

December 2011



North Park Central Neighbors

VIN etching

By Peter O'Meara

Thank you Aaron, Chris and Mary for the VIN etching event on November 19th. We are looking forward to another one sometime next year.



Please don't miss our December meeting Thursday the 1st at 6:30 pm. We are looking for help painting the rest of the 7th avenue block wall.

COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS

Animal Control
602 506-7387

**Arizona Public
Service**
602 371-7171

Blight Violation
602 262-7844 or
blight@phoenix.gov

**City of Phoenix
Administration
Service**
602 534-5033

**City of Phoenix
Water Service**
602 262-6251

**COP Speed
Enforcement**
602 334-7730

**Crime Stop
(non emergency)**
602 262-6151

**City General
Information**
602 534-6262

**Graffiti Busters
Hotline**
602 495-7014

Metro Light Rail
602 262-7433

Sex Offenders
www.azsexoffender.com

Silent Witness
480 WIT-NESS
480 948-6377
800 343-TIPS
800 343-8477

Southwest Gas
602 862-1999

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Join us at Phoenix College in
Room OSW101 First Thurs-
day of the month 6:30 PM.

The building is south of Osborn on the east
side of 11th Ave. The room is on the ground
floor in the northwest corner.

NEXT MEETING:
Thursday December 1, 2011

CURB ADDRESS

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who is a part of the North Park Central Neighborhood association. I have worked with many HOA and neighborhoods and NEVER have I seen a neighborhood group so well organized and showing such a commitment to the improvement of your neighborhood.

From a outside person looking in and now have worked with your neighborhood, my hat is off to you all for your hard work you have put forth in keeping your neighborhood safe. This is why I wanted to showcase your neighborhood with these new signs and graphics.

Thank you for your patience on the signs getting here! The minute I received them, I went out to install them. I think they look great; we had many people let us know how nice they looked when we were installing them.

Now as great as they look, I hope they will stay that way. If for some reason any get messed up or destroyed by vehicles repeatedly driving over them, I can move them to a better location to save the sign or have it replaced at \$9.50 a sign plus 3.00 shipping; or for free if I paint it.

But if they don't last for some reason ..they get damaged or destroyed ..**I will come out and paint the numbers for you.**

I have included a link below to the company, so you can see some pictures of concrete graphics that have been in streets and sidewalks.

<http://www.concretegraphics.com/>

Also, I will come by and check them form time to time when I am in the area. I pass your neighborhood all the time.

Sincerely,

Eric Carpenter
AZ Curbs & Striping
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Zoo Lights are back

Zoolights celebrates its 20th magical year with 3.5 million lights, more than 600 shimmering light displays and one giant lighted sphere floating on the lake.

Beginning Nov 24, 2011 through January 8, 2012

Sun-Thur tickets: \$9.00 zoo members; \$19 non-members

“any night” tickets \$13.00 for both zoo members and non-members

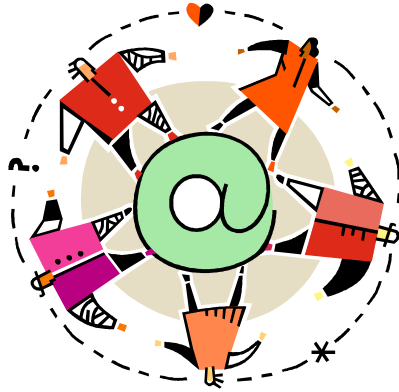
Kids two and younger are FREE.

Ticket information 602-914-4333 or phoenixzoo.org



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Announcements/Requests from Neighbors

- ◆ **Brian** (1001 W Weldon Ave). I have listed my house for the Christmas light map that try publish on Thanksgiving day. So there could be increased traffic in the neighborhood from thanksgiving until the first of the year.

“Mary Christmas”



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North Parcel Central Neighborhood Association thanks **Chad Preston** for contributing with the Comparable Market Analysis Report

Address	Bed/Bath	SqFt	List Price/Sale Price	Price per StFt	Listing Status
824 W Amelia Ave	3/2	1,276	129,900	101.80	Active
1001 W Piccadilly Rd.	3/1	1,185	99,900	84.30	Active
825 W Whitton Ave	3/1	1,088	107,500	98.81	Active
832 W Fairmount	3/2	1,223	139,900	114.39	AWC
829 W Whitton Ave	3/1.75	1,310	59,900	45.73	Pending
841 W Indianola Ave	3/2	1,521	89,000	58.51	AWC
1012 W Fairmount	3/1.75	1223	79,900/78,000	65.33/63.78	Closed

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Roof Rat Prevention

You can keep roof rats off of your property and out of your home by following a few easy steps:

1. Get rid of the roof rats food supply by harvesting citrus and other fruit

- Pick all fruit (ripe or not) on citrus and other fruit and nut trees and pick up any fallen fruit. Do this promptly and completely. Fruit and nut trees having the most activity are the ones which come in contact with other trees, houses, fences or with power lines running through.
- Donate any excess fruit your family won't be able to eat to the closest food bank. Next winter, when the roof rats are under control or eradicated altogether, enjoy your harvest, but be sure to pick your fruit promptly and donate what you can't use. You don't need to remove fruit trees from your landscape.

2. Manicure your landscape.

- A clean yard is a deterrent.
- Rake under your trees and shrubbery. Prune fruit trees so the ground under them is open and visible. Remove wood piles and brush piles from your yard. Store wood and lumber piles at least 18 inches above the ground and 12 inches away from walls. Thick ground covers should be thinned.
- Keep your palm trees trimmed. Roof rats nest in the skirts of old fronds, as well as in piles of debris and hollow trees.
- Thin out bushes until you can see daylight through them. Oleanders are particularly prone to harbor roof rats in the summer. Thin bougainvilleas as well.

3. Don't feed the roof rats unknowingly.

- Roof rats will eat ANYTHING to survive this includes pet food and garbage.
- Don't leave pet food out, especially overnight. Keep dog feces picked up.

- It would be best to stop filling your bird feeders for the next few months. Otherwise, provide just the amount of bird seed that will be consumed in a day and sweep up fallen seeds on the ground before sunset. Store bags of bird seed in sealed, rat-proof containers.
- Store bulk foods in sealed, rat-proof containers.
- Keep garbage containers tightly covered.

4. Strategically place snap traps and bait stations

- Maricopa County does not provide bait stations or traps to the public. Bait stations can be purchased at cost through Barry Paceley at <http://www.roofrat.net>.
- To prevent rats from entering your property, or to eliminate rats that have already entered your property, set snap traps in your laundry room and garden shed **baited with creamy peanut butter. Don't put much on the bait tab so the rat will have to work at it to get it off.** This will ensure that the trap will trip. Place the traps well away from pets and small children. Roof rats are nervous and cautious of new objects, so leave traps in the same location for at least a week before moving them.
- Bait stations made of plastic, cardboard or metal provide a protected place for rats to feed. They allow you to place poison bait in some locations where it would otherwise be difficult because of hazards to non-target animals.
- **Place two bait stations in your yard, 4 feet or higher off the ground.** Optimal locations are in your citrus tree and anywhere near potential rat pathways, such as close proximity of wires to house roofs, trees or oleanders.
- It's important to close the bait station opening in the morning to protect wild birds that might be attracted. Open it up in the late afternoon about sunset.
- The practice of wiring poison bait blocks directly to tree branches causes accidental poisoning of cats and wildlife. Use poison bait blocks only in bait stations and slide the blocks all the way to the back.
- Residents will be responsible for purchasing and placing the bromadiolone poison in the bait station. Read the entire label first and strictly adhere to all instructions, restrictions and precautions.

- Bromadiolone is sold as "Just One Bite" and can be purchased at feed and hardware stores. "Just One Bite" is an anti-coagulant that kills rats in 3-5 days.
- It is important that the **resident's home is properly sealed so the poisoned rat doesn't enter the house and die**, creating a bad odor which may be hard to remove.

What doesn't work

- Rats quickly learn safe travel routes through yards to avoid dogs. Cats will kill dispersing juvenile rats, but are rarely able to handle an adult roof rat.
- There is no evidence that ultrasonic and electromagnetic devices drive rodents away. There is evidence that ultrasonic devices can cause hearing loss in pets, especially dogs.
- Maricopa County Vector Control tested Coca Cola (rumor has it that roof rats can't burp and die from drinking it), but found that it was ineffective. In fact, the rats loved it.
- Don't use d-Con. If pets or wild birds nibble on a rat killed with d-Con, they can become sick.

Long term solutions

- Strongly consider xeriscaping your yard. Xeriscape doesn't have to be gravel and a couple of cactuses. There are many lovely options.
- Combine xeriscape with a citrus-free yard to create a very effective control against roof rats.
- ◆ Maintain a defensive line on your property by continuing the use of bait stations, **keeping a clean yard and removing pet food and water dishes at night.**

Thank you **Steve Linhart** for your article on Roof Rats