

Neighborhood Connections



City of Goodyear Neighborhood Services



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Graffiti Buster Program

The City has launched a City-wide volunteer program to partner with our residents in restoring neighborhood pride one brush stroke at a time.

All interested communities and volunteers are encouraged to attend our informational meeting on February 1st.

Please contact Neighborhood Services at 623.882.7812 for details.



Any neighborhood concerns or questions regarding this newsletter, please call Lili Schuett, Neighborhood Services Manager at 623.882.7801.



Neighborhood Services wishes you a very Happy Holiday and Prosperous New Year!

We've had a very busy and successful year thanks to all our wonderful resident volunteers. Here's a sampling of what we have been able to accomplish with your assistance:

- ◆ Hosted the Community Information Exchange where we launched our new Neighborhood Clean-up Program and introduced the Graffiti Buster Pilot Program in the North Subdivisions neighborhood.
- ◆ Hosted the city-wide G.A.I.N. event with 12 neighborhoods participating at the Goodyear Ballpark. Over 100 residents along with sponsors, City staff, and outside organizations donated their time and resources to provide a fun time for all. Kudos to the Planning Committee that gave hundreds of hours of their time in planning this event.
- ◆ Secured partnership with Sherwin-Williams to provide paint and equipment at lower cost for our Graffiti Buster Program.
- ◆ Developed an Advertising Opportunity Program with professional help from Kohli Marketing Design, LLC, which raised approx. \$1,500 for the Graffiti Buster Program. This will fund paint and equipment as we take the program city-wide.
- ◆ Our Southwest Valley HOA Academy trained 95 residents this year. In partnership with Avondale and Buckeye, we offered eight classes in the spring and fall for individuals interested in learning about how homeowner associations work and how theirs can operate more effectively.
- ◆ Our neighborhood alliances revisited their goals and aspirations for their community with assistance from VISTA members from the VISTA Project Grant. In addition, we received 457 Neighborhood Needs Assessment surveys from Goodyear residents. We plan to share this information with you in the coming year.

We look forward to continuing working with all of you in our ongoing mission to support and nurture Goodyear's neighborhoods.

We send you Joy, Warmth and Good Tidings for 2011!!!

**Southwest Valley
HOA Academy
offers Spring
classes
Sat. 4/9 & 4/16
8:30 am—Noon at
Goodyear City Hall**

- ◆ Budget & Finance
Techniques for HOAs
- ◆ Legal Aspects of
Foreclosures and
Delinquent Assessments
- ◆ Case Study: HOA Rags
to Riches
- ◆ Legal Aspect of
Transition, Parking,
Self-Help & Dealing with
Bankrupt Developers

An HOA attorney will be on hand to discuss the legal issues and answer your questions.

Cost is \$5 which includes snacks.

For additional information call Lili at 623.882.7801.



Basic Home Repair

Goodyear has partnered with Avondale and Buckeye to present this FREE class to our residents.

The 2 hr. class will provide basic maintenance tips to homeowners.

Class is scheduled on Tuesday, March 1 6:30—8:30 pm.

To register, call Jane at 623.882.7812.

Neighborhood Clean-up Program Continues



Residents from North Subdivisions and volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 91 participated in the Neighborhood Clean-up program to spruce up their neighborhood alleys. Ten bagsters (each holding 3,300 lbs. of residential clean-up, storm clean-up and landscaping debris) were filled by 45 volunteers. Kudos to all the volunteers and to neighboring business S&S Tires who accepted abandoned tires for a minimal charge.

The City of Goodyear’s Neighborhood Services, in partnership with Code Compliance Division, Public Works Department and Waste Management, offers this FREE program. The services includes bagster delivery and pick-up following the clean-up. A trailer containing landscape tools is available for loan to assist Goodyear neighborhoods. This service also includes delivery and pick-up of the trailer following the clean-up. For more information or to sign-up, call Neighborhood Services at 623.882.7812.



Home and Neighborhood Safety Tips

by Lt. William Newman

Air Conditioners and appliances are being taken from vacant homes subject to foreclosure. Even though your friends and neighbors have moved and a financial institution owns the property, keep an eye on it and let the police know of suspicious activity. The “Broken Windows” theory states that if a neighborhood falls into disrepair and fails to replace broken windows, eradicate graffiti, pick up trash, etc., the criminal element will see this as community apathy, move in and take over a neighborhood. Don’t let this happen to you. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Broken_windows_theory

Vehicles have been burglarized and windows damaged. Do not leave items laying in plain sight. Lock your doors, and use your trunk for storing valuables. Do not use your glove compartment or leave valuables on your seat.



Rear windows get broken out with small landscape type rock or the vehicle is unlocked and entered without force. Items found laying in the vehicle are removed.