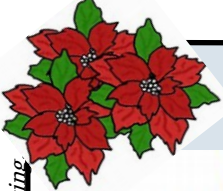


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# TOMAHAWK VILLAGE NEWS



Happy Hanukka

Meetings:  
January ~June  
& September  
~ December  
NO fees  
NO dues

Boundary: W. Camelback Rd. to W. Indian School  
Rd. - N. 75th Av to N. 83rd Av.  
**Committed to: Crime Prevention & Safety,  
Communication, Neighborhood Pride,  
& Promote Education**

TVBW BW  
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Village

## DECEMBER 2017

Block Watch Meeting  
**Where:** Tomahawk  
Elementary School Library  
7820 W. Turney Av.

**When:**

**6:30 ~ 8:00 PM**

**December 6, 2017**

Everyone Welcome/Bienvenidos  
Children Welcome ~ Refreshments  
Spanish Translating

**Why  
Bother?**



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### Watch Agenda for December 2017

#### 6th } BW meeting

- ~ Share a Bowl of Chili & "Holiday Treats" brought by Members
- ~ Nominations and Election of 2018 TVBW Board Members, see page 4 for those nominated Nov 8
- ~ Consider bringing a "gift of recyclable materials" for Tomahawk Elementary School "Re-Imagine" projects. ~ We will have



Special Friends  
and Guests ~  
Music ~ and  
Surprises ~  
~ Come Decorated for  
the Holiday

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#### 10th } Christmas Caroling,

- ~ Gather at 4 pm  
7710 W. Minnezona for a  
little singing practice  
and then off we go Into  
the Neighborhood  
~ Bring a flash light  
Finish by 7:30pm

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#### 10th thru 22nd }

Watch for Thank You  
Certificates on your  
door step for "Making  
Our Neighborhood Merry  
and Bright" with your home  
and yard Holiday Decorations!

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Throughout the  
Holiday be  
Especially Mindful of  
Fools Shooting guns ~  
bullets fall to  
earth we know not here!



**"Someone ought to do something  
about that...well, do something!"**

### 10 Ways to IMMEDIATELY Improve Our Neighborhood

1. **Report crime as soon as possible.** Calling won't guarantee police can fix the problem, failing to call can guarantee that they won't!
2. **Report nuisances and other noncriminal problems promptly.** Like junked cars on lawns and in the streets; old mattresses left to rot on the side of the house; lawn debris/garbage piling up; broken windows...
3. **Take away the opportunity for crime.** Lock your car; never leave valuables for even a few minutes in the car; also trim where bushes/trees block a clear view of your front door or make it difficult for a person to see out of your windows.
4. **Introduce yourself to your neighbors.** Every resident is responsible for their own neighborhood. How else do neighbors watch out for each other—a serious illness, a break-in, lost pet, even good news.
5. **Know the names of neighbors kids and their friends.** It is difficult to form a SAFE and supportive community for children without the adults and children knowing each other. Adults will be better able to help in case of emergency or complaint.
6. **Make a list of landlords in the area.** Landlords are responsible to the neighborhood and concerned with the health/safety of that neighborhood. Name and address of property owners can be found online—Maricopa County Assessor's office, property search tool. (Run-down neighborhoods invite drug dealers/other criminals.)
7. **Walk around the block.** It's a great way to meet and get to know your neighbors (adults & kids) and they get to know you while getting a little exercise.
8. **Drive slowly through the neighborhood.** Stop signs and speed humps can slow people down, but so can you. CAO Contact Info
9. **Pick up litter near your home.** Most people are less likely to litter where they don't see litter already. Tell your children NOT to litter. Pet Owners Should Make Sure They Pick Up (plastic bags are plentiful) After Their Pets!
10. **What Greater Contribution can you make?** Attend Block Watch meetings, meet your Community Action Officers as well as, Commander DeCastro, become informed about neighborhood issues and bring up your issues.

Jingle Bells







# Holiday Safety tips

Lets work together to keep the holiday season safe and fun~ don't let a "Grinch" ruin your holiday!

## When you're out Shopping:

\*Stay alert to your surroundings & the people around you  
\*Shop with a friend, there's safety in numbers \*Carry only the credit cards and identification you need \*Avoid carrying large amounts of cash \*Have your car keys ready in your hand before leaving the store

## When you're in Parking Lots:

\*Don't tempt a burglar by leaving valuables (wallets, phones, money etc.) visible in your car. Hide them before you get to the store parking lot. \*Park where you can easily see if someone is loitering near your car \*Make sure you park in a well lit area of the parking lot if you shop at night \*Walk briskly, confidently, and directly through the parking lot \*Ask store security to walk you to your car if you are uncomfortable \*Be cautious of people handing out fliers or asking questions in the parking area \*if you suspect someone is following you, report it to store security immediately

## Keep your Home Safe:

\*If you're going away for the holidays, have a neighbor or family get your mail and any newspapers \*Keep the outside of your home well lit with doors and windows locked \*Don't display gifts beneath a Christmas tree which can be seen from the windows \*After the holidays don't announce your new high-dollar purchases. Breakdown the boxes of TV's,

¡Vamos a trabajar juntos para mantener la temporada de vacaciones seguro y divertido ~ no dejes que un "Grinch" arruine tus vacaciones!

## Cuando estás de compras

\*Mantengan alertos de donde estan y la gente alrededor \*No vayan solos alas compras \*nomas lleven las tarjetas y identificacion que ocupen \*Evite llevar grandes cantidades de dinero en efectivo \*tenga las llaves listos en la mano antes de salir de la tienda.

## Cuando estás en estacionamientos:

\*No tiente a un ladrón dejando objetos de valor (carteras, teléfonos, dinero, etc.)visibles en su coche. Esconderlos antes de llegar al estacionamiento de la tienda. \*Asegúrate de que aparcar en una zona bien iluminada del aparcamiento si compras por la noche \*Camine energicamente, con confianza, y directamente a través del estacionamiento \*Ten cuidado con la gente repartiendo volantes o haciendo preguntas en el área de estacionamiento \* Si sospechas que alguien te está siguiendo. Reportese para guardar la seguridad inmediatamente

## Mantenga su hogar seguro:

\*Si te vas de vacaciones, tienes un vecino o familia recibe tu correo y cualquier periódico \*Mantenga el exterior de su hogar bien iluminado con puertas y ventanas cerradas \*No mostrar regalos debajo de un árbol de Navidad que se puede ver desde las ventanas \*

Después de las fiestas no anuncies tus compras en dólares. Desglose de las cajas de TV, estereos, computadoras, etc antes de ponerlos

## RESPONSIBILITY



Wow, did you see that driver just go by us driving like a nut? Do you think they're drunk or high? Where is a police officer when you need one?

Oh no, there's a dead dog on the side of the road. I wonder when someone is going to come by and pick up the poor thing up?

Those street lights are still out at the end of the block. The kids can't even play outside anymore after dinner. It's just not safe.

I guess everyone is deciding to dump their trash on that vacant lot. It's really starting to look bad.

Man, did you see all that water that is just running down the street. I think it's coming from the neighbor's water meter. What a waste of water.

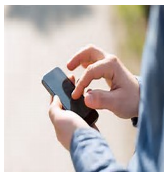
Have you ever heard yourself say any of the above words? Have you decided to do anything about any of these situations?

As citizens of the City of Phoenix, you have a **responsibility** to care for your city. Phoenix is your home, where you want to raise your children, enjoy your life and some day retire. Make the call. Call the non-emergency police number when you see dangerous driving 602-262-6151; call to have that dead animal picked up 602-262-6791; call the City streets dept. 602-495-5125 and report the pole number; call the City 602-262-7251 and get dumping stopped and call the City water dept. 602-261-8000 and **BEG** to have the water lines fixed!!! FYI—your Councilman Daniel Valenzuela's number is 602-262-7446. Remember, he is supposed to work for us!

**If you don't call, who will?**



**PHX C.A.R.E.S.**  
Community • Action • Response • Engagement • Services  
**602-262-6251**  
Help people experiencing homelessness and strengthen your community.



Develop a **Burglary Prevention Mindset**; keep in mind that our homes ARE NOT vaults or fortresses. Our homes were not built to be "secure" they were built to be pleasing to the eye and reasonably weather tight. Our doors and windows are meant to keep out the weather, not the criminals. The simple fact is that we live and store all our belongings in stucco boxes with glass holes. That being the case, we need to take step to enhance the security of our home wherever possible; here are some suggestions:

- Burglar Alarm System (with a loud siren) • Locks on all gates • Security doors • Additional locks on sliding doors • Dead bolt locks with reinforcement plates, and long screws in the strikers • Replace standard short hinge screws with long screws that go into the door framing • Install motion detector lighting • Install locks on garage doors • Remove the pull cord from garage door openers (Burglars can access this and get into your house) • Look for weakness in your home and address the issue



To Report Crime AFTER THE FACT or Suspicious Activity:

**CALL "CRIME STOP" 602-262-6151**

**CRIME IN PROGRESS 9-1-1**



[www.phoenix.gov/police/precincts/MaryvaleEstrellaMountain](http://www.phoenix.gov/police/precincts/MaryvaleEstrellaMountain)

[www.phoenix.gov/police](http://www.phoenix.gov/police)

On Twitter-Face Book-You Tube

Silent Witness 480-948-6377

1-800-343-8477



AngelInitiativehttps://https://youtu.be/WhtfympQwXE?t=3

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**Officer Chris Gallegos** [Christopher.Gallegos@phoenix.gov](mailto:Christopher.Gallegos@phoenix.gov)

**Commander Edward DeCastro**

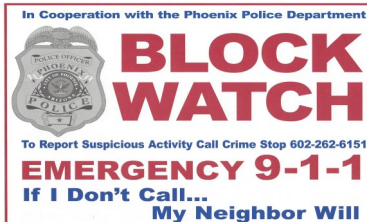
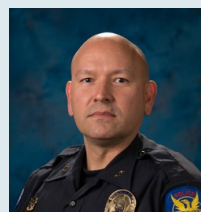
Maryvale~Estrella Mountain Precinct

602-5300 or 5008

**Officer Ben Zamora**

[Benjamin.Zamora@phoenix.gov](mailto:Benjamin.Zamora@phoenix.gov)

**Desk # 602-495-0931**



## Why Stop at 10 TASKS?

- ◆ Turn on porch light at night.
- ◆ Spend time in the front yard (pick up bottles)
- ◆ Stay in one place-long term residents create stability.
- ◆ Offer assistance to a neighbor in need-off help.
- ◆ Ask neighborhood kids for help if you need it—they are always happy to earn a few dollars.
- ◆ Be the kind of neighbor you would want to have!

**Could your neighbor be from Mars?**



**Or maybe a movie star?**



**Maybe even like you or me!**



**"¡ alguien debe hacer algo al respecto ... bueno, haz algo!" "¡ alguien debe hacer algo al respecto ... bueno, haz algo!"**

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## 10 maneras de mejorar inmediatamente nuestro vecindario

1. **Denuncie la delincuencia lo antes posible.** ¡ llamar no garantiza la policía puede solucionar el problema, no llamar puede garantizar que no lo harán!
2. **Reportar molestias y otros problemas no criminales puntualmente.** Como los coches chatarra en el césped y en las calles; los colchones viejos dejaron pudrirse en el costado de la casa; escombros del césped/acumulación de basura; ventanas rotas
3. **Quitarle la oportunidad al crimen.** Trabe su coche; Nunca deje objetos de valor por unos pocos minutos en el coche; también recorte donde los arbustos/árboles bloquean una vista clara de su puerta principal o dificultan que una persona vea fuera de sus ventanas.
4. **Preséntate a tus vecinos.** Cada residente es responsable de su propio vecindario. ¿de qué otra manera los vecinos se cuidan unos a otros — una enfermedad grave, un robo, una mascota perdida, incluso buenas noticias?
5. **Conozca los nombres de los vecinos niños y sus amigos.** Es difícil formar una comunidad segura y de apoyo para los niños sin que los adultos y los niños se conozcan. Los adultos serán más capaces de ayudar en caso de emergencia o queja.
6. **Haga una lista de propietarios en el área.** Los propietarios son responsables ante el vecindario y se ocupan de la salud/seguridad de ese vecindario. El nombre y la dirección de los dueños de propiedades pueden ser encontrados en línea — oficina del Asesor del Condado de Maricopa, herramienta de búsqueda de propiedades. (los vecindarios desplegables invitan a traficantes de drogas/otros delincuentes.)
7. **Camine alrededor de la manzana.** Es una gran manera de conocer y llegar a conocer a sus vecinos (adultos)
8. **Conduzca lentamente por el vecindario.** Las señales de STOP y los topes de velocidad pueden ralentizar a la gente, pero tú también puedes.
9. **Recoger la basura cerca de su casa.** La mayoría de las personas tienen menos probabilidades de tirar basura donde ya no ven basura. Dile a tus hijos que no tiren basura. ¡ los dueños del animal doméstico deben cerciorarse de que recojan (las bolsas de plástico son abundantes) después de sus animales domésticos!
10. **¿Qué mayor contribución puede hacer?** Asista a las reuniones del bloque de vigilancia, conozca a sus oficiales de acción comunitaria, así como, comandante decastro, hágase informado acerca de los problemas del vecindario y represente sus problemas.

## HOT SPOTS

**Theft/Larceny**  
**21 cases in 1 month**

The terms *larceny* and *theft* are often used interchangeably. This is because the words have the same meaning.

Larceny is simply the legal term for theft. State law determines what the crime is.

A.R.S. §13-1802 (Theft)

A.R.S. § 13-1805 (Shoplifting) called. Arizona labels these property crimes as theft.

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## Crime Statistics

October 28, 2017

November 28, 2017

**Violent Crime I:** Homicide.....0  
Sexual Assault..... 0  
Robbery.....1  
Aggravated Assaults.....1

**Property Crime II:**  
Burglaries'.....3  
Theft/Larceny.....21  
Motor Vehicle Thefts.....  
Arson.....0

**Crimes II:**  
Simple Assault.....3  
DUI.....0  
Drug Offenses.....7  
Fraud.....3  
Liquor Offences.....0  
Sex Offences.....0  
Weapon Offences.....  
Other-Criminal.....12  
Other-Non-Criminal.....28

Phoenix Police Department -



# These Nominees have Volunteered to take the Responsibility of Lead- ership, Partnership and Collaboration in Toma- hawk Village for 2018

*Thank You All!*

## NOTIFICATION OF TOMAHAWK VILLAGE BLOCK WATCH MEMBERS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF BOARD DIRECTORS

**December 6, 2017, at 6:30 PM at Tomahawk  
Elementary School, 7820 W. Turney Avenue,  
Phoenix, AZ.**

### Qualifications for voting:

Members must be at least 18 years old and a resident, business owner or proprietor, government agency, or non-profit organization located within or conducting business or operations in the Neighborhood;

Only members who have attended at least two (2) meetings within the past twelve (12) month period immediately preceding Annual Meeting shall be entitled to vote. NOTE: The sign-in sheets from the monthly general Block Watch meeting(s) are used to determine required attendance. Each member is entitled to one (1) vote on matters properly brought to the meeting. Only members in attendance are entitled to vote.

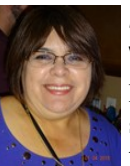
Non-Members who have legitimate reason(s) for attending are entitled to speak before meetings, but are not entitled to vote on any matter, action or proposal to include election of Board

### Qualifications for Membership on Board of Directors:

Member of Tomahawk Village Block Watch Association.

Principal residence must be in the Neighborhood.

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available

**Janet Aldava:** "I am currently serving on the Board as Secretary. I am a 30 year City of Phoenix employee, and along with my children, and one granddaughter (Mila), am happy to be involved with our neighborhood and community. I am willing to work hard, and look forward to pitching in and making Tomahawk Block Watch the best...."

**Bill Evans:** *Current Board Member: I am responsible for the Newsletter Distribution. I will bring my numerous skills to Tomahawk Village Block Watch and hope to get more of our neighbors involved.*

**Vickie Jaquez:** I have lived in Tomahawk Village for over 15 years. I have served on the board in many capacities throughout the last several years. I am a Phoenix Neighborhood Patroller, a Graffiti/Blight Buster and serve on the Phoenix Block Watch Advisory Board and Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association. I am an Advocate for a Safe, Secure, Blight-Free community as well as a voice on the needs of our community. I believe that as a resident of Tomahawk Village we should all help to promote Volunteering by helping to Wipe Out Graffiti, be the eyes and ears of our Police Department by being a better witness and by keeping an eye out when our children are walking home from school. I look forward to continuing to serve our community.

**Carol Quintana:** In 2013 I married and moved out of the neighborhood after living there for 35 years. I am still a property owner in Tomahawk Village. I currently hold the position of Treasurer and serve on the Board. Participating in Block Watch over the years has been a rewarding experience. I have made many friends in the neighborhood and have participated in GAIN events, graffiti clean-up/neighborhood clean-ups, delivering news-letters, etc. The monthly meetings are very informative and give everyone a chance to have questions answered and get to know their neighbors.

**Kathy Stillman:** I have lived here for 19 years. I have volunteered at Tomahawk Elementary School classrooms, gone on field trips and enjoyed every minute. This village is very important to me, shown by hours of Phx. Neighborhood Patrol, Graffiti Busters and with TVBW.

**Juana Pacheco:** Wife, mother and avid volunteer at Tomahawk Elementary School wants to do all she can to help this neighborhood be clean and safe for her children and yours.

From the President's Pen;



We have almost arrived at the end of another year, which means on Dec. 6th members of Tomahawk Village Block Watch Association (TVWBA) will gather in Tomahawk Elementary School Library to select (7) members to serve on the governing board for 2018.

### PURPOSES OF TVBWA:

Enhance the livability of the neighborhood—area between Camelback Rd. to the North and W. Indian School Rd. to the South, to the East by N. 75th Av. And the West by N. 83rd Av. By:

1. Establishing and maintaining an open line of communication and liaison among residents, businesses, public safety officials and other neighbors;
2. Developing, promoting and operating safety-oriented education and information programs aimed at crime prevention and reduction;
3. Planning, promoting, funding and undertaking activities aimed at physical improvement and maintenance of the Neighborhood including reduction of blight;
4. In connection with the above provided an open forum through which all members may involve themselves in the affairs of the community.

Well if any of the above hits your fancy come join us at the Elementary School Library at 6:30 pm on the 6th day of December. ~ 30

Burton

Gorton



**Property of the Month**  
Well-kept homes and yards help sustain a positive image of our neighborhood. Every month a property in each quadrant will be recognized with a "Property of the Month" certificate and a sign for their yard say **"THANK YOU/GRACIAS"** for the residents' efforts. Congratulations...

**SW: Sylvia & Carlos Hurtado**

**SE: Juan F. Frerer, 4246 N. 72nd Av.**

**NE: Julie & John McClintock**



Thank You to everyone who planned, donated, worked and enjoyed the October 21st GAIN event!  
Special Accolades to Premier High School Student Government Students & Teacher!!

