

The Medlock Pages

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Medlock Place Neighborhood Association



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Historic District**

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Representing Residential Property Owners in Medlock Place

Association Election September 12

Candidates for executive board positions:

SHERIDAN BAILEY: president

KERRY MOSS: vice president

ANU LOVECCHIO: secretary

DOUGLAS HARTER: treasurer

BJ DINES: member at large

JB RUNYON: member at large

TERRI SCHOUTEN: member at large

OPEN: member at large

OPEN: commercial liaison

ELECTION/MEETING:

6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

Valley Lutheran High School*

5199 North 7th Avenue

*Please note that due to construction the election will take place at the high school building just north of the structure neighborhood association elections have in the past been held.

Nominations for all positions will be taken during the meeting and prior to voting. Support your family's best interests - attend and vote.

Association Projects Impact Neighborhood

A quick look around Medlock Place reveals the work of our neighborhood association. Quite a number of aesthetic, safety and health related activities have resulted in both significant and subtle changes in our neighborhood.

Here is a partial list of what the MPNA has done for us:

- Medlock Place I.D. monuments
- Security gates and fencing in elements
- Closed cut-through traffic from 7th Avenue
- Speed Humps
- Convinced City to install closed tracks on light rail at Camelback with concrete instead of gravel
- Raised over \$3,000.00 in newsletter advertising revenue
- Created The Medlock Pages newsletter
- Historic District designation
- Repaired sidewalks in numerous locations
- Received over \$12,000 in block watch grant funds
- Spent three years working with the City of Phoenix to create a No Day Time



camping Ordinance which is now in effect at Colter Park

- Procured rat bait stations for the neighborhood as well as installed traps throughout the hood
- Annual block sales
- Neighborhood meeting signage
- Prevented pawn shop from relocation to 7th Avenue
- Stopped numerous liquor licenses in the area
- Installed block watch signs throughout the neighborhood

From the Mayor's Office:

A Smoke Alarm Can Save Your Life

In 2005, 17 people lost their lives in home fires in Phoenix – all of which may have been prevented had a working smoke alarm been present. So far this year, six people have lost their lives – three of whom were children. These deaths remind us how important it is to maintain smoke alarms and develop a Home Escape Plan to protect ourselves and our families.

A family's chances of surviving a home fire DOUBLE when there are working smoke alarms in the home. Over 80% of deadly fires in America occur at night when we have all gone to sleep. When you go to sleep, so does your sense of smell which is why these alarms are so critical. Smoke alarms are the single most important means of preventing house and apartment fire fatalities by providing an

early warning signal – so you and your family can escape.

Where should smoke alarms be installed? An easy rule of thumb is to install a smoke alarm anywhere someone sleeps at night and on every level of your home.

GET IT! Get a smoke alarm if you don't have one.

CHECK IT! Check the batteries once a month.

CHANGE IT! Change the batteries once a year AND change the entire unit every 7-10 years (Yes! Every 7-10 years!)

If you are interested in learning more about smoke alarm installation recommendations or participating in an installation training program, please visit the Phoenix Fire Department website at: <http://phoenix.gov/FIRE/detector.html>



Snorin' Bike Trail

Did you know Medlock Place Historic District is home to the Phoenix Sonoran Bikeway at 3rd Avenue and Camelback? Established in the year 2000 by the City of Phoenix in conjunction with the late Eugene Berlatsky, founder and former executive director of the Kivel Geriatric Center. He was also the founder of the Arizona Bicycle Club in 1964 and was instrumental in the establishment of the Sonoran Bikeway, which is dedicated to him.

Help for Feral Felines

AzCATs.org is a group that works in partnership with communities and individuals to eliminate cat overpopulation through non-lethal methods. AzCATs serve as leaders in Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) by developing and implementing innovative programs to humanely end the breeding cycle for feral and other free-roaming cats. This organization is mostly funded by individuals. Any questions, concerns, contact them via their website www.azcats.org or at their office (480-968-4867).

From Officer Mary Roestenber:

TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN YOUR OWN SAFETY

ALWAYS BE AWARE

- Pay attention to your surroundings and display confidence.
- Be aware of the people around you.
- Don't be afraid to make a scene to get attention and help.

HAVE A PLAN

- Visualize what you would do if confronted (run away and yell).
- Carry a cell phone and have it ready to use.
- If someone grabs your purse, let it go.
- Trust your instincts—don't worry about offending someone.
- Carry pepper spray or a whistle.

CALL THE POLICE

- CALL THE POLICE FIRST!! Not your mother, husband, friend.
- Report ANY suspicious behavior. No information is insignificant!

REMEMBER . . . SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!



Crime Stop 602-262-6151

Councilman Simplot's Office:

Our thanks go to everyone who came out to the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the first phase of the new dog park at Steele Indian School Park. It was great seeing so many two- and four-legged friends! We have raised all the funds for the dog park privately and appreciate the significant community support.

Phase two will make the area even more comfortable and fun. If you're interested in contributing or getting more information, visit www.phoenixdogpark.org or call



my office at 602-262-7447.

Also at Steele Indian School Park, more Moonlight Movies are coming up soon. This is another privately funded effort to bring the community together. The Whoopi Goldberg comedy "Sister Act" will be playing on Sept. 16 and you can't miss Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein" on Oct. 28. Both start at sundown at the park, Third Street and Indian School Road.

Bring the dogs and walk them in the dog park, bring your kids and bring your friends – and have a great time in the park!

Important Numbers

Police (Crime Stop)	262-6151
Sanitation	262-7251
Voter Registration	506-1511
Yucca Library	262-6787
Southwest Gas Leaks	271-4277
Poison Control	253-3334
APS Power Outage	371-7171
Water Services	261-8000
Graffiti Removal	495-7014
Dial-A-Ride	253-4000
Reserve-A-Ride	
Registration	262-1871
Reservations	262-4501
Discount Cab	266-1110
Animal Control	506-7387
Arizona Humane Society	997-7585
Lost & Found	943-7402
ASAP Bee Removal	751-1002
Litter Hotline	712-4683
Councilman Tom Simplot	262-7447
David Chambers (CAO)	534-2347

Online Data Access Aids Auto Theft Recovery

If You Notice a Suspicious Vehicle . . .

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PRESS SECRETARY, ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

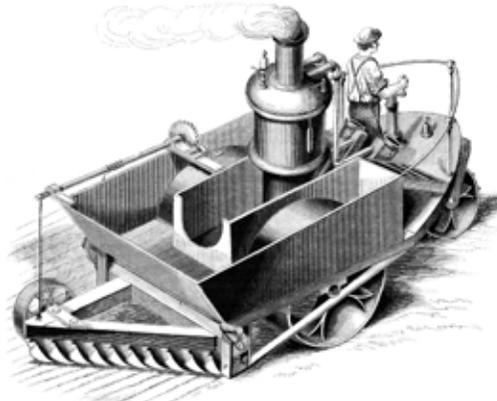
Is there an abandoned or suspicious car in your neighborhood? Thinking of buying a used car and want to make sure it isn't stolen?

Attorney General Terry Goddard today announced a new Internet service that enables citizens to type into their computers a license plate number or Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) to find out immediately if a car has been stolen.

Citizens can access the service at www.theftaz.azag.gov. In addition to computers, cell phones that have Internet access can also be used to check a vehicle's status.

"This service can multiply by many thousands the number of eyes looking for stolen cars and help reduce auto theft in Arizona," Goddard said. "Citizens now have an easy way to assist law enforcement. This Internet program quickly determines if a vehicle has been reported stolen, and if it has, directs them to contact the appropriate police agency."

For the past several years, Arizona has ranked among the top five states with the highest number of car thefts in the country. In 2004, the most recent year with complete data, Arizona ranked No. 4 in the nation for the number of vehicle thefts and was second only to Nevada in the vehicle theft rate per 100,000 residents.



A vehicle theft occurs about every 10 minutes in Arizona. The state's highly mobile population and its proximity to the U.S.-Mexico border have contributed significantly to its high theft rate. Sport utility vehicles and large pickup trucks are often targeted for use in drug or human smuggling.

"Through the use of this technology, we welcome the help of citizens in combating the vehicle theft problem in Arizona," said Roger Vanderpool, Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

The auto theft Web site works like this: Once citizens access the page, they are asked to enter either a vehicle's license plate number or VIN. When they click on "Submit Search," a report will come back within seconds stating whether the car has been reported stolen. No other information about the vehicle, such as the owner's name, is provided.

If the car has been reported stolen, the

consumer is directed to the right police agency. Citizens are asked to call the responsible police department and notify them when a stolen vehicle is located. Stolen vehicle data will be updated twice daily in the system. The new Web site can be especially helpful for neighborhood block watch groups and security guards.

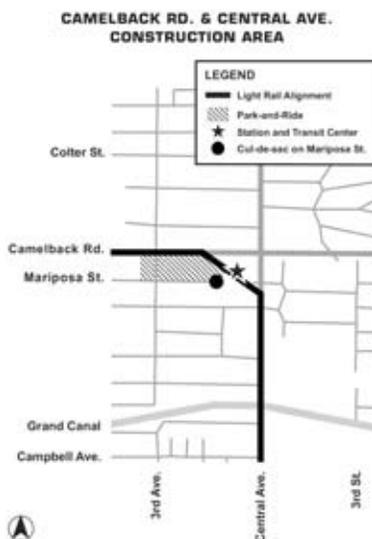
The auto theft system also stands to benefit Mexican law enforcement agencies. Instead of having to take several steps to identify stolen U.S. vehicles in Mexico, they will be able to learn instantly whether a vehicle has been reported stolen in Arizona.

Arizona becomes only the second state in the country with an Internet service that can be used by citizens to determine if a vehicle has been stolen. Florida has a similar system in operation.

The auto theft page can also be accessed through links on the Web sites of the Attorney General's Office (www.azag.gov), the Department of Public Safety (www.azdps.gov) and the Arizona Auto Theft Authority (www.aata.state.az.us)

"The Arizona Auto Theft Authority is pleased to support and partner with the Arizona Attorney General's Office to promote this Web site as another tool available to Arizona residents to protect themselves from possible consumer fraud when purchasing a used vehicle and as a mechanism for notifying law enforcement of suspicious and/or stolen vehicles," said Enrique Cantu, Director of the Arizona Auto Theft Authority.

Metro Light Rail Touts Finalized Plan and Construction Schedule for Camelback & Central



July saw the beginning of construction of a cul-de-sac on Mariposa Street, the first of three major structural changes to take place near Central and Camelback in order to bring light rail to our neighborhood.

Metro Light Rail announced that work is scheduled to begin on the area's transit center and station the 3rd quarter of this year. Construction of the 3rd Avenue Park-and-Ride (for up to 140 vehicles - see map) is scheduled for a year later, the 3rd quarter of 2007.

The Mariposa street cul-de-sac is expected to be completed this fall. Metro Light Rail's finalized plan accommodates

two previously at risk historic homes on that street.

Area water, electric and other utility realignments have been ongoing and will continue for the foreseeable future.

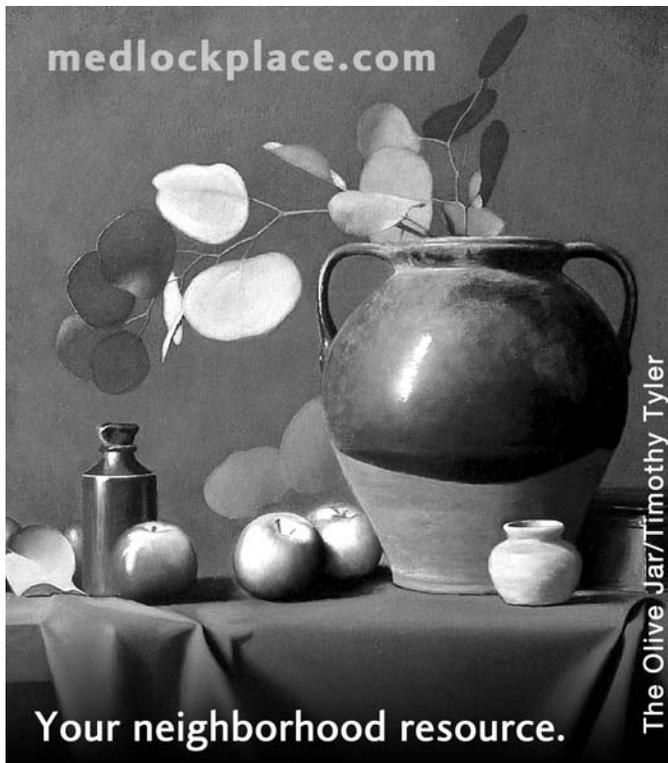
Metro Light Rail considers the transit center's proximity to neighborhoods adjacent to Central Avenue and Camelback Road unique. City of Phoenix and Metro staff intend to work with the neighborhoods to mitigate impacts of the construction.

Questions regarding construction of the light rail station and transit center at Central and Camelback should be directed to Howard Steere, Metro representative, at 602-322-4476.

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Your Voice - Your Vote

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2006 Association Dues

Just Due it!

Members of the MPNA board and neighborhood volunteers make things happen in the neighborhood. Among the accomplishments are gaining historic designation, taking on traffic mitigation, obtaining City grant money to implement anti-crime and safety measures and producing this newsletter. While voluntary, dues help us help the neighborhood. If you have not already paid your 2006 dues (and/or 2005's dues), please DUE! Annual dues are \$25– anyone can pay more.

Checks should be made payable to MPNA and be mailed to MPNA, 315 West Georgia, 85013. Please be sure to include as a minimum, your name and address; a phone and email address would also be helpful.