

Talk About Towne

Newsletter of the Towne Meadows Homeowner's Association
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Towne Meadows Community Garage Sale Oct. 13, 2012 7am - Noon



September is National Preparedness Month. Is your disaster plan in place?

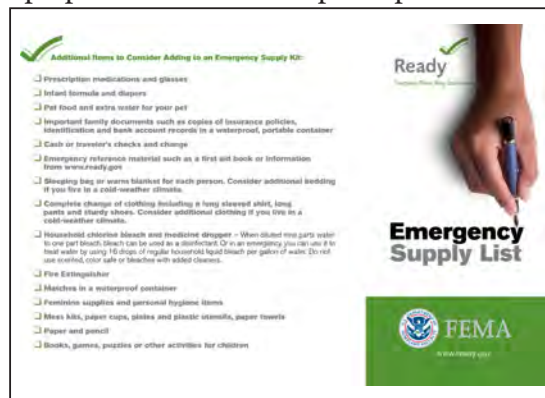
September is National Preparedness Month. The Town of Gilbert and FEMA are urging residents to be prepared with a few helpful tips.

First, it is important to be informed. This means learning about possible hazards, threats or safety issues in and around your community. Keep a list of emergency phone numbers and make sure it is up-to-date. And, practice an emergency plan at home with your family.

It is also important to make a plan. Determine how you and our family and friends will communicate during an emergency. Pick a room in your home to use as a shelter in case authorities advise residents to stay in place. Choose an evacuation route with alternate routes in case of an evacuation.

Residents should also get a kit. Fill a plastic tub or container with items that will hold you and your family through a disaster. Include things like food, bottled water, flashlights, a battery-powered radio, a first aid kit and copies of your important documents. Don't forget extra necessities like medication and batteries.

Help your community prepare for emergencies by volunteering with organizations that respond to disaster. Learn more at www.ready.gov.



Towne Meadows Board Meetings

Towne Meadows Board Meetings are now held quarterly. Below is a list of meeting dates. Residents are welcome and urged to attend these important meetings.

Nov. 19 2012 - 7:30pm

Renaissance Meeting Center
633 E Ray Rd. Suite 122 -Gilbert

Feb. 20, 2013 - 7:30pm

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April 15, 2013 - 7:30pm

Annual Meeting of the Members
Renaissance Meeting Center
633 E Ray Rd. Suite 122 -Gilbert

West Nile Virus Hotline

602-506-0700

green pools • fogging notification
dead birds • mosquitoes

Fight the Bite!

Maricopa County

Report Vacant Homes and Help Increase Property Values

If you live adjacent to an abandoned home, send the property address and your contact information to: vacant@rcplimited.com You'll help preserve property values in the neighborhood and timely reporting of yards needing repair.



Important Phone Numbers

Crime Prevention
(480)503-6527

Dogs, Barking
During Business Hours, Call TOG
Code Compliance at
(480)503-6879
Out of Hours Call TOG
Non-Emergency Police at
(480)503-6500

Fire
Emergency 911
Non-Emergency (480)503-6300

Graffiti Removal /Common Areas
Call Field Supervisor Rick Acuna at
(480)503-6268

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal
Public Works (480)503-6400

Mosquito Related Complaints
Maricopa County (602) 506-0700

Neighborhood Issues/Questions
(480)503-6760

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Issue Resolution
Call Solve It! Mediation Service
(480)732-7296

Police
Emergency 911
Non-Emergency (480)503-6500

Recycling
Public Works (480)503-6400

Street Light Repairs
In APS Areas, (480)503-6488
In SRP Areas, (602)236-8888

Trash and Bulk Trash Pick-Up
(480)503-6400

Or visit

www.ci.gilbert.az.us

Tips to protect against burglaries

In an effort to reduce this number, the Gilbert Police Department has implemented the Lock 'em Out Program Against Burglary. The primary objective of the Lock 'em Out Program is to assist Gilbert residents in identifying potential security weaknesses through a personalized security survey performed "free of charge" by a Gilbert Police Department Crime Prevention Specialist. The program is also designed to make citizens more aware of the risks of burglary and to educate them on target hardening strategies. The Lock 'em Out program name is an acronym used to better describe devices and measures necessary to better secure a property as shown below:

L Latches and Locks
O Outdoor Lighting and Landscaping
C Clearly Visible Property Identifiers
K Keeping Garage Door Closed
E Entry Peep Viewers
M Metal Security Screens/Doors
O Operation Identification
U Use of Security Bar
T Timers



Please call the Gilbert Police Department (480)503-6527 to schedule a personal security survey or you may request additional information on-line by completing an Information Request Form.

Many of the recommendations call for minor modifications to be made to windows, doors and other fixtures within your residence. When you implement these recommendations caution must be exercised to prevent personal injury or unintended damage.

Please understand that the recommendations in this booklet are security recommendations and nothing is 100% guaranteed to prevent burglaries.

Bulk trash pickup schedule

October 14-20

November 18-24

December 16-22

Bulk trash items can be placed at the curb NO EARLIER than 48 hours before the first Monday of the bulk trash pickup week. Any bulk trash left at the curb earlier will receive a CCR violation.

Black trash cans with regular trash is picked up on Wednesday; blue recycling cans are picked up on Friday.



No time or stamps? No checks? No worries! Try automatic payment of your HOA dues!

Why bother with the hassle of remembering when your dues are due, finding a stamp, then mailing in your check? With Automatic Payment Authorization, your association fees are automatically deducted from your checking account at the start of each quarter. Dues for Towne Meadows are \$50 per quarter.

The authorization form can be downloaded at www.tmhoa.com/arc.htm. Fill out the form, attach a voided check, and return both to Renaissance Community Partners at least 15 days before the payment is due. Then you'll never have to worry about finding a stamp again!

Homeowners with questions should call Renaissance Community Partners at 480-813-6788.

Regular Mail

You can still pay your fees/assessments via regular mail. The mailing address to send payments along with your payment coupon is:

Towne Meadows Homeowners Association
Payment Processing Center
PO Box 60257
Los Angeles, CA 90060-0257

Pay Online with Credit Card

The Towne Meadows HOA has the ability to pay your quarterly assessments or any HOA fees with your credit card. Visit www.tmhoa.com/payment.htm for more information.

Making changes to the front of your property? Submit an ARC request

Planning to change your front landscape from grass to desert? Are you installing a driveway extension? Before any work begins, homeowners must submit an Architectural Request Form to the Towne Meadows Architectural Request Committee.

The form can be downloaded at <http://www.tmhoa.com/arc.htm>. Submissions will not be considered if the homeowner is not current

with the payment of assessments. Some landscaping changes

require adjacent owners input prior to installation. Also, your improvements may require a permit from the City/County Building Department. You should check with the department about permits before starting any work. All work must be completed within 90 days of approval.

If you have any questions, please contact Renaissance Community Partners at 480-813-6788.

Protect your auto with VIN window etching

The Gilbert Police Department is holding a free VIN Etching Clinic on Wed., Nov. 14, from 3-6pm, at the Super Target, 3931 S. Gilbert Rd.

VIN etching is the process of

permanently etching the vehicle's 17 digit VIN number on each piece of glass on the vehicle. Please bring your current Arizona registration (out of state vehicles not eligible), current proof of insurance and

driver's license to the event.

For more info, call Gilbert Police Crime Prevention Unit at (480)635-7522 or go online at: www.gilbertaz.gov/police/prevention.



The Towne Meadows Elementary School Parent Teacher Student Organization has merged with the Dad's Club to become the Wolf Pack! We are working on our new website and hope to have it up and running soon.

Wolf Pack Board Members are:

- Julie Van Cott, Executive Board*
- Jeff Van Arsdale, Executive Board*
- Lori Lish, Executive Board*
- Eric Snyder, Executive Board*

Visit the school calendar at www.gilbertschools.net/Page/92 to see when the next Wolf Pack meeting is scheduled.

Advertisements

We rent marquee advertisement space on our school marquee.

Do you have a business that you would like to advertise? We have an inexpensive way to reach many of your customers. Please send inquiries to Amy.palermo@gilbertschools.net. We have daily, weekly and monthly rates available.

We also do personal advertisements for birthdays, anniversaries, welcome new baby and etc. This is a great way to support our school!

Towne Meadows Bricks

The Wolf Pack is selling bricks for the front entryway to celebrate Towne Meadows students and their families.

The bricks are 4x8 inches, and can be engraved with the words of your choice. Tan bricks costs \$35 each, and limited-edition red bricks cost \$50 each. Downloadable order forms are available at <http://www.townemeadowsptso.com>.

Gilbert Fall Halloween Music Festival Oct. 27th

- Date: October 27th, 2012
- Time: 12pm-9pm
- Location: Freestone Park 1045 E. Juniper Rd

This long standing event is decorated in a Fall/Halloween theme and is set in our beautiful Freestone Park. The event includes stages of music and family entertainment, attractions and games designed for all ages, face painting stations, vendors, food, beverage and sponsor booths.

If you have questions please contact Mike Leppert or 480-503-6235



Towne Meadows Homeowners Association Board

- Rod Luker, *President*
- Penny Moody, *Vice President*
- Randy Gault, *Secretary*
- Rick Prince, *Member*
- Sannette Judy, *Member*
- Carissa DeLucia, *Member*
- Allen Woodruff, *Member*

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Important Phone Numbers

- Police & Fire911
- Gilbert Police Non-Emergency #
..... 503-6500
- Crime Prevention 503-6527
- Gilbert Fire Non-Emergency #
..... 503-6300
- Town of Gilbert..... 503-6871

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