

CACTUS PARK PRECINCT NEWSLETTER AND EVENT SCHEDULE

PNP New Member Training

Offered every other month, next training is:
March 15, 2008 7:30 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.
FOP Lodge #2
12851 N 19th Avenue
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 March 13, 2008 at 3435 W Pinnacle Peak Rd. at 6:30 p.m.

Cactus Park Community Alliance

March 26, 2008 at 6:45 p.m.
3581 W. Northern
Manzanita Senior Center
Information Line: (602) 534-2424 ext.9099

Block Watch Advisory Board

March 25, 2008 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
Location to be announced
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

Off Road Vehicles
By Community Action Officer Karen Freund

Have you taken a drive up I-17 lately? Isn't it amazing how many new communities are being built in what used to be wide open desert? I am certain that more than just a few parents were excited when they bought homes in these areas, thinking they and their children would have a place to ride their off-road vehicles. Unfortunately, this type of activity is illegal.

Phoenix City Code 36-62 states that "no person shall operate a vehicle on or across any portion of a vacant lot other than on an established dust-proof driveway." This includes the desert, mountain preserve, and wash areas. (For further clarification, quads, golf carts, dirt bikes, etc. are considered motorized vehicles.) The fine for this code is \$127.00 per violation. There are also additional charges if the vehicle is unregistered (\$552.00), uninsured (\$462.00 - \$1362.00), and the driver is unlicensed (\$97.00). So far, we're up to a minimum total of \$1370.00, and we haven't even taken into consideration a day off from work for a court date or to accompany your child to court. There is also the possibility of criminal trespassing charges. Are you or your child driving across your own property, or does it belong to someone else? Would you want people driving across your property and causing damage?

Please keep in mind, as well, any one operating a vehicle on a city street, needs to be a licensed driver with the proper endorsements (i.e., motorcycle), vehicle registration, and insurance. In addition, in order to be "street legal", you are required to have eye protection, helmet (children), mirror, head lamp, tail light, etc.

So, please enjoy your new homes and the surrounding desert area, but enjoy it as a pedestrian and not on a motorized vehicle. If you are looking for a place to ride you will need to leave the city limits of Phoenix, which now extends up to just past New River Road.

**Water Meter Thefts
By Officer Pfaffenbach**

In case you haven't heard. The hottest thing to steal now is the lid from your water meter in the box in front of your house. The lids are made from brass and worth about \$16.00 each. The thieves are hitting in **YOUR** area please keep an eye out for non city people working inside of a water meter box. Get a good description of the person, call 911, and try to keep an eye on them if they leave the scene so you can tell the officer or operator which way the suspect is traveling. If the suspect has a vehicle, get the license plate number and vehicle description if possible. Note if they are on a bicycle or on foot as well. Over 50 of these lids have been stolen and confirmed by the water department on the 13th of February. This is mostly in the 921 beat at this time, Dunlap to Northern, I-17 to 31st ave but the suspects will have to keep moving in order to have caps to steal.

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!!!