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NEWSLETTER

Design Nicole Almond

Please submit newsletter ideas to
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READY, SET, SUMMER!

**NEXT NORTHGATE QUARTERLY
BLOCK WATCH MEETING FOR THE
WHOLE COMMUNITY!**

Tuesday, July 12th • 6:30PM

Cornerstone Church • 15441 North 22nd Avenue

**G.A.I.N. Event
(Getting Arizona Involved in
Neighborhoods)**

Saturday, October 15

*Details will follow at a later date

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

LUCY COAST, BLOCK WATCH PRESIDENT

Summer is here and it's HOT (as usual)! It's time to enjoy the pool and take some time off for vacations. See the enclosed article from www.safekids.org for child safety reminders around the pool. Please adhere to our posted pool rules to help it be an enjoyable and safe experience for ALL community members. Remember to secure your home while gone on vacation, including locking all doors and windows and securing your side

gate. Other tips: Ask a neighbor to watch your house and leave them with your emergency phone number; stop all deliveries of the newspapers and mail; leave outside/inside lights on or use timers and do not announce your vacation plans on social websites.

Our community members report break-ins of both their cars and homes within our community from time to time. Sometimes they are crimes of opportunity, so

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make sure you LOCK your car and do not leave ANYTHING in your car if it is outside your garage (see the enclosed tips on protecting your vehicle). Do NOT leave your garage door open for any length of time; do what you need to do and then close it. Lock all doors and windows and padlock your side gate. Potential thieves often hit the easiest target.

Our next quarterly Block Watch meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 12. We hope to see you there!

RECAP: PANCAKE BREAKFAST & EASTER EGG HUNT

NICOLE ALMOND
COMMUNICATIONS AND PR CHAIR

On April 16th the Northgate Block Watch hosted its annual Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt. A huge THANKS to all who helped! A fun time was had by all as neighbors got to know each other and the kids seemed to have a great time collecting eggs. The sausage and pancakes were delicious as always! Additionally a lot of people donated many items that were needed to help defray costs. We really appreciated your help with this! We hope to see you all again next year.

TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE!

LUCY COAST, BLOCK WATCH PRESIDENT

- Hide your valuables. Items in the open make your car a bigger target.
- Take your keys and never leave a second set in your vehicle. Twenty percent of stolen vehicles had keys inside them, making the theft even easier.
- Lock your car. Almost half



of all vehicles stolen were left unlocked.

- Park in well-lit or heavily-trafficked areas. Thieves do not like witnesses. Find an attended lot or garage if possible.
- Give parking attendants the ignition key only. Keep your trunk and glove box locked at all times. If possible, get separate keys for the ignition and the trunk and glove box.
- Never leave your car running unattended. Cars are often stolen at convenience stores, gas stations or when an owner leaves the vehicle running to warm it up.
- Install an anti-theft device. Many insurance companies may give you a discount for certain anti-theft devices. Check with your agent for details.

GENERAL REMINDERS

- Pool Gate – Keep it closed! When you enter or leave the pool area, make sure the gate closes securely behind you. We do not

want small children to wander in and risk drowning.

- Please observe the yellow “No Parking” curb by the pool area, along Dante. The street is narrow here by our main entrance; no parking is allowed where designated by the yellow curb.
- Pick up after your dogs - Bags and waste stations are provided as a courtesy.
- Leash laws - Keep your dog on a leash at all times. It’s the law in the City of Phoenix.
- Slow down! For the safety of all, please drive slowly and carefully through our narrow neighborhood streets. The posted limit is 20 MPH throughout our community!

SAFETY TIP... ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN!

ADAPTED FROM *THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC*

An article in the *The Arizona Republic* on April 4 warned

women to NEVER leave their purses in the car for even a minute. “The thieves are targeting women who leave their bags in their vehicles at daycare centers, parks and gyms and then using the stolen ID’s, checks and bank cards to cash forged checks at drive through banks across the valley...” Don’t be a victim!

4 TRUTHS ABOUT CHILDREN WHO DROWN

ADAPTED FROM WWW.SAFEKIDS.ORG

1. Weak or No Supervision

Children drown quickly and silently—in a matter of seconds. Adults who were present when a child drowns were often distracted in some way, by talking on the phone, chatting with other adults around the pool, or reading.

What you can do about it:

- Actively supervise your children around water, and have a phone nearby to call for help in an emergency.
- When there are several adults present and children are swimming, use a Water Watcher card to designate an adult as the Water Watcher to prevent gaps in supervision.

2. No Barriers

Curious children, especially those younger than 4 years old, can easily find and fall in to bodies of water like pools, tubs and buckets. Often they are discovered too late to save.

What you can do about it:

- Never leave a child alone when in or near a body of water—even if it’s less than a

few inches.

- For pool owners, make sure your pool has four-sided fencing and a self-closing, self-latching gate.

- Hot tubs should be covered and locked when not in use.

3. Weak or No CPR Skills

Drowning victims who are rescued from the water need CPR immediately — before the paramedics arrive. It can prevent brain damage and be the difference between life and death.

What you can do about it

- Get certified.
- There are plenty of CPR classes available to meet busy schedules.
- Contact your local health department, hospital or visit

their Web site to locate a local American Red Cross Chapter that offers courses year-round.

4. Weak or No Swimming Ability

Children from non-swimming households are eight times more likely to be at-risk of drowning. Minority children have especially low rates of swimming ability and high rates of drowning.

What you can do about it:


- Enroll your child in swimming lessons.
- If you do not know how to swim either, enroll in a parent-child learn-to-swim class.
- To find swimming lessons, contact your rec. department, an aquatics center or visit the YMCA Web site.

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THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR HELP IN KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN AND SAFE!

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

Our newsletters include advertising for our residents and neighbors. Please support these area businesses whenever possible, as they not only work to build their own businesses, but support our Northgate Block Watch activities also. If you are interested in advertising in future newsletters, please contact Jessica Proehl by e-mail jessimessy03@hotmail.com or call 602-348-1751.



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