

Summer 2007

Camelot Village Voice

WEBSITE www.camelotvillage.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic.

Come join your neighbors on Wednesday, July 4, for great patriotic music, hotdogs and fun! Parade participants will meet at 8:45 a.m. in the Tri-City Alliance Church parking lot. Join the parade or enjoy it from along the parade route which will start at Guadalupe & Country Club Way and wind its way down to Redfield where it will end at Stroud Park. As always, free hotdogs and drinks are available along with goodies for the little ones. Don't forget to bring a little extra spending money for our awesome annual raffle! RAFFLE PRIZES ARE NEEDED SO PLEASE CONTACT DEBI NIELSON AT debiariz@msn.com FOR MORE INFORMATION

Mark your calendars – details later this year

Saturday, October 20 - GAIN (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) evening.

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

Early December - Annual Luminaria Sale

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Tri-City Alliance Church for Sale

Some of you may have noticed the "For Sale" sign at the Tri-City Alliance Church located at the corner of Country Club Way and Guadalupe. The Church's need for a larger facility is forcing them to move further east, and they plan to move in three to six months. They have turned down an offer from a developer as they hope to sell the building to another church.

Western Canal Recreational Trail

Construction is anticipated to begin in late fall 2007 of a six-mile lighted recreation trail along the Western Canal from Arizona Mills Mall to the 101 freeway. The trail will consist of a ten foot wide concrete path with a soft jogging path along some areas. Various beautification/resting areas, including one at Stroud Park, will also be constructed. The City and contractor are working on determining which portion or areas will be completed first. Construction is anticipated to take one year.

City of Tempe will notify neighbors in advance of the construction activity in their neighborhood.

Annual Meeting

The Camelot Village Neighborhood Association (CVNA) held its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at the Tri-City Alliance Church. Tempe City Councilmember Onnie Shekerjian and Tempe Neighborhood Services representative Elizabeth Thomas attended the meeting.

Councilmember Shekerjian discussed the capital budget, indicating that the planned upgrade of three parks a year, a new fire station for the Southeast Quadrant, a new police substation, and sewer system updates are among the projects included in the capital budget. Elizabeth Thomas indicated that the City sets aside \$225,000 each year out of the capital budget for grants to neighborhoods with a maximum per grant amount of \$12,000. Grant monies are to be used for upgrades not for maintenance. She indicated that Stroud Park improvements were graded Number 18 out of 48 projects.

Wendy Darling briefed the group on the status of the current grant and asked the group's approval to proceed with Phase III grant request to add shade structures to the playground at Stroud Park. Those present approved this request.

Meg Webster volunteered to serve as President for the coming year succeeding Wendy Darling. Other current year officers and committee chairs agreed to continue serving.

Grant Update - Stroud Park Improvements Phases I, II and III

Phase I, a concrete walkway to provide ADA required accessibility is complete. Phase II will be completed with the addition of benches and a new rock wall climbing structure with slide later this year. The slide on the west side of the park, which collects water, and the rocking ponies will be removed. Neighbors approved the Phase III plan for the addition of a shade structure for the playground. The Beautification Committee submitted a grant request in May to the City of Tempe for Phase III.

Thanks to...

Wendy Darling for leading our organization as President this past year; Sid Frede for another successful luminaria sale; Helene (Ellie) Feldner for coordinating the annual garage sale; Debi Nielsen for her work in managing the website; and to all those who volunteer their time and effort to serve the neighborhood and the community.

Camelot Village Neighborhood Association Voluntary Dues

The Camelot Village Neighborhood Association is a voluntary organization of residents created under guidelines of the City of Tempe to promote a sense of community within our lovely neighborhood of 300 homes. The Association sponsors several social events, traditions, and activities each year and works to encourage neighborhood participation in ongoing beautification projects.

Dues are voluntary. Suggested amount is at least \$20. These funds go towards activities sponsored by the organization and for neighborhood maintenance and repairs. All contributions are appreciated.

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.

Year-to-Date Treasurer's Report

2007 beginning balance	\$3,546.81
Income	
Annual dues	\$ 699.25
Interest earned	\$ 14.91
Expenses	
Garage Sale Advertising	\$ 94.25
Annual Meeting	\$ 70.00
Ending balance	\$ 4,096.72

Camelot Village Neighborhood Association (CVNA) Officers and Committee Chairs

President	Meg Webster Meg.Webster@netsupport.com (480) 752-0806
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Garage Sale	Helene Feldner

Beautification Committee

Wendy Darling, Chris Rabussay, Meg Webster, Jamie Ost diek

Questions about Block Watch? Want to help?

Contact Sid Frede @ (480) 838-0604 or Sid.frede@oasissales.com.

Block Watch provides an opportunity to meet your neighbors and better understand what is happening in the neighborhood. The requirements are minimal, the rewards are great. Don't wait until something happens to get involved.

Police encourage neighbors to watch for unusual or suspicious activity in the neighborhood and report immediately to the Police at **480-966-6211**. They emphasize they would rather have calls that turn out to be false alarms than have incidents occurring. **Emergencies only should be reported to 911.**

From time-to-time incidents do occur. In addition to notifying the Police, please report these incidents to your Block Watch Captain or to Sid Frede so they can arrange to alert neighbors to any major or recurring problems.

Protect Against Identity Theft

Officer Dan Brown of the Tempe Police Department provided the following information to address the identity theft issue:

1. "To obtain FREE credit reports contact www.annualcreditreport.com or call 877 322 8228. You can get one free report per year from each of the three companies listed on the website. This inquiry will not affect your score or be a

hard inquiry as it is self initiated by you. Ideally you could get one free report every four months by getting one from each company. Everyone should do this to ensure they are not already a victim of identity theft.

2. Shred your mail, pay your bills on line through your financial institution (with secure browser) and do not put out going mail in your home mailbox.

3. Remove your social security number from your driver's license.

4. Be protective of your social security number, do not carry your card in your purse wallet

5. Do not provide any information to callers, phone solicitors. If the deal is too good to be true, it probably is!

6. SHRED! SHRED! SHRED! "

E-mail Notices

If you would like to receive e-mail notices of incidents, please e-mail address to Debi Nielsen. Debi's address is debiariz@msn.com.