

Mountain/1st Neighborhood Association

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Merry Monsoon!

Report on Last Meeting!

Eight members attended our June 17th meeting. After a discussion, we voted unanimously to protest a zoning variance for 2270 North Fremont. **Jerry Partin** said he would draft this letter which **Judi** faxed to **Walter Tellez, Planning and Zoning**. Another motion passed to renew our associate membership with **The Campbell Avenue Business Partnership**.

Katie Gannon and **Jessie Maran** presented a visual report of their survey of our neighborhood. We need to think about whether to include the businesses along our western border as an integral part of our area or to create a buffer there. They suggested the possibility of including homes fronting on Grant Road that have previously belonged to the **Grant Road Neighborhood Association**.

Upcoming Events!

JULY 21, 2004 WARD III NEIGHBORS ANNUAL POTLUCK, 6:30-8:00 P.M. AT THE MARTY BIRDMAN CENTER, 2536 NORTH CASTRO. FUN FOR ALL.

Managing Mosquitoes Get Them Where They Live

We tend to think of mosquitoes as a monsoon pest – and that our summer rains must start before mosquitoes become a problem. The truth is, all a female mosquito needs to breed is a male mosquito and a warm watery location to lay her eggs and allow the larvae to grow. Whether that water comes from the sky is not important to the mosquito, or to the larvae that will soon hatch and begin a new generation. To prevent mosquitoes from breeding, the most effective action you can take is to deny them any standing water.

1. Destroy or dispose of tin cans, old tires, buckets, unused plastic swimming pools or other containers that collect and hold water.
2. Do not allow water to accumulate in the saucers of flowerpots or decorative ornaments, or to remain in pet dishes for more than 2 days.
3. Clean debris from rain gutters and remove any standing water under or around structures, or on flat roofs.
4. Check around faucets and air conditioner units and repair leaks or eliminate puddles that remain for several days.
5. Change the water in birdbaths and wading pools at least twice a week.
6. Fill or drain puddles, ditches and swampy areas, and either remove, drain or fill tree holes and stumps with mortar.
7. Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats, pools, etc. Arrange the tarp to drain the water.
8. Irrigate carefully to prevent water from ponding, especially if the water can stand for several days.
9. Stock ornamental pools with top feeding predacious minnows, also known as mosquito fish.

Agenda for Next Meeting!

**Thursday, July 15, 2004
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Dr. Corky Poster & team

More information on our Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan	60 min.
Questions & Answers	10 min.
Old Business	10 min.
New Business, Announcements	10 min.

10. Use a larvicide (larvae-killing) product containing Bti or insect growth regulator, available at local hardware and home improvement centers, to treat standing water that can't be removed. (Editor's note: At the hardware store, you can buy pellets or the doughnut product can be wrapped in a special fabric and placed inside the evaporative cooler to prevent mosquitoes from breeding up there and having easy access into your home.)

For More Information About Managing Mosquitoes, Call 740-3191 or Visit Our Web Site at www.pimahealth.org This year, for the first time, mosquitoes carry the potential to infect humans in Pima County with West Nile Virus. In most cases, West Nile Virus does not cause serious health problems, but in very rare instances, the virus can lead to debilitating illness, and even death.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home. Use screens and close doors. If you have pets, check that pet doors close properly to help keep mosquitoes out.

Use Insect Repellents. Most repellents don't kill mosquitoes, they just make a mosquito avoid biting you. Anyone working or playing outdoors during mosquito season should wear a repellent. The most effective repellents contain the chemical DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide or N,N-diethyl-3-methylbenamide).

Information supplied by a Water Protection Officer courtesy of **Leslie Williams** and **Ronni Kotwica**.

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