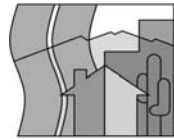


Neighbor to Neighbor



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Sunnyslope W.I.N.S.

where impacting
 neighborhoods succeeds

A Weed and Seed Site

Unite to Fight Blight

There's a popular sociological theory about the effects of blight on a community's deterioration called the *Broken Windows* theory. It puts a lot of importance on addressing small problems, before they grow out of control and it calls upon all sectors of a community, from residents to business owners, to participate in deterring petty crime and vandalism by fighting blight.

Imagine a building you pass on your way to work. A window gets broken, but no one fixes it. It's left broken. Then something else gets broken. Maybe it's an accident, maybe not, but it isn't fixed either. It appears as if no one cares. Graffiti starts to appear. More and more damage accumulates. Very quickly, things get worse. The whole building decays. Tenants move out. Crime moves in. And, in the end, the community is the loser.

On the other hand: repair the broken window within a short time, say, a day or a week, and the vandals are much less likely to break more windows or do further damage. Paint out graffiti right away and taggers have less incentive to communicate via spray paint on your block wall.

Even if you feel you don't have the authority or responsibility to clean up the blight in your community, the reality is: you do. And, it's important that every citizen does their part.

The following are among the most frequent blight violations according to a brochure published by the City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department entitled *8 Most Common Blight Violations: Everything You Wanted to Know About Blight and How to Clean It Up*.

<p>Vegetation: Did you know property owners are responsible for maintaining their properties, <i>and</i> the adjacent right of way, free of dead or dried vegetation (weeds, tall grass, tumbleweeds, shrubs, trees, palm fronds, etc.)? And, weeds and lawn grass cannot exceed six inches in height?</p>	<p>Junk, Litter and Debris: The City of Phoenix picks up unbagged trash once every three months. The schedule comes with the water bill. Otherwise, things like furniture, carpet and large appliances like TVs, etc. should not be put out with your trash – in fact, it's against the rules to put unbagged trash out more than one week before your scheduled pick up. The next bulk trash pick up for Sunnyslope is not expected until late October or early November.</p>
<p>Don't know the trash schedule for your area? Call Public Works at 602-262-7251. If you see overgrown vegetation or uncontained trash, call the Neighborhood Preservation Hotline at 602-262-7844.</p>	
<p>Parking & Inoperable Vehicles: A limited amount of yard area can be used for a driveway or parking and parking areas must be dust-proofed. In general, cars should not be parked in the front yard.</p> <p>Inoperable vehicles, also known as junk cars, don't have parts required to be legally and safely operated or cannot be driven under their own power. Inoperable vehicles must not be</p>	<p>Outside Storage: Generally, any equipment, building or landscaping materials; parts/auto parts; appliances or any scrap items may not be visible beyond the bounds of the property line. Many times, that rules out carports as a storage place. The important thing to know is that there are specific regulations, so residents should call Neighborhood Preservation when there's a question.</p>

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seen from beyond the bounds of the property and car covers, tarps and bamboo shades are not acceptable screening.	
If you think a vehicle is abandoned, call Crime Stop at 602-262-6151. Other parking, storage or inoperable vehicle questions or complaints should be addressed to Neighborhood Preservation at 602-262-7844.	
Open and Vacant Buildings: Even if no one is living in a building, windows, doors and other openings must be kept secure so they cannot be opened from the outside. That includes storage sheds and garages. Boarding up a building is a one-time, temporary option and can only be used for one year. Demolition or rehabilitation could be required of the property owner under certain conditions. Broken windows could also fall under this category.	Fences in Disrepair: Fencing and screening must be made from the same materials, structurally sound and free from deterioration and blight.
These types of problems can be reported to Neighborhood Preservation at 602-262-7844.	
Graffiti: Graffiti must be removed from all sidewalks, walls, fences, signs and other structures or surfaces visible from beyond the bounds of the property and removal is the responsibility of the property owner. Paint and graffiti removal supplies are available from the Graffiti Busters program at 602-495-0323 . This is a great number to call to report graffiti you see in the community, because they can help make arrangements with the property owner to get it painted out.	

Of course, if these problems occur on your property you can handle it right away. If the problem is on a neighbor's property, try talking to your neighbor to work out a clean up plan. Another option is to notify the appropriate City of Phoenix department for help.

The City of Phoenix offers a Hardship Assistance Program to aid low- to moderate-income home owners in the repair of major exterior code violations such as fences in disrepair. For more information about this program, call 602-495-0700. Block Watch leaders or Neighborhood Preservation Inspectors may have other resources to correct blight, if no other able-bodied person can help.

Paying attention to the "little things" and doing your part to display pride in our community will create a chain reaction of responsible citizenry. It will be a catalyst, a spark that creates extraordinary results.

The Neighborhood Restoration Series

September 7, 2005

Top 8 Code Violations

Inspector Diane Bauer will define the top 8 code violations and explain the enforcement process.

October 5, 2005

Know Your Rights as a Renter

Neighborhood Services Housing Counselors will explain the rights and responsibilities of tenants.

November 2, 2005

What to Throw Away: When & Where

Mark Leonard, director of public works will share information on recycling, bulk trash, animal waste and hazardous materials.

December 7, 2005

Protect Your Home: Burglary Prevention Tips

Meet your community action officer and find out how to protect your home from thieves.

**5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Cowden Center
(9202 N 2nd Street – between Dunlap & Hatcher)**



A Report from the Neighborhood Enforcement Team



The Desert Horizon Precinct's Neighborhood Enforcement Team (61X) has been busy implementing the law enforcement component of our Weed & Seed strategy. From **December 10, 2004 to June 03, 2005** the NET team:

- Served **41 search warrants**, 37 of which were drug related
- Arrested 89 individuals over the course of the warrants
- **Responded to 44 drug complaints** from the residents of Sunnyslope, and as a result, recovered:
 - **3.83 pounds of Methamphetamine** (Estimated street value of \$59,078)
 - **16.6 ounces of Cocaine** (Estimated street value of \$13,280)
 - **25.3 ounces of Marijuana** (Estimated street value of \$2,755)
 - **1 pound of heroin** (Estimated street value of \$18,000)
 - and **60 prescription pills** (Estimated value of \$600)
- In addition, **\$27,206.00 dollars were seized** along with **50 firearms** and **7 vehicles** at an estimated value of \$43,000.00 dollars.
- Implemented a **two week auto theft program resulting in the arrest of a suspected ring leader**
- Arrested **10 individuals for prostitution**
- Executed **30 Pro-Active Deployments** which resulted in **271 arrests, 44% of which were for illicit drugs (120)**.
As a result of these arrests:
 - an additional **8 stolen vehicles** were recovered with an approximate value of \$41,000,
 - **29 Field Interrogations** were conducted,
 - **108 citations** were issued,
 - and **two stolen weapons** were recovered.
- Attended no less than **125 community events**.

If you're concerned about crime in your neighborhood or are interested in finding out what's being done in the Sunnyslope community, please join us for our **monthly Law Enforcement meetings**, the **third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.** at **Cowden Center – 9202 N. 2nd Street**, between Dunlap and Hatcher. The next meeting will be September 20th.

Visit the calendar of events section of the Sunnyslope W.I.N.S. website for current meeting dates and times:
www.sunnyslopecommunity.org



Don't Forget the Sunnyslope Fall Festival



The 8th annual Sunnyslope Fall Festival will be **Saturday, October 29th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at Sunnyslope High School at Central Avenue and Dunlap.

Can you sing, dance, be a comedian, or do magic tricks??? Want to show off your talents? We want to hear from you and put you on our stage. Call Lynn McDonald at 602-870-6060 ext. 1253 to reserve your spot.

Once again we will have great entertainment for everyone; Kiwanis will be selling yummy hotdogs, sodas and chips for a minimal cost to help support their efforts in the Sunnyslope Community. Monster Truck Limo, Indy and Formula One Race cars onsite.

Back by popular demand; trick or treating, costume contest and a Halloween coloring contest for the kids. Be sure to wear your favorite costume and enter for a chance to win a prize.

Special guest and emcee for the day will be **Miss Arizona, Audrey Sibley**. Come and meet her!

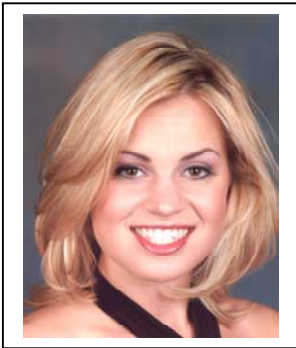
Something new this year, if you are crafty, a painter, make gift baskets etc. (sorry no food items will be allowed to be sold) you can now sell your items at the Fall Festival. There is a space fee of \$25.00; this will reserve your 10 x 10 space. Each vendor will be responsible for providing their own table and chairs. There is **no charge for non-profit agencies**. If you are interested in reserving space, call Lynn McDonald at 602-870-6060 ext. 1253 or email at lmcdon@jcl.com.

Face painting* Rides* Balloon Artists* Trick or Treating for the Kids * Halloween Coloring Contest-Enter for a chance to win a prize

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Meet Miss Arizona 2005



Audrey Sibley

And

**Come and See The Monster Truck Limo,
Indy and Formula One Race Cars**



*For more information
Call*

602-870-6060 ext. 1253

*Sunnyslope Kiwanis Will Be Selling Hot Dogs served
with chips and a drink*



* Entertainment for the entire Family * Business and health exhibits * popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy! *

* **Costume Contest** Come dressed in your favorite costume and have a chance to win a prize *



Caring Adults Needed

Can you volunteer one hour a week to help a student at Royal Palm? Many students need the attention of an adult who cares about them.

Each Mentor/Student team spends an hour per week together. They may work on academics, go for a walk, discuss topics of mutual interest or just enjoy a spirited game of Othello. The important thing is the ongoing interaction between the mentor and the student. Research by the Harvard School of Public Health has shown that introducing a mentor into a young person's life can play a powerful role in preventing drug abuse and youth violence, while greatly enhancing a young person's prospects for leading a healthy and productive life.

It's the little things that mentors do that make a big difference. By providing support, being a sounding board, taking their mentee to their work site or letting the student know a mentor is interested in them makes a tremendous difference to the child. This support helps and encourages the student to be the person they are meant to be.

Royal Palm Mentoring Program is unique to WESD. This school-based program matches a caring adult with a student and the results have been dramatic. Attendance and academic achievement have improved significantly while discipline referrals have shown a marked decrease.

Now you have the chance to be this supportive person. Mentors are needed at Royal Palm, 8520 N. 19th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ. To volunteer, call Joan Bergdolt, coordinator, @ 602-347-3235. You can make a difference.

News From Cross Roads United Methodist Church

GENEALOGY PROGRAMS ON RESEARCHING UKRAINE ROOTS AND DOING CEMETERY SEARCH USING GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM, AND SCOTTISH RESEARCH WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 6TH AND OCTOBER 4TH

Phoenix, AZ - The Phoenix Genealogy Society (PGS) invites the public to participate in its September 6th and October 4th meetings.

On September 6, Harry and Isabelle Sternberg will report on their trip to Ukraine in search of family roots and relatives, and President Beggs Nelson will report on how to find cemeteries using Global Positioning System (GPS).

On October 4th, Bob McKinley, a member of the Caledonian Society, will give a presentation on Scottish research.

Meetings of the Phoenix Genealogy Society are on the First Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Cross Roads United Methodist Church, 7901 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

For more information contact Marjorie Clamons, Phoenix Genealogy Society, telephone (602) 997-5619.



Sunnyslope Village Alliance General Meeting

The Sunnyslope Village Alliance is hosting its Fall General Meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2005 at the Sunnyslope Community Center, 802 E. Vogel Ave. The meeting will be from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The panel topic will be volunteerism which benefits the Sunnyslope community. Light refreshments will be served.



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 Sunnyslope.



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



Desert Mission Food Bank In Need of Volunteers

The Desert Mission Food Bank, which is part of the John C. Lincoln Health Network, has a need for thirty volunteers to staff the warehouse and the front office. Last year, the food bank served an average of 75 customers per day; and we are now serving more than 100 per day, with the total number served through the emergency food program averaging more than 300! The heat has brought more individuals to the food bank seeking assistance through our emergency food program. Utilities, gasoline prices, and children being off for summer break have been a large part in the increased numbers of people utilizing the Food Bank. Heads of households are being challenged to make the decision between feeding their families and keeping them alive.

Our volunteers are doing an amazing job keeping up with the ever-increasing demand for our services; however, we have lost several volunteers due to the heat and increased gasoline prices which strain their budgets as well. We have four-hour morning and afternoon volunteer shifts available for front service counter people, stockers, grocery baggers, and emergency food box assistants. Please contact the Volunteer Services Department for more information about the rewards of volunteering. 603 870-6060 ext. 1389.

SCHOOL DAYS LONG AGO
Bobbie Kraver-Sunnyslope Historical Society

Once upon a time a school was built in Sunnyslope. Actually there were five schools. But I am getting ahead of the story. You will find out about all that starting September 6, 2005. The Sunnyslope History Museum is having an exhibit telling the story of the schools of Sunnyslope. They are Desert View, Most Holy Trinity, Mountain View, Royal Palm, and Sunnyslope Elementary. Some of you attended these schools and can recall your teachers, school rooms, books, friends and even traveling to and from your homes to the schools. Others sent our children and grandchildren to these schools. Sunnyslope schools play a big part in the life of every parent and child in the area.

We are looking for any memorabilia that you would like to donate to the museum. Specifically we need Yearbooks from the five schools that include the 1940's through the 1980's. We are also interested in copies of "Promise & Progress: One Hundred Years of Commitment." This was published in 1991.

Most of all please come to our general meeting in September.

What – An Exhibit of the schools including a model of the first Washington School, and much information about the teachers, students and principals of each school telling the story of the growth of Sunnyslope. The children from Sunnyslope were bused to Washington Elementary school at 27th Avenue and Northern until the second school, Sunnyslope Elementary, was build in 1949.

When: Thursday, September 29, 2005- 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM.

Where: The Sunnyslope History Museum, 737 E. Hatcher Road, Phoenix, Arizona

Who: Our speaker will be Mr. Leonard Sweeney, currently Principal of Lookout Mountain School. Mr. Sweeney was Assistant Principal of Mountain View School from 1978-79 until 1981-82 and Principal from 1982-83 until 1984-85. He then went to Ironwood as Principal until 1989-90. At that time he became Principal of Royal Palm. He has seen the many changes in Sunnyslope demographics and is very well acquainted with our community.

Refreshments will be served: There is no charge for this general meeting! For more information call 602-943-3236 or 602-944-2324.



Phoenix Police have two new resources available to address liquor and prostitution issues.

Vice Enforcement Unit implemented a "Vice Hotline." The hotline is staffed approximately eighteen hours a day, five days a week, with voicemail activated during the unstaffed hours. The Vice Hotline number is 602-426-1231. Complaints concerning prostitution may also be e-mailed to: Vice.complaints.ppd@phoenix.gov.

The Liquor Enforcement Detail is also available to respond during the day and at night, when necessary for liquor-related enforcement and investigation. Complaints may be phoned in to 602-438-6625 or e-mailed to: Liquor.task.force.ppd@phoenix.gov.



Apartments for Rent

Greenwood Apartments-2 bedroom, 2 bath with stack washer and dryer and dishwasher. Rent \$560 per month plus deposit.

Townley Place Apartments-2 bedroom, 1 bath, laundry facilities on site. Rent \$520 per month plus deposit.

Call Don or Liz to inquire about these apartments 602-405-3926.



City of Phoenix

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

National Public Lands Day “Helping Hands for America’s Lands”

Come celebrate the splendor of Arizona’s public lands by participating in **National Public Lands Day** on September 24, 2005. The City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department along with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the Arizona Public Lands Information Center, and Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort will host the Valley’s celebration at the newly built North Mountain Visitor Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **It is free and open to the public.**

Across Arizona, National Public Lands Day events will support local efforts to preserve natural habitats, promote recreation opportunities, and encourage an appreciation of our natural resources on our public lands. Some scheduled events in Phoenix, Sierra Vista, Tucson, and Kingman will focus on trail beautification projects, historic mine and town site cleanups, and Wilderness Road reclamation.

The Phoenix festival will offer participants the chance to see live wildlife exhibits up close; take a guided hike; scale an outdoor rock climbing wall; enjoy dozens of informational displays and demonstrations; attend classes covering desert edibles, birding, cultural resources, orienteering and much more. Over fifty government and non-profit organizations will be on hand with booths, hands-on displays and demonstrations.

Many displays and activities are geared toward children, making the event a perfect family outing. Attend an environmental awareness class for kids, a puppetry program exploring the world of trees, or meet “Hualapai”, a burro adopted through the Bureau of Land Management’s Wild Horse and Burro program.

Would-be volunteers also can arrange to work on a trail project at the Preserve before the festival begins. Community groups or individuals interested in participating in a trail project should call (602) 495-5458 to make arrangements.

The **North Mountain Visitor Center** is located at 12950 N. 7th St (South of Thunderbird Rd) in the North Mountain area of the Phoenix Mountains Preserve.

For more information, call 602-495-5458 (voice) or 602-262-6713 (TTY).



Sunnyslope Calendar of Events:



All meetings are held at the Cowden Center, 9202 North Second Street, except Sunnyslope Block Watch Meetings.

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Sunnyslope Weed and Seed Law Enforcement Committee -6:00 p.m.	20	18	15
Sunnyslope Weed and Seed Neighborhood Restoration Committee -5:30 p.m.	7	5	2
Sunnyslope Weed and Seed Prevention Committee -6:00 p.m.	21	19	16
Sunnyslope Weed and Seed Steering Committee -5:30 p.m.	14	X	9
Sunnyslope Youth and Family Partnership Meeting -8:00 a.m.	1	6	3
Sunnyslope Block Watches -6:00 p.m.- SVA Office-755 E. Hatcher	13	11	8



**Sunnyslope Village Revitalization
A Non-profit Community Development Corporation**

Is providing Minor Rehab assistance to homeowners in the Norton Park Fight Back area (12th St. to 16th St., Dunlap to Mountain View Roads)

Homeowners **must** reside in the designated target area, own/occupy the home as their principal residence and have household income under 80% of HUD income median.

Minor Rehab eligibility activities may include:

Repair or replacement of roof and/or fences; exterior painting; repair or replacement of exterior heating/cooling; repair or replacement of broken windows; other repairs needed to meet standards of City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Preservation.

Assistance is based on availability of funding and on a first-come first serve basis. For information, please call the Housing Coordinator at 602-331-5833 or visit the SVR office at 9221 N. Central Avenue

**Sunnyslope Senior Center
802 E. Vogel
(Inside the Community Center)
602-2-262-757298**



Bee Connected Open House

September 15, 2005

9:30 – 11:30 A.M.



Check us out!

Get Acquainted!

Be Connected!

Sign up to participate in our fall activities.

Exercise
Movies

Education
Trips

Game Groups
Friends

Music
Friends



9:45 – Refreshments

10:30 – Entertainment – Music and Dance Time with live music from George Mills and Rock

11:30 - Door Prizes Drawings

11:45 – Lunch – for reservations call 262-7572!



**Sunnyslope Kiwanis Annual Steak Fry
September 30th, 2005**

Come out to enjoy a fun filled night with the Sunnyslope Kiwanis. Tickets for the steak fry event are on sale. The Sunnyslope Kiwanis is pleased to say that **Outback Steakhouse** is preparing the food. Great silent auction and door prizes too!

All funds raised at the steak fry will benefit the children of Sunnyslope. Kiwanis donates funds to our local elementary and high school programs. In addition, when possible, Kiwanis supports Sunnyslope children with after school programs and camp activities.

The steak fry will begin at 6 PM at the North Mountain Park (7th Street & Peoria). You can purchase tickets by calling Cindy Hallman at (602) 870-6060 ext. 1722. Ticket price - \$20.00.

The Kiwanis is also in need of silent auction items and door prizes. Please contact Cindy if you are able to donate. All proceeds from the event benefit youth and other non-profit programs in the Sunnyslope Community.



Become a Bookworm Buddy!

Bookworm Buddies, Make A Difference's innovative literacy-based tutoring and mentoring program, is currently recruiting volunteers for the fall semester! **If you have one hour a week to give to a child at Sunnyslope Elementary, please consider doing so. There are many first, second and third grade students on the Bookworm Buddies waiting list!!!**

Goals

- ◆ To **improve the students' reading levels** by supplementing the school's reading program
- ◆ To provide **one on one mentor attention**, and
- ◆ To **build the children's self esteem** through regular contact with a committed, caring adult.

Volunteers

Volunteers make a commitment to meet with their Buddy 1 hour, each week for individualized reading instruction during the school day. Because the value of this program lies in the consistency of volunteer/student meetings, volunteers are asked to commit for at least one-semester, preferably the entire school year. **Volunteers are assigned a standing weekly appointment with their student based on their best availability.** i.e. Every Tuesday morning from 9:00-10:00am or every Thursday afternoon from 1:15-2:15pm. A two hour training session is required and is provided by Make A Difference and school staff, as well as a fingerprint and background check process. Our volunteers consist of students, retirees, professionals and just about anyone else you can imagine. The flexible design of the program allows just about anyone to work time with a buddy into their week!

Students

These students are 1st through 3rd graders who have demonstrated a need for additional reading aid.

Locations

- Balsz Elementary: 4309 E Belleview St, Phoenix (44th St, Between Loop 202 & McDowell)
- **Sunnyslope Elementary: 801 W Peoria, Phoenix (Peoria between 8th and 9th Ave)**
- Wilson Primary: 415 N 30th St, Phoenix (30th St & Van Buren)
- Palomino Elementary: 15833 N 29th St, Phoenix (29th St., between Greenway and Bell)

Trainings

- Balsz Elementary: August 26th 7am-9am, September 9th 7am-9am
- **Sunnyslope Elementary: TBA. Trainings will begin in August and September**
- Wilson Primary: August 18th 2-4pm, September 1st 2-4pm
- Palomino Primary: TBA. Trainings will begin in August and September

If you know of anyone who you think might be interested in becoming a Bookworm Buddy, please have them contact Denny Glandon at denny@makeadifference.org or please call 602.973.2212. **Becoming a Bookworm Buddy means one more child will have a better chance at succeeding.**

If you are looking for other rewarding volunteer opportunities with no long term commitment attached, Make A Difference has plenty to choose from. Please check www.makeadifference.org for a list of projects that may interest you.

Phoenix Municipal Court Tour

Have you ever wondered what really happens in the court room? Do you want to participate in court cases affecting your neighborhood but are unsure of where to go or what to do? Phoenix City Prosecutor Sharon Stolpen will be hosting a court tour at Phoenix Municipal Court at 300 W. Washington St. on October 14, 2005 starting at 2:30 p.m. In addition to a tour of the facilities, you will sit in a courtroom and a Judge will address the group and then answer any questions you might have. Seating is limited, so email Sharon at sharon.stolpen@phoenix.gov to reserve your seat.

New Northtown News

Betty Bellanger

Aside from the fact that we are all melting in this heat I think things are going well. We have had some graffiti but thanks to Lisa Kelley and Michele Hawkins helping me we are under control. We are seeing a lot of "SUT" graffiti but so far, no one knows what it means or why it is being used. We think it stands for Silent Testimony. If anyone knows please contact me. I have been going to the usual meetings but some of them were cancelled during July.

I went to Canada for 9 days and had a wonderful time with my good friends, Marcel and Kathy Pomerleau. I feel very guilty now that I got Marcel all fired up about the graffiti there and now he is out there nearly every day painting it out. His situation is different from ours here; Graffiti Busters supplies all the paint, brushes, rollers. Etc. There they don't. He spends his own money on it which makes me feel badly. We are so lucky to have Bruce Nelson and William Hogans.

The summer program for my kids was over July 15th. They had a wonderful time. We had swimming parties, water day, snow cones, museum visits, Wild Life visits and Jim Neverman, our wonderful CAO officer came and talked to them on gangs, stranger danger, drugs, guns, etc They absolutely adore him and hang on to his every word, just like all of us do.

We had a terrific Volunteer Breakfast at Desert View on June 6th. Paulette Zuroff, the principal, really shows her appreciation for all of our efforts. Myself, I do it because I love the children and the school and the staff so very much. That is my reward. We had a clean-up for the summer program to get ready for the After School program which will start August 15th. I was invited to the Kiwanis monthly luncheon and they gave me \$600 for my kids. I am so very, very fortunate to have all this support. With this money I can do things for my kids as well as help out at the school. I don't know what we would all do without Mr. Withycombe. He pays for the school security system among many other things. The Kiwanis Club is such a great organization and is always looking for ways to help the community.

I was honored to be asked to be on an interview team to hire some staff for the school. I have done that several times and I enjoy it.

We were so very, very sad to hear Officer Diane Martin is retiring. I can not tell you how much she is admired and respected by her fellow officers and all of us in the community.

August 3, Bruce Nelson, from Neighborhood Services came to the Neighborhood Restoration Meeting. He is head of Graffiti Busters and his assistant, William Hogans is one of my favorite people. Bruce and his staff do such a great job with graffiti, sign removal and now are working on a pilot program regarding discarded shopping charts.

We were notified of two liquor licenses but as they were transfers it was decided it was not worth the fight. We discussed it with Jim and that was our joint decision.

Finally, we had such a fabulous time at Mike Nielsen's launching of a furniture and art gallery. I never saw such beautiful things. Everything we saw we wanted. As soon as you thought this object had to be the prettiest you found something else even more lovely. The food was delicious and the drinks also. Mike is such a wonderful host and a perfect gentleman. I can not tell you how much he does for me and my kids. Every Christmas he gives all of my kids a Christmas they never forget. I can not tell you how grateful I am to him and how much I love him. The children adore him and swarm all over him every time he comes to see them.

Las Salas After School

Las Salas After School is a free safe haven, crime prevention after school program for children in grades 1-6. Preparations are being made to open for its 9th year in the 7th Avenue and Hatcher neighborhood on September 19, 2005. The following is a list of positions to be filled and volunteer opportunities available.

Program Director-Ideal position for someone who enjoys the challenge of making a positive difference in the lives of children. Must be 21+ years of age, degree in Recreation or Education and some experience working with this type of program. Part-time-Monday-Friday, 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Volunteers-Volunteers are needed in the following areas: Literacy training, games/sports, grant research, kitchen, music, drama, special arts/crafts, administrative, correspondence and newsletter

All positions require a background check and finger printing.

Form more information contact Jerri Bratt at 623-204-3205 or email jerriafterschool@aol.com

ACACIA - SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2005 EVENTS

September

Children :

Tues., Sept. 6 7-7:30 p.m. "Tuesday Tales" Family storytime with songs and puppet show.

Thurs., Sept. 8 10:15-11 a.m. "Babytime" For parents with babies birth to 23 months. Your baby needs YOU to learn. Have fun sharing books, songs, finger plays and more! Sponsored by Target.

Tues., Sept.13 7-7:30 p.m. "Tuesday Tales" Family storytime with songs and puppet show.

Thurs. Sept. 15 10:15-11a.m. "Babytime" For parents with babies birth to 23 months. Your baby needs YOU to learn. Have fun sharing books, songs, finger plays and more! Sponsored by Target.

Tues., Sept. 20 7-7:30 p.m. "Hispanic Heritage – Tuesday Tales" Special family storytime in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Family storytime with songs and puppet show.

Thurs., Sept. 22 10:15-11:00a.m. "Babytime" For parents with babies birth to 23 months. Your baby needs YOU to learn. Have fun sharing books, songs, fingerplays and more! Sponsored by Target.

Tues., Sept. 27 7-7:30 p.m. "Tuesday Tales" Family storytime with songs and puppet show.

Thurs. Sept.29 10:15-11 a.m. "Babytime" For parents with babies birth to 23 months. Your baby needs YOU to learn. Have fun sharing books, songs, fingerplays and more! Sponsored by Target.

Teen:

Sat.Sept.3 4-5 p.m. Acacia Teen Library Council Meeting: Ages 12-18 welcome! Meet with a friendly group of teens who help make decisions on Teen events for the library.

Sat., Sept. 17 4-5 p.m. Acacia Teen Library Council Meeting: Ages 12-18 welcome! Meet with a friendly group of teens who help make decisions on Teen events for the library.

Adult:

Wed., Sept. 7 6:30-7:30 p.m. Acacia Bookworms Book Discussion Group: Join us for our monthly meeting to discuss Charles Dickens *Great Expectations*.

Wed. Sept. 21 2:30-3 p.m. Friends of the Library – Acacia Chapter monthly meeting (followed by book discussion).

Wed., Sept 21 3-4 p. m. Friends of the Library – Acacia Chapter Join us at our monthly meeting to discuss Barbara Ehrenreich's *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*.

October

Children:

Tues., Oct. 4 7-7:30 p.m. "Tuesday Tales" Family storytime with songs and puppet show.

Thurs., Oct. 6 10:15-11 a.m. "Babytime" For parents with babies birth to 23 months. Your baby needs YOU to learn. Have fun sharing books, songs, fingerplays and more! Sponsored by Target.

Tues., Oct. 11 7-7:30 p.m. "Tuesday Tales" Family storytime with songs and puppet show.

Thurs., Oct. 13 10:15-11 a.m. "Babytime" For parents with babies birth to 23 months. Your baby needs YOU to learn. Have fun sharing books, songs, fingerplays and more! Sponsored by Target.

Tues., Oct. 18 7-7:30 p.m. "Tuesday Tales" Family storytime with songs and puppet show.

Thurs., Oct. 20 10:15-11 a.m. "Babytime" For parents with babies birth to 23 months. Your baby needs YOU to learn. Have fun sharing books, songs, fingerplays and more! Sponsored by Target.

Tues., Oct 25 7-7:30 p.m. Tuesday Tales" Family storytime with songs and puppet show.

Thurs., Oct. 27 10:15-11 a.m. "Babytime" For parents with babies birth to 23 months. Your baby needs YOU to learn. Have fun sharing books, songs, fingerplays and more! Sponsored by Target.

Teen:

Sat., Oct. 1 4-5 p.m. Acacia Teen Library Council Meeting: Ages 12-18 welcome! Meet with a friendly group of teens who help make decisions on Teen events for the Library.

Sat., Oct. 15 4-5 p.m. Acacia Teen Library Council Meeting: Ages 12-18 welcome! Meet with a friendly group of teens who help make decisions on Teen events for the Library.

Adult:

Wed., Oct. 5 6:30-7:30 p.m. Acacia Bookworms Book Club: Join us for our monthly meeting. In honor of "Banned Books Week" we will be discussing a book to be selected from the American Library Association's "The 100 Most Frequently Challenged Books 1990-2000" list. For more information, call 602 279-9547.

Wed., Oct. 19 2:30-3 p. m. Friends of the Library- Acacia Branch: Become a Library Friend! A friendly group who make good things happen in your neighborhood library! All adults welcome. Meeting followed by Book Discussion.

Wed., Oct. 19 3-4 p.m. Friends of the Library – Acacia Branch: Book discussion. This month join us to discuss Jon Krakauer's *Under the Banner of Heaven*.

Multicultural Communication and the Safe Schools/Healthy Students project of the WESD

Submitted by Robin Lewis, Resource Center Director

The Safe Schools/Healthy Students Project is proud to be actively involved in the Washington Elementary School District's Multicultural Communications Committee. We all know that one of the most powerful forces in the success of our students, academically and emotionally, is the partnership created by parental involvement. With so many of our students coming from outside of the United States, engaging parents is a challenging task due to many factors; including our own limited language competencies and unfamiliarity with the cultures of our students and families. In many other countries, it is typical for people to speak two, three or four languages. Here in the United States, the predominant culture generally speaks only English and perhaps a second language. While the most common other language spoken by our students and their families is Spanish, there are a number of other very common languages with which we do not have personal experience.

When teachers, administrators and school staff have a situation arise involving a student or family member who speaks a language that we do not, what will we do?

Using in-person interpreters for communication between teachers, school staff, parents and family members is an excellent way to communicate information when a meeting; like a parent/teacher conference, IEP meeting or child study team, is planned in advance. It is the most economically feasible and appropriate choice for a pre-scheduled event. However, what about impromptu meetings like when a parent walks in to your classroom without having scheduled a meeting or when a serious situation arises and an in-person interpreter is not available? The Safe Schools/Healthy Students Project has made arrangements for the grant-targeted schools to receive this service, and provided the funding for WESD to contract with *Language Line Services, Inc.* this school year. Each of the eleven SS/HS schools will have an allotment of minutes available to them monthly for telephone interpreting services. The technology works like a three-party conference call, and, within moments, you can have an interpreter who speaks any of 140 languages available to you in order to help with communication needs for reaching out and collaborating with parents and family members of a student. There will be one special Language Line two-handset phone in each school, in a location selected by your principal, specifically for use for this service.

What about for parent nights, school-based parent workshops or other classes open to parents?

For larger events, the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Project has purchased real-time translation equipment that can be used, along with in-person interpreters, to communicate with up to 150 parents in up to four languages simultaneously. This method still requires in-person interpreters, so advance arrangements are necessary.

What else are we doing to increase parents' awareness of district happenings and to help district staff to understand the rich, unique cultures of our students and their families?

The Safe Schools/Healthy Students project has purchased computers for parent use for each of our eleven grant-targeted schools. This computer provides a place for parents to access the district's internet site to get information about current school and district events and programs. It is the WESD's goal to place information on the website in various languages; beginning with the addition of information in Spanish early this school year. Parents, teachers and students will also be able to access *Culturegrams* this year. The *Culturegrams* program is a web-based tool that provides information about various countries, cultures, expectations and norms of families whom we may come into contact with in our classrooms. Teachers, administrators and school staff will be able to use any computer to access this information and are encouraged to use it to familiarize themselves with the cultures of students who enter our classrooms, as well as to explore with students.



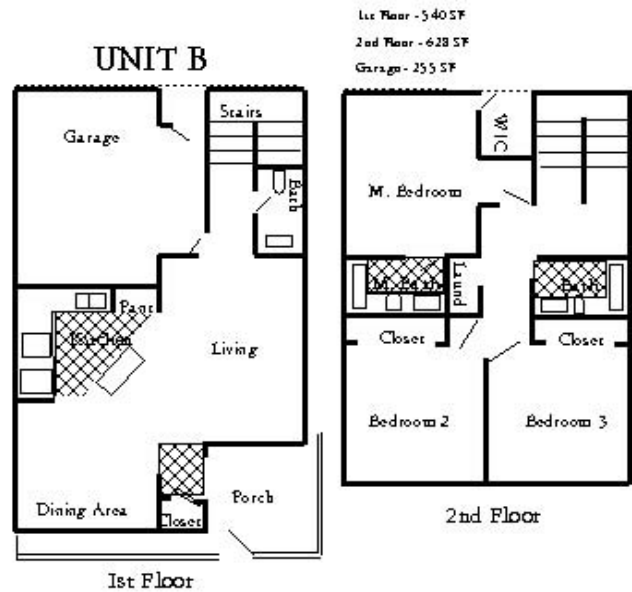
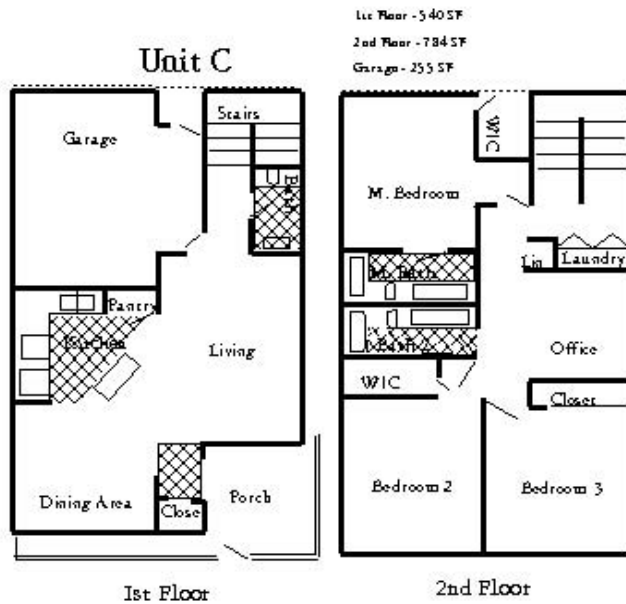
Vogel Park Coming Soon!... Town Homes

Fall '05

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An affordable housing community in the Sunnyslope area- Featuring 2 & 3 bedroom charming townhomes with numerous amenities...



Features

- ◆ Featured 2 of 3 floor plans - 2 & 3 bdrm homes
- ◆ Walk in closets
- ◆ Energy efficient dual-pane windows
- ◆ Vertical and mini-blinds
- ◆ Ceiling fans
- ◆ Upgraded lighting
- ◆ Tiled Entry, Kitchen and Bath
- ◆ Custom cabinets
- ◆ Private porch and patio areas
- ◆ Fully Landscaped
- ◆ Upgraded appliance package to include:
 - 18 c.f. refrigerator
 - Range & oven
 - Dishwasher
 - Full size washer and dryer
- ◆ Gated Entry and restricted access
- ◆ Covered Garage and Stall Parking
- ◆ Tot Lots
- ◆ Ramadas
- ◆ Central to most shopping areas
- ◆ Nearby Major hospital - John C. Lincoln

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Councilman Claude Mattox
August 2005

Your next door neighbors are counting on you. The folks down the block are counting on you. Families on the other side of town are counting on you. In fact, just about everyone in Phoenix is counting on you.

If you're among the one in 20 households in Phoenix to receive a 2005 Census survey in the mail, we're all counting on you to fill it out promptly and mail it back quickly. If you don't you'll be shortchanging your entire community.

Your survey will help assure that our city and all of its residents get a fair share of state-shared revenues. Why do a mid-decade census? We figure we have a lot more people living here than turned up during the last official federal Census in 2000, and, as a result, we're not getting our full share of the money.

The amount of money Phoenix receives each year from the government to help pay for important services and amenities like police and fire protection, parks, libraries, senior centers, roads, public transportation, hospitals and schools each year is based on our population. The more people living here, the more money we get.

In fact, for every person counted, the city will receive about \$432 in each of the next five years. That's \$2,163 per person between now and the year 2010 when the next federal census will take place.

That's why it is so critical that if you are selected to take part in this special mid-year statistical Census, you fill out the form and send it back.

"It is important, vitally important, that we receive the cooperation from every resident who is asked to participate," said Norris Nordvold, the city's recently-retired director of intergovernmental programs who is helping head up the Census effort. "Without the cooperation of our residents we could lose millions of dollars that could be used to help support many of the services we all now enjoy and expect."

The Census surveys will be mailed in September. Look for one in your mailbox and, if you receive one, fill it out and return without delay.

Those residents who fail to return the completed survey will receive follow-up mailings from the Census Bureau and, if needed, personal visits in the following months. By completing your survey and returning it promptly, you will not be contacted by a Census Bureau representative.

Some people have been known to ignore census questionnaires because they are concerned that the information they provide will be misused by the government or someone else.

Let me assure you that under the law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with others, including welfare agencies, immigration authorities, the Internal Revenue Service, courts or law enforcement agencies. The Census Bureau has a long-standing position to, without exception, keep each person's answer confidential.

So I urge you to look for your Census survey, complete it promptly and return it. You'll be helping your community, your neighborhood and yourself.

We're all counting on you.

If you have questions or comments about this or any other topic or issue, call Councilman Mattox's office at 602-262-7446 or send an e-mail to council.district.5@phoenix.gov.

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 **November/December** issue of Neighbor to Neighbor, please have it to Lynn McDonald by **Monday, October 7, 2005**. You can fax it to 602-331-5819, 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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