



Alta Vista Neighborhood Block Watch News

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Schedule of Upcoming meetings

**Wednesday,
June 9th, 2021**

September 8th, 2021

November 10, 2021

February 9th, 2021

****June meeting/GAIN*
Event will be held at
Career Success Schools
STEM Academy,
8537 N. 27th Ave**

Would you like to see improvements in our neighborhood?
Safer for our children, with a better quality of life
for all who live here?

Come to our G.A.I.N. Event on June 9th, from 6:30 – 8:30pm!

Come and meet your neighbors

We will have **Ice Cream** and refreshments!

There will also be

- Great opportunity to meet your Alta Vista neighbors!
- Giveaways of Crime Prevention/Safety Equipment to all who attend
- Information on crime in our area from Officer Austin Diaz
- Information from Honor Health Trauma Services on classes
- Literature on how you can stay safe and protect your family
- See the new Charter School in our area
- Find out what the Block Watch is doing to increase your property value, and keep your family safe

*GAIN – Getting Arizonans Involved in Neighborhoods

The neighborhood known as Alta Vista was built in 1953-54. Alta Vista's geographic area is I -17 to 35th Ave, Northern Ave to Dunlap Ave. The neighborhood community consists of 1,655 single family homes, 4 condo areas, numerous apartment complexes, two grade schools, a 7 – 12 charter school and a high school.

In 2003 the City of Phoenix, due to the crime rate and general conditions of the area, designated the Alta Vista Neighborhood as a Fight Back. The Fight Back started the revitalization efforts of the Alta Vista Neighborhood. Through the Alta Vista Neighborhood Fight Back and the coordinated efforts of the City of Phoenix Police many improvements were made and general crime and blight issues improved. Concerned residents at the end of the fight back decided that they wanted to continue the improvements of the neighborhood area and formed the Alta Vista Neighborhood Block Watch (AVNBW).

The Block Watch meets 4 times a year on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, in February, May, September and November. Our meetings are held 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

Our meeting location for the next year is yet to be determined.

The neighborhood continues to change and grow with the times. AVNBW will continue to network with the surrounding neighborhoods, business, churches, city departments and the Police to provide a safe and stable environment for the community. Through communication and education we will continue to address any and all issues that affect our community. The dedicated members/volunteers of the Alta Vista Neighborhood Block Watch work hard to provide a safe place to live, work and grow. **COME JOIN US**

**The Alta Vista Neighborhood Block Watch can be reach by
calling Ginger at (602) 793-1354 or email us at AltaVistaNBW@gmail.com**

See back page for important phone numbers

Alta Vista Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Information

The 2020 – 2021 grant year is ending on June 30, 2021. Alta Vista received a grant of \$10,000 for the current grant year. The funds were allocated to the following projects:

- **Publish and distribute a quarterly newsletter** to all of the single-family homes in our area
- **Provide dusk-to-dawn porch light sockets to all residents** (this was a 3-year program. If you have not received yours yet, or would like an extra one, they will be available at the G.A.I.N. event on June 9th.)
- **Replace the metal Block Watch signs** in our neighborhood that are faded or rusted.
- **Print literature on crime prevention and safety** for distribution to our residents at Block Watch meetings, or by request (this literature will be available at the G.A.I.N. event on June 9th)
- **Purchase crime prevention and safety equipment** for distribution to all Alta Vista residents, available at the Block Watch meetings, or by request. Some examples are solar flood lights, flash lights, door and window locks, etc. (available at the G.A.I.N. event on June 9th)
- **Various items for our G.A.I.N. event** (tables, a pop-up, promotional give-away items)
- **Meeting signs**
- **Administrative supplies for Block Watch meetings**

In addition to items paid for by grant funds, we have the following programs:

- We have engravers available for residents to borrow, to mark valuables and forms available to record these items, to assist in recovery of the items if they are stolen (**Operation Identification**)
- We promote the **Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP)** program, which trains residents in how to recognize and report suspicious activity in the area. This is a 4-hour class (currently held over the internet). We currently have many PNP members, who patrol their area as their time permits, to help keep our neighborhood safer for all.
- We started a **"Hello Neighbor"** program, which sends a letter to neighbors in our area who are in violation of a City code, giving them an opportunity to correct the violation before the Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) cites them for the violation. ((We have personally received letters from NSD three times in the 38 years we have lived in the neighborhood, and I would have preferred fixing the problem before NSD got involved)
- **We assist residents with specific issues and problems** (report graffiti, potential crime issues, how to report things on Phoenix@YourService, etc.)
- Keep in close communication with the Phoenix Police Department and our Community Action Officers to keep on top of current issues and work with the police to keep our neighborhood safe.
- **We have a Facebook page: Join the group at Alta Vista Block Watch**

Alta Vista Neighborhood Block Watch has received a grant of \$12,000 for the next grant year. Beginning July 1, 2021, these funds have been allocated for the following expenditures:

- **Publish and distribute a quarterly newsletter** to all of the single-family homes in our area. (In an effort to make sure all of the homes in our area receive the newsletter, it will be sent through the US Postal Service Bulk Mail program.)
- **Install more metal Block Watch signs** at the entrances to our area, and throughout the area, so people entering our neighborhood know we have an active Block Watch and our residents are watching out for any suspicious activity in our neighborhood
- **Print literature on crime prevention and safety** for distribution to our residents at Block Watch meetings, or by request
- **Purchase crime prevention and safety equipment** for distribution to all Alta Vista residents, available at the Block Watch meetings, or by request. Some examples are solar flood lights, flashlights, door and window locks, etc.
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- **Paint house numbers on curbs at no cost to residents**, with permission from the residents, so Police and Fire can locate homes quickly in case of an emergency (this is a 3-year program, and will be done only at the request and with permission of the resident. If you would like to have this done in the current Grant year, you can sign up at the G.A.I.N. event on June 9th, or email your request to AltaVistaNBW@gmail.com)
- **Hold a G.A.I.N. event in October 2021**
- **Meeting Signs** to let residents know of upcoming meetings times and location
- **Zoom subscription**, so we can have an online meeting option available for residents who are not comfortable attending in-person meetings

In addition to items paid for by grant funds, we have the following programs:

- **We will continue to provide all of the additional programs listed for the prior grant year**
- **We plan to increase the participation in the “Neighbor To Neighbor” program**, where residents who are elderly or disabled can get assistance with small repair and maintenance issues
- **We plan to increase communication and a cooperative relationship between our schools** and assist the schools where we can (through communication and participation in fundraisers, community service projects, etc.)
- **We plan to form a better relationship with more of the businesses, apartment complexes and homeowners associations in our Alta Vista neighborhood** (we already have a good relationship with two homeowners associations)

More information will be available at the G.A.I.N. event on June 9th. If you cannot attend the G.A.I.N. event, or if you have more questions on any of this information, please call Ginger at 602-793-1354, or email us at AltaVistaNBW@gmail.com.

A Note From The Block Watch Chairman

I am so happy to be a part of our diverse neighborhood! My husband and I have been living in the Alta Vista neighborhood for 37 years. We have seen a lot of changes over the years. When the Fight Back began in 2003 the neighborhood really needed some help. The Fight Back brought a big reduction in crime and an increase in the quality of life in our neighborhood, and the Block Watch continues to provide all who live in Alta Vista with a safer community and a better quality of life for our families.

I have been chairman since 2017, and I am deeply grateful to the wonderful volunteers who started the Fight Back and kept the Block Watch going for all of the years before I got involved. In 2003 I was busy with my children, work, and a number of other things. It seems that life goes in cycles, and in 2017 when the Block Watch chairman (the amazing Sherry Dudek) moved out of town I was able to get involved. We have a small core of dedicated volunteers (Cindy, Nola, Audrey, Brenda, and Kathy, and probably some I forgot to name) and a much larger group of neighbors who step up and help for one or more of our programs and/or projects.

This year has been difficult for all of us. The pandemic has changed our lives. I have been blessed with the most wonderful mother-in-law! But she contracted COVID in December, and she recovered, despite the fact that she is 90 years old, and her doctors did not expect her to. She has moved in with my husband and I, and because of complications from the disease she requires most of my time for her care. She will not be with us forever, but for now I am not able to keep up with the Block Watch as I have in the past. **We need more neighbors to be involved, if we are to keep up with our programs. I am asking you, if you have a little time (a few hours a year) to consider being involved with one of our projects.** If you have the time and desire to take a larger role in the Block Watch, that would also be great. Thank you for being a part of our neighborhood! (and please consider giving a small part of your time)Ginger

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police -- Community Action Officers
South of Butler – Eric Boardman 602 534-6988
North of Butler – Austin Diaz 602 534-1249

Emergency in progress 911
Non-Emergency (Crime Stop) 602 262-6151
General Information 602 262-7626
Cactus Park Precinct 602 495-5009
Speeding Enforcement 602 534-7733
Abandoned Vehicles and
Parking Complaints 602 262-6151
Loud Party Reporting 602 262-6151

Neighborhood Narcotic Complaints 602 262-6771
Drug Enforcement Unit 602 275-5886
Prostitution Hot line 602 426-1231
Gang Hotline 602 262-4264
Silent Witness 602 948-6377

Neighborhood services

General Information 602 262-4444
Zoning Enforcement 602 262-7844
Illegal Construction 602 262-7844
Zoning inspector 602 495-0143

Streets

Repair, potholes, grading 602 262-6441
Lights, repair & maintenance 602 495-5125
Traffic signs, damage 602 262-4659

Solids Waste (Alleys) 602 262-7251
Illegal Dumping 602 262-7251
Residential Appliance Pickup 602 262-7251
Shopping Cart removal 1-800 842-2278

Graffiti IN Progress 911
Graffiti Busters 602 495-7014
Graffiti Reward Hotline 602 262-7327
Animal Control/Rabies 602 506-7387
Barking Dogs 602 262-6466
City Bus Service 602 253-5000
Dial-A-Ride 602 253-5300

City Council District 1, North of Butler 602 262-7444
City Council District 5, South of Butler 602 262-7446

Neighborhood Contact: Ginger 602-793-1354

Email: AltaVistaNBW@gmail.com

Facebook: Alta Vista Block Watch

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