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We Want to Hear From You!

Do you have an upcoming event for your local organization or block watch that you would like the Sunnyslope community to know about? Did your neighbor do something great for your local community that you would like to share with the Sunnyslope community? Or maybe your child's school (or your neighborhood organization) is having an event and you'd love everyone to know about it? Neighbor To Neighbor is the perfect way to let the Sunnyslope community as a whole know what is going on in your area.

If you would like an event, item of interest, story or news item to be in the June 2009 issue, please email or mail it to Margaret Wagner-Smith no later than 4pm on Tuesday, April 28, 2009.



By email: Margaret.Wagner-Smith@JCL.com

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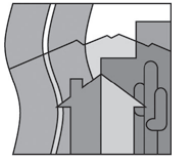
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Your Voice Counts! Here's How to Use It...

For most of us, the thought of trying to influence public policy can be nerve wracking but we have an important perspective, based on our personal encounters, that is important to share. This year in particular, our elected officials have some tough decisions to make and we have an obligation – each and every one of us – to ensure that our representatives understand our perspective before they weigh in on those important issues.

How can you educate yourself about the issues?

The newspaper can be helpful but if we wait to read about the legislative agenda in the paper we may be very late to the conversation. The most efficient way to stay in the know is to do the research yourself (*at least initially*). The Arizona State Legislature's web site www.azleg.gov is a great tool to track pending legislation, locate and contact individual legislators, and stay up-to-date on current issues. Click on the link that says "Bills" and take some time to read the summaries. Beware: A "strike everything after the enacting clause" amendment proposes to delete the entire text of an existing bill and substitute new language, essentially making it a completely different bill, possibly on an entirely different subject. It's important to remember that the title of a bill may have nothing to do with its content. (*You can see a list of all the strike everything bills by clicking on the link found on the left side of the home page.*) Another great opportunity comes from participating in the monthly legislative chats hosted by the Sunnyslope Village Alliance (*the fourth Monday of each month during legislative session beginning at 8 a.m. at Phoenix Workforce Connections on the northeast corner of 7th St. and Mountain View*) - you can hear what the "hot topics" are directly from your legislator.

Wondering what you can do?

The easiest and most obvious way to effect change is to register to vote and to vote. Accountability is key to citizen power. Respectfully, politely and firmly we must hold our elected officials accountable

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Sunnyslope Art Walk Is Back!

*Come enjoy visual art
and live music at the*

*Sunnyslope
Art Walk!*

**Saturday, April 18, 2009
6 – 10 p.m.**

Join us at various venues along the east side of Central beginning at Grinder's Coffee Co. at Central & Dunlap, heading south toward the canal. Jewelry, fine art, photography, wood sculptures and more! Come see what the talented artists have for sale.

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Your Voice Counts! Here's How to Use It...

by asking them how and why they vote in a particular way. Come election cycles, we must ensure that our own votes are cast in accordance, so we get the representation we want.

Take someone with you and tell your story: Build relationships with your elected representatives and educate them about the issues that are important to you. Be clear about the message. Identify yourself as a voting constituent, identify your issue specifically and urge the specific action you favor. Provide supporting facts or a story to compel the listener to act in response to your advocacy. Don't be dishonest or exaggerate because doing so will throw your entire credibility into question. Specify the action you desire again and then ask them how they plan to vote and why.

Remember, citizen advocacy is about persuasion, not debate. You are trying to get their vote for a solution, not win an argument. Expect disagreements and controversy. Be patient and direct without being argumentative. Be persistent with stories, data and new information; and, no matter what, always thank them before you leave.

Why will they listen to you?

You are a trusted source based on professional background, community status or personal knowledge (and, unlike a lobbyist, no one is paying you to take the position you have taken). Your comments are likely to be perceived as representative of a broad based cross-section of politically active people, but most importantly, you are a constituent from their district who votes and your ability to vote gives you power.

Consider this story about Bill Bradley: It is said that the newly elected senator sat in a banquet room reviewing notes prior to a speaking engagement as a waiter, putting the finishing touches on the room, passed out pats of butter. When the waiter came by to put butter on Bradley's plate, he politely asked for two. The waiter said, "Sorry, sir. One pat per person." A bystander overheard this and rushed over, telling the waiter, "Perhaps you don't know who this is. This is Bill Bradley. Senator from New Jersey. Rhodes Scholar. Former basketball star..." The waiter said, "Well, perhaps you don't know who I am. I'm the guy who controls the butter." When it comes to elected officials, your vote is the butter, so remain

vigilant and participate in the democratic process and make sure you get heard!

Did you know:

You can post your comments as testimony at committee meetings from your home or office and get your point across without having to go down to the Capitol in person. To use this application, though, you must first register for a user name and password at any one of the kiosks positioned outside the committee rooms on the 1st floor of the Arizona Senate (1700 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007).

It's really easy to do and parking is free!

North Phoenix Singles Club

The North Phoenix Singles Club is a group of men and women over age 50 who are widowed, divorced or never married.

We are a social singles club whose purpose is to meet people, enjoy ourselves and have fun!

We meet on the first, third and fourth Sundays of the month at 1 p.m. at Elks Lodge #335, 14424 N. 32nd St., Phoenix, 85032.

A few examples of the types of activities that we schedule include: house parties, potlucks, social hours, trips, dances, bowling, game nights, movies and the theater...and so much more!

For more information, call 602-601-0303, or visit our Web site: www.arizonacircle.com/nps.html

Free Arts Needs YOU!

It doesn't take a Picasso to inspire great art...It just takes a great person like you!

Contact: To learn more, please attend a no-obligation orientation by registering online at www.freeartsaz.org or call 602-258-8100.

Free Arts of Arizona is looking for Volunteer Mentors, age 16 or older, to bring creative arts programs to abused, homeless and at-risk children and teens. You don't have to be an artist to volunteer; you will get all the training you need to have a rewarding experience. And, for as little as one hour a week, you will make a powerful difference in young lives.



Now is the Time to Buy a Home!

- Interest rates are at historic lows
- Home prices are more affordable
- DMNR has homebuyer subsidies available

Attend a FREE Home Buyer Class

Learn the process of buying a house, real estate vocabulary, about closing day, how to budget as a homeowner, taking care of your credit, understanding your credit report and how to keep the dream. This class is HUD approved and you will be issued a class completion certificate that qualifies you for first time home buyer programs.

Please call Tracy at 602-331-5833 or email dmnrinfo@jcl.com

Date: Tuesday, March 10 & Thursday March 12 (Must attend both classes to receive the certificate)

Time: 3 – 7 p.m.

Location: On the John C. Lincoln North Mountain Campus
9202 N. 2nd St., Phx, AZ 85020
Cowden Center, Room 1A/B



Date: Saturday, June 13

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: On the John C. Lincoln North Mountain Campus
303 W. Eva St., Phx, AZ 85020
Adult Day Health Center



An Opportunity for Arizona Taxpayers!

Through the Arizona Tax Credit Program, you may be eligible to receive a tax credit AND at the same time donate to the Desert Mission Programs, the community service arm of the John C. Lincoln Health Network. Desert Mission, Inc. is registered with the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) as a qualified charitable organization for the Arizona Tax Credit Program. Your contribution will lend a hand to those who need a little extra help – children and families experiencing difficult times.

The Desert Mission Programs include:

- Desert Mission Food Bank
- Children’s Dental Clinic
- Community Health Center
- Marley House Family Resource Center
- Desert Mission Neighborhood Renewal
- Lincoln Learning Center- nationally accredited early childhood education program

For more than 80 years these programs have been vital to low-income families and children in the north Phoenix area. Since our beginnings, we have understood the importance of having one’s basic needs met along with striving for optimum physical and emotional health, and we have developed a *tradition of caring for needy people*. We feel that the best way to ensure the long-term health of our community for tomorrow is to establish strong traditions of health care and community service today.

Please check with a tax professional to determine if you can take advantage of this tax credit.

For more information you may access the ADOR website: www.revenue.state.az.us

It’s easy to donate to the Desert Mission Programs:

1. Log on to the John C. Lincoln Health Network website: JCL.com or
2. Make Check payable to **Desert Mission, Inc.** and send it to:

The John C. Lincoln Health Foundation • 250 E. Dunlap Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85020 • 602-870-6306

Do You Need Help Feeding Your Family?

Getting assistance is a SNAP! SNAP is Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and is the new name for the Food Stamp program. SNAP can help you and your family eat healthier. It helps low-income people and families buy the food they need for good health. You apply for benefits by completing a State of Arizona application form. Benefits are provided on an electronic card that is used like an ATM card and accepted at most grocery stores.

- The SNAP program helps you stretch your food dollars.
- Your children may qualify for SNAP even if you don't.
- You may qualify for more benefits than you think!
Especially seniors – many medical expenses can be deducted from your income to help you qualify for food assistance.

Want more information? Want to find out if you are eligible? Do you need assistance filling out the application? Call Rachel Travis at the Desert Mission Food Bank at 602-870-6060, ext. 8951. She can answer your questions and help you complete the application online. You can also call the Arizona SNAP information line at 1-800-352-8401 for assistance.

If your organization would like to have someone speak to a group about SNAP (food stamp) benefits, please contact Jaynette Espinola at the Desert Mission Food Bank at 602-870-6060, ext. 1235.

“Food Stamps Makes Arizona Stronger” Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program



- Food Stamps can provide your family with healthier food choices.
- Food Stamps can help you stretch your food dollars.
- Your children may qualify for Food Stamps even if you don't.
- You may qualify for more benefits than you think!

Desert Mission Children's Dental Clinic

The Desert Mission Children's Dental Clinic is now accepting patients enrolled with Phoenix Health Plan. This is in addition to our current services where we serve those children 4 through 18 years-old, who have no dental insurance and do not qualify for state programs. We strive to promote healthy nutritional habits, to encourage effective oral hygiene and to restore oral health in the community. If you would like more information regarding the dental clinic, please call 602-870-6363.



Sunnyslope Historical Society Annual Meeting Connie & Jim Creamer Honored

January 10, 2009 was a very exciting day for the Sunnyslope Historical Society. The election of the 2009 board of directors was held. Board members elected for a first two-year term are Nate Boyer, Jim Grose, Bill Roberts, Lelia Esch Schlabach and Pat Wilkinson. Richard Solem was elected for a second two-year term. Those continuing in their term are John Jacquemart, Bob Rowe, Sharon Mentzer, Bill Parks, Roger Quaing and Donna Reiner. Officers will be elected by the board of directors.

The meeting continued with a presentation of the "History of Hispanics" in Phoenix, presented by writer and lecturer Frank Barrios. The big meeting room at the Sunnyslope Community Center was filled with interested people from the community. The presentation was accompanied by a video of the Hispanic community, featuring business people and farmers; many Hispanics were here prior to Arizona statehood. Mr. Barrios did a book signing and spoke with many people who were at the meeting.

AND THEN CAME A SURPRISE FOR CONNIE AND JIM KREAMER: Connie was the founder of the society in 1989, and Jim was always at her side. She worked constantly to capture the history of the Sunnyslope area. She became the self-educated historian. Those of us who were volunteers always knew that Connie would have the answers when visitors asked questions. She was at the museum almost every day and served on the board of directors as the president and in every other capacity. She was acknowledged by the City of Phoenix, the district legislators and the community as Mrs. Sunnyslope Historical Society! The surprise came when the sign was unveiled. It said "CONNIE & JIM KREAMER CAMPUS." It is now on the wall at the front of the museum at 737 E. Hatcher Road.

Connie continues to head various committees and will be a one-day-a-week docent.

Sunnyslope Community Center Offerings

Location: 802 E. Vogel, 2 blocks north of Hatcher and east of 7th St.

Contact: For more information, please call 602-262-6661.

The Sunnyslope Community Center is currently offering a variety of classes and programs to all age groups. These very affordable classes consist of yoga, dance, strength training for seniors, preschool, teen council, and much more. Come check us out!

¿Practice Your Español?

Date: Second Saturday of every month

Time: 11 a.m.

Location: Unlimited Coffee 741 E. Glendale Ave.

Contact: Jill Ginsburg at 602-678-4277.

Student? Native speaker? Just want to practice your conversational skills? Visit our free monthly Spanish conversation group to use and practice Spanish and meet others with the same interest. Jokes, music discussion, conversation on many topics, plus occasional outings or lunch.

Intermediate or better Spanish language fluency is helpful, but everyone is welcome. For more information, visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/spanish4phoenix/>, or contact Jill Ginsburg, at 602-678-4277. There is no cost for membership.

Free Colon Health Seminar

Date: March 28

Time: 10 a.m. until noon

Location: John C. Lincoln Cowden Center, 9202 N. 2nd St.

Contact: To make a reservation call 602-870-6300 by March 25.

Francisco Rodriguez, MD and Ronald Hauptman, MD will provide information and answer questions about colon health at the John C. Lincoln Cowden Center. The physicians will discuss and answer questions about all aspects of colon health, including cancer, Crohn's Disease and the importance of early diagnosis and treatment of any digestive problem. The seminar is free, but space is limited so please make a reservation today.

SVA/APS Awards Honor 6th Grade Super Students of the Month

The Sunnyslope Village Alliance (SVA) Super Student of the Month program began 13 years ago in partnership with Arizona Public Service, which generously funds the program. Students are chosen by teachers for exhibiting positive citizenship and academic achievement. Participating schools are Royal Palm Middle School, Mountain View Elementary School and Sunnyslope Elementary School.

During the 2008-2009 school year, 40 sixth-grade students will be honored. Each student receives a framed certificate and a \$20 gift certificate to a SVA member restaurant of their choice. The co-chairwomen are Joyce Porter and Susan Muir.

Congratulations to the following winners:

September 2008:

Rosalba Acosta, Royal Palm Middle School; *Jenifer Avila* and *Maja Macura*, Sunnyslope Elementary School; *Britany Cabanyog* and *Christopher Rodriguez*, Mountain View Elementary School.

October 2008: *Daisy Catalan*, Royal Palm Middle School; *Emily Napoles* and *Martin Manriquez*; *Gabriel Corrales* and *Natalia Sparks*, Mountain View Elementary School.

November 2008: *Samir Kusme*, Royal Palm Middle School; *Samantha Rosas* and *Rosa Zarco Cuzas*, Sunnyslope Elementary School and *Joaquin Perez* and *Guadalupe Martinez*, Mountain View Elementary School.

December 2008: *Elise Navarro*, Royal Palm Middle School. *Candy Alanis* and *Laura Lopez*, Sunnyslope Elementary and *Ramon Garcia* and *Linda Santos*, Mountain View Elementary.

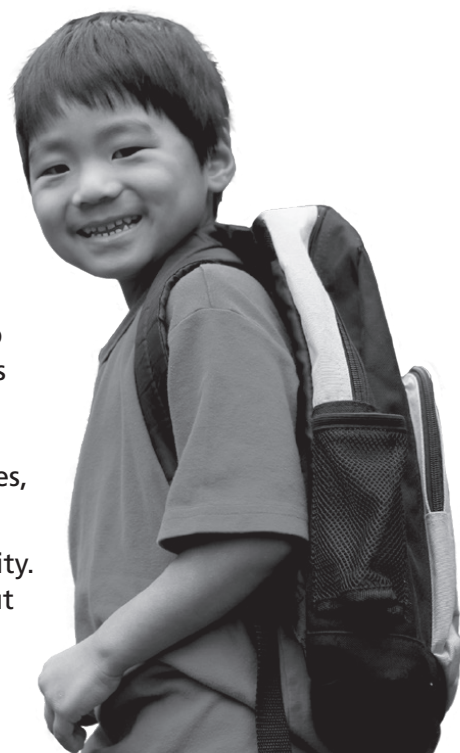
Congratulations to these students for exhibiting positive citizenship and academic achievement! We're very proud of them.

Earn COOL CA\$H for Lincoln Learning Center

On your next shopping trip to Fry's, present the Lincoln Learning Center (LLC) barcode along with your Fry's V.I.P. card to your cashier. The cashier will scan this barcode into the computer and then swipe your V.I.P. card. This will automatically link your V.I.P. card to the LLC until April 25, 2009.

After scanning the LLC barcode and your V.I.P. card, each time you shop at Fry's, every purchase you make will automatically be credited to LLC's account. Your future receipts from Fry's will say "COOL CA\$H" on the bottom of your grocery receipt – that's how you'll know it's in effect! Each time participating COOL CA\$H members reach \$50,000 in purchases, Fry's will donate \$500 to LLC.

To download and print the LLC barcode, visit www.sunnyslopecommunity.org and look under "What's Going On." You can find information about other participating schools by visiting www.frysfood.com website and searching for the COOL CA\$H program, or by asking your local school if they participate.



When You Know the ID Thief

The safety of your personal information and your identity is always at risk. In fact, identity thieves may be even closer than you think. According to the Identity Theft Assistance Center (ITAC), for every five cases of identity theft, at least two victims knew the thief personally.

Identity theft is still the fastest growing crime in America, affecting more than 10 million victims a year. In 2007, the FTC reported a total of \$1.2 billion in identity fraud losses, with the average individual losing \$550 in out-of-pocket expenses. Furthermore, victims spent nearly 3.6 million hours resolving problems related to identity theft.

Overcoming identity theft is a difficult, complex and often frustrating process. The impact of the crime is significantly magnified when the imposter is someone you know and trust. Consider the following proactive rules offered by the experts at Money Management International (MMI) to help keep your information safe:

Lock it up. Invest in a filing cabinet that locks. File all personal documents including credit card and bank statements, tax documents and any other financial paperwork kept at home.

Password protect your computer. Be sure to password protect your computer and all files on your hard drive pertaining to your finances. Change the passwords often and be sure to use a password that is not too easy to figure out.

Keep credit cards and PINs safe. Do not keep your PIN number in your wallet or anywhere near

your debit and credit cards. Also, do not lend your card to others or share your PIN. If you have already made this mistake, call the issuer to get a new card and change the PIN.

Be picky about houseguests. Use caution when inviting strangers into your home. Be extra careful when choosing someone to housesit or pick up your mail when you are on vacation. Consider asking the post office to hold your mail when planning to be away for more than a few days.

Go paperless. Research shows that people who bank entirely online reduce their chances of becoming identity theft victims by about 10 percent. Also, consider investing in personal finance software to track expenses and pay bills online.

No one can completely protect himself from all types of identity theft, so if you become a victim, time is of the essence. Acting quickly and thoroughly can limit the potentially far-reaching impact identity theft may have on your finances and life. For more information about protecting your good name and your good credit, visit www.protectyouridnow.org

Article by Tanisha Warner, a spokesperson/communications specialist for Money Management International. Money Management International (MMI) is the nation's largest non-profit, full service credit counseling agency, providing confidential financial guidance, counseling and debt management assistance to consumers for more than 47 years. MMI helps consumers trim their expenses, develop a spending plan and repay debts. Counseling is available by appointment in branch offices and 24/7 by telephone and Internet. Services are available in English or Spanish. To learn more, call 800-762-2271 or visit their website at www.moneymanagement.org.

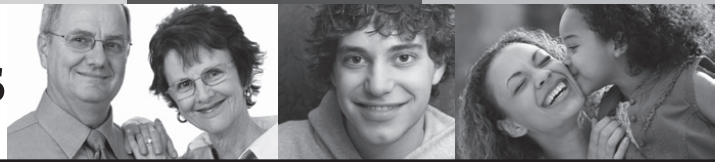
Work with the Weedwackers!

The Phoenix Weedwackers is a volunteer group formed to help eradicate invasive species such as buffelgrass from the Phoenix Mountain Preserves. Buffelgrass, a drought tolerant invasive species, has spread over several areas of the preserves and threatens to crowd out native vegetation. It also creates a fire hazard that normally wouldn't exist in our deserts.

The Phoenix Weedwackers started their work in December of 2006 at Piestewa Peak in Phoenix. With an average of 20 volunteers a month, the group has made a significant impact around the trailhead and entrance areas of Piestewa Peak. They have also removed more than 2,800 bags of buffelgrass locally!

The group meets the second Saturday of every month for three hours, and the hours vary depending on the month. To volunteer with the Phoenix Weedwackers, please visit www.phoenixweedwackers.com.

New Northtown News



Submitted by Lisa Kelley

Happy New Year Sunnyslope! We are starting 2009 out with some possibly sad news. The City of Phoenix's Parks and Recreation Department needs to cut 27 percent out of their budget. The economy being what it is, revenue is down. As a result, they are looking to cut the after-school and summer PAC programs. This is hopefully going to change with the huge number of complaints the city has received from concerned parents and citizens. If they cut the PAC programs, that will leave over 5,000 children in the city with no safe place to be after school and in the summer, not to mention the fact that it will put more children on the streets and allow the opportunity to paint graffiti and get into all kinds of other mischief. So many parents, including myself, depend on PAC for affordable child care. I know that being a single mother, I certainly cannot afford to put my children in any of the other available after-school and summer programs. There have been many city budget meetings happening all over the city that the public can attend and be heard. We can also call 602-252-4800 or e-mail budget.research@phoenix.gov to voice our opinions. Please say a prayer that the city can find a way to keep the PAC program going to keep thousands of children off the streets with a safe place to be until their parents get home from work.

Our last **New Northtown** Block Watch meeting was Jan. 15 at Sunset Bowling Center at 12th St. and Dunlap. We had two speakers, Suzie Jones and Pam Kalish, from the Altered Tails/AZ CATS non-profit organization. They were very informative about how to handle stray/feral cat problems in our neighborhoods. They also helped me trap and sterilize five cats that had taken up residence in my back yard. Wonderful group! They are opening a new clinic at 950 W. Hatcher Road. You can reach them at 602-943-SPAY (7729) or by e-mail at info@AlteredTails.org. Their website is www.AlteredTails.org

Polly Martino of the Sunnyslope Block Watches and the SVA also came by to give us an update on the happenings there. Apparently the Block Watch grants are being cut back too. However, Polly will try to get another one this year. These grant funds help us with making copies for our meetings, getting Block Watch signs, and in countless other ways. Thank you Polly for coming by to speak to us and for all your wonderful years serving the Block Watches!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at Sunset Bowling Center on the SE corner of 12th St. and Dunlap. Thank you once again to Dale and his staff for supplying the meeting room at no charge. Please go by and bowl a few games; the place looks GREAT after Dale remodeled it and jazzed up the place.

The Desert View PAC Christmas party was fantastic! To see all those happy faces of about 100 children as Santa and Mrs. Claus called their names for them to come up and get their presents, including a nice and warm fleece blanket, was great! A huge thanks goes out to all who volunteered and put a spectacular party together for Betty's Kids! Thank you John C. Lincoln Health Network, Mike Nielsen, Kate McGee and her family, Tom Brophy and EPU Investments, Shirley Arther and her Block Watch, the Desert View PAC staff—Josie, Joyce, Ernie and Marlania— and many, many more! A job well done! Betty and Paul are smiling down on you all for keeping their dream alive!

You can always go to www.bettyskids.org to see what's new with Betty's Kids. Also, if you would like to make a donation, please send to: Betty's Kids, 111 E. Dunlap Ave., Suite 1-157, Phoenix, AZ 85020. All donations are tax deductible.

Quality Early Childhood Education Here in the Neighborhood



Lincoln Learning Center, 302 E. Eva St., provides nationally accredited early childhood education for children ages six weeks until their 13th birthdays. Before and after school care, with transportation to and from local schools, is available for school children, and so are holiday and summer programs. This summer's program is "Summer Safari" and registration is taking place now.

Kathryn Wauters, director of Lincoln Learning Center, invites parents and their children to come for a visit and get acquainted with teachers and staff. "We welcome families who would like to see our facility and get to know us," she said. "Our teachers are experienced and our facility is designed for safety and fun."

The center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, which means that it has voluntarily undergone a comprehensive process of internal self-study and improvement to meet all ten of the NAEYC standards. More information about NAEYC is available at www.rightchoiceforkids.org.

Learn more about Lincoln Learning Center by visiting JCL.com/LincolnLearning or call 602-943-3731. The center is open from 5:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Scholarship assistance is available to those who qualify.

Library's "Food for Fines" Event Restock Food Banks

Dates: April 13 – 25

Contact: For more information, please call 602-262-4636 or visit www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org.

Pay your library fines and help restock the pantries of valley food banks April 13 – 25 during Phoenix Public Library's annual "Food for Fines."

Fifty cents will be deducted from your overdue fines for each non-perishable food item donated at any of the 15 Phoenix Public Library locations. The libraries cannot accept homemade food or food in lieu of lost or damaged books.

Donated food will be distributed to Desert Mission Food Bank and St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance. The program collects more than 24,000 pounds of food annually.

Acacia Library News

Join in the fun of Family Story Time offered at the Acacia Library, located at 750 E. Townley Ave. For more information on Family Story Time, or an update on the renovation schedule, please visit www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org or call 602-262-4636.

Please note that the Acacia Library is scheduled to be closed for renovations beginning March 30, with reopening scheduled for April 20 (schedule subject to change).



Cindy Hallman Named Kiwanian of the Year



The Kiwanis Club of Sunnyslope recently honored Cindy Hallman, the Network's vice president of Desert Mission and Community Services with its Kiwanian of the Year award.

"The club chose to honor Cindy for her dedication to the Kiwanis mission of helping the world one child and one community at a time," said Brian Vance, president of the Sunnyslope Kiwanis club.

In her 10 years as a Kiwanis club member, Hallman has served as president, board member, committee chair and has helped with everything from member acquisition to sweeping floors.

"She practices, preaches and participates to the fullest when it comes to helping kids," Vance said. "It makes perfect sense that Cindy receives this award."

Brunch at Outback with the Kiwanis

Kiwanis, through guidance and example, works to develop future generations of leaders. Every day, Sunnyslope Kiwanians are revitalizing neighborhoods, organizing youth-leadership programs, giving out dictionaries to 3rd grade students, building playgrounds, helping local Boy Scout troops, and performing countless other projects to help children and communities.

Key Club is the oldest and largest service program for high school students. What makes Key Club so successful is the fact that it is a student-led organization that teaches leadership through serving others. Members of the Kiwanis International family, Key Club members build themselves as they build their schools and communities. The Sunnyslope Kiwanis Club sponsors a Key Club at Sunnyslope High School as well as Central High School.

Live Music • Silent Auction • Family Fun

When: Saturday, May 2nd, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Outback Steak House, off I-17, North of Dunlap

Why: To support youth programs in our community

Cost: \$25 Adults — \$6 Children 12 and under

For more information contact Gary Enders at 602-315-0731 or genders@qwest.net

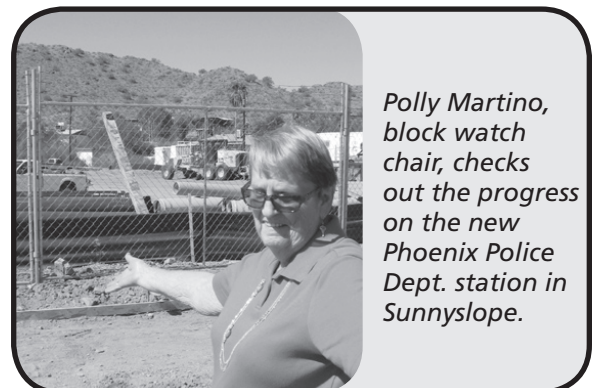
Don't Post Signs in Right-of-Way

Phoenix residents are reminded that posting signs on utility poles, sidewalks or anywhere else in the public right-of-way is not allowed by city ordinance

The right-of-way varies widely throughout the city, but generally includes streets, curbs, medians, traffic lights, utility poles and unimproved shoulders of streets up to private property and generally two feet beyond sidewalks.

Illegal signs can be dangerous if they become loose and fall in the street or hit a pedestrian, or if they block the view of motorists or pedestrians. And, those responsible for them could be fined.

For more information about illegal signs or to report a violation, call 602-534-7100 or send email to nsd@phoenix.gov.



New Village Center Residents Group Formed

In November 2008, a group of concerned citizens in the Village Center area agreed to form a neighborhood association to act as a liaison to work with the city and the Phoenix Police Department in addressing issues like crime, graffiti, homelessness, blight, and other items that are detrimental to any neighborhood.

The Village Center Neighborhood Association is bounded by Dunlap Ave. to the north, the Arizona Canal/Las Palmaritas to the south, Central Ave. to the west, and 7th St. to the east. Meetings are held 9:30 a.m. the third Saturday of the month at Sunnyslope Manor Community Room, 205 E. Ruth Ave. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 21. For more information, or to be placed on the email list, send an e-mail to VillageCenterNA@gmail.com or call Teri Carnicelli, Village Center Neighborhood Association secretary, at 602-410-1267.

Trinity Lutheran Celebrates 60+ Years in Sunnyslope

Trinity Lutheran Church is celebrating 60-plus years of continuous service in Sunnyslope with a variety of activities in 2009.

The church's first worship service was held on July 11, 1948 in a rented house on Dunlap. By September 1948, the congregation had outgrown the house and moved into Sunnyslope Mortuary on Dunlap and Central Ave. Charter Sunday was held September 19, 1948. The present church property at 9424 N 7th Ave. was purchased in 1951, and Easter services were held in the church chapel on Easter morning 1952. Ground breaking for the present church was held in December 1965. The original church was then used as a fellowship hall.

Trinity Lutheran Church has always had a concern for its neighbors and deep commitment and interest in social service needs. In 1992, the apartments west of the church became available. A proposal was brought to the congregation to work with Lutheran Social Ministry Southwest to buy the apartments and transform them into a family complex at 926 W. Hatcher, with a senior complex at 925 W. Vogel Ave. for low to middle income residents. Las Salas, a non-profit corporation, was formed, and in 1993, the congregation acquired the apartments now called Desert Arbor, with full ownership in 1997.

Various celebratory activities, including a February dinner, are planned for 2009 to commemorate the 60-plus years of Trinity Lutheran's spiritual and social service to the Sunnyslope community. In April, Desert Arbor and Trinity Lutheran Church will hold a community fair at the church's parking lot. A date and time have not yet been set, so please contact the church at 602-943-3311 for fair details, and for information on church services.

Advice & Help Available on the Birth to Five Helpline

The *Birth To Five Helpline* is a toll-free number for all Arizona families with young children and for parents-to-be. The helpline provides access to professional telephone consultations relating to topics such as language development, toilet training, fussy babies, sleep concerns, and more. In some instances, within Maricopa County, home visiting support is available. Services are free of charge. Please call the helpline at 1-800-705-KIDS(5437).

