

# Neighbor to Neighbor



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## A Weed and Seed Site

### Beauty of Sunnyslope is on Display Thanks to the talent of Sunnyslope High School students

Sunnyslope W.I.N.S. teamed up with Sunnyslope High School to coordinate a photo contest. Students were asked to photograph the beauty they saw in Sunnyslope. The one rule for the photos was that they be taken within the boundaries of 19th Avenue, 16th Street, Northern and Cactus. (Photos also had to be landscape oriented so they would be suitable for print in a calendar)

Forty photo entries were presented to a group of Sunnyslope citizens for judging at the November Neighborhood Restoration committee meeting. Judges selected twelve winning photos to be used in a 2006 calendar produced with Weed & Seed funds. Five other photos were chosen as honorable mention.

The seventeen photos were presented to the public at the December 5th Holiday Tree Lighting at John C. Lincoln North Mountain and hung in the Sunnyslope History Museum & Cultural Center, 737 E. Hatcher Rd., from December 6th to January 6, 2006.

After January 6th, students will get to keep their framed and matted winning photos.

A limited edition calendar featuring the winning photos is being published by Sunnyslope W.I.N.S. using Weed & Seed award dollars. Calendars are expected to become available in early January. The calendars will be given away at community meetings and upon request while supplies last.

To be notified when calendars become available and where to pick one up, email Christina Plante at [cplant@jcl.com](mailto:cplant@jcl.com).

### ~ CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS ~

1st Place to be featured on the cover: Erin Cline

3 photos selected: Heather Runyan

2 photos selected: Nick Bertram

Kelly Clements

Katie Helfinstine

Mara Foster

Sterling Blake

Susannah Alvarado

Jasmine Long

### Honorable Mention:

Sharon Ringstaff

Bryce Larson

Hector DelBosque

Khamis Hammoudeh

Lizzy Pullen

### Community Resources @ Your Fingertips

The website: [www.sunnyslopecommunity.org](http://www.sunnyslopecommunity.org) recently underwent a renovation and now users can find details about upcoming community meetings and lodge complaints directly from the home page!

The left side of the page features a list of meeting dates with live links that direct the user to a description of meetings, format and current committee objectives. The intention is to help busy community members maximize tips – information to have on hand – for making the most effective complaint and provides phone numbers and/or email links to complete to process.

their time by making informed decisions to attend the meetings that best meet personal goals and objectives for community involvement.

The right side of the page has live links to lodge complaints citing blight issues, suspicious drug activity, graffiti, liquor license violations, prostitution and resources to fight trespassing. Clicking the appropriate link will take the user to a list of

The middle section features community news and alerts. See for yourself by logging on to: [www.sunnyslopecommunity.org](http://www.sunnyslopecommunity.org)

## Sunnyslope High given 'excelling' label by state

Carrie Watters

Peoria Republic

Dec. 7, 2005 12:00 AM

Glendale Union High School District has one school, Sunnyslope High School, anchoring the top spot with an "excelling" label handed out by the state Monday.

"Happy, happy, happy," summed it up for Principal John Croteau.

Monday's decision pushes eight more schools into the top ranking, including Apache and Paseo Verde elementary schools in the Peoria Unified School District.

The state Board of Education's decision to grant Sunnyslope the highest state ranking came nearly two months after most schools were labeled and after state Superintendent Tom Horne reconfigured how to measure high-performing schools.

The adjustment came after Croteau argued that high-performing schools were hitting glass ceilings, unable to make the dramatic improvements considered by the state when labeling schools. And yet, Sunnyslope is among the top 2 percent of schools in the state for the number of students not just meeting but exceeding state standards.

The state ranks schools in six categories, from "excelling" to "failing," based largely on improving state test scores over three years.

Glendale Union has five schools in the second-highest category of "highly performing," another two schools are a step below in "performance plus," and one school is in the "performing" category.

Sunnyslope students did improve on last spring's Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards, or AIMS, the state's standardized tests.

Croteau said teachers will continue to do what they're doing. Schools like Sunnyslope need tweaking, not a massive overhaul, he said.

"It's just a matter of working with kids, identifying the kids in trouble and helping them out," he said.

At least this week, students can expect a "big old celebration on campus," the pleased principal said.

### Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County Looking for Tutors

Did you know that 1 out of every 5 adults in Maricopa County can't read this sentence? We have hundreds of adults on our waiting list that need your help! If you are at least 18 years of age, graduated from high school, read at a 12th grade level and can commit 3-4 hours a week to teach someone to read or speak and understand English, LVMC wants you as a volunteer!

Our volunteer tutors meet one-on-one with students all across the Valley of the Sun and are matched with consideration of geographical location and available hours. Tutors also can help in one of our Learn Centers, a family literacy class or an ESOL class. To become a tutor, you **must** meet these qualifications:

1. Be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED.
2. Read at a 12th grade level.
3. Meet with your student at least 4 hours per week.
4. Make at least a nine month commitment.
5. Attend 18 hours of training in one of our workshops that will equip you to tutor in either Basic Reading or ESOL (English for speakers of other languages). All potential tutors are required to attend tutor training regardless of experience or expertise.

People are waiting for help. Be a part of this worthwhile literacy effort and help change someone's life! Please call the Literacy Volunteer office at 602-274-3430 or you can register online at [www.literacyvolunteers-maricopa.org](http://www.literacyvolunteers-maricopa.org)

## Acacia Branch Library - January 2006 Events

### Children:

January 10, 2006 7:00pm-7:30pm Tuesday Tales: Family story time with story, songs, puppet show and more!

January 12, 2006 10:15am-11:00am Baby Time: For parents and babies ages birth to 23 months. Your baby needs YOU to learn. Have fun sharing books, songs, fingerplays and more! Supported by Target stores.

January 17, 2006 7:00pm-7:30pm Tuesday Tales: Family story time with story, songs, puppet show and more!

January 19, 2006 10:15am-11:00am Baby Time: For parents and babies ages birth to 23 months. Your baby needs YOU to learn. Have fun sharing books, songs, fingerplays and more! Supported by Target stores.

January 24, 2006 7:00pm-7:30pm Tuesday Tales: Family storytime with story, songs, puppet show and more!

January 26, 2006 10:15am-11:00am Baby Time: For parents and babies ages birth to 23 months. Your baby needs YOU to learn. Have fun sharing books, songs, fingerplays and more! Supported by Target stores.

January 31, 2006 7:00pm-7:30pm Tuesday Tales: Family storytime with story, songs, puppet show and more!

### Teens:

January 7, 2006 4:00pm-5:00pm Acacia Library Teen Council Meeting: Ages 12-18 welcome. Meet with a friendly group of teens who help make decisions on teen events for the library.

January 21, 2006 4:00pm-5:00pm Acacia Library Teen Council Meeting: Ages 12-18 welcome. Meet with a friendly group of teens who help make decisions on teen events for the library.

### Adults:

January 4, 2006 6:30pm-7:30pm Acacia Bookworms Book Discussion Group: Join us for our monthly meeting to discuss The Diary of a Young Girl: The Definitive Edition edited by Otto M. Frank.

January 18, 2006 2:30pm-3:00pm Friends of the Library - Acacia Chapter: Monthly meeting followed by book discussion.

January 18, 2006 3:00pm-4:00pm Friends of the Library - Acacia Chapter Book Discussion: Join us to discuss The Mermaid Chair by Sue Monk Kidd. All are welcome.

## February 2006 Events

### Children:

February 2, 2006 10:15am-11:00am Baby Time: For parents and babies ages birth to 23 months. Your baby needs YOU to learn. Have fun sharing books, songs, fingerplays and more! Supported by Target stores.

February 7, 2006 7:00pm-7:30pm Tuesday Tales: Family storytime with story, songs, puppet show and more!

February 9, 2006 10:15am-11:00am Baby Time: For parents and babies ages birth to 23 months. Your baby needs YOU to learn. Have fun sharing books, songs, fingerplays and more! Supported by Target stores.

February 14, 2006 7:00pm-7:30pm Tuesday Tales: Family storytime with story, songs, puppet show and more!

February 16, 2006 10:15am-11:00am Baby Time: For parents and babies ages birth to 23 months. Your baby needs YOU to learn. Have fun sharing books, songs, fingerplays and more! Supported by Target stores.

February 21, 2006 7:00pm-7:30pm Tuesday Tales: Family storytime with story, songs, puppet show and more!

February 23, 2006 10:15am-11:00am Baby Time: For parents and babies ages birth to 23 months. Your baby needs YOU to learn. Have fun sharing books, songs, fingerplays and more! Supported by Target stores.

February 28, 2006 7:00pm-7:30pm Tuesday Tales: Family storytime with story, songs, puppet show and more!

### Teens:

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February 18, 2006 4:00pm-5:00pm Acacia Library Teen Council Meeting: Ages 12-18 welcome. Meet with a friendly group of teens who help make decisions on teen events for the library.

### Adults:

February 1, 2006 6:30pm-7:30pm Acacia Bookworms Book Discussion Group: Join us for our monthly book discussion. Title to be announced.

February 15, 2006 2:30pm-3:00pm Friends of the Library - Acacia Chapter: Monthly meeting followed by book discussion.

February 15, 2006 3:00pm-4:00pm Friends of the Library - Acacia Chapter Book Discussion: Join us to discuss Bless Me Ultima by Rudolfo A. Anaya. All are welcome.

## **Sunnyslope Historical Society Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Sunnyslope Historical Society will take place on Saturday, January 21, 2006. It will be at the museum at 737 W. Hatcher Road. We start the meeting at 10:00 AM and go until Noon. At the annual meeting we elect the board of directors for the coming year.

We have scheduled a very interesting program for this meeting. Through the Arizona Humanities Council we have obtained the services of Peter MacMillan Booth. He is from Tucson and is a historian and museum professional. Mr. Booth will portray John Clum who lived from 1852-1931. In a territory full of remarkable men, John Clum stood out. Hear directly from Clum as he describes his experiences as an Apache Indian agent, newspaper editor, politician and Tombstone's first mayor.

There have been some very interesting displays at the Sunnyslope History Museum. During November we had an exhibit of the schools of Sunnyslope starting with the old Washington Elementary School. As Sunnyslope Elementary, Desert View and Mountain View opened we displayed pictures of students and teachers. Some visitors even recognized themselves as they were in their class pictures many years ago.

During the month of December and continuing until the end of January we exhibit a military display of ribbons and memorabilia from the collection of Gene Probasco, a long time member of the historical society. Each year we honor our military veterans in conjunction with a holiday celebration. Gene dressed as Santa Claus at our December 3, 2005 meeting and members were able to have a picture taken with Santa.

At all of our meetings we serve light refreshments including sugar free punch.

## **Sunnyslope Village Alliance**

The Sunnyslope Village Alliance will hold its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Election/Dinner meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the Sunnyslope Community Center.

Entertainment will be by the Sunnyslope High School Chorus. The Annual Pride Awards will be awarded for improved properties.

Reservations/tickets may be made through the Sunnyslope Village Alliance, 755 E. Hatcher Road or by phone at 602-944-0941. Reservation deadline is January 20, 2006.

## **Become a Bookworm Buddy**

Did you know that meeting or exceeding AIMS testing standards will be a requirement to graduate high school by 2006?

Did you know that in 2004, almost 9,000 third graders **in Maricopa County alone** scored below the standard?

Did you know that you can help?

We are currently recruiting for volunteers to be a part of Make A Difference's innovative reading and mentoring program by becoming a Bookworm Buddy. The Bookworm Buddies program allows students living in under-resourced areas the opportunity to boost their literacy skills while developing a self-esteem building one-on-one relationship with a caring and committed adult.

The Bookworm Buddies mentors will meet with an assigned student for one hour each week to work on various literacy skills. The mentors will meet during the school day at a time that will conveniently fit into their schedule. We ask our mentors to make a minimum of a one semester commitment, participate in a training session and pass a fingerprint and background check. Our program is available at four elementary schools in the Phoenix area so there is sure to be one close to your home or work. For more information about the locations, training dates and how to sign up, visit our website: [www.makeadifference.org](http://www.makeadifference.org) and click on "Education and Youth Programs" under the Menu. You can also contact Megan Lashmet at [megan@makeadifference.org](mailto:megan@makeadifference.org) or 602-973-2212 x 238.

One hour a week could Make All the Difference in the life of a child!

Data Source: Arizona Department of Education

## **News From New North Town Betty Bellanger**

I was so happy to see my little Sofia on October 1st She is doing so well at school. I am so proud of her and her accomplishments and realize that without Lynn McDonald and me she would not be where she is today.

I have been to all the meetings, Partnership, Neighborhood Restoration and Steering. The ones I really enjoy are Partnership and Law Enforcement, but I must tell you that at the last two meeting I have been a victim of police teasing. That is sort of like police brutality but a lot more fun. Officer Kevin Watts and Officer Jim Neverman are so nice to me and so much fun. I feel so fortunate having all the friends I have and how nice they all are to me.

On October 11th I went to Polly Martino's Block Watch meeting. I like the open forum concept. Officer Neverman told us we finally have a new Community Action Officer which will be a blessing to him as he has nearly worked himself to death trying to cover the entire area which is huge.

My neighbor across the street, Leo Jensen, buys big cans of cookies for the children They call him Leo, the cookie man He came to meet the kids and they all liked each other a lot. I have been helping Autumn Brunson on Wednesdays with her kinder garden children They are totally awesome and I love them nearly as much as I love my 100 children.

On October 29, we had the Fall Festival. It was just wonderful. We all had such a good time. Lynn McDonald and the Fall Festival Committee did a magnificent job .My kids danced and were stupendous.

Peggy Bilsten's meetings as usual were very interesting. On November 7th, the Superintendent of Washington School District, Dr. Susie Cook came and read to the children she really has a terrific rapport with children and they liked her a lot. One of the staff at the Afterschool Program at Desert View Elementary, Jade Blumgen died in a car accident and her father had a little party to thank all of us for the help with the car wash, and friendship.

I love the Site Council meetings at the school and on November 16, they had a Good News Board Meeting and children from several schools performed, including ours. All of them were so great.

We had our New North Town meeting and had 40 people there I attribute that to the speaker, Ray Acuna who is with the City of Phoenix Streets Transportation and one of the people who have a very ambitious project planned for the 10th St. Wash. Everyone was very, very interested and most were very pleased. There will be community meetings I really hope this happens this time.

Thanks to Patrick Chavez of Desert View School, one of my families had a great Thanksgiving dinner, complete with turkey and all the fixings. I had lunch with Jan Mowery and told her how much we all miss her.

Finally we are up to our necks in plans for the annual Christmas Party .Thanks to angels like Michael Nielsen who gives every one of my kids a big bag of gifts, Judi Fuller of Adult Probation whose people donate crafts, shirts, toys, etc for their community hours and Shirley Arthur of the Village People's Block Watch who gives every one of the children a beautiful homemade, decorated and filled Christmas Stocking. Not to mention the Slaughters who are faithful every year as Mr. And Mrs. Santa Claus. We usually have donations and buy pizza but this year, and I can still hardly believe it, Mr. Tom Brophy, his partners, Andy Leonard, Matt Belmont and Chris De Pasquale and their friend Tom Ryan of Tom's BBQ is catering a fantastic meal for the children and attending guests. I know you won't believe this but I was literally rendered speechless when I was told this by Tom Brophy. See, I told you that you wouldn't believe it.

### **Information for becoming a student at Literacy Volunteers**

If you, or someone you know, would like to learn to read, write, speak English, or work on obtaining your GED, you must first call us for an Intake appointment at (602) 274-3430. You will meet with a Literacy Volunteer for about 2-3 hours. We then place your name on a list for the first available tutor in your area or you can choose to come to one of our Learn Centers, a computer-assisted class. All of our programs are free to the public.

To be a student in a Literacy Volunteers' program:

1. You must be at least 16 years of age
2. Not enrolled in school or other educational institution
3. Have the desire and the time to increase skills in basic literacy and/or English as a second language. (6-8 hours per week)

**Please call us at (602) 274-3430 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to schedule your appointment. There is a site located in Sunnvslope.**



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# Vogel Park Coming Soon!... Town Homes

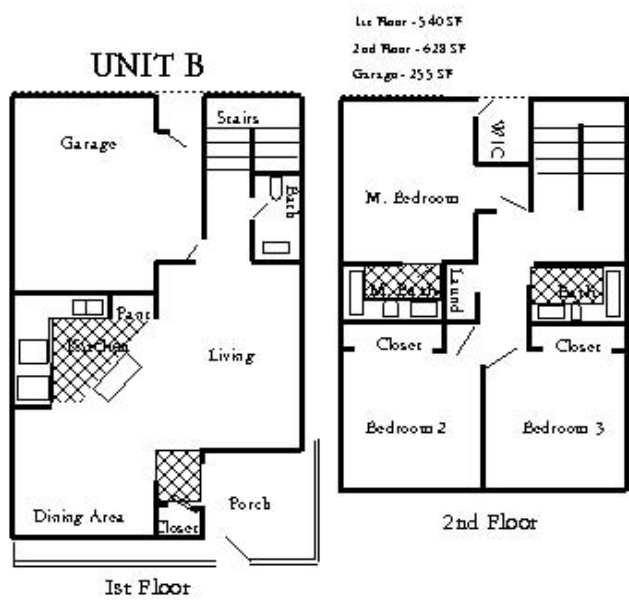
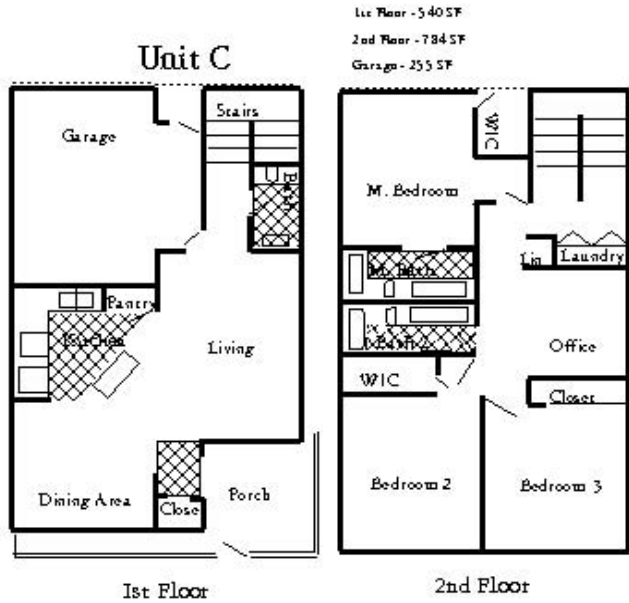
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## **Deadline for the Next Issue of Neighbor to Neighbor**

Do you have an event coming up? Did your neighbor do something great you want to share with the community? Is your child involved in an activity you have to tell everyone about? Neighbor-to-Neighbor is the perfect way to let the Sunnyslope community know what is going on!

If you would like your event, item of interest, story or news item to be in the **March/April 2006** issue of Neighbor to Neighbor, please have it to Lynn McDonald by **Monday, February 6, 2006**. You can fax it to 602-331-5819, or e-mail it to [lmcdon@jcl.com](mailto:lmcdon@jcl.com). Don't miss out on letting everyone know what is happening – be sure to get your items in by the deadline!



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