

# MVNA



# NEWS

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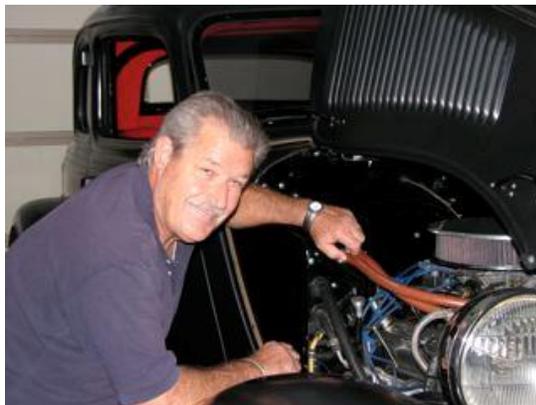
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## PRESIDENT'S POINTS

Phil Wendel

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I want to wish all of the Moon Valley residents and their families a very happy and safe holiday season. I am Phil Wendel, your new President of the Moon Valley Neighborhood Association.

My wife and I have lived here for twelve years and thoroughly enjoy it. We chose

Moon Valley because it is unique and very well kept.

My involvement with the MVNA is one way I can give back to our community and try to keep the neighborhood safe and beautiful.

I also wanted to mention that at our Annual MVNA meeting, we had excellent attendance. Thanks to all of the area businesses for donating door prizes.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with the luminaries and delivered them to the Block Captains. Thanks to the Block Captains for all that you do. Enjoy the luminaries on Christmas Eve!

If you have any concerns or ideas for Moon Valley, please contact me at [Phil.Wendel@MoonValley.org](mailto:Phil.Wendel@MoonValley.org)

## OCTOBER 12TH ANNUAL MEETING

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual meeting on October 12 at Moon Valley Country Club. We had a wonderful turnout and many went home with a door prize. Please see the list of those donations in this newsletter and support these businesses in our neighborhood.

The outcome of the vote to change the name of our association was announced at the meeting and we're now officially the Moon Valley Neighborhood Association. Our logo has been changed to reflect the new name. The vote also was overwhelmingly supportive of continuing the Annual Garage Sale on the first Saturday in March.

The Board would like to thank the outgoing members, Jolene Capparelle, Roger Clark and Adron Hall for their years of service to MVNA. The number of hours each one has donated to our community is countless and the Association is stronger due to their dedication to keeping Moon Valley a special place to live.

Welcome to new board members, Marcus Hall, Kim Rogers and Chris Schoenleb.

We look forward to a great year of working together for the benefit of Moon Valley.



## DEEDS & RESTRICTIONS BEAUTIFICATION

Tom Killip  
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Another Holiday Season is upon us. For some of you it will be your first one in Moon Valley and I hope it will be particularly memorable and magical like the one my wife and I experienced in 2004. While the Spirit of the Season itself usually brings the best out in people, please keep a few things in mind as you are enjoying this time of year. There will be many visitors coming through Moon Valley and we want to make a good impression as to how attractive and unique our neighborhood truly is.

The 'Great Recession' has affected many people and tears at the fabric that holds both our neighborhood and those across the country together. A few vacant properties including those in foreclosure are left unkempt. It is sometimes difficult to determine or contact a responsible party for upkeep. In this continuing economic uncertainty, it is the goal of your MVNA to maintain and enhance the value of our homes to any extent possible which begins with 'visual integrity'. As you've often heard, "Image is Everything" and that is truer than ever these days. With that in mind we ask that you keep these few simple requests in mind:

Please keep your property, particularly the front yard neat and devoid of dead trees, rotten fruit, weeds, or illegally parked vehicles. Trim bushes and remove leaf debris from underneath to discourage both unwanted rodents and opportunistic burglars. Place both your regular garbage and recycle cans off to the side yard and not situated in full view between the regular weekly pickups. Pick

up after your dog when walking in the neighborhood or on the MVCC golf path.

**Uncontained/Bulk Trash Pickup:** Our collection schedule changed in the past year. We are now in Zone 12. Our next Pickup occurs in mid-February. Note that 'Placement' begins on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and 'Collection' begins on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. I have seen the slow proliferation of residents putting unwanted items out, not only before the legal 'Placement' date, but at any time they feel like it. Placing broken appliances, damaged pieces of furniture, unwanted storage shelves, etc. then waiting for them to magically disappear is both unsightly and against city code. Chronic violators of this policy may get an unwanted visit from our Neighborhood City Inspector.

Last but not least; be considerate of others and how your actions may affect those around you or your neighbors. "Good Will towards Men" takes on added meaning at this time of year and we should all strive to practice this. If you do have any questions or need clarification regarding a potential violation regarding the city (Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance-NPO) or your subdivision CCR's please contact me at the email address above. A reminder once again that in contacting me or the city, your name will remain anonymous.

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



Linda Benthelm, President  
Moon Valley Country Club Board of Directors

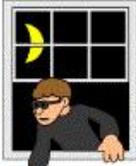
At a special meeting of the membership of Moon Valley Country Club on Tuesday, October 11, equity golf members, in an overwhelming showing of support for the sale of the club to Century Golf Partners voted 220 to five to accept their offer. As of the writing of this article we are still completing the Membership Conversion Agreement Forms to finalize the sale. The sale is expected to close by October 28.

The decision to sell the club came after a period of difficult financial circumstances related to the economy and the rising cost of water that the membership was unable to sustain. We are delighted about the sale and are happy to report that the club will remain a private club and the golf course will remain essentially the same and receive more

water than previously.

Century Golf is well known for many things beyond their ability to successfully manage private golf clubs, daily fee courses and resort properties. They have a particular interest in partnering with the communities in which their properties are located. This is good news for Moon Valley home owners as you can expect to know more about the country club and have more opportunities to become involved in "your" club.

We will be sharing more information about the plans that Century has for the club and their relationship to the community as we move forward in the process of closing the sale.



## BLOCK WATCHER

Blanche Lukes  
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Pulling the neighborhood together is the key to preserving our wonderful Moon Valley. Besides our ongoing effort to set up block watch meetings for each block, others are also helping. On Thursday, September 29th, the first meeting of the Moon Valley Community Alliance was hosted at the Moon Valley Country Club. Community leaders and concerned citizens joined together to formulate an effort to strengthen communication with the city and support local businesses. The North Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, and educators will work together for a vibrant and prosperous community.

Also, joining the meeting were representatives of the Plan-

ning and Development Department working on a new Office of Customer Advocacy for residential and small businesses. Their planning and development process hopes to improve their programs to assist small businesses.

If you would like to be on the email list for notification of future meetings call 602 262 7441 or email Councilman Bill Gates' office at council.district.3@phoenix.gov. There are many ways we all can help.

If you would like to be put on my block watch e-blast or help setting up a block watch meeting contact: Blanche Lukes [moonvalleybw@cox.net](mailto:moonvalleybw@cox.net)

## DOGS AT LARGE IN MOON VALLEY



In June, one of the MVHA Board Members was bitten by a pit bull in the vicinity of West Pine Valley Drive and North 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. The dog was on a retractable leash and the attack was completely unprovoked.

Below is the Phoenix City Code regarding dogs. For the safety of everyone in Moon Valley, your dog must be restrained on a 6-foot leash when off your property. Be a good neighbor!

Phoenix City Code § 8-14 makes it unlawful for a dog to be "at large" meaning that it is not confined on a property or on a 6-foot leash. The City Code also requires dogs older than three months to wear a collar or harness with a

valid license attached. If an individual or another animal is bitten by a dog that is "At Large", Maricopa County Animal Care and Control will issue a Dog at Large citation.

What is the difference between a Civil and Criminal "Dog at Large" charge?

A civil Dog at Large charge is issued if the dog is wearing a collar or harness with a valid license and is unconfined. The defendant may receive a fine ranging from \$0 to \$250.

A criminal Dog at Large charge is issued if the dog is not wearing a collar or harness with a valid license and is unconfined. The defendant may receive a fine ranging from \$0 to \$2,500, probation from 0 to 3 years, and jail from 0 to 180 days.



## SAVE THE DATE!

### Newsletter Publication

Next Newsletter March 2012

### Holiday Trash/Recycling Pick Up

Christmas, Tuesday, Dec. 27 moves to Wednesday, Dec. 28

### Moon Valley Garage Sale

1st Saturday in March 2012

### Bulk Trash

Placement Begins On

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012

Collection Begins On

Monday Feb. 20, 2012

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



If you attended the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting you heard Blanche Lukes point out the need for community awareness. The bad guys are lurking around more and more. As in all areas of Phoenix, residents of Moon Valley are encouraged to form or participate in Block Watch organizations. Active Block Watch groups add to the safety and security of neighborhoods by encouraging neighbors to watch out for each other. Block Watch is a long standing partnership between the city of Phoenix Police Department and the citizens. This is a program of neighbors looking out for each other. It is designed to enlist the active participation of citizens to reduce crime by reporting suspicious activity to police and improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

Blanche also talked about the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol, more commonly referred to as PNP. The PNP is simply "Block Watch in motion." In addition to keeping a watchful eye on events close to their home, PNPers spend a little extra time strolling, driving or pedaling around their neighborhoods thereby extending areas of observation. Being a PNP'er is another way to be additional eyes and ears of the Police Department.

You can learn more about Block Watch and PNP by attending a 1-day class conducted by the Phoenix Police Department. For more info contact Ofc. Deb Iodice ([deborah.iodice@phoenix.gov](mailto:deborah.iodice@phoenix.gov)) at 602-495-0597, or Officer. Brian Kornegay ([brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov](mailto:brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov)) at 602-256-4303. And you can find more Block Watch/ PNP info on our new MoonValleyNA.org web site.



### **Home Security Christmas Holidays**

*by Chris E McGoey, CPP, CSP, CAM*

*Christmas holidays are a special time when families and friends come together to celebrate the season. It is also the time of year where families and friends are most generous and practice the tradition of gift giving. It should be a joyous and happy time for all of us.*

*Unfortunately for us, home burglars view the holiday season a little differently. For them, it is a time of opportunity to burglarize your home for cash, credit cards, and all the new gifts of small electronics, computers, jewelry, and easily sold valuables.*

*Here are a few tips of what they look for when shopping for a house to burglarize. These tips will help you enjoy the holidays without incident.*

- *Burglars look for an easy entry with good escape routes. Don't openly display your Christmas tree and gifts in the front window so it's easily visible from the street. It's too tempting for them to smash the window and grab the wrapped packages.*
- *Burglars look for occupancy cues like outdoor lights burning 24 hours a day, piled up newspapers, or advertising flyers hanging on the door knob. Use an inexpensive light timer when you are away and ask a neighbor to keep the front of your home clean of papers and debris.*
- *Burglars know to look for the hidden door key near the front entrance. Don't hide spare keys under rocks, in flowerpots, or above door ledges. Instead give the spare key to a trusted neighbor.*
- *Burglars prefer to enter through unlocked doors or windows. Sliding windows that are not secure can be seen from a distance. One holiday problem can occur when exterior Christmas light extension cords are run inside through a window and prevent it from being secured. Hire an electrician or handyman to install an inexpensive exterior outlet for your holiday lights.*
- *Don't post your family name on your mailbox or on your house. A burglar can call directory assistance to get your telephone number and call your home while in front of your house to confirm that you are away.*
- *Don't leave descriptive telephone answering machine messages like, "You've reached the Wilson's...we're away skiing for the Christmas holidays... please leave a message." Burglars love to hear that they have plenty of time to break in and completely ransack your home.*
- *After Christmas day, don't pile up empty gift boxes from your new computer, DVD player, or stereo receiver on the street for the garbage man. Burglars appreciate knowing that you have expensive gifts inside for them to steal. Break them down or cut them up to conceal the items better. After a lucrative burglary, the chances of being burglarized again are increased to steal the new replacement products.*
- *Last, but not least, fortify your home by installing solid core doors, heavy duty locks, longer screws in the lock strike plates and door hinges, and install secondary security devices on all accessible sliding windows.*

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And remember too, if you're going to be away for more than a few days, contact our Moon Valley Security Patrol at 602-751-6142 and inform them your home will be vacant for a period.

For more valuable home safety tips, visit the following websites:

[Home Safety Council:](http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/index.asp)

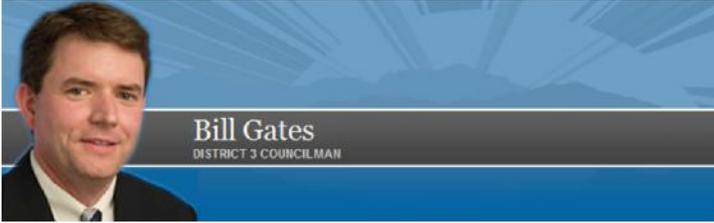
<http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/index.asp>

[Disaster Safety:](http://www.disastersafety.org/) <http://www.disastersafety.org/>



***The Moon Valley Neighborhood Association would like to thank the following businesses for donating door prizes for our Annual Meeting. Please support these companies to show your appreciation.***

- \$400. Master Chocolate class for 10 people from the Baker's Daughter, Fine Chocolates (Karl's Bakery) Christine Boerner, 8847 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., 602.997.7849
- Three, \$25 Gift certificates from B & L Pools, Mark Adams, 1502 W. Bell Rd. #5, 602.942.6000
- \$25 Gift Certificate from Bamboo House, Manager, 502 E. Thunderbird, 602.843.4243
- 25 Gift Certificates for One free #2 Lunch Special from Barrow's Pizza, Jim, 15440 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St., 602.863.3888
- \$20 Gift Certificate from Brown Eyed Girl Boutique, 830 E. Greenway, #103, 602.504.2400
- \$100 Gift Certificate from Custom Picture Framing Fast Frame, Jerry Golden, 13240 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St. #5, 602.993.1399
- Two Free Dinners for 2 at Chuys Mesquite Broiler, Scott Owsley, 830 E. Greenway Pkwy, 602.548.3250
- \$150 Gift Certificate from Different Point of View at the Hilton Tapitio, 11111 7<sup>th</sup> St., 602.866.7500
- \$50 Gift Certificate from the Hilton at the Spa, 111 7<sup>th</sup> St.
- \$45 Gift Certificate Deluxe Manicure & Pedicure from Infinity, Tony, 830 E. Greenway Pkwy, #102,, 602.298.9789
- \$25 Gift Certificate from La Paloma Flowers, Manager, 13430 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St., 602.863.1515
- Two \$10 Gift Cards from Luigi's Deli, Sue, 15414 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St., 602.374.2205
- 2 Golf Foursomes from the Moon Valley Country Club, 151 W. Moon Valley Dr., 602.942.0000
- Five, \$20 Gift Certificates from Moon Valley Grill, Roger, 15414 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St., 602.863.0388
- 2 Home Security/Crime Prevention Items and Information from Moon Valley One Block Watch and Desert Horizon Precinct..
- 25 pounds of shredding at Moon Valley Postal, Brian McGrath, 13236 N 7th St # 4, (602) 942-0122
- \$100 Gift Certificate to the Pointe in Time at the Hilton Tapitio, 11111, 7<sup>th</sup> St., 602.866.7500
- One free hair cut from Shaw Butte Barber Shop, Owner, 13240 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St., #3, 602.863.9042
- \$50 value Gift Basket from Souvia Tea, Manager, 15414 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St., 602.938.1216
- 1 pound of coffee from Starbucks, Manager, 13420 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St., #1-2, 602.938.1306
- 5 free yoga classes at Yoga Pura, Eric Walrabenstein, 15440 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St., #1, 602.843.7872
- Two \$25 Visa Gift Cards from Community Action Security. 602.751.6142



Bill Gates  
DISTRICT 3 COUNCILMAN

Happy Holidays Moon Valley!

During my undergrad years I lived in Des Moines, Iowa, where the temperature during the winter was so cold that your car doors would be frozen shut in the morning and you'd need a hairdryer to open them. And while I sometimes wish my daughters could go sledding and build snowmen in our neighborhood, I am then reminded that digging your car out of 3 feet of snow is no fun. Instead, I prefer being able to travel north to Flagstaff for a day of snow and come back to Phoenix where the temperature gets just cool enough to require a jacket and an occasional pair of gloves. The best part about the winter and holiday season in Phoenix is you can actually spend time outside, instead of being stuck indoors buried under blankets. This is something we should take advantage of and celebrate. This holiday season, while your relatives in the Midwest and Northeast are complaining about the snow and icy cold temps, consider the great things you can do around

town:

- Walk your neighborhood to check out holiday lights and decorations.
- Hike one of the mountain preserves to get a glimpse of the holiday lights throughout the city.
- Shop some of our outdoor shopping areas – in Phoenix of course!
- Play a round of golf – how about Cave Creek Golf Course?
- Attend the Las Noches de las Luminarias at the Desert Botanical Gardens.
- Help out at your local food bank or shelter.
- Eat on the patio (under a heater of course) of your favorite local restaurant.
- Send a gift to a troop overseas.
- Go caroling in your neighborhood.

And remember the holidays are about more than just gifts and cookies. Be thankful for what you have and share your kindness with others, especially those who are less fortunate. I wish you all a great holiday season and happy new year!

Sincerely,

Bill Gates  
Councilman, District 3

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

Police, Fire, Medical Emergency	9-1-1
Accident Cleanup .....	262-6441
Community Action Security	697-7492
Crime Stop (Police) .....	262-6151
(Burglary report, theft, speeding, loud parties)	
Gas Leaks - Southwest Gas .....	271-4277
Information (City Switchboard).....	262-6011
Police (General Information).....	262-7626
Poison Control.....	253-3334
Or .....	1-800-222-1222

Power Outages

APS .....	371-7171
SRP.....	236-8811
Sewers (Sanitary) Clogged	
Weekdays 6 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.....	262-6691
Nights, weekends, holidays .....	261-8000
Sewers (Storm) Clogged .....	262-6441
Traffic Signals, Malfunctioning .....	262-6021
Water Leaks, Broken Hydrants	
&Water Mains Emergency.....	261-8000
Water Safety Hot Line .....	495-5555

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