

Fall 2007 Camelot Village Voice

WEBSITE www.camelotvillage.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

G.A.I.N. - Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods - Saturday October 20, Stroud Park, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Tempe Police Department invites all Block Watches and Neighborhood Associations to participate in G.A.I.N., an annual event designed to heighten crime prevention awareness in neighborhoods.

This year, Camelot Village Neighborhood Association (CVNA) will hold a consolidated event at Stroud Park for all CVNA Block Watches. We have also invited our neighbors from the Camelot Park Villas, adjacent to Stroud Park, to join with us to enjoy the Park improvements which we have jointly pursued through the City of Tempe Neighborhood Grant Program.

CVNA will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, paper goods, and bottled water. Neighbors are invited to bring their own drinks and a side dish or dessert to share. This event is a great way to meet neighbors and renew old acquaintances. Activities will include checkers, a basketball game, volleyball, face painting, and horseshoes. **If possible, please RSVP to Meg Webster by OCTOBER 17 so that we can make sure we have enough food (480) 752-0806, meg.webster@netsupport.com.**

Did you know that the best crime prevention device is knowing your

neighbor? When neighbors know and care about each other, they feel more comfortable reporting crime and suspicious activity to the Tempe Police Department. Tempe Police encourage neighbors to report any unusual or suspicious activity to them at **480-966-6211**. Emergencies only should be reported to **911**. If you are interested in participating in **Block Watch**, contact **Sid Frede, 480-838-0604**.

Camelot Village Halloween Party Saturday, October 27 Stroud Park - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Come join in the Halloween fun. Carve a pumpkin, bob for apples, have your face painted, hit the piñata, and enjoy a snow cone. We will be renting two inflatable bouncers in order to safely separate smaller from larger kids. Please bring a snack to share. Parents are needed to supervise the snow cone and bouncers for 15 minute shifts. **Please contact Meg Webster if you can volunteer. Please RSVP to Meg by OCTOBER 24 so we know how many pumpkins to purchase meg.webster@netsupport.com (480)752-0806**

Camelot Village Luminaria Sales - Order: by Sunday December 9 Pickup: Saturday, December 15, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Join your neighbors in this popular Camelot Village Christmas Eve tradition

by lining your driveway and sidewalks with these beautiful glowing decorations. Complete kits containing 25 candles, 25 paper bags and sand all for one LOW price of \$5.00 per kit. Homes on regular sized lots usually use two kits and those on oversized and cul-de-sac lots generally use three kits. **Call your order in to Sid Frede at 480-838-0604 by Sunday December 9th.**

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2008

Saturday, April 5 Annual Spring Garage Sale

This is your chance to clean out your house, get your unused items back into use, and make some money as well! Ellie Feldner is coordinating this event. More information will be provided next year.

Late April / Early May Annual Meeting

Now is a good time to begin considering volunteering for one of the Board offices or assisting with some of the CVNA activities. Attending the Annual Meeting is a great way to meet neighbors, find out what's happening in the neighborhood, visit with City of Tempe staff, and show your support for the CVNA. More information next year.

OTHER NEWS

New Women's Group

Are you a new mom in our neighborhood? Or perhaps you are just looking for some women friends. We would like to see if there is any interest in forming a "Women's Group" within Camelot Village.

We could walk or have play dates for the children. We could meet for tea or play bunco. **Please contact Jamie Ost diek if you are interested in "networking" with women in our neighborhood at (480) 421-9010 or at huskerjam@msn.com.** Also let Jamie know if you have some other suggestions for activities.

Stroud Park Grant Update

CVNA / Camelot Park Villas Phase III Grant Request for a shade structure for Stroud Park has been approved by the City of Tempe. Phase II work began the week of September 17 with removal of the old playground equipment and installation of the new "Wings of Infinity" climbing structure, which will include a rubberized base for safety. Phase I installation of a concrete walkway to provide ADA accessibility is complete.

Stroud Park Maintenance

Tempe Parks Maintenance staff plan to begin work in late October/mid November to move sprinklers which are causing water damage to the park wall. The work scope includes grass removal 12 feet from the wall, relocation of sprinkler heads, addition of rocks to the area, and pouring of a concrete border to separate the rocks and grass. The City will also add some trees and benches to the area.

Western Canal Recreational Trail

Construction of a six-mile lighted recreation trail along the Western Canal from Arizona Mills Mall to the 101 freeway is expected to begin in January 2008 and take one year. The path will consist of a ten foot wide concrete trail with a soft jogging path along some areas.

A rest area with plaza and trees will link the path to the south end of Stroud Park above the retention basin. Crosswalk traffic signals will be added at major cross streets along the path. The City and contractor are still working on the phasing of the project. City of Tempe will notify neighbors in advance of the construction activity in their neighborhood.

Proposed Neighborhood Circulator Route

The City of Tempe is holding two public meetings (9/25 and 9/26) on proposed expansion of the FREE Orbit (neighborhood circulator) mini-bus routes in the Camelot Village area. The proposed routes connect to shopping areas, other neighborhoods, major bus routes, schools and multi-generational centers. In the immediate Camelot Village neighborhood south of Guadalupe, the proposed route would go along Country Club - Vaughan - Bell de Mar - McClintock. Proposed hours of operation are 6am to 10 pm, 7 days a week with frequent service every 15 minutes. Residents board the Orbit anywhere along the residential streets by signaling the driver. If you were unable to attend the meetings, comments may be made on-line at www.tempe.gov. Residents may also call the City of Tempe at 480-350-2775.

MEMORIES

4th Of July - The 2007 Parade & Picnic was probably our largest event in the past several years! With temperatures soaring in the 110+ degree area, the turnout was fantastic! Tempe's finest were there in full regalia with the Police leading the parade and the fantastic Fire Station 3

truck bringing up the rear. The raffle was a huge success.

THANKS...

To Debi and Larry Nielsen for organizing the event, Jim & Joanne Sippel for cooking the hot dogs (again!), Mary McGonigle, the Sippels, Sid Frede, Meg Webster and Carla Smith for distributing the flyers door to door. A special thanks to Carla Smith for so graciously securing the majority of the raffle items.

We also want to thank our valued neighborhood merchants for their donations, including the **Radisson Tucson, Tempe YMCA, Boney Maroney's, TOTT'S Asian Diner, Regency Cleaners, Miele's, Changing Hands Bookstore, City of Tempe and Clear Channel Radio.**

REMINDERS

CVNA Voluntary Annual Dues

CVNA is a voluntary organization of residents created under guidelines of the City of Tempe. Suggested annual dues of at least \$20 are voluntary.

Approximately thirty families have contributed so far this year. A very small portion of the dues are used for activities sponsored by the Association such as garage sale ad, refreshments for the Annual Meeting, Halloween Party, and G.A.I.N. The 4th of July celebration is self-supporting due to the generosity of the area merchants who contribute the raffle prizes and those who buy the tickets.

The remaining dues monies are kept for maintenance and repair projects which serve to keep our neighborhood viable and to maintain our property values. This is a very small investment toward maintaining the desirability of our neighborhood.

Checks may be made out to Camelot Village Neighborhood Association and mailed or dropped off to Treasurer, Perry Darling, 1926 E. Bendix Drive. Cash is also accepted. Call (480) 775-1284 or email: darling_perry@yahoo.com.

Camelot Village Neighborhood Association (CVNA) Officers and Committee Chairs

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E-mail Notices

If you would like to receive notice of incidents or other breaking neighborhood news as we become aware of it, the fastest way is via e-mail notice. Please send an e-mail showing your e-mail address to Debi Nielsen, debiariz@msn.com. The list is not shared and addresses are kept confidential.

Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Program

Nike will create sports court surfaces from the recycled soles of athletic shoes. To learn more, go to www.tempe.gov/nhoods/shoes.htm. Dry, non-muddy athletic shoes can be taken to recycling bins located outside at:

- Kiwanis Recreation Center
- Tempe Public Library Complex - parking lot between Pyle Adult Rec. Center and the Tempe Historical Museum
- Tempe South Police Substation 8201 S. Hardy Drive

Household Hazardous Waste

Help protect our groundwater. Drop off old computers, paint, fluorescent light bulbs, outdated medications, etc. at the Household Products Collection Center, 1320 E. University Drive. Proof of Tempe / Guadalupe residency is required (water bill or driver's license). Hours: Fri 7 am - 12 pm; Sat. 7 am - 1 pm. (480) 858-2223.