

WM General Meeting (2/4/2020)

Upcoming Events

- Spring Clean Event
 - Combined with other neighborhoods
 - Bake sale for the neighborhood during the event
- Pet Event
 - Feb 22nd
 - Register pets during this event – picture of pet, name, email to help identify pets that get out of yards
- M7 Street Fair
 - March 7th
 - Need volunteers at booth and event
 - Sign up for event on M7 Street Fair event
 - Sign up sheet for neighborhood booth
 - T-shirts and tote bags for sale during event
- FYF
 - Feb 21st
- Adopt-a-Street
 - Feb 29th
- Irrigation Meeting
 - Feb 12th at Copper Star
 - Upcoming updates from city

Community Outreach Officer Update (Officer Aaron Stevens)

- Couldn't join us tonight
- Crime update
 - April meeting-bring someone in from 911 call center to describe what we should do for hearing gunshots, etc.
 - Counselor that has worked 911 – what happens with the fear when you experience theft, gun shots, etc.?

Solar United Neighbors (Bret)

- Nonprofit – help get solar to ppl through co-op programs
- Hour long solar info session – next Tuesday night (2/11) at Burton Barr Library (6:30PM)
- 501c(3) headquartered in DC on the level of the neighborhood
 - In 13 states today, helped nearly 5,000 home go solar, almost 100\$ million in solar purchases through co-op
- Solar basics
 - Why?
 - Save money, planet, ...

- How?
 - Put on the roof, electricity created is DC, must go through inverter to convert to AC
 - When making power but not using, you get a credit
- Solar Technology
 - Southern or Western facing roof, not Northern
 - No shading
 - Enough space to mount the panels
- Solar co-ops
 - Group of neighborhoods that go solar
 - Select single solar company to install for group
 - Leverage power of bulk purchasing to get discount on quality system
 - Get competitive bids for equipment, warranties
 - Get support from Solar United Neighbors of Arizona throughout process
 - Check licensing, quality control
 - Process laid out on table
 - Sign up on website
 - Trying to build up group to put out RFP as a group
 - Sit down with the bids and choose the company as a group
 - Installer meets with you, gives you individualized quote
 - Free to sign up- you are not locked in during the process- you get to choose
 - Fund program by charging installers a fee (built into the co-op fee)
 - Co-op members pick the installer
 - Criteria for bids include:
 - Price, equipment quality, warranties, etc.
 - Co-op prices are about 10-15% lower than market rate
 - Phoenix co-op is open right now- sign up on website!
 - Tabling at Home Tour events (Willo & ...)
 - Facebook
 - Tell the ACC to support solar as well
- Questions
 - “Free solar” ads are usually gimmicks- those are usually leased or you take out a loan
 - EV chargers and battery storage information on website

Ambiance Landscapers (Dave)

- Buy sheets from Goodwill to protect from frost!
 - Cover your plants!
 - Temperatures reported are at airport- it is colder in our neighborhood!
- Questions
 - Are things more likely to frost and if they are watered sufficiently?

- Water in the plant will help plants from frosting- acts as an insulator
 - Wind creates wind chill- could be dangerous to plants
- What do you recommend covering?
 - No cactus
 - Anything that flowers, through a sheet over it
 - Anything that buds needs to be covered
 - Drape sheets over them- don't touch them until Thursday
- Why is the soil so hard in this area?
 - Dryness – live in the desert
 - Clay in the soil
 - Easiest way to deal with soil- get a hole started and fill with water, soaks in, really easy to dig it out
 - May need to do the process all again
 - Raised gardens – blocks from Home Depot and wood and build
 - Biggest thing you have to do is get a roll of weed barrier and staple to wood inside (at the bottom)
 - Can grow anything here! Potatoes, sweet peas, green beans, cauliflower, pumpkins
 - Apples (two trees within 30 feet of another), oranges, peaches, etc.
 - Fruit trees straight in the ground
- What to use to kill weeds?
 - Vinegar (don't mix anything in it)- get sprayer and spray on weeds
 - Put nozzle down to the ground, flood the weeds (pool vinegar up around the base- needs to soak into the roots)
 - Get within 2 inches of a plant
- Pruning
 - Trees
 - When you plant a new tree, let it be ugly for 2 years (don't touch it)- 1.5/2 years and then trim from bottom up because all the branches that come off trunk from bottom (nutrients come from roots and work up the trunk) suck up the nutrients
 - Keep the bottom trimmed and trees will fill out up top
- Can shoot Dave a text if you have any questions

Dr. Amish Shah (Legislative Updates- LD24)

- Elected in 2018
 - Background: Emergency physician from Chicago- work at ER all over the Valley & State, Taught at Mt. Sinai, on-field physician for NY Jets, Fellowship at UofA
- Over the last 6 months...
 - Visiting doors/community members
- January-April 2019 session

- Focused on learning the issues (issue research), learning who's who + build relationships, understanding the process (how do you draft a bill, who do you need, etc.)
- Campaign themes:
 - Healthcare:
 - Cost of healthcare is out of control
 - Finding solutions at the state level
 - Education
 - Arizona ranks among last in the states for education
 - Needs to be a budget priority every single year
 - 20% raise for teachers
 - Democracy
 - Bills that create obstacles to voting
 - Campaign finance issues
- Bills in 2019
 - Tried to introduce/sponsor/co-sponsor bills on these priorities
- Upcoming bills for 2020
 - **Sign up for his newsletter!- talks about bills introducing**
 - Bills
 - Healthcare:
 - On State level, Medicaid lacks dental coverage- \$5 million funding for preventative dental on Access (2 million people across Arizona) – providing more comprehensive coverage
 - Friday- Bill that addresses prior authorization (causes delays, increased in cost)
 - Uniform form/process for prior authorization – moving to floor next week
 - Bill that address healthcare worker assault (working on something to have hospital increase education and training on this issue)
 - Non-retaliation bill- a person who reports patient safety concerns to be protected (whistleblower protection)
 - Education
 - Bills on funding - What can we do to increase funding ?
 - Flexibility in how schools can spend their money
 - Animal Advocacy
 - Puppy mill bill repeal
 - Banning declawing procedures on cats
 - Stakeholder meeting this week on this bill

Questions?