



John Jacobs Neighborhood Voice

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

We hold our monthly meetings at
John Jacobs Elementary School:
14421 N. 23rd Ave In the Cafeteria

Next Meeting

Tuesday, **August 14th**
From 6:30-7:30 PM

Your Block Watch Captain is:

School's Out for Summer

School is out for summer and John Jacobs Block Watch Meetings are on summer break too! Your John Jacobs Block Watch meetings will resume on August 14th. We had a great year with productive and fun events thanks to all of you! We look forward to a new and exciting year with special guests to attend our meetings. John Jacobs Officers and Committee Chairpersons wish you a safe summer and look forward in seeing around the neighborhood.

Neighborhood News

Crime Reports from your neighbors

Burglary 2 and 3 in the last week for this area. One on the corner of 24th Ave. and Crocus and one right behind on 24th Ave. and Hearn. We need to know our neighbors' vehicles and keep watch when we're home. Sorry for these two families going through this. I have reported this information to the police. Troy here at 2402 West Crocus. It seems that we had another break in directly across the street from us. What can we do that we are already not doing? They are WATCHING US. They know when we leave. Apparently, the culprits can get you within a 40-minute window.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE Wild Life stories

We've been watching the owls that are roosting near Winchcomb and 24th Drive. You can see them sitting on the JJ swing sets and fences around sundown. We have been watching a family -- Mom, Dad, and two juveniles that are big and flying, but don't have their ear tufts. The school has a gopher infestation and it makes for a giant buffet for the owls and hawks.

Safety reminder about wildlife in the neighborhood Saturday (05/26/18)

Kathy and I saw a coyote on the golf course about 50 feet away from our fence. It was in broad daylight (about 2pm). He was eating the leftovers of a bird that the hawks left behind. Oh, yeah, we have three hawks nesting nearby – watch small pets!

It is getting hotter. We all need to be vigilant and check on our neighbors, especially seniors and small children, to make sure they are staying indoors and drinking plenty of water.

LOVE OUR PETS and know in hot weather, pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them plenty of fresh, clean water. Avoid metal bowls outside; they can heat up quickly. Also, tip proof bowls are essential in the summer heat. While your pet is outside, make sure they have a shady place to get out of the sun. DO NOT leave your pet outside for extended periods. Keep them indoors when it's extremely hot. Be careful to not over-exercise. Any high energy activities should be reserved for early mornings or late evenings, when temperatures are coolest. Indoor activities are preferable on the hottest days. **New law says no pets on mountains when over 100 degrees.**

Team Up with Neighbors, Keep Crime at Bay

Some neighborhoods experience less crime than others, but no neighborhood is crime free. Even quiet, historically safe communities are apt to face a crime threat at some point. Whether your neighborhood is experiencing criminal activity, or you want it to remain safe, here are five simple ways to team up with your neighbors to accomplish your goals. Much of this is being done now with your JJBW but you need to attend these monthly meetings to keep crime at bay! **1. Get to know your neighbors.** First things first, you need to meet your neighbors. This can be as simple as baking a big batch of cookies and going door-to-door to introduce yourself. It might seem silly, but if you haven't met them, today is the day! If you aren't comfortable doing something face-to-face, use a site like Nextdoor.com to meet your neighbors. Nextdoor.com is a private online environment designed specifically for the purpose of helping neighbors connect with one another. Nextdoor.com has a strict address verification process so you can be sure your neighbors are legitimately your neighbors. Nearly 45,000 U.S. neighborhoods are already using Nextdoor to connect, collaborate and help keep their neighborhoods safe. **We have a John Jacobs Nextdoor.com site and cul-de-sac parties**

2. Invite law enforcement into your community. Now that you know your neighbors, it's time to get organized. Arrange a neighborhood meeting and talk about your concerns. A representative from your local law enforcement agency is probably more than happy to meet with the group, offer crime prevention tips and inform you what crimes have been occurring in the area. They can also suggest ways for residents in your neighborhood to work together to protect one another. **We have monthly JJBW meetings and our officers are always present!**

3. Find out who has video surveillance cameras. While you have a police officer on hand, find out which neighbors help protect their homes with video surveillance cameras. Burglaries, hit and runs, petty thefts, and other neighborhood crimes may be picked up by video surveillance cameras in your community. Police can use this information to help track down criminals. **We have this as well called Virtual Block Watch.**

4. Form a modern-day Neighborhood Watch. A Neighborhood Watch program tells criminals your community is serious about keeping crime at bay and it's a great way to work together to solve a range of neighborhood challenges. Learn more about forming a Neighborhood Watch program and then consider boosting your crime fighting efforts. **We have a STRONG JJBW but we need better meeting attendance & neighborhood co-operation.**

5. Consider security cameras. If crime becomes a problem, or your neighborhood wants to step up security before trouble starts, you may consider pooling resources and purchasing high-definition surveillance cameras. Post cameras at the entrance to your neighborhood so it can track

the day, time, and license plate of any car that enters your community. Neighbors who work together to help keep their communities safe enjoy the advantage of recognizing and solving small problems before they morph into more serious ones. **Come to your August 14th meeting to discuss this possibility!**

Do You Know What Your Kids Are Doing?

School is out, and you know what that means: Graffiti! The amount of graffiti goes up when school lets out. Know where your kids are and talk to them about defacing property and the consequences you and they can incur if apprehended. Parents, you are liable for your children under 18.

Report graffiti to Graffiti Busters Removal Hotline 602-495-7014. Graffiti in progress: call 9-1-1. Graffiti removal/More information 602-534-4444 Email: blight@phoenix.gov Graffiti Reward Tip Line: 602-262-7327. Free paint for graffiti removal: 602-495-0323

Going on Vacation?

When you leave your home, whether for a quick weekend getaway or a vacation extravaganza, you'll want to take some basic safety precautions to keep your house and belongings as safe as you can. 1. Hold Your Mail. 2. Create the Illusion of Someone Home, 3. Mum's the Word. 4. Trust a Friend. 5. Advertise Your Security. 6. Alert Your Alarm Company. Reminder: No block watch meetings until August 14th Hope to see more neighbors that are concerned in Neighborhood safety and want to meet their Police Officers.




See "Community Based Policing" at work!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13th at 6:30pm

HOSTED BY

**THE BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE and
THE BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT**



TO ALL BLACK MOUNTAIN PNP MEMBERS, THIS IS YOUR
BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT MONTHLY PNP MEETING!

UPDATES FROM COUNCIL DISTRICTS 1, 2, & 3

PRECINCT UPDATES FROM COMMANDER TOM VAN DORN

Meet with your AREA 21, 22, & 23 Community Action Officers during the BREAK OUT SESSION!

PRESENTATION:

**PHOENIX COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
with Christine Mackay**

AT THE DEER VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
in the Multi-purpose Room, 2001 West Wahalla Lane, Phoenix, Arizona 85027

Refreshments Served
Crime Prevention Materials Distributed!

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