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PRESIDENT'S POINTS

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I remember when Coral Gables Drive, at 7th Street was called Greenway Road and Bell Road marked the end of civilization in Phoenix. The landscape of our neighborhood has changed, but the fabric of what makes us special has stayed the same.



Our residents are proud of Moon Valley and what it has to offer. Community spirit is shown in the many organizations and events that we have; Moon Valley Women's Club, the Christmas Eve Luminaries, Lookout Mountain PTO, Block Watch, Moon Valley Country Club, and the many deep friendships that have developed between neighbors over the years.

To nurture this tradition of being a close knit community, the Welcome Committee of Moon Valley is being reactivated. We would like to reach out to new families and ensure that they feel welcome and provide them with information about our neighborhood and it's many benefits. If you are new or know of a new neighbor, email us at wel-

come@moonvalley.org with a name, address and phone number, if possible.

Volunteers have always been a vital part of what makes Moon Valley special. They have helped make our "little town", in a big city, feel like home. As a volunteer, you do not need to attend Board meetings. You help a Committee Chairman, when it's convenient for you and your schedule. **Immediately, we are looking for a judge for our Christmas Decorating Contest.** Please, email your interest to volunteer@moonvalley.org

I would like to honor the members of the Moon Valley Homeowners Board that left this term, Wes Harris, Jim Larson, Warren Willingham and Jim LaPlante. Thank you for your many years of service to our community. Our new Board members are Allison Genrich, Joyce Gellar, Richard Iodice and David Barlow.

The Moon Valley Homeowners Association monthly meeting is at 7 p.m., on the second Wednesday of every month, at the Moon Valley Country Club*. Your attendance at the meeting is welcome and wanted. This is your neighborhood and your input makes a difference. If, you have an issue that you would like to speak about at a meeting, please contact me by the first day of the month, to be put on the agenda.

May your Holiday Season be a blessed one!

***The meeting room is in the Fitness Center building. Go up the stairs and take the hallway to the left. Follow it to the end.**



SECURITY

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This is the time of year that is very busy. People are spending time with friends and family. Remember that it also a busy time for thieves. Make sure to take gifts out of your cars or garages and keep your garage door closed. During parties, keep your front door locked. Introduce yourself to any stranger that is in your home or neighborhood.

Also, be aware of all the extra things that are going on in your home that could be hazardous and dangerous. I have included some Holiday reminder tips to remind you of safety and security in your homes.

Safety points to remember:

- Any string of lights with worn, frayed or broken cords or loose bulb connections should not be used.
- Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to sleep.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree, and place them well away from tree branches.
- Try to keep live trees as moist as possible by giving them plenty of water daily. Do not purchase a tree that is dry or dropping needles.
- Choose a sturdy tree stand designed not to tip over.
- When purchasing an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire-retardant.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet (one meter) away from any heat source and try to position it near an outlet so that cords are not running long distances.
- Do not place the tree where it may block exits.
- Safely dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are highly flamma-

ble and should not be left in a house or garage, or placed against the house.

Holiday Fire Safety

The winter holidays are a time for celebration, and that means more cooking, home decorating, entertaining, and an increased risk of fire due to heating equipment.

- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the U.S. When cooking for holiday visitors, remember to keep an eye on the range.
- Keep matches and lighters up high, out of sight and reach of children (preferably in a locked cabinet). When smokers visit your home, ask that they keep smoking materials with them.

Candle Fire Safety

December is the peak month for candle fires, with nearly twice the average number of incidents. 44% of reported candle fires in the home started in the bedroom.

Safety points to remember:

- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire.
- Don't place lit candles in windows, where blinds and curtains can close over them.
- Place candleholders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface and do not use candles in places where they could be knocked over by children or pets.
- Keep candles and all open flames away from flammable liquids.

Have a joyful and safe Holiday Season!



2010 Decoration Judging
Saturday, Dec. 11th &
Sunday Dec. 12th!



DEEDS & RESTRICTIONS
BEAUTIFICATION

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The Holiday Season is rapidly approaching and free-time becomes a scarce commodity, as most people look forward to spending time with family and friends. While the Spirit of the Season itself usually brings the best out in people, please keep a few things in mind as you're enjoying it. Be mindful that there will be many visitors coming through Moon Valley and we all want to make a good impression as to how attractive and unique our neighborhood is, while keeping it safe, too.

Please keep your front yards neat and devoid of dead or dying plant materials. Trim up bushes and remove leaf debris from underneath, as well as remove fallen citrus immediately as both attract Roof Rats. Yes, we have them, but these are simple things you can do to discourage them from staying on your property or affecting your neighbor's property, too. Go to www.moonvalley.org for more information.

For Uncontainerized Trash Pickup, the collection schedules have changed recently. See our newsletter for our Zone 12 schedule. Our next

pickup will come before Christmas, so please plan to properly dispose of the tree by taking it to a designated recycling area. Go to www.phoenix.gov for the nearest location for disposal. If you have a living Christmas tree, please consider planting it in your yard. If you decide to plant it, remember that it is an evergreen tree and try to avoid planting it near a southern/southwest exposure of your home, as it could block warm sunlight from entering your home during winter months. The City may also take your living tree and include it in a park project. Again, check the City website.

Last but not least, be considerate of others and how your actions may affect your neighbors. If we all try to make a more conscious effort to practice consideration, the Holiday Season of 2010 will be memorable and positive experience. We have all been affected directly or indirectly by the economic recession, but let us all try and remember to be thankful for what we have.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season and bright New Year.



SAVE THE DATE!

News Letter Publication

March 1st
Delivered to your door

June 1st
On Line at MoonValley.org

September 1st
Delivered to you door

By December 9th
Delivered with luminaries



Moon Valley
Garage Sale

Saturday
March 5th 2011



“ROOF RATS” are in MOON VALLEY!

Do **YOUR PART** by keeping them out of your house!

Maintaining your home and landscape is a key factor in protecting your property from roof rats. Home pride and proper maintenance will ensure real estate values remain high and keep the neighborhood viable.

HOME PROOFING

- Seal attic of all openings, cracks and holes
Screen vent pipes, attic vents and turbines.
- Install approved spark arrestor over chimney.
- Fill all holes in fascia and freeze boards.
- Repair door and window screens.
- Check dryer and exhaust vent openings.
- Secure pet doors at night.
- Seal garage and storage room doors.
- Inspect laundry rooms and pantry.
- Inspect under kitchen and bathroom sinks.



- Supervise water features, ponds and pools.
- Secure trash containers.

BBQ Grills Notice: Roof rats seem to favor BBQ grills, since they are dark and usually a source of grease and fats from recent outside cooking. After removing BBQ meats, increase heat and burn off greases. Cover grill after cooling. Dispose of all grease in catch basins.

BAITING



Bromadiolone can be purchased at local hardware, home improvement or feed stores. The packets and square blocks both work well. The packets may be easier to monitor since it would be more apparent when they have been tampered with. Roof rats will enter the station as they pick up the scent of the bait. The tube also serves as shelter for them. The bait is a single kill poison and takes 3-5 days to kill the rodent. Dead rodents should be disposed of properly. Securely seal dead animal in a plastic bag and place in a city trash container. Change bait every six months for best results.

INSTALLATION



The bait stations can be placed in trees, where the roof rat is seeking food, water, and shelter. Place hole where it can be easily inspected. The bait station is most effective from 4' to 8' above ground and needs to be installed in a level position. Install unit where it is easy to inspect for any rodent activity. Use strap to secure to tree with screws or nails.

MONITORING

Bait stations should be checked once a week to determine if there has been any activity or if the bait needs to be replaced.

Place bait station in trees or along suspected paths of travel. The rodent eats the single kill poison, leaves the trap, and dies within 4 to 5 days. Your home should be secured, so the roof rat cannot access your attic and die. These are oily animals which produce a foul odor when they perish.

Using Just One Bite poison and traps properly placed and maintained may rid your property of any roof rat activity. Both traps and poison should be placed in containers to protect children, pets, and wild birds.

You can seal your house up yourself or you can hire a service. ARIZONA PEST PREVENTION is highly recommended. 480-857-7376.

<http://www.arizonapestprevention.com/>

LANDSCAPE

- Cut tree branches 24" away from roof edge.
- Prune interlocking trees.
- Thin oleanders and clean all debris underneath.
- Trim and thin all ivy, bushes, and ground cover.
- Cut back foliage around fences, overhead wires.
- Remove all debris piles and accumulated junk.
- Organize all salvage in an orderly manner.
- Stack firewood on rack 18" above the ground.
- Clean up and organize any yard sheds.



FOOD AND WATER SOURCES

Every back yard has numerous sources of food for unwanted pets and rodents. Vegetable gardens, fruit trees, uncovered trash containers, nut trees, pet foods and wild bird seed make a virtual wild life grocery.

If roof rats or other rodents are present in your neighborhood, it would be prudent to do the following:

- Promptly and completely harvest fruit and nuts.
- Safe guard vegetable gardens.
- Do not leave pet food and water out overnight.
- Keep yard clean of pet waste.
- Feed birds on cleanable surface.





NEWS FROM THE BLOCK WATCHER

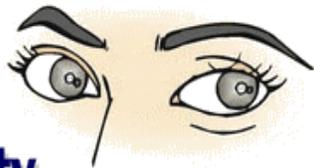


This fall we had three community meetings looking for ideas to better serve our community in the fight against the plague of theft, vandalism and scams in many forms. One of the ideas was, Moon Valley Alert, and I hope you have checked it out and have given it a chance. You can go to the moonvalley.org web site and opt in or opt out. Another idea that came out of those meetings is to have a Block Watch sign in every window in the community. We have ordered them and you should get one with your luminarias the first week in December. This strong presence will hopefully help in deterring those who think shopping in our homes is for them.

Report

SUSPICIOUS

Activity



Our goal is to get a Block Watch meeting on every block. If your block doesn't have an active Block Watch, you are missing out on good information, resources, and support from those around you to help in this fight. Take advantage of trainings and let us help you set up your block watch meeting.

Email to: moonvalleybw@cox.net

GET TO KNOW YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN

It brings me great joy, each year, to write this small article for our holiday publication. This is our family's fortieth year in Moon Valley. We have watched our fledgling community grow from desert barrenness to a vibrant oasis.

Though our homeowner association is volunteer organization, there is no doubt that having an HOA has held the fabric of our community together. It can and will get better as we work together, each doing our part. Be sure to get to know your Block Captain and offer to help. When a Block Captain moves or retires, offer to help cover their street. If you do not know who your Block Captain is, send me an email with your address on it and I will look it up on the map. Blanchemoonvalley@cox.net

EMERGENCIES – DIAL 9-1-1

Any situation requiring immediate response of police, fire or medical.

NON-EMERGENCIES – 602-262-6151

- Burglary report
- Theft, stolen, abandoned, speeding vehicles
- Non-urgent traffic problems
- Complaints of curfew violations, loud parties

COMMUNITY ACTION SECURITY– 602-697-7492

Bulk Trash

Placement Begins On

Collection Begins On

Feb 12, 2011
May 14, 2011
Aug 13, 2011
Nov 12, 2011

Feb 21, 2011
May 23, 2011
Aug 22, 2011
Nov 21, 2011

For more information on solid waste collections contact www.phoenix.gov/publicworks E-mail; pwserv@phoenix.gov (602) 262-7251



FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Steve Leonard
General Manager, Moon Valley CC

We recently celebrated the Club's 50th anniversary with a party with over 800 participants. A private club, existing for 50 years, is indeed a special distinction. But, what makes Moon Valley Country Club special and different than other private clubs in the area? If you were to ask this question to many MVCC Members or Moon Valley residents, I imagine you would probably get a pretty consistent answer: history, family, friends and community. Moon Valley has a strong foundation based on many historical events including the founding of the Club in 1960 by Bob Goldwater and Gray Madison; Karsten Solheim, founder of PING, owning the club for almost two decades; the LPGA tournament being held here for over a dozen years including 2001 in which Annika Sorenstam recorded one of professional golf's most storied rounds with her second round 59. These points by themselves set the Club apart from other local Clubs. However, what really makes the Club unique is the strong bond of family, friends and the ties with the Moon Valley community.

Generations of families have made "the Moon" their second home. There are numerous stories of kids who spent much of their childhood at the Club swimming, playing golf and spending time with other kids who later became Members themselves and now have their own children following in their footsteps. Members who joined the Club not knowing many people now call many of their fellow Members their best friends. Surrounding the Club is the Moon Valley community, a special neighborhood "island" in

Phoenix that has varying architecture, landscaping and demographics but a common desire to maintain the unique atmosphere in which neighbors know and truly care for each other. MVCC Members believe in maintaining the history, important relationships and integrity of their Club and community. These attitudes and convictions are truly what makes the Moon different than any other Club in the Phoenix area, and always will.

As we enter our next 50 years, we expect the relationship between the Club and community to continue to be strong and positive. As the Club allows non-member use of the golf course for walking, jogging etc. on cart paths only during non-golf hours we need your help in maintaining the safety and integrity of the premises. This is done simply by obeying the guidelines agreed upon by the Club and resident representatives. We have seen an increase in traffic, especially skateboards and bikes, on the golf course and around the Club and need your help in curbing this activity. I thank you in advance for your assistance.

I wish you all a safe and happy Holiday season. Thank you for your continued and appreciated support of the club.

Steve Leonard
General Manager
Moon Valley Country Club



Thank You

The Moon Valley Homeowners Board would like to thank Wade Clemons for his many years of service. Wade is the force behind the Christmas Luminaria purchase and distribution. Thank you Wade for making our Christmas tradition possible

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