



Myrtle Northview Block Watch Notes January 2015

Next Block Watch Meeting is Sunday, January 11, 2015

This will be a very brief meeting. Three different times (with the same topics discussed) for the convenience of your schedules:

- 12 PM: cul-de-sac of 7222 North 20th Drive
- 1 PM: 21st Ave & Northview Ave
- 2 PM: 19th Drive & Northview Ave

Please attend whatever time and location is best for you. Look for a white van with the yellow "Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol" flag on the door. Since this is the month of the Super Bowl Celebration in Phoenix/Glendale, we'll have our Block Watch version of a brief "tail-gate" meeting with snacks.

Our Block Watch is now in the Desert Horizon Police Precinct as of Oct 20, 2014

Our new Desert Horizon Precinct Commander is Lisa Ruggiero. Please see her interview at www.phoenix.gov/phxtv/phxtv-media/video/2143. The Desert Horizon Precinct is located at 16030 North 56th Street, Phoenix. The phone number is 602-495-5006. Our Substation is Sunnyslope Neighborhood Police Station located at 750 W Peoria Ave, phone 602-261-8996. We hope to invite our Community Action Officers, Officer Wehr and Officer Piazza, to visit our meeting in the near future.



Bicycle Registration on Saturday, January 10, 2015 to Prevent Theft

Phoenix Police is starting a registration program for bicycles to deter theft and re-unite stolen bikes with the owner. A photo is taken so please bring your bicycle with you on Saturday, January 10, 2015 from 8am to 1pm @ Civic Space Park, 424 North Central Avenue. The Light Rail has a stop near there. Bicycles are allowed on the Light Rail.

Fraud Alert

If you receive a parking ticket notification via email, please don't respond NOR click any links. That kind of email is not from the City of Phoenix. The City wouldn't email a parking violation notice. The City is researching the issue and appreciates patience.

Do You Have Clean, Gently Used Towels or Sheets?

There is an Emergency Animal Clinic located at 2260 West Glendale Ave (open 24 hrs) that accepts clean, gently used towels or sheets for the care of animals treated there. If you have a veterinarian, they might also accept same. This is a way to re-purpose these items instead of putting in the trash barrels and landfill. See www.phoenix.gov/publicworks. Re-imagine Phoenix - transforming trash into resources.

When the Northwest Light Rail Extension Is Completed, What Streets Will Still Have East-West Access Across the Light Rail Tracks With Traffic Signals?

Bethany Home Road, Maryland Ave, Myrtle Ave, Orangewood Ave, Northern Ave, Butler Drive and Dunlap Ave. Please see attached map courtesy of Valley Metro.

How Good Are Your Observation Skills?

Whenever there is a need to call 911 or Crime Stop, we need to give the location and description of the situation/person/item. Without looking, can you describe the bicycle on the first page? Are both wheels the same? Is there a seat, kick-stand, handlebars, locked?

RFID (Radio-Frequency Identification) Is "Broadcasting" Your Credit Card, Driver's License and Passport Information Unless It's Safeguarded

RFID is a wireless communication system used to transfer data for the purpose of identification or transaction. A person's credit card doesn't even have to be stolen from your possession as the card "broadcasts" your information because of the way it's made. Credit cards, driver's license and passport information can be safeguarded. RFID sleeves and wallets can usually be purchased online or at some stores.

Did You Know...

That there are approximately 35 to 40 other Block Watch groups listed with the City of Phoenix within a one mile radius of Myrtle Northview Block Watch? There are others that want to make sure our neighborhoods, churches, schools, and businesses are safe, no blight and community minded also.

PLEASE...

There is a City Ordinance about illegal signs. PLEASE do not block our sidewalks with anything including signs (such as cardboard boxes as "yard sale" signs). Our sidewalks need to be accessible.

There is a City Ordinance about Placement of Bulk Trash ONLY nine days prior to the scheduled collection week. Our next placement begins January 24 and Collection begins February 2, 2015. Sometimes the Public Works Dept completes the previous Area and will start earlier in our Area 10; HOWEVER, they will always come back to our Area 10 on the Bulk Trash Pickup Scheduled time.

There is a City Ordinance (Sec. 27-16) about maintaining your property from the midline of the alley to the midline of the street in front. Vegetation must be consistently trimmed, all garbage put inside the garbage barrel and no illegal dumping.

New Amendment to City Code to Increase Roadway Safety

It is now illegal for any pedestrian to remain in a traffic median (City Code 36-128). If you see a pedestrian remaining in a traffic median, call Crime Stop. If you're in your car -please pull over & stop in a safe area before calling on your cell phone & please no texting & driving. Some refer to this ordinance as a crackdown on panhandling; they are mistaken, the purpose of this ordinance is to increase roadway safety. Panhandling on a public sidewalk, designed for pedestrian use is permitted and protected by the First Amendment.

If the GPS Is Not Enabled, Can the 911 System Determine Location of a Cell Phone Call?

As per Phoenix Deputy Fire Dept. Chief, the 911 system is able to determine the location of your call even when the phone's location setting is disabled. It's a safety feature built into cell phones. Tunnels, metal roofs and some other obstacles can give GPS trouble; however the 911 operator almost always will know the caller's callback number, cell and cell sector.

Home Safety Checklist

Shrubbery trimmed so there's no hiding place for burglars?
House number clearly marked on residence and illuminated for First Responders?
Exterior doors made of solid wood or metal with deadbolt locks with strike plates installed with 3 inch screws?
Exterior lights on, front and back, during hours of darkness, whether home or not?
All windows locked?
All shed, garage doors, and gates securely locked or padlocked?
Open carport attic entries closed AND padlocked?
Do you have a ladder outside that burglars might use?
Smoke alarms? Home fire extinguisher?
Motion sensor lights on the outside of your home? These lights can let you know when there is movement as well as let your neighbors know.

Please don't drive and text - the life you save may be your own.

It isn't an accident when someone decides to drink alcohol, illegal drugs or prohibitive prescriptions that impair driving and can kill or cause injury to self and others.

Police and Fire Emergency, dial 911
Crime Stop 602-262-6151