursday 6:30 - 7:30

Ida E Alonge's

"EXCELLENT PRESENTATION!"

Administrative Licensing

Investigator

Drug Enforcement Bureau;

Liquor Enforcement.

This introductory class provides information on how residents and neighborhood groups can get involved in the liquor licensing process:

What is the neighborhood's role? Why should residents get involved? How can residents comment on a proposed liquor license in their neighborhood?

- How can neighborhood participation impact a liquor license application?
- Police Department Guide for Neighborhood Participation in Liquor.
- Details: Liquor Enforcement
- Are you interested in what you can do protect your neighborhood. This introductory class will tell you about what you

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Never trim palm trees

...until May or June!

An opinion by Jerry Cline

We've had palm trees for 41 years, and have endured those year-round, roving itinerant folks knocking on the door wanting to give us a super low price to trim our palms.

While they're up the tree, they can also scope out your property and others around you for 'opportunities' information which can be sold, or that they can use to their advantage later. They can work cheap because 'if' they offer to haul away, they will find an alley that night to drop them off, because hauling to the solid refuse center is costly. Then the victim is the person who

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Part 2 -Take a hike in your neighborhood... with a trained mind!

"Covering That Gap"

By Jerry Cline PNP member

I am often asked, "Why do we not have more patrol officers in our area?"

My answer, "Do you get out into your area? Walk, bike drive, work in your yard or look outside from time to time?" When you're doing any of that are a patrolman.

In addition, if you take 3 to 4 hours of your time on a Saturday morning, and take the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP) training class, then as a PNP Member, you are a multiplier... a repetition of our Phoenix PD patrol officers! Your local knowledge,

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Beware of Devious Security Alarm Sales Persons

From Bev Harvey — United Neighbors Association
edited for use here by Jerry Cline

Various block watch organizations have reported incidents of alarm salespersons wearing 'Honeywell' and other brand

named shirts and knocking on doors in their neighborhoods. The example is, most

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Bill Gates named Phoenix Vice Mayor

On Wednesday, January 30th, Phoenix City Councilman Bill Gates was elected as vice mayor by his fellow city council members.



In a prepared statement, Gates responded: "I look forward to this expanded role and the opportunity to learn more about the other council districts," said Gates. "My focus this year will continue to be innova-

tions and efficiencies – including smart technology – that will help us realize our goal of saving tax payers \$100 million by 2015. While public safety will always be our number one priority, other areas of focus will be the revitalization of vacant lots and

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Always be aware

By: Lt. M. Spaulding
Desert Horizon Precinct
Jan 2013 Newsletter

Excerpt/edit: by Jerry Cline

These are tips that could keep bad guys from ruining your day:

1. Be hyper-diligent in securing your vehicles and homes. To keep what is inside, leave nothing unlocked. Check your doors and double-check that every door has been locked. Although you have locked yourself inside, there are items that interest thieves and unlocked car doors as well as open garages give easy access with little to no time invested.



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Compliment to Shadow Mountain Auto and Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch

Recently, a new subscriber to our "ALERT! News Email Report", we'll call her Sharon, downloaded one of our recent newsletters, and immediately noticed the Shadow Mountain ad on page 12. She said, paraphrasing here, her thoughts: "I know of that place! I have never been there, but seeing the ad and the show of support of and for the block watch of local neighbors implies strong credibility. I am considering taking our cars to Shadow Mountain Auto."

Countless numbers of folks enthusiastically have said, "...they **REALLY** like Shadow Mountain Auto!" We are fortunate they are with us! Compared to our past, they are a complimentary and positive attribute. ~Jerry Cline – Subscribe to our ALERT! News Email Report

pvoBW_board@cox.net



May 19, 2012, 1:58 pm 31st St & Cheryl

Do you remember?

This is one of our Phoenix City garbage trucks is in flames! We're fortunate we have those good folks working for us! Apparently someone placed something that was smoldering or at least able to ignite easily into their garbage barrel? Fortunately no one was injured.

As Phoenix Fire arrived, PVOBW reporter Pat Cline photographs and reports the action with her iPhone:

**Dog's poem: I think that I shall
never see a poem as lovely as a tree.**

**Subwofer n.
A barking dog on a submarine.**



Our Community

**"North 32nd Street – a vibrant
destination with an active
community!"**

With our neighbors' supporting North 32nd Street, it will grow into a local destination prime for enjoyment of the arts, local culture, and recreational activities.

The following is a recap of Monday evening's 32nd Street meeting for those who were not able to be there.

The new official 32nd Street logo appears above, and information on our new Facebook page is here, see below.

A flyer for our upcoming bike ride event, the logo and proposed scenic proposals are archived and available for download here:

<http://pjclinedesign.com/download/N32ndStArchive.zip>

Contact Jessica Amend at D3 Councilman's office if you have questions.

[Jessica.Amend <jessica.amend@phoenix.gov>](mailto:Jessica.Amend@phoenix.gov)

Recap: At Monday's meeting we voted on our new 32nd Street logo.

Thanks to John Barker, our landscape architect for the 32nd Street project, for selecting and preparing the plans.

Before the April meeting we will be sure to send you the report a couple weeks beforehand so you can come prepared to discuss it more in depth. If you are not on our mailing list, contact me with your request.

At Monday's meeting we also had a power point presentation by John Barker which showed us some potential design concepts for the corridor, all is in the downloadable archive file. We need to work to find funding to complete these landscaping and median designs but it was exciting to see the potential.

Our subcommittee groups made a presentation, and continue to offer support and guidance on our future vision.

Matt touched on potential future zoning and building design ideas, and Michael referenced the Baseline redevelopment area as a possible model for the 32nd Street corridor. Thanks to Bill Andres for continuing to serve as our group facilitator.

The upcoming bike ride was discussed, see flier in the archive: Thanks you to Rose at Shea Wellness Group for arranging and organizing, and creating a fabulous bike ride flyer for our upcoming celebration. We hope you will join us for this, our very first event! The bike ride part is optional so just come and show your support. We are grateful to a number of local businesses who are donating food and prizes to help make this event a success. Thanks also to our Desert Horizon police officers who will ride with us and keep us safe. Please share all of this with friends and neighbors.

Facebook page: We now have our very own facebook page! Thanks to Ceara for taking the initiative and putting this together for the group. Ceara will keep the page updated for us (the logo and business roundtable event information are also there) please be sure to friend this page and check back often:

<https://www.facebook.com/north32ndstreet>



Welcome! To Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch

Nearly 20 years ago neighbors got together to form the Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch to make the neighborhood safer.

We live in the mountains' shadows, in beautiful and quiet surroundings, and it is generally a pretty safe neighborhood. PVOBW has grown from where we first started in the early '90's from maybe a dozen families and now we're reaching out to 300+. We keep growing and are able to get the word out to the homes in all directions, even into Sunnyslope to Greenway on the north, the foothills on the south, and Tatum to the east. Communications make us strong and the better the quality of our communications, the stronger and safer we are. We communicate in various ways: newsletters, quarterly block watch meetings, email alerts, website and an annual GAIN (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) event. All contribute to communications and a safer neighborhood.

Newsletters – What would you like?

Do you want crime reports, property information, lost and found pet reports, vacancy reports, local school information? Please let us know. Send a message to the block watch captains and editor. We need input from you to help us share what you know and would like to know. That in turn will, make the newsletters more valuable to you and all neighbors living in our mountains' shadows, our beautiful, quiet and envied surroundings. Previous newsletters are available, see links below.

We would especially like to support our local schools. If you work at, are a supporter or friend of, or a parent of a child at any of the local schools, please help us as a liaison to communicate with the school. 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 websites as one of the many assets of Paradise Valley Oasis neighborhood.

A PVOBW Thank You!

We are thankful to the folks at 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.

Our block watch grant and our volunteer time

Part of how we are judged is by the quantity and quality of contribution we can show as volunteered by you, our PVOBW members. This volunteer time is treated as our value to the block watch system and enables us to apply for grant money which relates to time volunteered. In our application for the 2013-14 block watch grant we were able to report 7,937 volunteer hours. The hours came from so many neighbors, from as little as 50 hours to over a 1,000 from some families. Without you, we have no block watch! With you, we are not only a block watch; we are stronger and safer than we were without you.

We need your help – be a part of Your PVOBW Team! We want your block watch-related ideas, your help, your suggestions and your questions!

Please join and be a part of our email list: "ALERT! News Email Report!" Send your requests.

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Reaching out beyond our PVOBW boundaries

We can and 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's work together to get your block watch up and running! We've been there and done that, and clearly understand that the block watch areas encourage neighbors to communicate which is our best defense against crime.

Signs of improvement



Your PVOBW block watch signs, both the metal block watch street mounted signs and the cardboard window signs have been completely overhauled and redesigned!

The metal street signs have changed from the passive and faded "olde dog" style to new block watch signs that show up at night from hundreds of feet away.

Both, the metal street signs, and the window signs communicate!

The street signs are heavy metal, a triple reflective message, UV and graffiti resistant, a simple message that communicates, in



bright red & white, and the same high quality as the new Phoenix regulatory and street

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Your PVO website

The links below give access for this and prior PVOBW Newsletters. Also note our other neighborhood information at the site! Please provide any update or additional information.

Contact:

[PVOBW Newsletters:](#)
[PVOBW Home Page:](#)

http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Paradise_Valley_Oasis_Block_Watch/newsletters/
http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Paradise_Valley_Oasis_Block_Watch/home/

A Localized Neighborhood Market Report

By Tomi (Tomyal Emtage)



Greater Phoenix Real Estate Market on the Rise

The market here in Phoenix is going Up, Up, Up! According to The Wilcox Report the home prices in Greater Phoenix have steadily gone up since just after August 2011. If you are wanting to live in Phoenix or you currently live in Phoenix and are wanting to make a move I encourage you to consider doing it now. Is the market projected to slow down anytime soon? Not from what the experts are speculating. Are the banks holding a large shadow inventory that they will dump into the Phoenix market? No, according to current market research.

Here are some reasons why the Greater Phoenix Market is so strong:

There are a very limited amount of homes that are currently active on the market for sale and a large number of active buyers currently in the market ready to purchase a home.

Low inventory of homes and high inventory of buyers increasing prices.

Interest rates are near all time lows. What is going to eventually happen to these low interest rates? Yes, they will go up!

The new home-build-market is also strong, "On December 14, 2012 at the seminar New Home Market held at the Arizona School of Real Estate & Business there was a consensus from a panel of five: four

Neighborhood Market Report

The following is a list of the real estate activity, from the MLS, in this area:

From: Shea, South to SR-51 Freeway & from 32nd St, West to 26th St

Dates November 14,2012 through February 14,2013

Active Homes:

Price	Address	Beds/ Baths	Sq. Ft.	ArDOM (Days on Market)
-\$130,000	3061 E. Cannon DR.	2/2	1,467	156
-\$185,000	2935 E. Beryl AVE.	3/2	1,677	0
-\$243,000	10214 N. 28th ST.	3/1.75	1,645	79
-\$320,000	2709 E. Turquoise	4/2.5	2,064	7
-\$399,900	9601 N. 26th ST.	3/2	2,698	125

Under Contract –Backups (UCB) formerly AWC

-\$135,000	3022 E. Cannon DR.	2/2	1,431	247
-\$135,000	3060 E. Cannon DR.	3/2	1,507	20

Pending:

-\$62,000	10001 N. 30th PL	3/1.5	952	40
-\$239,000	2642 E. Cannon DR.	3/2	1,652	5
-\$294,900	2648 E. Cannon DR.	4/2	2,236	121
-\$294,900	2622 E. Cannon DR.	4/2	2,236	73

Closed:

-\$139,900	10235 N. 31st ST.	3/2.5	1,423	15
-\$150,000	3057 E. Cannon DR.	3/2	1,543	41
-\$171,997	10039 N. 26th St.	3/2	1,528	6
-\$195,000	2636 E. Cannon DR.	4/1.75	1,904	45
-\$217,500	2709 E. Turquoise DR.	4/2.5	2,064	47
-\$230,200	3017 E. Cochise RD.	3/2	1,937	266
-\$279,000	2710 E. Cinnabar AVE.	3/2	1,682	4
-\$287,500	2625 E. Cheryl DR.	4/2	2,096	38
-\$309,900	2647 E. North LN.	4/2	2,320	99
-\$314,900	2879 E. North LN.	4/2	1,965	12
-\$332,500	2710 E. Ironwood	3/2	2,449	30
-\$340,000	9844 N. 30th ST.	4/2	2,424	36
-\$424,000	2650 E. Mountain View RD.	4/3	3,310	77

If you have questions please contact me:

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All information is from the Multiple Listing Service. It is reliable, but not guaranteed.

If you are currently working with a realtor, this is not an attempt to solicit your business.

homebuilders and a leading land broker that new home prices in Greater Phoenix will go up in 2013 because of buyer demand, lack of supply and rising construction costs". -Fletcher Wilcox.

Please call me with any real estate question or needs that you might have. I'm happy to help.

Navigating the Neighborhood Market Report

The market in Arizona has been a roller coaster over the last few years. It's always a good idea to stay up to date on what is happening right in our own neighborhood, and I hope this will help.

The Neighborhood Market Report I have provided for this newsletter is the activity for the area located Shea South to the 51 Freeway and 32nd St. West to 26th St. The

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retail spaces, economic development and maintaining and improving the Phoenix Mountain Preserve.”

Gates, who represents District 3, will serve as Vice Mayor until the end of 2013.

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observation skills and situational awareness increases the intensity, depth and volume of our Phoenix police patrolling force!

Phoenix officers continually patrol our neighborhoods, but problems, and crime can happen even seconds after a patrol officer drives through your neighborhood. We help to cover that gap! Think about it, more of us on our streets watching and reporting, and being the eyes and ears of our patrol officers is what Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol is about. Observe, back off (do not get involved) and call!

Eyes and ears on the street

You are the expert! No other person knows what is normal in your neighborhood as well as you know. You are the resident expert, you are trained to know normal from abnormal in your neighborhood.

The more eyes and ears we have who know how and when to call 911 or Crime Stop, the stronger we are as a neighborhood. It is not rocket science. Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP) members are able to communicate what they observe as abnormal. Build on that... be alert, observe your surroundings, be aware of what you see, what you've seen and the differences that you recognize from the last time you were in that part of your patrol. This gives you a mental image, a comparison, what you begin to realize as 'normal' and what has changed? Look around as you patrol, it is for your personal safety and the safety of your community, now and in the future. When passing a street, alley, driveway, etc, look there and be aware. Crime Stop: make it your mantra. Say it like this, with a cadence: 602... 26-26-151. Repeat ~20 times, and you will never forget.

If you take the PNP training class, you can go sit with a 911 operator for an hour, then with a dispatcher for an hour. You can also ride in your patrol area and see calls taken real time as you accompany one of your beat's patrol cops. Get involved, you will love it!

-Jerry Cline

Vacancies Around Paradise Valley Oasis?

Your assistance is needed

Please check these addresses, some of properties are your neighbors.
Are the homes lived in or vacant?

- 10033 N 28th Pl <= Newsletter returned 20120313
- 10017 N 28th St <= Newsletter returned 20120615
- 10019 N 31st St <= Vacant - large for rent sign in window. Owner keeps it nicely maintained
- 10031 N 31st St <= In process of remodeling. New owners may be doing this.
- 2809 E Cheryl Dr <= Blighted
- 2853 E Cheryl Dr <= Newly remodeled w/stucco nice! Newsletter returned 20101026
- 3111 E Cheryl Dr <= Newsletter returned 20120313
- 2648 E Cinnabar <=
- 2939 E Sierra <=
- 2802 E Turquoise Dr <= Newsletter returned 20120313

New Years Eve, the "Guns did not go bang!"

Thanks to CARU (the Crime Analysis and Research Unit) and Phoenix Police Departmental Newsletter which states that currently (about 10 years later) there were only about 264 shots fired during the same frame of time when shots had been generally heard 65% reduction since the beginning and three arrests.

This year marked the 10th year that the Phoenix Police Department conducted Shannon's Law operations on New Year's Eve. Thousands of flyers were passed out by police officers, civic leaders, neighborhood groups, businesses and schools, Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton and Phoenix Police Chief Daniel Garcia to educate the community on the dangers and consequences of celebratory gunfire.

The combined efforts of everyone involved resulted in an 11% decrease in random gunfire this New Year's Eve following last years increase. The year before the operations began (2002/2003), there were 759 "shots fired" calls received between 11:30 am and 12:30 am During the same

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dates included are from December 1, 2011 to January 16, 2012. It's important to have the most current information because the market can, and does shift quickly.

Understanding the report

Active:

These are the homes that were listed as "current actives" (for sale on the market) at the time they pulled the report. These homes include many types of listing such as: short sales, HUD homes, REO's which means real estate owned (these are also called bank owned homes), and regular sales (which can also include investor owned) are all included in active homes for sale.

Active With Contingency:

These are the homes that were active, but have some type of contingency. Most commonly in this market these are short sales that do have contracts, but are waiting for some type of lien holder/bank response. Another common contingency, not seen often in the current market, is when a buyer on a home still has a current residence that is needing to be sold or have escrow closed.

Pending:

These are homes that have contracts on them that have been accepted and are waiting to close.

Closed:

These are homes that successfully closed escrow and will include all the same types of sales as the ones listed under active. Keep in mind these are only the homes that have closed from the Arizona Regional Multiple Listing Service (MLS). If a home is not listed in the MLS but has been sold, refer to the county tax records for additional information.

ADOM (Agent Days on Market):

This is how long the listing agent has had the house for sale.

Keep in mind when reading the Neighborhood Market Report that every house is different. If your house is similar to the size of one that sold that does not necessarily mean that your house will sell for that same price. There are many factors that are taken into consideration when listing a home. For instance: What is the location of your home? Does it back or face a busy road? Is your home upgraded? How many upgrades? Do you have a pool? Since there are too many details to list, contact me if you have questions. I'm just a call away, or send email and please visit my website.

Tomi

Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch Reaches Out!

This section is for neighborhood Helping Neighbors & Announcements

Get to know our CAOs!

Community Action Officers
Officer CJ Young
602-534-7096
cj.young@phoenix.gov
& Officer Dawn Vaughn
602.534.7096
dawn.vaughn@phoenix.gov



We are in the Phoenix Police Department:

Desert Horizon (DHP) Precinct #600.
Our patrol area, or "Beat Area" is 635.

Get to know Our CAO's

- Our Community Action Officers (CAOs): Contact these officers and get to know them; they work for you. We all need to communicate with these officers, which is more than just talking. Commander Benny Piña said, "Meet face to face and eye to eye, then you have *ownership*, and you can work together."
- Attend our monthly **Coffee With Cops** events, which are normally every third Wednesday of each month, and at our City Councilman Bill Gates' meetings which are on various dates and times during the month. These officers are there to meet and communicate with you.
- Confide in them; discuss local problems or possible criminal activity or suspected crime related problems around your area, especially if there is an ongoing situation, **get to know our CAOs!**

Block Watch (BW) Grant Facts

By Jackie Barkworth

- BW groups can receive up to \$10,000 from a special city fund that was voted on and approved by citizens in mid 1990's.
- The funds must be used to help make our neighborhoods safer.
- There are some prohibited items that the funds cannot cover, such as night vision devices, bullet-proof vests and weapons of any type.
- City's fiscal year is July 1 – June 30.
- Groups must apply each year during the month of January for a grant that is funded in July or August. Notification of grant approval is sent out by the City in April/May.
- A volunteer citizens committee reviews and rates each application. Occasionally the applications are denied completely, but most of the time they're either accepted or some items reduced by some amount.
- BW groups must submit a formal, quarterly report to the Police Department describing what the block watch accomplished that quarter and how the funds were spent. Bank statements and receipts must be submitted as well.
- This fiscal year, 2012-13, the Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch grant funds the GAIN event, additional metal block watch signs, newsletters, meeting flyers and operational expenses to support the email alerts, domain name, etc.
- The grant application for 2013-14 supports the same items, plus some additional items such as a low-end PA system for the GAIN event and other meetings and a weed sprayer. The weed sprayer is to be shared and used to keep our alley weeds down, so our alleys will be safer.
- This newsletter is funded by the grant (printing and postage) but it is an all-volunteer effort to write, edit, address, stamp and mail.

Christ The King Lutheran Church

By Mary Beth Baron

**All are welcome –
there is room for you!**
**Corner of Cheryl and
32nd Street**

**We invite you to
worship with us on
Sunday Mornings**

- 9:00am Worship
- 10:30 Education for all ages
Wednesdays during Lent (Feb 20th – March 20th)
- 5:30 – Soup Supper (enjoy a good meal and fellowship)
- 6:30 – Worship
Holy Week
- Maundy Thursday (March 28th) Service at 7pm
- Good Friday (March 29th) Service at 7pm
- Easter Sunday (March 31st) Service at 9am

Do you like to sing? Do you play the guitar, drums or other percussion instruments? We would love to have you join our choir or praise group.

Contact our Music Minister, Miloy to find out how you can participate at: lumilius@yahoo.com. Come join us!

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The safest schools are the ones where parents, students, staff, and community members work in partnership to identify and resolve situations that could impact the safety of the campus.

companies like Honeywell do not sell direct to the consumer and shirt-wearing folks are NOT Honeywell, and other company', employees may not represent the companies for whom they appear to work for.

For more information

Contact the Phoenix Police Department Alarm Units' Det. Howard Robinson, see below. He advises neighbors to be on the alert, noting that your alarm company would never arrive at your door without giving prior notice.

He also stresses, "Anyone who shows up unannounced and tries to get through the door and into your home should raise an immediate awareness of danger, if not anger!"

He explains there are two possible security-break scenarios of which we all must be aware.

The first is a ruse to see the inside your house to see if it is worth a return trip. The 'salesman,' in the ruse of checking your alarm system, could even reset your alarm to keep it from reporting intrusions thus compromising your home security and then unlocking a window or other entrance.

A two-man team, a worse case scenario.

One distracts you while the other checks out your home, and all for nefarious purpose. Instead of a burglary later, if they see the opportunity, they may commit robbery at that moment, obviously an extremely dangerous potential threat.

The second scenario is the alarm person who wants to 'flip' your account. They may tell you that their alarm company bought your alarm company, or that your alarm company is going out of business. Their goal is to sign you up with their contract, which would leave you owing monthly monitoring fees to both companies.

All legitimate agents / solicitors who come to your door are required to possess and show their license as issued from the city of Phoenix. It is in the form of a laminated ID card with a photo of the representing individual.

Almost anyone can get one by applying (see below "FAQs" and the cost is about \$25. It is in the form of a laminated ID card with a photo of the representing individual. You legally have a right to read it closely, do it!

Request that you may want to write that information into your notes. If the person is legitimate, they should not mind waiting until you confirm their identity with their company and the police. You are showing

that you care, they are expecting you to just say "SKAT!"

You can do this in several ways. You can go online to

<https://apps-secure.phoenix.gov/pdalarms/Public/Businesses>

and check to see if the company is registered with the City as legally required. You can also call the company to confirm the ID of their employee. Or you can call Phoenix Police Dept Alarm Unit at 602.534.0322 to check out both the salesperson and the company.

If they do not pass this test, then we suggest you call Crime Stop 602-262-6151 as soon as they leave. Please note as much information as you can about them in your report.

A sincere thanks from PVOBW to our CAO Officers' CJ Young and Dawn Vaughn (See page 6) for their assistance and their help and in locating and compiling the information below.

You may be able to get more information on solicitors by inquiring through the following links.

Email

doortodoor@phoenix.gov

Door-To-Door Solicitation

<http://phoenix.gov/publicsafety/safe-home/safehomedoortodoor/index.html>

Frequently Asked Questions

The information available from the following link comprehensive, it contains questions and the answers, and is equivalent to about five printed pages, plus it contains many other links of information related to and about door to door solicitation handbills and handbillers.

<http://phoenix.gov/publicsafety/safe-home/safehomedoortodoor/doortodoor-faqs/index.html>

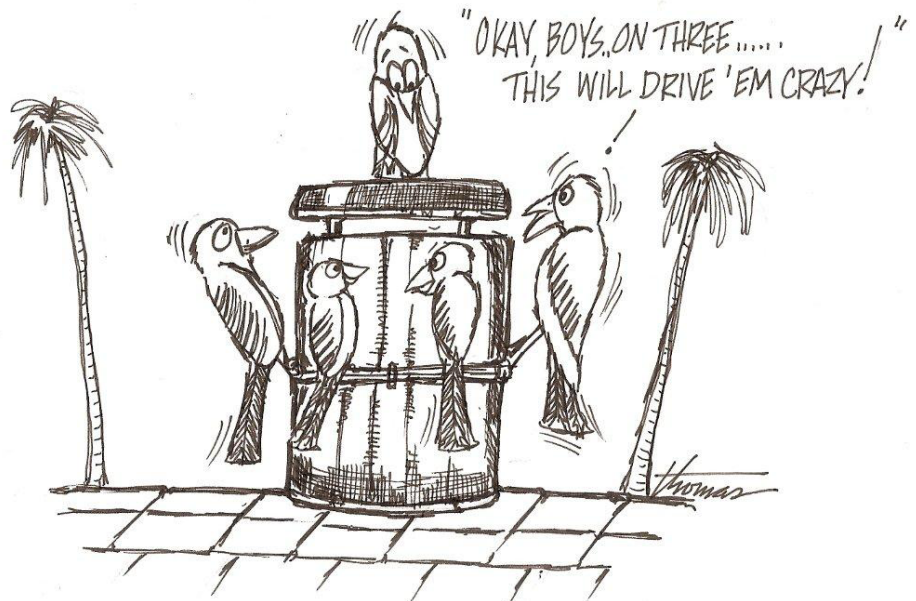
An opinion

Since there are so many of us who see soliciting from so many points of view, I think it is safe to say, most of us do not care for door-to-door solicitation. That being said, not enough of us attended the various (seven) public special city council committee meetings, so we were not able to change what the apparent will as the commercial representative lobbyists imposed their influence and their will. It takes the voice of all of us to make a difference. —Jerry Cline

➡ "It is one of the most beautiful compensations in life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Our resident cartoonist, Ron Thomas is back

...and this time with a satirical look at our neighborhood Gila woodpeckers as they stand on our gas chimney vents and street lights to declare to all whom can hear the RAT-A-TAT of their beaks against the sound of their 'drum' as it resonates throughout the neighborhood. Thanks Ron! We appreciate your help and humor! ;-)



Be Aware ...Continued From Page 1

2. Always be vigilant and aware, look around, make eye contact, acknowledge and take mental notes of people's descriptions.

Be aware of your surroundings, particularly people trying not to be seen or who avoid eye contact. Thieves and people up to no good don't like attention. They're trying to blend in and not be noticed. Although they're fairly easy to spot, if you pay attention. Example, if at night you see a person dressed in black, with a backpack, and especially riding a bike, that could be a person of interest.

3. If you shop alone, when you got to your car, request a store employee for assistance. Retail stores strive to achieve ultimate customer service. They understand incidents occurring on their property can deter repeat customers and potential earnings. Leave your property at merchandise pickup, customer service or a representative while you retrieve your vehicle. Don't do it alone, ask for help to load purchases, and again keep looking around.

4. Secure your purse and/or money before you leave the store. Take a few extra seconds to count your change and put it away before you leave the register or check-out area. Purses should be zipped or snapped shut. Scan for those who have an interest in what you are doing. Thieves get in line also; look directly behind you, in front, and on both sides. When you give money to charity, be ready before you leave the store.

5. Keep your front yard tidy! Pick up papers, handbills, fliers and mail that accumulate in your absence. If you are going to be away, stop deliveries and have your neighbors remove door hangers etc. around your home that let people know that you're not home.

6. Be cautious when visiting banks, financial centers or ATMs. Suspects looking to take advantage of people are looking for the easy target... Those focused on their shopping mission and unaware. Be aware of who is near when you approach any building or dispensary. Don't take a chance with the person standing near the ATM or person that allows you to go ahead of them even though they are already in front of the machine. Perhaps the drive through will provide you with more protection when you obtain cash. And again, secure your money before you leave the register, teller window, or store.

Gunshots ...Continued from page 5

time this year (2012/2013), there were 264 "shots fired" calls. This is a 65% reduction from the time these operations began.

The success is the result of the community coming together to solve a problem just by changing perception through education.

While the city has seen a significant decrease in random gunfire, some still haven't gotten the message. One of the three suspects arrested this year in this operation, Ernesto Mejia De La Cueva, fired approximately ten rounds from a shot-gun. When officers asked why he was shooting in the city, he replied, "Because he wanted to make noise for the New Year." All three suspects were booked into the Maricopa County Jail, charged with Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm Within City Limits, a Class 6 Felony.

Liquor Enforcement Continued from page 1

can do to see if a liquor license applicant wants to be a responsible, contributing member of your community. You will learn what to do if you see a neon-bright green sign announcing a pending liquor application within 1 mile of your residence or business. You will find out why this is important to your neighborhood and what you can do to encourage responsible business owners and discourage owners who do not appear to have the best interest of the community in mind.

- This introductory class provides information on how residents and neighborhood groups can get involved in the liquor licensing process. What is the neighborhood's role? Why should residents get involved? How can residents comment on a proposed liquor license in their neighborhood?
- How can neighborhood participation impact a liquor license application?
- In the meantime please consider signing up for notifications on new liquor applications in case you don't see the big green sign. You have a small window of time to comment and should start right away. Here is the link. www.phoenix.gov/licenseservices. I look forward to meeting you on 3/21/13.

www.phoenix.gov/licenseservices

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Palms ...Continued from page 1

got 'dumped on', because the 'garbage' is now their responsibility they may be fined for \$250 or more.

Itinerant workers have no insurance and the job is dangerous. If they are injured doing the job and you hired them, you may be held liable and responsible.

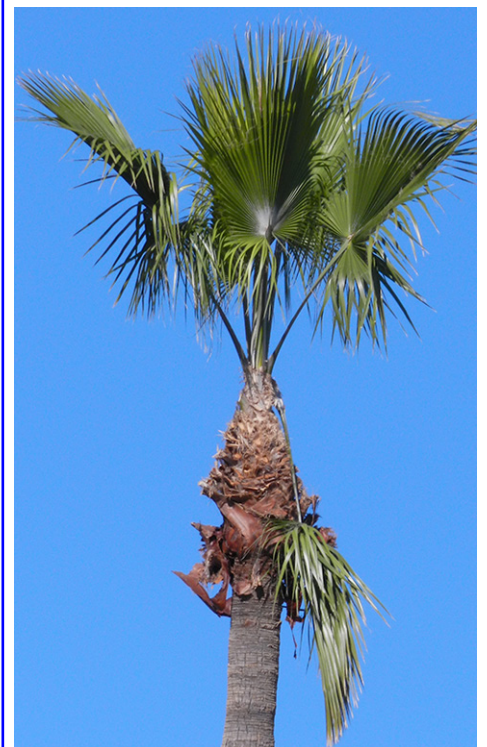
If they do a bad job on your trees, or trim too early and your palms continue to produce seeds, good luck getting them back.

Depending on heat and irrigation, seedling time can vary. For the tree's health, wait and trim palms properly, plan for just one trim per year!

Each time a palm is "spiked" (which happens during the climbing procedure), the health of the tree may be compromised leaving it vulnerable to insects and disease. Plan the trimming event to allow everything that will need to be done for that year in just one early summer event. This saves money, keeps your trees healthy and is recommended by the International Society of Arboriculture. If you have questions please call PVTrimmers, Mike or Revel Thompson; they're neighbors who care about Paradise Valley Oasis neighbors. They're licensed contractors, and they have the knowledge and experience, and care about your trees, they look forward to meeting you. 602-992-6212.

pvtrimmers@yahoo.com

Below is a badly-trimmed tree! Your trimmed trees should appear as Egyptian columns.



Around Paradise Valley Oasis



Solid Waste Schedules

Our area #8 One Week Rule

City ordinance allows only nine days prior to the scheduled collection week to place bulk trash in the alley for collection. It is a violation of city ordinance to place bulk trash out before the listed date.

Placement begins Collection begins

Jan. 12, '13 Jan. 21, '13
Apr. 13, '13 Apr. 22, '13
July 13, '13 July 22, '13
Oct. 12, '13 Oct. 21, '13

Mark your calendar!

- Planing on yard cleaning? Do not place items in the alley, except as defined here:
- Bulk trash must be placed by 6 am on the "Collection Begins" date.
- Placement is allowed only between your area's listed dates, or subject to fine.

Items placed in alleys between pickup dates are subject to fines beginning at \$250 per occurrence. Also, if items are in your ally and adjacent to your property, even if someone else placed the items there, the fine will be charged to you as the property owner.

The same can apply to weeds, grass and other growth along your property line and includes your half of the alley.

BULK TRASH CREWS DO NOT PICK UP:

- More than 20 cubic yards per residence, (a pile the size of a SUV).
- Loose debris and litter. Please sweep or rake after collection if necessary.
- Loose grass, leaves, weeds, twigs and hedge clippings. It must be bagged or boxed and securely tied to be collected.
- Household hazardous waste (HHW), such as antifreeze, pool chemicals, oil, batteries and paint (Call 602-262-7251 for more information).
- Community piles.
- Materials such as bricks, concrete, dirt, rocks, asphalt and roofing.

- Shingles/tiles.
- Construction materials in excess of 25 lbs or over four feet long generated by a residence.
- Any construction material generated by a contractor.
- Metal or car parts in excess of 20 lbs or over four feet long.
- Any type or size of tire.
- Glass such as windows, shower doors, patio doors, mirrors, fluorescent tubes, etc.
- Appliances that use refrigerants; freezers, refrigerators, and air conditioners.

Recycled

<http://phoenix.gov/publicworks/recycling/index.html>

Hard plastics only!

- Please care and do NOT contaminate the load.
- No foam plastics of any kind!
- No cups, no packing, no foam peanuts
- No poly-film or plastic bags or wrapping (if a cardboard package, a bottled water container for example, is wrapped with poly film, that cardboard box will be hand-picked and tossed into landfill there is no time to separate the plastic and cardboard).
- NO plastic bags! NONE! in recycle. See BAG-CENTRAL STATION @ grocer store

Phone Numbers

Phoenix POLICE:

Report an Incident 602.262.6151
Crime in Progress EMERGENCY 911

Phoenix Services:

Neighborhood Services 602.262.7344
Blighted Property 602.262.7844
Graffiti 602.495.7014
Illegal Dumping 602.262.7251
Illegal Signs 602.534.7100
Shopping Cart Removal 602.278.7587
Speeders 602.534.SPEED
Councilman Gates D3 602.262.7441

Street light repair report form

Report streetlights in need of repair:

<http://phoenix.gov/email/emfixlit.html>

Enter the street address or the light pole's number (usually about 6-8 feet up the pole).

Eight Common Blight Violations

By policy, when responding to an initial complaint at a property, the inspector will check that property and properties in the immediate area for the reported violation(s) and the following common eight blight violations:

- Over-height (six inches) grass/weeds, dead or dried vegetation
- Inoperable vehicles
- Junk, litter, debris
- Open and vacant buildings/structures
- Outside storage
- Fences in disrepair
- Parking on non-dust proof surfaces, parking on too much of a residential property
- Graffiti

<http://www.phoenix.gov/NBHDPGMS/neigpres.html>

or call 602-262-7844.

Desert Horizon Precinct #600 Presents Coffee With Cops Eye Opener Family Restaurant 524 W Hatcher Rd, Phoenix, AZ 602.861.1468 – All are welcome!

- Mark your calendar! Normally every third Wednesday, see link below for the current schedule. Usually 40 to 60 neighbors join for these special precinct events with our precinct. Enjoy coffee and breakfast as you talk with cops & friends! Come in, sit down with a cop and talk!
- Neighbors from all precincts Welcome!
- These enjoyable experiences allow you to meet your neighbors and local cops!
- Join us to learn, meet new folks, meet & talk to your precinct Commanders, Sergeants, Community Action Officers (CAOs), Phx City employees, City Council Members, you and more.
- Questions? jerry.cline@phoenix.gov
- For current schedules for Coffee With Cops use this link:
<http://www.pnpmembers.com/coffee-with-cops.php>

Get the Phoenix "notes" HERE:

<http://phoenix.gov/citygovernment/me-diacycenter/newsletters/general/notes/index.html>

From You – Items, Articles and Opinions

Garbage – Our choice

An Opinion from Judy Walker

Our neighborhood has alleys so we don't have to deal with getting the garbage containers out to the street on pickup days; we don't have to deal with possible odors or insects close to our house, and we don't have to deal with the clean up of trash cans on the side of our houses or after garbage and bulk trash pickups in the front of our house.

The garbage and bulk trash are dealt with in the alleys behind the houses and all pickups are in the alley. Other neighborhoods don't have this option and I for one am glad to have the alley.

I came from a place where I had to put out the garbage cans from the back of my lot. I had to make sure that the containers were out early enough for pick up no matter the weather and no matter where or when I otherwise had to be that particular morning. Then, after garbage pickup I was responsible for getting the container out of the street (sometimes down the street), the cleanup of the container, and the return to the back of the lot.

The City has advised us that there is the possibility of losing garbage collection in the alleys. The city has put together some information that indicates that it is more expensive to provide alley collection than it is to provide individual containers and collect all garbage in the front of each house.

Some of the reasons for the extra cost include extra maintenance for the trucks due to hazards in the alleys, such as overhanging vegetation and loose matter in the roadway that can harm tires on the trash collection trucks. We were told that about 20% of Phoenix neighborhoods have alleys. That's a lot of houses but the City considers it unfair to make people without alleys pay for the extra expense of the pickup in our alleys. I would be willing to pay a surcharge for the continuation of the pickup as it is, especially because the alley behind my house cannot be barricaded against vehicular traffic because of the overhead utilities. However, many people do not want to be charged extra and I get it. It doesn't seem fair either that alley neighborhoods should be charged extra for what all the rest of the population is getting for less.

Certainly there are many City amenities that my taxes pay for that I don't use

either. I know that is not a nice, community-minded thought, but given that somewhere in Sun City the people voted out of the school district to avoid paying taxes for the schools—I don't feel so terrible. I have talked to a lot of people who say that if the alleys aren't for garbage collection, what are they for? Certainly even if barricaded with "cones" as the city has suggested, foot traffic could get through causing problems with vagrants and/or dumping. The homeowners would still be responsible for the condition of the alleys but without the benefit of the garbage collection.

Recently after a walk in this neighborhood I was somewhat irritated with the garbage collectors since I watched as the containers were picked up to be dumped into the truck with papers and other items sent flying all left to be blown around and/or to "mess" up the alley. However, when I mentioned this to my daughter, who also lives in this neighborhood, she reminded me that papers that are not tied together and yard debris or any garbage that is not bagged are going to fly around or dumped out as the container is lifted, the cover opened and whatever is in the container is emptied into the truck.

Also, containers that are overflowing with stuff tend to have stuff dropped out before being dumped into the truck. I know I throw a lot of untied paper into the recycle contained and I see grass clippings and yard matter that is put into the garbage container without being bagged. I realize I have been guilty of not bagging as well. If that was my individual container that I was messing up with grass clippings or whatever I would have to clean up the mess in the can myself or risk all of the nasty things that can grow in that kind of dirt!

It seems to me that if, to the best of anyone's ability, the neighborhood people do what is needed to keep the alleys debris and vegetation free and to bag and tie the trash, it would give the neighborhood a clean look and there would be a chance (hopefully) that this would convince the city personnel that we are using the alleys for the best purpose and are doing out duty as responsible citizens.

Auntie Em, hate you, hate Kansas, taking the dog. ~Dorothy!...

Dorothy, hate Oz, taking the shoes, find your own way home ~Toto

Have you noticed?

Our neighborhood is getting younger, and Paradise Valley Oasis is gaining in quality. Homes that are 40+ years old are being upgraded and sold, in my opinion, and not official, to a younger group. I've talked to some of these folks and asked why they decided to choose to buy here? The reply was, generally, they checked, or were told, that crime rates are low here, and they feel secure that there is an organized block watch here.

-Jerry Cline

Signs of improvement ...Cont from page 3

name signs now being installed throughout our PVOBW neighborhood. These signs are gorgeous!

The cost of each sign is ~\$33, which is paid for with allocations from by our PVO Board block watch grant funding, we plan to add a few more each year.

For more info contact your PVO Board members:

pvoBW_board@cox.net

About Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch identification:

We also plan on contacting local printers and asking if they would print a two sided card stock window display Block Watch sign for PVOBW at no cost if half of the backside of the sign contained your printer business information on one half of the sign, and our block watch contact info and emergency phone information on the other half of the back of the sign. The front side of the sign would look something like the sample above.

Please note: these window signs are ~ 9" X 12", see page 3 (shrinking the image to fit here, over dramatized the drop-shadow and transparency of the background) – Sorry about that.

We would then laminate the sign in heavy duty UV resistant vinyl (to make it fade resistant and weather proof) they can even be used outside). We've had test signs in use in various exterior exposures for the past 12 months, and they still look as those what were placed recently.

We would then make the completed sign available to you, our PVOBW members at no charge.

Would you place signs such as this in your window?

Let us know your thoughts.

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The two little ones below

...were apparently set loose by owner a few days ago, on a very cold, misty and windy morning. They have no collar, tags, and no chips.

They are being kept by a rescuing neighbor, but they have two of their own dogs and cannot keep these. Contact:

Maaïke Stienstra; 10009 N. 31st Street cell; 480 721 1987

She is checking lost dog websites.



My Name is Juice!

Lost Christmas Eve from a home at 28th St. & Shea Blvd. White and tan Female spayed Staffordshire mix. Tan fur over one eye, white fur \ over the other. White chest, tan back with a small white marking at the base of her back and tip of tail. White paws. Please call 602-317-1917 or 602-418-0031 – No collar but is micro chipped

Like us on 1/17 Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/BringJuiceHome>

Neighbor Rescues lost cat with help of very large dog.

Jerry,

A while back there were notices on the lamp posts about a lost yellow cat. This morning Don and Jake (BIG dog!) spotted it. Jake kept it cornered behind a can/post and Don called the phone number listed. It was the cat they were looking for and the owner was so glad it was found.

Good job Jake!!! (He really hates cats though). The owner is one of our close neighbors and knows us because of Jake.

Karin on Turquoise

This UPS Store at Metro Center...

Creates the printed version this newsletter. The service and quality are excellent, and the cost is a fraction of all other known sources.

Jerry Cline

The UPS Store

10% Off Packaging Materials
\$2 Off Finger Printing
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Paradise Valley Oasis Block Watch News

"Neighbors helping and
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THIS NEWSLETTER, A PART OF A CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM, IS IN PART FUNDED FROM YOUR TAX DOLLARS GRANTED UNDER THE CITY OF PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH GRANT PROGRAM. PLEASE SUPPORT PVO BLOCK WATCH BY VOLUNTEERING YOUR VALUED TIME!

- PHOENIX POLICE INFO DESK 602-262-7626
- CRIME STOP REPORT SUSPECTED CRIME: 602-26-26-151
- EMERGENCY – CRIME IN PROGRESS 911

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PVO Block Watch News



*Compliment
See page 2*

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