

# 49ERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH-DOG NEWSLETTER SPRING 2011

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## **49ers Neighborhood Watch Program**

Claire Place, Area Leader

### **Annual Report-January 2011**

At the Forty Niner Country Club Estates Annual HOA Meeting on January 18, 2011, Area Leader, Claire Place, presented information summarizing area information for the past year. The 49ers CC Estates HOA, and the surrounding associations, continue to maintain our active Neighborhood Watch Program. With security patrols funded by HOA dues, and continuing efforts to maintain heightened community awareness, our area continues to be relatively crime free. When concerns do arise, our residents are quick to communicate those concerns via our email alert system.

Last spring, we had a number of solicitors working our area. There were many residents who expressed concern over the legitimacy of these solicitors, and email alerts were sent out to residents. As a result of this period, the Neighborhood Watch Program approached the HOA board to request use of the Neighborhood Watch budget (\$60) for the purchase of two "Private Property, No Solicitation" signs. The signs have been posted, in accordance with the PCSD Neighborhood Watch Sign policy, on our existing NW sign posts. The HOA is accepting donations for the "No Solicitation Sign Fund" for the purchase of additional signs as funding permits.

Last July, we did experience one burglary and one attempted burglary in the 49ers' area. There were also several reports of suspicious vehicles and people in the neighborhood. There was concern that a burglary ring may have been operating in the area, however, there were no further incidents following this brief period over the summer.

Halloween brought the usual large numbers of Trick-or-Treaters to our area.

Although they are welcome here, there are residents who have expressed concerns over the years about safety and security during the evening. The Pima County Sheriff's Department, and our hired security patrol, were very visible this past Halloween. There were no incidents of concern to report. We appreciate the effort that the PCSD makes each year to provide extra patrols to our area.

The HOA Board has considered concerns of area residents regarding the large number of vehicles in our area during the Halloween trick-or-treat period. They reported that their research found with the public roads in our community, we cannot place any restrictions on their use, unless we: hire a consultant to develop a traffic plan, obtain a permit for a special event, rent sufficient traffic control devices and staff the event with law enforcement personnel, all coming at significant cost. Additionally, the HOA Board will not place restrictions on time limits for trick-or-treating, as the limits would be ineffective with no means of enforcement. The HOA Board said they would consider creating neighborhood safety patrols, and possibly purchasing vests and lights for volunteers to patrol the neighborhood during Halloween.

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## **Block Leaders Needed!**

Block Leaders are needed in the areas of Sutter Mill/Gold Dust, and Dry Gulch.

If you are a resident of either of these areas and are interested in helping with the Neighborhood Watch Program, please contact Claire Place, at 749-0879 [49ersNeighborhoodWatch@gmail.com](mailto:49ersNeighborhoodWatch@gmail.com).

This is not a time-consuming volunteer position, and it is a rewarding service you can provide to your community!

All Block Leaders submit their information for a background check through the PCSD Auxiliary Volunteers.



## Pedestrian Safety

Please be aware of pedestrians and bicyclists, particularly at dawn and dusk. The basic rules for pedestrians state that they should walk *facing* traffic. That is generally true, although a couple of the sharp curves with no real shoulders in 49er's suggests that walkers move to the other side or take special care in the event of approaching vehicles. In times of poor natural lighting, walkers should use a flashlight and/or wear clothing with reflective markings. We don't want injuries or worse to mar the good life we have here.

## Dog Courtesy

Another element of the good life we have here is the quality of our natural environment. Unfortunately, that quality is diminished by the few dog owners



among the many in our neighborhood who do not keep their dogs leashed and/or clean up after their pets. Without getting legalistic, we do have a leash law governing dogs and common decency means cleaning up. Absent those courtesies, we have the risk of injury from dogs running loose and a mess on our property. Please think of your neighbors by keeping dogs on a leash and picking up after them. Thank you!

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

During the recent cold snap, we folks in 49er's suffered through a failure of natural gas service, depriving many homes of heat



and/or cooking and/or hot water. The apparent communication and other failures of the local utility have been well documented

in the press and homeowners have had the opportunity to express their opinions on this matter to the Arizona Corporation Commission. The good news is that as a community, many responded to help those whose need was extreme. Thank you to all who stepped forward.

## Children at Play

Warmer weather brings more children to play out of doors, including riding bicycles, scooters and other transportation modes on our streets. Be on the look out for these youngsters and drive carefully. Also, keep in mind something learned from our parents, "A rolling ball is followed by a running child."



## Consumer Safety

Check out the article by the Arizona Better Business Bureau, **BBB Lists Top 10 Scams and Rip-Offs of 2010** at: <http://www.central-northern-western-arizona.bbb.org/article/bbb-lists-top-10-scams-and-rip-offs-of-2010-24639>

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## **IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Emergency.....9-1-1**  
Non-Emergency.....351-4900  
Rincon Substation.....351-4511  
88-CRIME.....882-7463  
Claire Place, Neighborhood Watch Area Leader.....749-0879

### **49ers Neighborhood Watch Program:**

[49ersNeighborhoodWatch@gmail.com](mailto:49ersNeighborhoodWatch@gmail.com)

### **49er's Home Owner's Association:**

<http://49ershoa.com/>

Check here regularly for neighborhood information and updates.

### **PCSD On-Line Crime Reporting:**

<http://pimasheriff.org/online-services/>

Use this link when you need to report a variety of non-emergency crimes. This site does not allow you to report suspicious activity. Any suspicious activity or person should be immediately reported via 9-1-1. See the attachment provided for detailed

### **PCSD Nixle:**

<http://local.nixle.com/register/>

*Nixle* is a community information service providing one source for access to credible real-time community information via alerts received on your cellular text message or email message services. Register to receive updates according to your preferences.

### **TPD and PCSD Crime Mapper Tool:**

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

Use this service to see a summary of area crimes over a designated time frame.

### **Pima County Safelink:**

Web address is no longer a working address. Please remove it from your information.