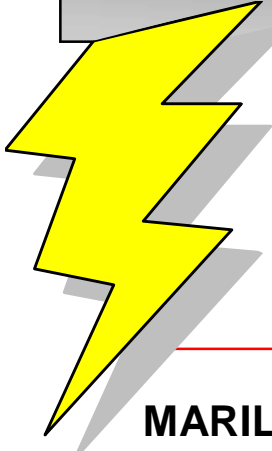


THUNDERWAY

MARCH - APRIL 2008

HAPPY SPRINGTIME

Our mission is to serve the community by providing important information to help **educate**, **unify**, and promote **communication** between neighbors, churches, schools and area businesses within the boundaries of the ThunderWay area. E-MAIL mcthunderwayfightback@hotmail.com



MARILYN'S NOTES

WEEDS, WEEDS, AND MORE WEEDS

We need to take the time out of our busy schedules and take care of our blooming weeds. If we don't take care of them NOW we will have double or triple the weeds next season.

Remember that under city code, weeds and grass taller than six inches are a violation.

- 1) Pick as soon as they start showing. Before they take run of the whole yard.
- 2) Commercial weed killers work well, but do not spray on a windy day or everything will be dead.
- 3) Vinegar works well too

Be persistent. Even after you've cleared your weeds, you may have to do it again in two or three weeks. We will begin to report all weeds and high grasses on your property. If you live on a corner make sure you check your side yard for weeds. I know sometimes you don't look at it, but others in the neighborhood do! That also goes for those of you who have alleys, that is your responsibility too.

Consider getting together with neighbors and patrol your area looking for weeds and offering to get rid of them. We are listed with the neighborhood association, so you are eligible to participate in the free Tool Lending Program. To learn more about the program, call 602-495-0323. To report weeds call 602-262-7844, or email to blight@phoenix.gov

Thanks for caring about our Neighborhood.

Beware Burglars & Scam Artists

Phoenix water customers are warned that imposters are out there. Scam Artists/Burglars may try to talk their way into your home under the guise of testing your tap water or discussing a phony water concern. Legitimate city of Phoenix Water Services staff does not ask to enter your home.

Councilwomen Thelda Williams has sent this warning to me. A man carries City of Phoenix letterhead and a badge to gain entry into homes using the ruse of testing the water for pharmaceuticals. **DO NOT LET HIM IN.** Water Department representative, Trish Puryear said, the Water Department would NEVER ask to come into someone's home.

Just an added note to this, my home was visited by a man who wanted to test our water last week and my husband told him no thanks, he showed him a badge from Glendale Water and my husband told him he was in Phoenix; he didn't know what to say. Please be very careful.

KEEP A LOOK OUT

WE HAVE JUVENIALS WHO HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO THAN BREAK WINDOWS IN CARS, VAN AND TRUCKS. THIS IS HOW THEY GAIN ENTRY INTO YOUR VEHICLES; TO SEE WHAT THEY CAN STEEL. I KNOW OF FOUR OWNERS WHO HAVE BE VIOLATED. THIS HAS HAPPENED ON 37TH AVENUE, IF THIS HAPPENS TO YOU CALL THE POLICE AND MAKE A REPORT. SOONER OR LATER WE WILL GET THEM.

BULK TRASH PICK UP

AREA 11 EASTSIDE OF 39TH AVENUE
PLACEMENT NOT BEFORE MAY 10, 2008
PICK UP MAY 19, 2008

AREA 12 WESTSIDE OF 39TH AVENUE
PLACEMENT NOT BEFORE MAY 17, 2008
PICK UP MAY 26, 2008

QUESTION ABOUT WHAT CAN OR CAN NOT BE IN BULK
TRASH COLLECTION CALL 602-262-7251

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AT&T PROTECTING OUR CUSTOMERS 809, 284 OR 876 AREA CODES

Periodically, emails warning of a scam involving calls from the above area codes. These are real area codes and in past years their was a problem. AT&T worked to eliminate access to fraudulent pay-per-call operators. Consumers usually receive a message telling them to call a phone number with the above area codes in order to collect a prize, find out information about a sick relative, etc. The caller assumes the number is a typical three digit U.S. area code, however, the caller is actually connected to a phone number outside the United States, often in Canada or the Caribbean, and charged international call rates. Unfortunately, consumers don't find out that they have been charged higher international call rates until they receive their bill. AT&T offers the following information and tips:

- Return calls to familiar numbers only. As a general rule, return calls from numbers that contain familiar or recognizable area codes. You may call your directory assistance or long distance operator to check the area code location
- Carefully read your telephone bill. Make sure that you only receive charges from your provider of choice.

If you believe that you have been scammed:

- Contact the carrier with whom the charge originated, whose name and toll-free telephone number should be printed on the same bill page as the charge in question. Often, the problem can be resolved with a single phone call.
- If the carrier with whom the charge originated does not agree to resolve the problem, contact AT&T. AT&T will work with you and the carrier to help remove fraudulent charges from the phone bill.

COMPUTER WARNING

DO NOT OPEN ANY MESSAGE WITH AN ATTACHMENT ENTITLED 'POSTCARD,' REGARDLESS OF WHO SENT IT TO YOU. IT IS A VIRUS WHICH OPENS A POSTCARD IMAGE, WHICH 'BURNS' THE WHOLE HARD DRIVE C OF YOUR COMPUTER. THIS VIRUS WILL BE RECEIVED FROM SOMEONE WHO HAS YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IN HIS/HER CONTACT LIST.

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INTERESTING FACTS

IF A STATUE IN THE PARK OF A PERSON ON A HORSE HAS BOTH FRONT LEGS IN THE AIR, THE PERSON DIED IN BATTLE. IF THE HORSE HAS ONE FRONT LEG IN THE AIR THE PERSON DIED AS A RESULT OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN BATTLE. IF THE HORSE HAS ALL FOUR LEGS ON THE GROUND, THE PERSON DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES.

IN SHAKESPEARE'S TIME, MATTRESSES WERE SECURED ON BED FRAMES BY ROPES. WHEN YOU PULLED ON THE ROPES THE MATTRESS TIGHTENED, MAKING THE BED FIRMER TO SLEEP ON. HENCEN PHRASE...'GOODNIGHT, SLEEP TIGHT.' I GUESS THEY HAD BED BUGS!!

THE FIRST NOVEL WRITTEN ON A TYPEWRITER: TOM SAWYER

MANY YEARS AGO IN ENGLAND, PUB FREQUENTERS HAD A WHISTLE BAKED INTO THE RIM, OR HANDLE, OF THEIR CERAMIC CUPS. WHEN THEY NEEDED A REFILL, THEY USED THE WHISTLE TO GET SOME SERVICE. 'WET YOUR WHISTLE' IS THE PHRASE INSPIRED BY THIS PRACTICE.

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DANGERS of METHAMPHETAMINE – CRYSTAL DARKNESS

Meth use is on the rise—law enforcement needs our help!

On April 15, 2008, from 6:30 p.m.— 7:00p.m., nearly every network affiliated and independent Arizona television station will simultaneously broadcast a shocking and in—depth documentary on the dangers of Crystal Meth. “The Crystal Darkness campaign will educate the general public and provide our young people with a preventative message as well as an offer of hope and help,” said Chris Crockett, Commander of the Public Affairs Bureau at the Phoenix Police Department. “This campaign will bring local, county, state and federal law enforcement together in the fight against Meth.” Make sure you watch this program WITH your children.

DISASTER - PROOF YOUR IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

If there was a catastrophe in our city or in your home right now, would you know what is important to you besides your family?

- 1) You should take photo copies of ALL important documents. Birth Certificates, Marriage Certificates, Social Security Cards, Health Cards, Auto and Homeowners Policy numbers, Checking and Savings Account numbers, Passports, Credit Cards, Health & Immunization Records, Drivers License. Titles and Deeds for property. Copy front and backs of each card.
- 2) Actual hand/typed information - Names, phone numbers and policy numbers or account numbers of companies you do business with; utilities, doctors, insurance companies, banking, your vehicle vin. number, license plate number, etc.
- 3) Recent Tax Return
- 4) Make sure you keep ALL this information in a safe place. You can put the information in your own personal fire proof safe and be ready to grab in case of a fire, or any other emergency. You can make a CD or use a flash drive to keep your important information.
- 5) You should also keep some checks/cash in this safe so that you will have money or a way to purchase food or items that are needed in an emergency.
- 5) It is also recommended that you make copies of everything you carry in your wallet/purse, that way if it is stolen you know exactly what you had, so you can report item stolen to your credit card/bank

If you do have your wallet or purse stolen you need to notify the following, this will help with IDENTITY THIFT.

- EQUIFAX 1-800-525-6285
- EXPERIAN 1-888-397-3742
- TRANS UNION 1-800-680-7289
- SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD LINE 1-800-269-0271

WATER SAFETY - ONE MINUTE IS WORTH A LIFE!

It saddens me to say that drowning is still one of the leading causes of death for children under the age of four in Arizona. Most children drown in their own backyard swimming pool, but other drown in buckets, bathtubs, toilets, dog water bowls, canals and ponds. Small children are top-heavy, and they don't have the upper body strength to lift themselves out of one of these dangerous situations. Even if the child survives the incident, they are often left with permanent brain damage. **KNOW** where your children are at all times, **NEVER** allow children to be alone near a pool or any water source, **HAVE** life saving devices near the pool, such as a pole, hook or flotation device, **KEEP** large objects such as tables, chairs, toys, and ladders away from pool fences, **DO** not allow children to play around the pool and store all toys outside the pool area, **ALWAYS** have a “DESIGNATED child watcher” and they **NEVER** leave the pool area unless the kids go with them, **NEVER** swim alone or while under the influence of alcohol or medications, **NEVER** swim when thunder or lightning is present. The Fire Department has a Water Safety Hotline 602-262-6910, additional teaching tools also can be located on the Phoenix Fire Dept. web site <http://phoenix.gov/FIREwatersafe.hotmail#POOL>

SPRING CLEANING

WATER, HYDROGEN PEROXIDE AND SODA WATER

WATER IS EFFECTIVE ON ITS OWN, HYDROGEN PEROXIDE, IS SIMILAR TO WATER BUT IS A MORE POTENT OXIDIZER AND WILL BLEACH MANY STAINS. SODA WATER, WHICH IS WATER MIXED WITH CARBONIC ACID TO GIVE THE BUBBLES WHICH HELPS EJECT DIRT AND SPILLS (FROM CARPETS). POUR A SMALL AMOUNT OF SODA WATER ONTO A FRESH SPILL, AND BLOT WITH A TOWEL, DON'T RUB. IF STAINS ARE SET, TRY HYDROGEN PEROXIDE. POUR SOME ONTO A **CLEAN WHITE CLOTH** AND PRESS CLOTH TO THE CARPET. WAIT 15 MIN. AND BLOT WITH A DRY CLEAN WHITE CLOTH, NO NEED TO RINSE. HYDROGEN PEROXIDE IS MILD, BUT YOU NEED TO CHECK THAT THE FABRICS ARE COLORFAST. IT IS A GREAT ALTERNATIVE TO CHLORINE BLEACH. PLACE STAINED AREA IN A BOWL, AND POUR PEROXIDE ONTO THE FABRIC. LET SOAK AT LEAST 1 HOUR, THEN LAUNDRER AS USUAL.

DISTILLED WHITE VINEGAR AND LEMON JUICE THESE TWO ARE EXCELLENT FOR CLEANING, DEODORIZING AND AS A MILD BLEACH. BOTH ARE ACIDS AND CAN BE USED TO NEUTRALIZE HIGH PH, OR ALKALINE SUBSTANCES SUCH AS SOAP SCUM. YOU SHOULD USE RUBBER GLOVES FOR THIS TASK.

WASHING WINDOWS MIX 2 CUPS WATER WITH 1/4 CUP VINEGAR AND 1/2 TEASPOON DISHWASHING LIQUID (THE DISH SOAP REMOVES WAX FROM COMMERCIAL CLEANERS) AND DRY WITH NEWSPAPER. **SPRAY THE COUNTERTOPS** WITH WHITE VINEGAR AND THEN PEROXIDE AND WIPE. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH GOES ON FIRST, **BUT KEEP THEM IN SEPARATE BOTTLES AND DO NOT DILUTE.**

THAT KITCHEN SPONGE NEEDS TO BE PUT IN THE MICRO-WAVE TO KILL THE GERMS, MAKE SURE IT IS WET AND ZAP FOR 1 MINUTE.

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Administrative Services Division	534-5033
City of Phoenix general information	262-6011
Community Development Division	495-6928
Coordination Division	534-2393
NSD Director's Office	534-2825
Fight Back Program	534-2393
Graffiti Busters Hotline	495-7014
Graffiti Cell Phone Hotline	#4663
Graffiti In Progress	9-1-1
Keep It Clean	534-4444
Neighborhood Economic Development	495-5249
Non-Permitted Construction Violations	262-7844
Preservation Division	262-7844
Property Maintenance Violations	262-7844
Barking Dogs	262-6466
Illegal Dumping	262-7251
Gang Hotline	534-4264
Poison Control	253-3334
Abandoned Vehicles -	
Private Property	262-7844
Streets or Alleys	262-6151
CRIME STOP Non emergency crime	262-6151
Gas Leaks - emergency or smell gas	1-800-528-4277

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