



Alta Vista Neighborhood Block Watch Summer Newsletter

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Stay Involved. Stay Informed. Stay Safe.
All Alta Vista residents are welcome!

Schedule of Upcoming meetings

**September 3rd
630pm**

**Fall 2025 G.A.I.N.
Event
Details Pending**

**December 3rd 2025
February 4th 2026
May 6th 2026**

**Our meetings are @
Career Success Schools
STEM Academy
8503 N. 27th Ave
(Next to Bobby Q's
Restaurant)**

*Thank
You*

**for reading our
newsletter and
attending our meetings.**

Block Watch meetings are open to all neighbors and focus on crime prevention, safety, and building a stronger community. Your voice matters—by attending and sharing your concerns, you help make Alta Vista safer and more connected.

Alta Vista Neighborhood Block Watch
holds **meetings 4 times a year and host
an annual**

Fall G.A.I.N. Event

**Our Quarterly Meetings fall on the 1st
Wednesday of
Feb., May, Sept. & Dec.
beginning at 6:30pm**



**Let's look out for each other during the summer!
Remember to stay hydrated, avoid outdoor activities during
peak heat hours, and check in on elderly neighbors or those
without air conditioning.**

Visit phoenix.gov/summer for heat info and resources.

**In an emergency Call 911
To report a non-emergency crime
Call (Crime Stop) 602-262-6151 option #4**

Silent Witness 480-WITNESS

Have questions about our block watch grant or meetings?
Want to help organize the G.A.I.N. Event?
Email - car.altavistablockwatch@gmail.com

**JOIN OUR NEW FACEBOOK GROUP
Search: ALTA VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH**

Know the Law: Fireworks Safety & Regulations in Arizona

Arizona Revised Statutes §36-1606

With July 4th around the corner, it's important to understand what's legal when it comes to fireworks in Arizona. The state regulates the **sale and use of consumer fireworks**, but cities and counties may impose **additional restrictions**, especially during fire season.

When Can You Use Fireworks?

Permissible consumer fireworks may be used during:

- **May 4 – May 6**
- **June 24 – July 6**
- **December 26 – January 4**
- **Diwali: 2nd and 3rd days**

Using fireworks **outside of these dates** may result in a **civil penalty**. **Fireworks use is also only allowed on private property**.

What Legal Fireworks can be sold:

- Ground spinners
- Ground and wheel sparklers
- Fountains (**cylindrical, square, cone and California rocket shaped fountains**)

When can legal fireworks be sold:

- **April 25 – May 6**
- **May 20 – July 6**
- **December 10 – January 3**
- **Diwali: 2 days before through the 3rd day**

Selling outside these dates may also result in fines.

Time-of-Day Restrictions

Fireworks **cannot be used between 11:00 PM and 8:00 AM**, except:

- **New Year's Eve: Until 1:00 AM January 1**
- **July 4th: Until 1:00 AM July 5**

Violating the time restrictions can result in a **civil fine of \$1,000**

What's Not Allowed?

Illegal fireworks include:

- Aerial devices (sky rockets, mortars, roman candles etc.)
- Firecrackers or explosive shells
- Anything that explodes or detonates in the air.

Possessing or using these can lead to **charges and fines up to \$1,000.**

Who Can Buy Fireworks?

Only individuals **16 and older** may legally purchase fireworks. Selling to minors is prohibited.

Legal all of the time

These novelty items are legal for consumers to use on private property ALL times. These are not restricted.

- Sparklers (morning glory and wire stick)
 - Smoke balls
 - Party poppers and Snappers
 - Glow worms and snakes
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Fines for Non-Compliance

- **Illegal use or sale:** \$1,000 fine
- **Use during fire restrictions or in banned zones:** \$1,000 and possible restitution for damages
- **Use of banned fireworks** (aerials, firecrackers): Up to **\$1,000, misdemeanor charges,** or both

Penalties may vary by city or county—**check your local ordinances** for exact details.

This is not legal advice.

Call the Crime Stop Non-Emergency # to report the illegal use of fireworks – 602-262-6151

Firework Safety Tips from the Alta Vista Block Watch

As we gather to celebrate the Fourth of July, let's keep safety top of mind to ensure a fun and injury-free holiday for everyone in our neighborhood.

Use Fireworks Responsibly

- Always light fireworks outdoors in a clear, open area away from homes, dry grass, or flammable materials
- Never point or throw fireworks at people, pets, vehicles, or buildings
- Only light one firework at a time and back away quickly

Be Prepared

- Keep a bucket of water or garden hose nearby in case of fire
- Soak used fireworks in water before putting them in the trash
- Never try to relight a firework that didn't go off

Supervise Children Closely

- Sparklers get extremely hot and can cause serious burns—always supervise kids
- Teach children to stay a safe distance away from lit fireworks

Be Kind to Pets and Neighbors

- Fireworks can be frightening to pets, veterans, and others sensitive to loud noise
- Try to limit fireworks to earlier evening hours and keep noise reasonable

Happy Fourth of July from the Alta Vista Block Watch!

As we celebrate Independence Day, let's honor the spirit of community, safety, and unity that makes Alta Vista a great place to live. Whether you're enjoying legal fireworks, hosting a BBQ, or spending time with loved ones—please remember to stay safe, stay cool, and look out for one another. **Wishing you a joyful and safe Fourth of July! Let's celebrate responsibly and protect our community from fire danger.**



-Your neighbors at Alta Vista Block Watch

Keep It Residential: No Large Commercial Vehicle Parking on Neighborhood Streets

Did you know that street parking of large commercial vehicles on residential streets in Phoenix can be **against city code**?

To preserve the look, safety, and accessibility of our neighborhoods, the **City of Phoenix prohibits parking certain types of commercial vehicles on public streets in residential areas.**

Questions? Call the City of Phoenix Traffic Complaint Hotline at 602-534-7733

What's Not Allowed?

- **Commercial vehicles that weigh in excess of three-fourths of a ton**
- **Tractor trailers, semis, or box trucks**
- **Tow trucks, dump trucks, or construction equipment**

These vehicles **cannot be parked**:

- On public streets in residential zones
- In driveways if they extend into sidewalks or block visibility
- Overnight on street or as regular storage

An exception is given for large commercial vehicles for loading/unloading.

*No vehicle any size shall be parked more than 48 continuous hours in the same place on a public right of way.

Why This Rule Matters

- **Safety:** Large vehicles can obstruct visibility for drivers, children, and pedestrians.
- **Noise & Nuisance:** Commercial trucks can be loud and disruptive.

- **Neighborhood Appearance:** Keeping our streets free of business vehicles helps maintain a clean, residential look.
- **Emergency Access:** Large vehicles may block access for fire trucks or ambulances.

What Is Allowed on the Street?

- ✓ Vehicles used for **personal use**
- ✓ Regular passenger cars, pickups, or vans
- ✓ **Temporary large commercial vehicle parking** if actively performing a service/conducting business (like a plumber, landscaper or tree trimmer), typically during daylight business hours

Violations Can/Will Lead to Fines or Towing

The City of Phoenix can issue citations or have a commercial vehicle towed if it's:

- Parked overnight in a residential area
- Blocking sidewalks, driveways, or fire hydrants
- Reported as a **nuisance or repeated violation**

Report Concerns and Ask Questions

For parking concerns on Private Property contact Neighborhood Services Department
Call - 602-534-4444

Let's work together to keep our neighborhood safe, beautiful, and residential.
Have questions? Visit this city website.
<https://phoenix.municipal.codes/> Search:
parking commercial vehicles on residential street

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Non-Emergency - Crime Stop 602 262-6151
Emergency in progress - 911

Police - Community Action Officer Austin Diaz
Email: Austin.Diaz@phoenix.gov 602 534-1249

General Police Department Information 602 262-7626
Cactus Park Police Precinct 602 495-5009
Desert Horizon Police Precinct 602 495-5006
Addiction Help CMS Call 24/7 602-775-5634
Traffic Complaint Hotline 602 534-7733
Abandoned Vehicles and
Parking Complaints 602 262-6151
Loud Party Reporting 602 262-6151

Fire Department Community Involvement 602 262-6910
(Car Seat Program and Youth Fire Setter Intervention)

Drug Enforcement /Human Trafficking 602 426-1231
Gated Alley Program gatedalley@phoenix.gov 602-534-0742

Neighborhood Services Department
Code Violations, Graffiti & Programs 602 262-7844

Non-Permitted Construction 602 262-7884
Zoning & Planning Department 602 262-7131

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

Solids Waste/ City Services 602 262-7251
Illegal Dumping 602 262-7251
Residential Appliance Pickup 602 262-7251
Shopping Cart Retrieval 602 534-4444

Graffiti In Progress 911

Animal Control/Rabies 602 506-7387
Barking Dogs 602 262-6466
City Bus Service 602 253-5000
Dial-A-Ride 602 253-5300
Spay and Neuter Hotline 602 265-7729 (SPAY)

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

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Facebook Group: Alta Vista Neighborhood Block Watch
For more phone numbers and information, visit www.Phoenix.gov/myPHX311

