



Across the Back Fence

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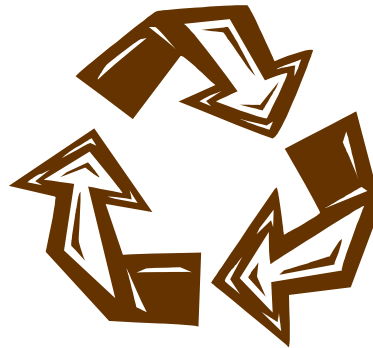
News For Neighbors From The City of Mesa Neighborhood Services Department

Recycling At Home Made Easier

In-home recycling containers are available to Mesa residents at the City of Mesa Solid Waste Management Department, 730 N. Mesa Dr. These 28-quart containers, suitable for placement under the kitchen sink, will allow residents to conveniently sort their recyclables from their trash. When the container is full of acceptable recyclable material, residents then simply dump the contents into their large blue barrel.

Acceptable recyclable items

- Plastic bottles, jugs and jars
- Aluminum (food/beverage containers only)
- Metal cans
- Cardboard and chipboard
- Glass (food/beverage containers only)
- Magazines and telephone books
- Milk and juice cartons
- Junk mail and office paper
- Newspapers



In-home containers are available on a first come, first serve basis and are limited to one container per household. **For more information, call the Mesa Recycling Hotline at (480) 644-2222.**

Recycling fact: Recycled aluminum requires less energy to make and produces 95 percent less emissions, such as greenhouse gases.

Building Strong Neighborhoods 2007 Begins

Neighborhood Outreach is holding a kick-off meeting for the 2007-2008 "Building Strong Neighborhoods" program on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 6PM in the multi-purpose room of Lincoln Elementary School located at 930 S. Serrine.

The "Kick-Off" will cover results of the door-to-door survey Neighborhood Outreach staff conducted in the Guerrero-Rotary Park neighborhood located in City Council District 4 during the month of August. The boundaries of the neighborhood are Center Street to the East, Grand Avenue to the West, Southern to the South and 8th Avenue on the North. The survey results will be used to talk about issues the neighborhood can tackle as part of the four-week "Building Strong Neighborhoods" program that will include input and help from staff of multiple City of Mesa departments.

The "Building Strong Neighborhoods" program aims to work with neighborhoods and businesses to provide education, training and access to existing City of Mesa and area support organizations resources to address neighborhood issues.

The Rotary Guerrero Park "Building Strong Neighborhoods" program is the first of six that will be taking place in between August of 2007 and July of 2008. Other neighborhoods that have hosted the "Building Strong Neighborhoods" program include the North Ridge Manor neighborhood, Country Village Neighborhood, Casa Mia Neighborhood, CARE/Water Tower Neighborhood, Loma Villa Neighborhood and the Alma School Road -Markdale neighborhood.

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The West Mesa CDC

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Be A Part Of The Renaissance

West Mesa Community Development Corporation (WMCDC) is a new kind of non-profit for Mesa. Focused on the revitalization of West Mesa (roughly west of Horne) the WMCDC has facade improvement programs and grant money to assist small businesses in the Main St. corridor fix up storefronts, landscaping and signage. WMCDC also assists neighborhoods wanting to organize a block watch or do other neighborhood based improvement projects. Questions? Call the WMCDC (480) 964-3751 for more information.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 11

Discussion on West Main Street Area Plan

6PM- 8PM, East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) Auditorium, 1601 W. Main Street, Mesa

The purpose of this community meeting is to present the findings, to list policies for the creation of tools that will implement the resident's vision, and to request additional input from residents, businesses, and property owners. The entire Plan document may be reviewed online at www.cityofmesa.org/planning/WestMainStreet/WestMainStreetAreaPlan.aspx

September 17 – 23

Constitution Week Celebration

September 17

6PM – 8PM *Mesa's 31st Annual Amphitheater Program*

bring chairs, blankets, picnic dinner and enjoy music by the Red Mountain High School Honors Band, under the direction of Mr. Vince Wedge; Dobson High School Color Guard ROTC under the direction of Lt Colonel Greensfelder; Boy Scouts Parade of Flags; "City Lights" music and drama group under the direction of Paula Olsen.

September 20

Portraits of the Founding Fathers, 7PM, The Heritage Academy, 32 S. Center, Mesa

From extensive study of historical records, Shirley Whitlock will present a very entertaining slide presentation of the famous and not-so-famous Founding Fathers of our great country.

September 22

The Making of America , 8:30AM - 4:30PM, The Heritage Academy, 32 S. Center, Mesa

see, hear and learn the exciting, unforgettable stories about the creation of the first free nation in modern times. \$7.50 for the required workbook. To make reservations call (480) 969-5641.

September 15, 2007-August 31, 2008

Wallace and Ladmo exhibit Mesa Historical Museum , 2345 N Horne, Mesa

"Thanks for Tuning In: The Wallace and Ladmo Show" will be the featured exhibit at the Mesa Historical Museum September 15, 2007 – August 31, 2008. The two surviving stars of the show, Bill "Wallace" Thompson and Pat McMahon will appear at the museum on the first day of the exhibit and will sign autographs.

2007 G.A.I.N

October is crime prevention month. G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) was designed to heighten crime awareness and drug prevention awareness, generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen community relations, and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized to prevent crime.



G.A.I.N. is an excellent opportunity to continue to build on police and community partnerships.

G.A.I.N. encourages neighbors to come together to work for the common good of their community.

G.A.I.N. events are held throughout the state of Arizona during the month of October.

G.A.I.N. will be held this year on Saturday, October 20, from 4PM to 8PM

Information packets and the registration forms are now available. Please contact the Mesa Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at (480) 644-2300, option 5 for more information or to register by phone. The deadline to register your GAIN party is Friday, October 5.

PRIDE Grants are available to help with costs associated with having a block party, GAIN event, or any other neighborhood event. Applications for your GAIN event must be received by Mesa United Way on or before September 10 for Committee review. For assistance filling out a PRIDE grant application, party ideas, or neighborhood questions, contact Neighborhood Outreach at (480) 644-5700

For More Information Log Onto
www.cityofmesa.org/police/crime_prevention/gain.aspx



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