



## MANZANITA BLOCK WATCH NEWS

35<sup>th</sup> to 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenues and Northern to Dunlap Avenues  
Our 31<sup>st</sup> year of service with the Manzanita Community

**MAY  
2016**

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Please join us at our May Manzanita meeting to welcome a representative from Councilwoman Williams' office to discuss the **lighting and safety of our alleys** as well as the **possible moving of solid waste services (trash collection) from the alleys to curbside**. We also will be enjoying a discussion with our Manzanita Phoenix Police Community Action Officer (CAO) Garrick Henry regarding **police reporting protocols and vacation safety** for our homes.

Manzanita Block Watch's **May general meeting** will be on the **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evening of May, May 26, 2016**, starting at 6:30 PM and ending by 8:00 PM in the Manzanita Elementary School cafeteria (Butler & 39<sup>th</sup> Avenues). As always the meeting will **start with free pizza and cold drinks** so you won't have to deal with an empty stomach if you're coming straight from a day at work. The evening's business **agenda will start by about 6:45 PM**.

We really hope you will join us in continuing the discussions with the Councilwoman's office to make our alleys safer and with CAO Henry regarding Phoenix Police protection and service to Manzanita. Please think about these topics ahead of time and come ready with your comments and questions. **This is OUR Community**—join us for the meeting and help us work toward improving it.

**Note:** In an effort to keep discussion more on track with the topic being covered at any point during our meeting we will be trying a new procedure for attendees to make comments or ask questions. If you want to make comments or have questions on the alley discussion, the trash collection discussion, or the police reporting protocols and home safety we ask that you do so using a coordinating 3x5 index card which will be available for these purposes. Just complete the related card with your comments or questions and turn it in at the beginning of the meeting. If more points come up as the presenters speak just jot down more comments or questions on another card. There will be time for your questions and comments after each speaker. Using the cards your name will be called for you to make your comments or ask your questions.

### NO JUNE, JULY OR AUGUST SUMMER MEETINGS

After May the next Manzanita Block Watch general meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of September,  
**September 22, 2016**

### ANNUAL G.A.I.N. PICNIC TENTATIVELY SET FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016

Plan now to join your neighbors for a day of fun, food and more in Hoshoni Park, 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Butler Dr.

#### WEEDS GOT YOU DOWN? ¿LAS HIERBAS LO TIENEN DESÁNIMO?

For a chance to win an electric weed trimmer attend the Manzanita general meeting on Thursday May 26, 2016 and deposit this completed coupon in the collection bowl when you arrive.

Para tener la oportunidad de ganar un cortador de hierba eléctrica asista a la junta general de vigilancia de Manzanita el jueves 26 mayo de 2016, y deposite este cupón lleno con su información, en el recipiente cuando llegue al lugar.

Name/Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Dirección: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_

Drawing will be at the end of the meeting.

El sortero será al final de la reunión.

Please, only 1 entry per household.

Por favor, sólo el 1 entrada por hogar.

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN — DEBES ESTAR PRESENTE PARA GANAR



### Homes of the Month

A special “thank you” to the growing number of Manzanita residents who have been working to improve the appearance of their properties! We all appreciate your effort, and it helps improve all of our property values as well.

This issue we recognize the following for the special pride they are showing by maintaining their houses and yards in great condition:

**Grid 1: 8252 N. 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue** — this stucco and stone house obviously has been updated quite a bit but its attractive curb appeal also is due to a small but great looking front yard which has a wonderfully maintained grassy area, 2 very tall beautiful palms, and a neat stone border area around the grass which has its own series of trimmed bushes.

**Grid 2: 8648 N. 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue** — a neat and weed free gravel and stone yard both in front and along the house sides with many smaller cacti highlighting the maintained house exterior, clean car port and nice block fence.

**Grid 3: 8601 N. 41<sup>st</sup> Drive** — a proudly flown US flag may first catch your eye when passing this neat and well maintained house with its pleasing, weed free yard which has both rock along the sides and grass directly in front as well as several pleasant plantings closer in.

**Grid 4: 4107 W. Harmont Drive** — a clean, weed free rock front yard accented by blooming flowers by the mail box and neatly trimmed bushes and a tree along the front of the house which itself is well maintained with a clean carport and driveway.

### Manzanita Crime Statistics

Good news! Statistics show a 50% drop in residential burglaries during March and April from the 13 during January and February.

Reported crimes in Manzanita during March and April are (crimes not listed either did not occur or did not involve residents or property).

- Burglaries (Residential)           6
- Robbery of a Individual           1
- Thefts-Other                         1
- Thefts from Vehicles             6
- Thefts of Vehicles                 1

### Be the Light in a Dark Situation

A few weeks ago when I got home from work, I noticed some strange behavior at my neighbor’s house. Trying to be inconspicuous myself, I carefully watched as a young man that I’d never seen before was dragging the free-standing range out the sliding glass door in the backyard and into the alley! I called 911 and within minutes the police were on the scene, chasing the young man down the street and apprehending him. After some phone calls and investigating, the man was released, but not before learning that he couldn’t perform illegal acts in this neighborhood!

It was scary. I was apprehensive about calling the authorities when I really didn’t know what was going on. He could have had permission to remove the stove. He could have been asked to do it by the owners. I didn’t know. But I had a feeling, and I went with it. And it turned out to be right!

How many times have you walked away from a situation and wondered what the outcome was? How many times have you seen someone riding their bike slowly down the street, and you know you’ve never seen them before? How many times have you witnessed strange things happen on your street and been too afraid to get involved? How many times did you know something bad was happening, but you “didn’t have the time” to take action?

It’s natural to not want to be a part of something bad — but being the light in a dark situation is not being part of something bad, it’s being part of something GOOD!

And after I thought about it like that, and realized why I’m involved in my neighborhood and why I’m part of the Manzanita Block Watch, it wasn’t hard at all to get involved and turn a bad situation into something good. My neighbor’s house was locked up by the police. They made the man return the stove to the house. They instructed him to stay far away or he wouldn’t be so lucky to walk away next time. And they thanked me for making everyone a little safer.

Because when criminals are apprehended, they learn that they can’t take advantage of people in that area. If we all fulfill our obligation to take action in situations like this, it makes Manzanita safer for everyone. It’s our duty as neighbors.

*(Written by an involved Manzanita resident who sets a great example.)*

## Local Food Pantry Available

Hope's Cupboard is a ministry of nearby Trinity United Methodist Church, 3104 W. Glendale Ave, Phoenix. It is a food pantry stocked by church members and friends. One Manzanita resident is quite active in this church and wants to be sure any Manzanita residents needing a bit of help are aware of it.

The pantry is open on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 10:30 AM – Noon. In May and June these Sundays are May 15 and June 19. Every person/family receives a prepacked bag of food. Each bag contains 1 box of cereal, 2 cans of fruit, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 package of pasta, 1 jar/can of pasta sauce, 2 cans of soup, 1 can of meat, 1 jar of peanut butter, 1 box of macaroni and cheese, 1 sleeve of saltine crackers, 3 cups of rice and 3 cups of beans.

For more information call the church office at 602-973-1276, or visit the church on the northwest corner of 31<sup>st</sup> and Glendale Avenues.

## A Block Watch Friend — Ktizo UCC

Ktizo UCC bought our 35th Ave. property a year ago June moving in October 1, 2014. We try to be good neighbors and very much see the neighborhood as partners with us, bringing hope and love. We do alley cleanup on first Saturdays, ours and often near Imagine School. We have school gardens in 4 nearby elementary schools. We mentor/tutor with students at Cactus Wren. We hosted an Art Show of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Manzanita Elementary students and had an Open House for parents and families. We hope to open our doors to other school exhibits. We are having a Cabaret and Cabernet concert Sunday May 29, 2016 from 7-9 PM with a Broadway singer, a Cake and Pie Auction, and ASU graduate program singers.

This year we are renovating inside and out to make our space look more inviting and vibrant. We welcome All, not some, and hope you will come share your neighborhood hopes and dreams with us.

Pastors Nancy and Ted Elsenheimer  
Ktizo United Church of Christ  
Church: 602-374-2336  
[www.KtizoUCC.org](http://www.KtizoUCC.org)

**NOTE:** Ktizo UCC kindly provides free meeting space for Manzanita's Board.

## PLEASE... Make a Donation to Keep the Block Watch Operating

Your Manzanita Block Watch is an entirely volunteer organization serving the 2,200 homes and their 5,000 or more residents in our Mile. Its main services are the 5 times a year newsletter keeping you informed about neighborhood activities and issues, 5 general meetings yearly at Manzanita Elementary School to discuss common issues and concerns, the annual G.A.I.N. neighborhood picnic in Hoshoni Park, graffiti removal, a tool loan program, neighborhood safety patrols and more.

Thanks to a few key people the costs of most of these activities are paid for through annual grants from the City of Phoenix. However, grant money cannot be spent on any of several Block Watch expense items ranging from big ticket things like all the food for the annual picnic to small items like the fasteners needed to post no dumping/no trespassing signs at alley entrances. Over the last few years voluntary contributions have been falling from the levels of the past. The result is that **our Block Watch Treasury balance is dipping dangerously low** and needs to be built up a bit.

Especially as we begin planning for the October picnic, will you **please help by making a 1-time donation?** Are you willing to help by giving just \$5, \$10, \$20 or more just once? Of course, larger donations will help all the more. Your **donations are a life blood to the Block Watch.** Whether you are a longtime resident or just recently have moved to the neighborhood we hope you feel **there is value to the Block Watch's services** and will give it some modest dollar support.

Please make a check of any amount payable to "Manzanita Block Watch" and mail it to  
Manzanita Block Watch Treasurer  
c/o Ktizo UCC  
8724 N. 35<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85051

Or, come to our May meeting and simply put your check or cash into the donation box which will be available.

**Thanks in advance for your support!**

**Your donation will help keep  
the Block Watch operating**

## Asamblea General de Manzanita — Jueves 26 de Mayo de 2016

Por favor, únase a nosotros en nuestra reunión de mayo de Manzanita para recibir a un representante de la oficina de la concejal Williams para **discutir la iluminación y la seguridad de nuestras calles, así como el traslado de los servicios de residuos sólidos (recolección de basura) de los callejones a la acera.** También estaremos disfrutando de una discusión con nuestro oficial policía de Phoenix de Acción Comunitaria (CAO por sus siglas en Ingles) Garrick Henry con respecto **a los protocolos de informes policiales y de seguridad durante vacaciones para nuestros hogares.**

Próxima reunión de la junta general de vigilancia de Manzanita sera en **la cuarta noche del jueves de mayo, 26 de mayo de 2016,** comenzando a las 6:30 PM y termina a las 8:00 PM en la cafetería de la Escuela Primaria Manzanita (Butler y 39ª Avenida). Como siempre, la reunión se iniciará **con pizza gratis y bebidas frías** por lo que no tendrá que lidiar con el estómago vacío si viene directamente de un día de trabajo. **La agenda de la tarde iniciará alrededor de las 6:45 PM.**

Realmente esperamos que se unan a nosotros en la continuación de las conversaciones con la oficina del concejal para hacer nuestras calles más seguras y con Henry de CAO (por sus siglas en Ingles) en materia de protección de Policía de Phoenix y el servicio a Manzanita. Por favor, piense acerca de estos temas antes de tiempo y venga listo con sus comentarios y preguntas. **Esta es nuestra comunidad,** unirse a nosotros para la reunión y nos ayudan a trabajar hacia el mejoramiento de la misma.

Tenga en cuenta que en un esfuerzo por mantener una discusión más ordenada con el tema que se cubre, en cualquier momento durante nuestras reuniones vamos a probar un nuevo procedimiento para que los asistentes puedan formular observaciones o hacer preguntas. Si desea hacer comentarios o preguntas sobre la discusión de la iluminación en los callejones, en la discusión de recolección de basura, o la presentación de informes de la policía y los protocolos de seguridad en el hogar, le pedimos que hacerlo a través de una tarjeta de 3x5 que estará disponible durante la junta para estos fines. Sólo complete la tarjeta con sus comentarios o preguntas relacionadas y devuélvala al comienzo de la reunión. Si puntos adicionales surgen mientras los presentadores hablan simplemente anote más comentarios o preguntas en otra tarjeta. Ya habrá tiempo para sus preguntas y comentarios después de cada presentación. Al seleccionar su tarjeta se le llamará su nombre para que usted presente sus comentarios o preguntas.

## Despensa Local de Alimentos Disponible

Hope's Cupboard es un ministerio de la iglesia cercana Trinity United Methodist Church, 3104 W. Glendale Ave., Phoenix. Es un banco de alimentos abastecido por los miembros de la iglesia y amigos. Un residente Manzanita es bastante activo en esta iglesia y quiere estar seguro de cualquier residente Manzanita que necesite un poco de ayuda este al tanto de ello.

La despensa está abierta en el 3er domingo de cada mes de 10:30 AM - mediodía. En mayo y junio, estos domingos son, 15 de mayo y el 19 de junio. Cada persona/ familia recibe una bolsa preempacada de alimentos. Cada bolsa contiene 1 caja de cereal, 2 latas de fruta, 2 latas de verduras, 1 paquete de pasta, 1 tarro/ bote de salsa para pasta, 2 latas de sopa, 1 lata de carne, 1 tarro de mantequilla de maní, 1 caja de macarrones con queso, 1 manga de galletas saladas, 3 tazas de arroz y 3 tazas de frijoles.

Para más información llamar a la oficina de la iglesia al 602-973-1276, o visite la iglesia en la esquina noroeste de las avenidas 31 y Glendale.

### Sea Voluntario para Ayudar a Repartir Boletine Noticiero

Por favor, considere ofrecerse como voluntario para ser un caminante para ayudar a repartir el boletín de Manzanita a los más de 2.200 hogares dentro de nuestra milla. Siendo voluntario para entregar sólo para las casas de ambos lados del bloque donde vive usted estaría haciendo una valiosa contribución a la comunidad. Se toma aproximadamente 1 hora para entregar a entre 40 y 50 casas, y la mayoría de los bloques tienen 30 o menos casas contando ambos lados. Su capitán su sección le dará suficientes copias para su "ruta" en 2½ semanas antes de cada reunión.

Si usted está dispuesto a ayudar al menos una vez, por favor llame al Presidente Amanda Whitmer al 602-730-5196 o por correo electrónico a [ja4whitmer@gmail.com](mailto:ja4whitmer@gmail.com).

### No Habra Reuniones Durante el Verano

No habra reuniones de la Junta de Vigilancia de Manzanita durante el verano. Después de mayo de la próxima reunión será el 4o jueves de septiembre, 22 de septiembre del 2016.

Planee asistir gratuitamente en octubre ...

### Picnic del Vecindario de Manzanita

Sábado, 15 de octubre 2016 — 10 AM - 2 PM  
en el parque Hoshoni — W. Orchid Lane & N. 39a Ave.

### Por favor... la Junta de Vigilancia de Manzanita necesita su donación de una sola ocasion

La Junta de Vigilancia de Manzanita es una organización completamente voluntaria al servicio de los 2.200 hogares y sus 5.000 o más residentes dentro de nuestra milla. Algunos de sus principales servicios son: su boletín de noticias 5 veces al año para mantenerlo informado acerca de las actividades de la comunidad y de problemas, las reuniones públicas en la Escuela Primaria Manzanita para discutir los problemas y preocupaciones comunes, el picnic annual G.A.I.N. (por sus siglas en Ingles) en el parque Hoshoni, eliminación de graffiti, un programa de préstamo de herramientas, las patrullas de seguridad del vecindario y más.

Sobre todo como comenzamos la planificación para el picnic de octubre, le pedimos el favor de ayudar haciendo una pequeña donación de una sola occion. ¿Está dispuesto a ayudar dando sólo \$5, \$10 o \$20 una sola vez? Las grandes donaciones ayudarán aún más. Estas pequeñas donaciones son un elemento vital para la Junta de Vigilancia y sus propositos de mantener a la comunidad interactuando. Si usted es un residente de largo plazo o simplemente se ha mudado recientemente a la comunidad esperamos que se sientan que hay un valor a los servicios de la vigilancia y le de un poco de ayuda monetariamente modesta.

Por favor, haga un cheque de cualquier cantidad a nombre de "Manzanita Block Watch" y enviarlo por correo a Manzanita Block Watch, c/o Ktizo Church, 8724 N. 35th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85051. Oh venga a la reunión de mayo y simplemente ponga el cheque o en efectivo en la caja de la donación que estará disponible.

**¡Gracias de antemano por su apoyo!**