

CACTUS PARK COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENT SCHEDULE

PNP New Member Training

Offered every other month, next training is:
12/01/07 7:30 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.
University Park
1002 W. Van Buren
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 October 11, 2007 at 3435 W Pinnacle Peak Rd. at 6:30 p.m.

Cactus Park Community Alliance

09/26/07 at 6:45 p.m.
3581 W. Northern
Manzanita Senior Center
Information Line: (602) 534-2424 ext.9099

Block Watch Advisory Board

09/25/07 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
2240 W Citrus Way
Washington Adult Center
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

Leash Law
By CRO Karen Freund

This article is to make you aware that there is a leash law in our city and what it specifically states. It says a dog is considered "at large" when it is "on or off the premises of the owner and not under control of the owner, or other persons acting for the owner. Any dog in a suitable enclosure shall not be considered to be running at large." This means your dog must be leashed at all times (on a leash not to exceed six (6) feet in length), even in its front yard, except if it is contained within a secure fenced area or in a crate or similar type kennel.

Any dog at large in a public park is in violation of this ordinance and subject to a fine. Dog parks are designed for dogs to run free but, more importantly, they are fenced, so your dog would not be considered at large in this environment. However, keep in mind when you are at the dog park, even though a larger dog may only be playing, it could still seriously injure or kill a smaller dog.

When you are walking your dog along a city street, at the park, or similar type "green" (common) areas, we should keep in mind that some people are very frightened of dogs, regardless of size, or may be severely allergic to them, or may just not like them. Just because your dog is a member of the family does not mean someone else is going to feel the same way. Keep your dog leashed or contained and everyone should be happy!

Missing & Exploited Children

By Officer D. Dillard
Cactus Park Precinct
Community Resource Unit

I was recently contacted by a private school wanting information on a “Stranger Danger” presentation for their students and parents. Stranger Danger is an old phrase that we are all probably familiar with, but it’s not real accurate. Statistically it’s not the “Stranger” that is the danger to a child. It’s more commonly a family member, friend or someone that would otherwise be trusted.

In my research I came across the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The information that they had on their web site was probably some of the most concise, accurate and relative that I have found in one place.

The following are excerpts from www.MissingKids.com . There is just too much info there to try and include here. So take a look at this brief preview and then visit their web site for yourself.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

National Mandate and Mission

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children’s® (NCMEC) mission is to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation; help find missing children; and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them.

NCMEC was established in 1984 as a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization to provide services nationwide for families and professionals in the prevention of abducted, endangered, and sexually exploited children. Pursuant to its mission and its congressional mandates (see 42 U.S.C. §§ 5771 *et seq.*; 42 U.S.C. § 11606; 22 C.F.R. § 94.6), NCMEC

- Serves as a clearinghouse of information about missing and exploited children
- Operates a CyberTipline that the public may use to report Internet-related child sexual exploitation
- Provides technical assistance to individuals and law-enforcement agencies in the prevention, investigation, prosecution, and treatment of cases involving missing and exploited children
- Assists the U.S. Department of State in certain cases of international child abduction in accordance with the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction
- Offers training programs to law-enforcement and social-service professionals

- Distributes photographs and descriptions of missing children worldwide
- Coordinates child-protection efforts with the private sector
- Networks with nonprofit service providers and state clearinghouses about missing-persons cases
- Provides information about effective state legislation to help ensure the protection of children

We want to help you protect your children by teaching them to be smarter and safer. The best way to combat child exploitation and abduction is to prevent it. Please use our site to learn what you and your children need to know about protecting them from victimization.

- What to do [If Your Child Is Missing](#)
- Information about [International Abduction](#)
- Where to [Report Child Sexual Exploitation](#)
- [Child-Sexual-Exploitation State Resources](#)
- Learn About [Keeping Your Child Safer](#)

Child Safety

Parents, guardians, and adults who care for children face constant challenges when trying to help keep children safer in today's fast-paced world. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) offers easy-to-use safety resources to help address these challenges.

For decades, children were taught to stay away from "strangers." But this concept is difficult for children to grasp and often the perpetrator is someone the child knows. It is more beneficial to help build children's confidence and teach them to respond to a potentially dangerous situation, rather than teaching them to look out for a particular type of person.

NCMEC is the nation's resource center for protecting children. Our [prevention and safety education](#) programs and materials contain information and tips that will help you keep your children safer. The [Just In Case...](#) and [Know the Rules](#) publication series are especially important for parents and guardians.

- Learn About How to Stay Safer Online with the [NetSmartz Workshop](#)
- The Importance of [Having a Good Quality Photo of Your Child](#)
- [Corporate Partner Safety Programs and Materials](#)
- [Learn about "Prevention Works," a Work-Life Benefit for Employees/Employers](#)

No Child Should be at Risk: Prevention Works

A Work-Life Benefit for Families

For working parents and guardians, nothing is more important than the safety and well-being of their children. Employee morale is greatly improved when families have the tools they need to help safeguard their children and help teach them how to reduce risks, “think smarter,” and stay safer.

We can help. And it won't cost your company a dime.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) offers the educational program “Prevention Works” to corporations across the country as a free public service. The compelling, one-hour presentation takes a positive approach to safety education, drawing upon more than 21 years of experience and actual case accounts to help participants learn better ways to prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation.

“Prevention Works” tells employees:

- HOW and WHY kids fall victim to abduction and sex offenders
- HOW to minimize opportunity and risks
- HOW to practice safety skills with your child
- WHAT to do if your child is missing or sexually exploited
- The best part? Employees walk away feeling empowered and encouraged knowing how to better protect their families.

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www.MissingKids.com

