

Neighbor to Neighbor

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Sunnyslope Weed & Seed Identifies 4th Year Funding Contractors

Sunnyslope Weed & Seed, a community revitalization initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, contracts Sunnyslope Weed & Seed award funds to support “weeding” and “seeding” efforts in our community, 19th Avenue to 16th Street, Northern to Cactus.

The award period for which the application is currently being written runs April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006, and all awarded contracts are subject to Sunnyslope Weed & Seed being granted fourth year funding through the Office of Weed & Seed, U.S. Department of Justice.

Pending Sunnyslope Weed & Seed’s receipt of fourth year funding, the following partners will receive fiscal support:

City of Phoenix Police Department Desert Horizon Precinct and Maricopa County Adult Probation Department - Funds will be used to support the fight against drug and gang-related crime in Sunnyslope, including a special emphasis on Anti-Drug/Alcohol Abuse strategies.

Central Arizona Shelter Services Inc. – Substance Abuse Reduction Program- Under the proposed program, clients will enter into Community Bridges formal detoxification program and begin a more thorough substance abuse treatment and counseling program. Without childcare provided on-site and at no cost to clients, clients will use the lack of childcare as an excuse for not attending counseling sessions. Funds will be used to provide childcare and drug screen resources.

Desert View Elementary School – School Improvement Project - In a continued effort to educate Desert View students and parents of the ultimate futility of engaging in drug abuse and/or gang activities, funds will be used to purchase a poster maker/laminating machine to support a visual campaign to counteract the influence of gangs and drugs within the community.

Las Salas Inc., - Las Salas After School-The Las Salas After School program is a five-day free program for Sunnyslope’s children in grades 1 – 6, designed with a broad scope of experiences, information and activities that address the children’s needs for: personal care skills, relationship development, homework help and literacy acquisition, self-expression through drama, music and art, recognition of family traditions and values, and a variety of other character building skills. Funds will be used to grow the staff and provide program enrichment.

Royal Palm Mentoring Program-This school-based program matches a caring adult with 7th and 8th grade students who are recommended by staff, counselors or parents. Mentoring services also include a Leadership Rap group for African American students one day a week, and a mentoring program partnering Sunnyslope High School juniors with Royal Palm 8th graders. Funding aids in program operating costs.

Sunnyslope High School – Adult Diploma Program-This program addresses the population over 21 who have found that the lack of a high school diploma has prevented them from achieving employment status or promotion (sometimes a GED is not sufficient). It promotes the value of education in families and results in parents conveying the importance of staying in school and positions the high school as an institution open to all facets of district families interested in bettering their lives. Funding will be used to cover a portion of teacher salary.

Sunnyslope High School - Vikingtown - Vikingtown is Sunnyslope High School's camp experience designed to educate youth by creating a greater understanding of culture, diversity, gender and religious differences to fight prejudice and discrimination within the school and community. Approximately 80 student delegates and 25 staff made up of local community members and Sunnyslope High School staff attend the 4-day camp retreat. The award will be used to partially fund camp costs.

Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development – Royal Palm Outreach Project After School Recreation Program Tumbleweed – Center for Youth Development organizes and implements an After School Recreation Program offering students a variety of intramural activities including a running club, board games, boys' and girls' basketball, soccer, flag football and sand volley ball. Activities alternate throughout the year, running from 3:10 – 4:10 p.m., and buses are available for transportation. The program is available to all Royal Palm students at no cost and has a "no-cut" policy so that all interested youth may participate. The award will finance teacher/coach stipends to operate the program.

Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development – Royal Palm Outreach Project Prevention/Education Groups-Tumbleweed – Center for Youth Development provides a Master's level therapist to facilitate weekly prevention/education groups to Royal Palm Middle School students. Group participants are identified through self-referral via interest surveys and teacher/counselor referrals. Groups meet for approximately 50 minutes once a week for eight weeks. Topics are determined based on student interest/need, including, but not limited to: gang awareness and prevention, anger management, substance abuse prevention and learned optimism. The award will be used to fund the therapist salary.



**Sunnyslope Senior Center
802 E. Vogel**

(Located in the Community Center)

Where is the coolest place to hang out this summer? Better than people watching at the Mall? We think the Sunnyslope Senior Center is The Place to Be. There is a little of everything so that most everyone can find something fun, interesting, and healthy to do.

The special highlights for June and July are trips scheduled for the Herberger's Lunch Time Theater, and local culinary institutes for lunch. Call Earlene for more information, 602-262-7572.



Washington Elementary School District Community Education Program

Summer's almost here! The time is right to look for the 2004 summer Washington District Community Education brochure to come home with your student in May and take advantage of some of our new and exciting summer classes.

Meeting the needs of their community is the motto this summer. The WESD Community Education program has two summer academic programs to offer. Royal Palm Middle School, 8520 N. 19th Avenue, will provide classes for 7-8th grade students in reading, language, math, exploratory science, social studies and English as a second language. Classes run June 1 – 24. Specific class times will be given later at the school with registration forms. For registration information call 602-347-3243 or the school office at 602-347-3200.

The Afternoon Summer Academy at Lookout Mountain School, 15 W. Coral Gables is open to all K-8 students and community members. These special interest classes provide fun, professional guidance and curriculum correlation and are open to all community members. They are designed to expand student achievement academically, creatively, physically, emotionally and socially AND taught by WESD certified instructors. Although the Academy also serves as an afternoon alternative for those students attending Project Potential Summer School, these classes are open to all students. Afternoon Summer Academy runs Monday through Thursday starting June 7th and ending June 24th. Session 1 is from 12:30 – 2:30. Session 2 is from 2:30 – 4:30. Registration is being handled at the site. Contact Chris Rathkey, 602-896-5964 for information, cost and registration.

And new to Community Education and Orangewood School, 7337 N. 39th Avenue, is our Adult "Kick it with Karen" cardio workout class, from June 1 – June 24th at 7:30 AM on Tuesday and Thursdays.

So take the challenge and make summer fun. We have something for all your students' needs. Call Michelle Anderson, WESD Community Education Coordinator, 602-347-2682 for rates and registration information. Be sure to have your student fill out the raffle ticket inside and return it to their school office and you will be eligible to win a \$50 gift card at Metrocenter. Classes are open to all community members and the brochures will be made available in your school's office, local community centers and libraries and online at www.wesd.k12.az.us.



Arizona American Italian Club

7509 N. 12th Street
Phoenix, Arizona

Open to the public, **free bocce!**

Every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

We will show you how to play.

We have the facilities and the equipment.

For further information, please contact Denise Storace, bocce@juno.com

Sunnyslope's Newest Place to Eat

Kammi's Café located at 8925 N. 12th Street, inside the Sunset Bowl, recently opened. Offering home cooked meals, a full service café serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. They open at 6:00 a.m. Stop by and give them a try.



Arizona Women's Education and Employment

Arizona Women's Education and Employment (AWEE) welcomes anyone who has recently become unemployed, lost the income of a family member or is looking for a job with better pay, to attend an orientation about our services. In addition to our ongoing life and career skills training, **AWEE** offers a fast-track series of **FREE** workshops specializing in resume writing, job search and interviewing skills and networking techniques. The next informational orientations will be held on June 10th, June 24th, July 8th and July 22nd. The orientation sessions begin at 10:00 a.m. in the **Sunnyslope Family Services Center at 914 W. Hatcher**. Register by visiting our office in the Sunnyslope Family Services Center or by calling **602-371-1216**.



Children's Health Center Gets A New Look

John C. Lincoln's Children's Health Center is located at 9221 N. Central Avenue (between Dunlap and Hatcher). Since 1996, the Health Center has become a "medical home" for low-income and uninsured children who need primary medical care. Our caring staff provided immunizations, treatment of acute illnesses, health education, and well-child checks to more than 2,600 children last year. The program operates on grant funding, support from John C. Lincoln Health Network, patient co-pays, an Arizona Primary Care grant (formerly Tobacco Tax) and an AHCCCS contract.

The Health Center is a refurbished old building that was in need of a new coat of paint. Its drab brown exterior belied the friendly and inviting place that staff make it inside. The painting project was part of the Serve-A-Thon Projects, coordinated by the Make A Difference organization, Sally Moore of John C. Lincoln, and an AmeriCorps member.

Make A Difference matched the project with a group of energetic employee volunteers from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Arizona. Staff wanted the building to be painted in fun colors and an interesting design. So Jeff Sherman, owner of The Sherman Group (a local landscape architecture business), offered the services of one of his staff members to create a design/color scheme. Then Mike Nielsen, owner of Nielsen Diversified (another Sunnyslope business), worked with Dunn Edwards to get the paint donated. The Sunnyslope Kiwanis Club, who raise funds to support local community projects (especially those that benefit children), donated \$500 to the project.

We want to thank all of the "team players" who made this project a reality. Each one of you truly made a difference to John C. Lincoln Children's Health Services. If you are driving on north Central Avenue, stop by and see our bright, new look. The clinic is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call 602-331-5779.

Wait Don't Throw That Away...

Great-grandma's pink flamingo lamp has sentimental value, but no place in your home – or in the homes of any of her other loved ones. Yet, it might be of value to someone. New books can't find a place to live among the stacks of older, no-longer-wanted books. And the clothing at the back of the closet hasn't fit in years.

It's easy to throw out broken, torn, stained or ratty stuff. (Call your contract trash hauler if you have an especially large load or large items to toss. If they won't accept it, they likely can refer you to someone who will.) However, most of us don't want to just toss out that "perfectly good" stuff. So, how do you get those unwanted, but still perfectly good – even valuable – things into the hands of people who want, need and will value them? Donating used items can be less labor-intensive than selling them and offers feel-good rewards, in addition to possible tax deductions.

So, before you toss that board game your children have outgrown, before you throw out that suit that you no longer wear, before you pass up that buy-one-get-one-free offer, think about how you can help a Sunnyslope family via one of these great local agencies.

But, be conscientious when donating. Respect the dignity of those on the receiving end, donate only gently used items that are clean and in working order.

Arizona Women's Education and Employment - 640 N. 1st Avenue, 85003

This organization provides job readiness and education assistance to men and women. They accept **PROFESSIONAL** clothing donations at the Central office, Monday-Friday, 8 AM –5 PM. For more information, contact Eileen Tyler at 602-371-1216.

Central Arizona Shelter Services, Vista Colina Emergency Family Shelter - 1050 W. Mountain View Road

Vista Colina Emergency Family Shelter assists homeless families by assessing their individual needs and connecting them with appropriate community services. They accept nearly any kind of donation, but their greatest needs are currently:

- Diapers (sizes 3 - 5)
- Diaper wipes
- Nonperishable foods
- Deodorant (spray preferred)
- Shampoo
- Other hygiene products
- Full and queen size bed sheets
- Furniture

Donations may be dropped off at any time during daylight hours. Pick up is available in limited areas. For more information, contact Nicolette Ryan, 602-870-8778, extension 19 or visit their web site at www.cass-az.org.

Helping Hands Housing Services. - 1530 E. Sahuaro Drive, Apartment #108

Owners of the Casa de Paz Apartments (formerly known as Crest Apartments), provide rental assistance for low income families, as well as a number of different programs and services such as tutoring and an after school program, English classes for adults and structured family activities and are in need of the following donations:

- Furniture!!
- Household items
- Cleaning supplies
- Personal hygiene items
- Board games, art/school supplies
- Sports equipment
- Diapers
- Food: flour, oil, salt, fresh veggies, etc.
- Children's movies
- Children's books (Spanish or English)
- Clothing

Donations are best accepted on weekdays and pick up is available. Please call ahead: Franky Stebbins, 602-795-6153.

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Phoenix - 8231 N. 7th Street

This nonprofit organization serves the hungry and homeless while providing others with the opportunity to serve. St. Vincent de Paul, Phoenix accepts new or gently used items such as:

- Clothing
- Shoes
- Household items
- Appliances
- Furniture
- Blankets
- Backpacks
- Books
- Toys
- Games
- Athletic equipment
- Bicycles
- Diapers
- Socks (must be new)
- Underwear (must be new)
- Personal hygiene items
- Nonperishable food items

The Sunnyslope Thrift Store accepts donations Monday through Saturday from 9 AM until 8 PM. Please call the store at 602-861-2634 for driving directions and inquiries. For larger donations, individuals may call 602-254-3338 to schedule a donation pick-up.

Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development Royal Palm Outreach Project – 8520 N 19th Avenue

This comprehensive outreach program provides a variety of services to at-risk seventh and eighth grade students attending Royal Palm Middle School. Services include: individual and family counseling, case management, after school recreation, and a family resource center. The student population ranges in age from 11 to 15; however, the students' family members (of all ages) utilize the family resource center. The resource center is in need of:

- Clothing
- Household items
- Cleaning supplies
- Personal hygiene items
- School supplies
- Gift certificates for merchandise and services

Donations can be accepted throughout the day, schedule permitting. Prospective donors can contact Nicole Plante at 602-347-3921 to arrange a drop-off or schedule a pick-up.



Acacia Library News



Teen Council will meet the first and ***third*** Saturdays of the month from 4-5pm. June dates are ***June 5 & 19***. July dates are ***July 3 & 17***.

July 1, 2004, 2-3pm-Craig Davis presents a program of comedy, magic & juggling for ages 3-12.

July 13, 2004, 7-7:30pm-Tuesday Tales Family Storytime Theme: Dinosaurs

July 15, 2004, 2-3pm-Scooter Scott-Join Scooter Scott for comedy, magic and fun with lots of audience participation. Ages 3-12

July 22, 2004, 2-3pm-Las Lindas: Viva Espana! A colorful journey through Spain with music and dance performed by Las Lindas. Ages 3-12

The summer reading program ***Extra! Extra! Read Your Way to the Ballpark!*** Runs ***June 7 through July 31, 2004*** in all county library systems.

The Acacia Friends will not have a meeting or book discussion in July.



New North Town News

I was so privileged to meet Governor Napalitano on February 26, when she met with several teachers, staff and school board members. She listens with all her attention to what everyone says. Paulette and I attended a concert given by the children at Royal Palm School. Astonishing what those teachers can accomplish in such a short time. The children were awesome. We had the greatest time on March 2nd. It was Read Across America Day and I asked several City people and other important people to come read to the children. Sheila and Richard Gerry, Ron Gawlitta, Kate McGee, Jerome Miller, Jan Mowery and Dale Larsen. It meant a lot to the children and to us.

I have been attending the usual meetings of Youth and Family, Weed and Seed, Site Council and various other ones. I feel I learn something from every meeting. Recently, I had a new meeting at the Cowden Center on a Needs Assessment for Sunnyslope. I think this is going to be very productive.

I have been calling people from New North Town and several have showed up at the Law Enforcement meetings. Those are wonderful meetings.

On March 18, we were so grateful to Sally Moore and Craig Hansen. They came to my regular meeting that is now held at the Acacia Branch Library. It was just fascinating. They did a presentation on the history of John C. Lincoln Hospital and our area of Sunnyslope. Everyone was just so interested and asked many questions. It was so interesting to see how the hospital has changed. Many of my people had no idea of all the hospital does for the neighborhood and us. They do so much for my kids. Good healthy snacks, medical and dental care. I feel so lucky to have them and I know the children are. Speaking of children I am so overjoyed about one of my little ones. When we got her months ago she was completely "closed off". Just no reaction to anything. Well, I have worked and worked with her and I am so happy to see the difference in her. She is playing games, dancing, interacting with the other children. Best of all she wants to learn to read and she and I work together one on one and SHE IS LEARNING. She hugs me, runs to me when I come in and talks and talks. I am beyond joyful. Everyone is so pleased. She is going to be in the summer program, which starts June 1st. Our beloved custodian at Desert View School, Bill Willard recently died. The children and all of us will miss him.

Polly Martino and I attended an all day session on child abuse and bullying on April 1st. We learned so much. On April 3rd we went to Phil Gordon's kick-off for his park bench program. It even made CNN. He gave several of us benches and I love mine. I sit outside and people stop by and talk. We completed the Weed and Seed Requests for Proposals on two evenings in April and several deserving groups received money. We have a new Commander at Desert Horizon, his name is Robert Demlong and he is going to be terrific. We will miss Commander Kim Humphrey. My kid's Easter Party was April 8th. I imagine eventually my hands are going to be white again. Although, I rather like all the different colors, the kids enjoyed coloring the eggs and hunting for them. I received a fantastic donation from a man I met at the Hon Kachina alumni luncheon. This is the third time he has given me money for my kids. I share it with the school as they are in such need also. On April 19th we went to a meeting at the Wesley Bolin Park. It was the kickoff for a week of events to support people who were victims of crimes. Too often they are forgotten. Rick Romley, Phil Gordon, and John Shadegg were all in attendance. We enjoyed listening to them and the delicious lunch. Betty Bellanger

Community Assessment Underway in Sunnyslope

John C. Lincoln Health Network has just begun a community health/needs assessment for Sunnyslope. This assessment will help gather data about current needs and services in our community, and will identify what services are being met and where there are gaps. It will also tell us what we are doing well as a community and how we can work better together.

The assessment will include data collection such as census data, state health reports, and reports from local service agencies. We will also conduct community leader interviews, focus groups and household surveys throughout the summer. So, if someone contacts you for your input on the community needs assessment, we hope you will take the time to complete the survey!

This project is funded by St. Luke's Health Initiatives, the Arizona Department of Health Services and Maternal and Child Health Bureau (through the Office of Oral Health), as well as John C. Lincoln Health Network.

Linda Cannon & Associates has been hired as a consultant to perform the majority of the work on this project. We hope to have it completed by November. A final report of the assessment will be shared with social service agencies in the area and anyone who is interested in data on Sunnyslope. For more information contact Ann Kells at 870-6060 x6944.

HOMESTART **Affordable Home Program**

Tired of Renting? Always Dreamed of Owning Your Own Home? HOMESTART may be your answer!

Sunnyslope Village Revitalization is looking for persons interested in purchasing a newly constructed home in the Sunnyslope area. HOMESTART helps buyers qualify for an affordable home and assists them through the purchase process. Eligible applicants can also benefit from down payment and closing cost assistance funds available.

SVR has been building beautiful three bedroom/two bath homes affordable family homes. These homes are approximately 1,500 livable square feet, and include a surrounding block fence, front landscaping, a two-car garage, appliance package, and many other options.

- **APPLICANTS MUST BE FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER**
(not owned a home in the last 3 years) and,
 - **MEET INCOME GUIDELINES**
(Ex.: Income cannot exceed \$46,900/year, for a family of 4) and,
 - **HAVE SUITABLE WORK AND CREDIT HISTORY.**

We are currently developing and constructing new homes in several areas within the Sunnyslope community, and are looking for interested homebuyers.

For more information, or an application, contact the *Housing Program Coordinator* at 602-331-5833, or visit our office in the Marley House, 9 E. Mission Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85020

Se Habla Espanol !



Fourth of July Safety Tips for Pets

This holiday can be a particularly stressful time for pets, warns Dr. Terry Hall, a veterinarian with the American Animal Hospital Association. He gives the following tips for a safe and sane Fourth:

- Keep pets away from all fireworks. Burns, hearing loss, and eye damage can occur if your pet is too close to explosions.
- Dispose of all fireworks properly. Pets may eat leftover fragments, developing digestive problems or even serious injuries.
- Pets who are extremely nervous and frightened by noise may try to run away. Be sure pet is wearing identification tags.
- Consider confining your pet in a kennel away from the noise. This method prevents self-injury to the would-be “escapist” who may jump out a window or hook the leash or collar. Plus, you save your home from any property damage—very frightened dogs have been known to chew through doors!

If your pet becomes extremely upset and stressed by loud noise in the past, Dr. Hall recommends consulting your veterinarian who can prescribe a sedative or tranquilizer to ease the stress. Severe stress can cause disease problems in pets just as it can in people. “The Fourth of July is really a family holiday,” said Dr. Hall. “So don’t forget your four-legged family members. With some extra thought and planning, everyone can enjoy the Fourth safely.”

HOTSPOT LIQUOR TASK FORCE City of Phoenix

Purpose: Commissioned by former Mayor Rimsza in May 2001 to address problem bars, restaurants and convenience stores and monitor calls for service, acts of violence, traffic accident and complaints.

Enforcement Direction: The Task Force Initiates the investigations based on: Statistical Data, Precinct Requests, and Citizen/Council Requests. The Task Force does not work sexually orientated businesses. In these matters they will assist Vice, specifically for Title 4 liquor violations.

Task Force Duties: Coordinate multi-departmental inspections, plan undercover investigations, testify at court, city council meetings, zoning (use permits). Attend Board of Adjustment and Liquor Board Hearings and will mediate neighborhood/business concerns, strengthen relationships with other agencies, review liquor licenses, special event applications and temporary extension requests.

Enforcement Support: Our efforts are supported by the following agencies: Department of Liquor Licensing and Control, other units within the Phoenix Police Department (Youth Alcohol Squad, Net Teams, Downtown Operations Unit, Organized Crime Bureau, Drug Enforcement Bureau.), Neighborhood Services, Development Services, Fire Department, and other municipalities.

Performance Achievement Plan: The HOTSPOT Liquor Task Force addresses several components of the Policing Plan: Crime suppression, quality service delivery and team building.

What can you do? If you see a sign in your neighborhood that announces that a new liquor application has been applied for, ask questions about it.

You can call Licenses Services at 602-262-4638, or speak to your Community Action Officer. Please let us know if you have an opinion or concern about this new application.

Components of an effective protest include: Name and address of the establishment, name, address, phone number and signature of the protester, reason to protest (at a minimum a protest should state that you do not believe that the public convenience and the best interest of the community will be substantially served if the license is issued). More information can be obtained by calling License Services at 602-262-4638.

Important things to remember about protesting:-Protesters must either reside in, own or lease property within a 1-mile radius of the proposed license. Your opinion will never be heard if you don't voice it, pick your battles, some applicants want to help the area. Nothing in life is certain. You may win against the greatest odds and you may lose when victory appears certain.

Mail protests to: City of Phoenix, 200 W. Washington St. 15th Floor, City Clerk Department, Phoenix, AZ 85003. Please remember that it must be received within 20-day protest period.



Volunteer Opportunities



With the snow-birds still waiting for the return to cooler weather and the teen volunteers returning back to school, August is a month when new volunteers are needed. If you are looking for an interesting way to spend some of your free time, come and volunteer at John C. Lincoln. Join an active group of fun, enthusiastic, caring people. There are many volunteer opportunities available in patient focused, service oriented and non-patient areas, both long- and short-term. Our volunteers play a large role in making our hospital and our entire North Mountain campus a friendly comfortable place to be. For more information, please call our Volunteer office at 602-331-5729.

Pharmaceutical Research Opportunities in Phoenix

Arizona Research Center, the research affiliate of the John C. Lincoln Health Network, has been conducting cutting-edge pharmaceutical research studies since 1997. Valley residents benefit through participation by receiving close medical care at no charge, including physical exams and laboratory tests. Study participants also have access to investigational medications, often years before they're available to the public.

Visit www.azresearchcenter.com for more information, or call **(602) 863-6363 x131** to schedule your screening appointment for one of the studies underway, including:

Asthma
C.O.P.D.
Constipation due to Narcotic Medications (patients with advanced medical illness)
Diabetes
Diabetic Neuropathy
Fibromyalgia
High Blood Pressure
High Cholesterol
Hip & Knee Pain
HIV-Neuropathy
Insomnia
Low Back Pain
Memory Loss or Mild Cognitive Impairment
Postherpetic Neuralgia or Pain from Shingles
Prostate Cancer Prevention.

“One hundred years from now, it will not matter what kind of car I drove or what kind of clothes I wore. All that will matter is that I made a difference in the life of a child.” --Anonymous

I recently attended a memorial service for an eighty-one-year-old gentleman who died of a massive coronary. He had spent his last few hours on earth teaching chess to children at a local elementary school. It was something he had done several times each week during the last fourteen years. He had graciously shared his passion for the game, his keen intellect, his kindness, and his incredible patience; he was driven by a desire to help children improve critical thinking and problem-solving skills, enhance self-esteem, and develop sportsmanship and strong character. Scores of his students attended the service to pay tribute to the person they considered a mentor, a role model, and a trusted friend.

This gentleman had had an extremely successful business career prior to retiring; however, no mention was made of that as his family and friends shared their fond memories. In retrospect, it did not matter how much money he had earned, how many promotions he had received, or what luxuries he was able to afford. It mattered that he had made a positive difference in the lives of many, many children. And, inspired by their beloved chess teacher, it seems likely that his students will someday make a difference in the lives of many more children.

Do you wish to positively influence children in an elementary school setting? Contact your local school to see how you might volunteer. Check your local school district's web site to see if there are positions for which you qualify. The Washington Elementary School District hires many people to work as instructional assistants, crossing guards, food service helpers, after-school assistants, bus drivers, and bus assistants. Considerable hiring occurs during the summer months. Please visit our web site at www.wesd.k12.az.us. Click on "Employment", then on "External Applicants", then on "Classified/Temporary/Substitute Classified". Complete our on-line application, and take your first step toward making a difference in the life of a child.

Sue Snyder
Washington Elementary School District



Encore! Youth Drama Program Announces

2004 Summer Camp Offerings



The Encore! Youth Drama Program will offer three-day camp/workshop sessions this summer to children in grades 1-7. Budding actors & actresses will have fun with improvisations and pantomime, play theater games, discover how to use their bodies and voices to create characters, experiment with props, and learn professional acting terms. Each session “wraps” with a special share performance for friends and family.

“The benefits of dramatic education, especially for kids between the ages of 6 and 12, are just outstanding,” says Shelly Mulligan-Cahill, founder of the program. “It increases self-esteem, boosts public speaking skills, hones critical thinking, and enhances creativity and communication in a fun, no-pressure environment. And, this program specifically targets kids who are at an age where they stand to benefit the most.”

Three separate one-week sessions will be offered this summer—each different from the others! No prerequisites or prior experience is necessary, and an actor or actress can enjoy any combination of sessions. Each session meets Monday-Thursday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Valley Cathedral, 6225 North Central Avenue. A full day care program is also available. Session A meets June 28-July 1, Session B July 12-15, and Session C August 2-5.

Those interested should immediately call 602-331-8522 or send an e-mail to encorephx@yahoo.com for more information or to register.

The Encore! Youth Drama Program was founded on the principle of bringing the benefits of dramatic education to children in a supportive, caring environment. Students learn the basics of acting through games, skits, stories and exercises to develop character, voice, emotions, as well as listening and communication skills.

Encore! contact: Shelly Mulligan-Cahill, Executive Director
PH 602-331-8522 E-mail: encorephx@yahoo.com

Gift Ideas for Dad

Everyone celebrates Father's Day a bit differently, but if you are looking for something a bit different then here are some things/ways you might consider

- **Flowers** - *Yes flowers! How many ties does 1 dad need?!*

If you know your dad has a special flower then a bunch would be a nice gesture. If you are unsure what type of flower, then the elegance of a single rose will let him know you care

- **Homemade Card/Picture** - It doesn't matter if you're 8, 28 or 48, a handmade card or note from the heart speaks more of your feelings than the store bought variety.
- **Home cooking** - Give mom the day off as well and invite them both over for a good home cooked meal. But remember today is not the day to test out that new recipe. Play it safe and stick to dad's favorite
- **Dinner** - If your not the home cooking type - then nothing's better than being treated to a tasty meal at a nice restaurant surrounded by the ones you love. It doesn't have to be anywhere fancy, depending on your dad it could be the neighborhood diner or even the local pizzeria
- **Munchies** - Does your dad have a sweet tooth? A plate of those homemade cookies or his favorite pie tastes even better when he knows it comes from your heart

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

Children's Health Center



*Low-cost health care
for children birth to age 18*



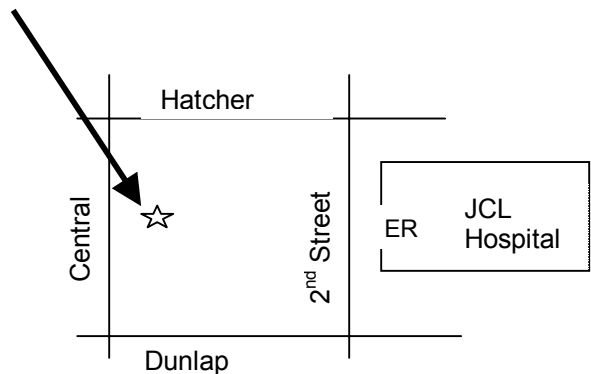
- Immunizations
- Primary health treatment
- Routine exams

*Call for an appointment
or more information*
602 331-5779

We are located at
9221 N. Central Avenue



Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(closed 12-1 for lunch)





Maricopa County Frequently called Numbers



Department	Phone
General Information	602.506.3011
Assessor's Office	602.506.3406
Board of Supervisors	602.506.3415
Elections Department	602.506.1511
Environmental Services Department	602.506.6623
Flood Control District	602.506.1501
Health Care	602.506.6900
Human Resources - Jobs	602.506.3755
Human Resources - Employment Verification	602.506.3518
Justice Courts	602.506.8530
Planning and Development Department (Zoning Issues)	602.506.3301
Recorder's Office	602.506.3535
Treasurer's Office	602.506.8511
Voter Registration	602.506.1511

1-800-540-5570

Note: Maricopa County residents located outside of the metropolitan area are not required to make toll calls to contact Maricopa County departments. Just dial the toll free number and ask for the department name or number you wish to reach. This toll free service is available within Arizona for calls from Wickenburg, Gila Bend, Lake Pleasant and the surrounding areas.

Graffiti Busters Program

Residents can take control of their neighborhoods by quickly removing graffiti. Prompt removal reduces the chance of it reappearing and helps maintain a safe, secure, and attractive environment.

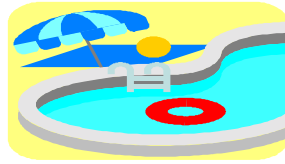
Graffiti Busters 24 hour Removal Hotline - 602.495.7014

Questions about the program - 602.495.0323



Helping to Keep
Our Neighborhoods
Graffiti Free

Pool Safety



Too often, firefighters hear people say, “it was just a few seconds.” Unfortunately, just a few seconds is all it takes for a child to drown. Drowning is the leading cause of death in Arizona for children under the age of five.

Most of these children drown in their own backyard swimming pool, but others 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.

Drowning and near drowning can be prevented, and you can help! Anyone involved with the supervision of children needs to be aware of the dangers associated with any body of water. Below are some useful tips to prevent these needless tragedies.

- Know where your children are at all times
- Use an approved barrier to separate the pool from the house
- 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
- Post the 9-1-1 number on the phone
- Do not allow children to play around the pool and store all toys outside the pool area
- If you leave the pool area, take the children with you
- Always have a “designated child watcher”
- Learn to swim
- Never swim alone, or while under the influence of alcohol or medications
- Never swim when thunder or lightning is present
- Never dive into unfamiliar or shallow bodies of water





The History of Father's Day

While many people believe that Father's Day is a holiday invented by the fine folks at Hallmark, it's not so. The celebration of Dad's special day can most likely be credited to Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington State, who first suggested the idea of the holiday in 1909.

Mrs. Dodd's father, civil war veteran William Smart, was widowed when his wife died in childbirth with their sixth child. Despite the obvious hardships, Mr. Smart proceeded to raise the newborn along with his five other children, by himself.

It wasn't until Sonora Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent. The original date chosen for the holiday was June 5, Mr. Smart's birthday, however the celebration was postponed until June 19, the third Sunday in June, because there was not enough time to prepare.

At about the same time in various towns and cities across America other people were beginning to celebrate a Father's Day. Some accounts credit Mrs. Charles Clayton of West Virginia, as the founder of Father's Day, although most histories give credit to Mrs. Dodd.

In early times, wearing flowers was a traditional way of celebrating Father's Day. Mrs. Dodd favored the red rose to honor a father still living, while a white flower honored a deceased dad. J.H. Berringer, who also held Father's Day celebrations in Washington State as early as 1912, chose a white lilac as the Father's Day Flower.

In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day, but it never became official until 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson signed the presidential proclamation that set aside the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

DID YOU KNOW.....'

In Idaho, a citizen is forbidden by law to give another citizen a box of candy that weighs more than 50 pounds.

The five favorite U.S. school lunches nationwide, according to the American School Food Service Association, are, in order, pizza, chicken nuggets, tacos, burritos, and hamburgers.

The Caesar salad is not named after Julius Caesar. It is named for its creator, Caesar Cardini, who first prepared the salad in his Caesar's Palace Restaurant in Tijuana, Mexico.

The depression made in the snow by a skier who has fallen backward is called a sitzmark.

A tenth of the 7 million tons of rice grown in the U.S. each year goes into the making of beer.

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 February/March issue of Neighbor to Neighbor, please have it to Lynn McDonald by **Monday, July 5, 2004** You can fax it to 602-216-5681, or e-mail it to 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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