

CACTUS PARK COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENT SCHEDULE

PNP New Member Training

Offered every other month, next training is:
07/21/07 7:30 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.
Phoenix City Hall
200 W. Washington
Call (602) 495-0440 for information

Cactus Park PNP Meeting

Information Line: (602)534-8106
Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month (**No meeting in July or December**)
Next meeting is June 14, 2007 at 3435 W Pinnacle Peak Rd. at 6:30 p.m.

Cactus Park Community Alliance

06/27/07 at 6:45 p.m.
2001 W. Wahalla
Deer Valley Park Community Center
Information Line: (602) 534-2424 ext.9099

Block Watch Advisory Board

06/26/07 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
1102 W Adams St.
PLEA Office
Information Line: (602) 534-2424 ext.4056

Check Blight Online **Entered by CAO Karen Freund**

Did you know that you can check the status of an open blight case online?
Just visit phoenix.gov/NSD and click on "Check on the Status of a Case." You can check by specific address or by street name.

Also, you can report blight conditions and problems while you are there or by sending an email to blight@phoenix.gov.

Quick Graffiti Reference
Entered by CAO Karen Freund

E-mail: graffiti.busters.nsd@phoenix.gov

Graffiti Busters 24-Hour Removal Hotline.....	602-495-7014
Cellular Phone Users dial FREE.....	#GONE (#4663)
Graffiti in progress.....	9-1-1
Send site locations using email.....	graffiti.busters.nsd@phoenix.gov
Free paint for graffiti removal.....	602-495-0323
Tools for neighborhood clean-ups.....	602-495-0323
Need a paint sprayer? (Training provided).....	602-495-0323
Retail (non-access to paints by juveniles).....	602-262-7844
Vandal Catching/Reward Program.....	602-262-7327

ARIZONA VEHICLE REGISTRATION

By Officer Doug Dillard

I recently received a question about a neighbor that has had out of state plates on their car since they moved here almost a year ago. Since the Police must actually witness this type of violation, on the street, and it has been ruled that this alone is NOT enough cause for us to stop a vehicle, another answer is needed. That's why I researched this and found the following information on the MVD web site below that you may find of interest and use.

Feel free to share this info with the others in your neighborhood that do not get my emails.

Arizona Vehicle Registration Compliance

Did you know that the State of Arizona loses millions of dollars a year in revenue from **Arizona residents** who register their vehicles in other states or countries, or fail to renew their registration?

The loss of this revenue affects many state, county and city programs for highway and road expansion, maintenance as well as county, city and town general funds.

State law requires that you obtain an Arizona Driver license and register your vehicles **immediately** if you are a legal resident of Arizona.

If you can answer yes to any one or more of the following statements, you are a legal resident of Arizona:

1. I have lived in Arizona for seven aggregate months or more during a calendar year.
2. I am employed in Arizona (other than seasonal agricultural work).
3. I have children in a public supported school in Arizona.
4. I have a business with an office in Arizona, that bases and operates vehicles in this state
5. I obtain a state license or pay school tuition fees at the same rate as an Arizona resident.
6. I have a business that operates vehicles to transport goods or passengers within Arizona.

****Active military personnel based in Arizona who **qualify** for exemption under the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act are not considered Arizona Residents**

To report a resident of Arizona for not being in compliance with Arizona registration laws;

Please call 1-800-657-4322 or complete the following form.

- [Report a Violator](#)

BLOCK WATCH PROGRESS

By Officer Karen Freund

There have been a number of new Block Watch groups forming recently, but the number is not consistent with the increase in new neighborhoods. It seems that when someone moves into a new subdivision, especially a gated one, they develop a false sense of security that they are safe from any and all crime. The fact of the matter is, anywhere you have people, there is the potential for criminal activity. Where better to find nice things to steal than in a new community? Especially one where people leave their doors unlocked and valuables in their cars!

A good neighbor knows who lives next door and what they drive. A good neighbor keeps an eye on their neighbor's house and vehicle and alerts the neighbor and/or police when they see something unusual. But how can you do this if you don't know who lives next door? How do you know when you should call police? A little education goes a long way and this can be gained by starting a Block Watch on your street.

Starting a Block Watch is easy and getting involved is even easier. It's not something that needs to take up a lot of your time. It just requires your observational skills in acting as another set of eyes and ears for not only your neighbor, but for the police department as well. The city can't post an officer on every street corner, so we rely on you to tell us when something is wrong. However, you can't do this if you, the person that lives there, doesn't know when something is wrong.

It's in the best interest of every community, new and old, to start a Block Watch group before there's a problem in your neighborhood. You'll feel more empowered being proactive rather than reactive. Call Cactus Park Precinct at 602-495-5009 to find out who the Community Resource Officer is for your area. Call your officer, come up with a few dates, times, and a location that works for most of the people, and we'll coordinate a time to come out and do the initial presentation to get your group started. There's no better time than the present!

Teenager dies while attempting "dusting" high

Story Updated: Apr 25, 2007 at 6:53 AM PDT

By Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. (AP) - A 14-year-old Salem boy inhaled spray from a can of cleaner used on computer keyboards and died, police said.

The cleaner used to blow dust out of keyboards and electronics contains difluoroethane, which is similar to freon, said Sgt. Tim Plummer of the Oregon State Police's drug recognition program.

"The high from the gas can paralyze the user for several seconds or minutes, giving them a feeling of euphoria," Plummer said. Using it has gained a nickname, "dusting," he said.

Nickolas Brown was found by his older brother in bed shortly after 2 a.m. Monday, and a can of the cleaner was near the boy, Lt. Bill Kohlmeyer said.

Plummer said hydrocarbons in the product can create a heart arrhythmia that leads to cardiac arrest, or they can displace oxygen in the user's lungs, causing asphyxiation. "One time you can get high off of it, and the next time the same user with the same substance can be dead," he said.

Inhalants, often household products, are the fourth-most commonly used substance abused by high school students in Oregon, said Claudia Wilcox, a state drug and alcohol counselor.

Students as young as fourth-graders have reported using inhalants, she said.