



LOMA LINDA

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

2333 East Whitton Avenue — Phoenix, AZ 85016



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE

June 14
Flag Day

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LL Neighborhood Meeting
6:30PM in MPR

JULY

July 4
Independence Day

July 2
Put out Bulk Trash

July 11
Bulk trash pick up

AUGUST

August 8
First day of School

SEPTEMBER

September 5
Labor Day

September 13
LL Neighborhood meeting
6:30PM in MPR

Summer Garden Maintenance
Saturday or Sunday, call Mac
602-390-4207 for day and time.

School Summer Office Hours
Monday – Thursday 8:00-4:00
Register your students

Post A Message on Loma Linda's Marquee

Want to wish your child a Happy Birthday publicly and help our school at the same time? Purchase a message to run on the school marquee. Each message costs \$10.00 and posts for one week. All proceeds go to Loma Linda PTO. Forms to purchase a message are located in the school office.

LETTER FROM THE LAWN CHAIR

BY MAC Mc Donald

How the time flies! It was just yesterday we were doing all the holiday and New Year stuff and here we are with May 26th marking the end of the school year. Things are going well in Loma Linda!

Blanche's Garden is thriving — the kids have harvested broccoli, cilantro, mint, parsley, lettuce, spinach, herbs, strawberries, tomatoes, peppers and soon squash and corn. The 3rd graders are in a contest — sponsored by Bonnie Plant Co. — with other schools to raise the largest cabbage. Grapes are already forming and more strawberries are on the way. The kids are having a blast and interest in the garden is expanding throughout the entire school. We also now have an orchard with a wide variety of fruit and citrus trees, pomegranates, grapes, berries and other fun plants. As summer vacation comes upon us the students are **in need of volunteers to assist with the care of their crops over summer break**. I am looking for neighbors who could share an hour of their time, early Saturday or Sunday mornings, to help maintain the plants, harvest crops as they are ready, and get things ready for next school year. You can contact MAC at 602-390-4207 — either call or text. Remember that you can also make donations to the LLNA for "Blanche's Garden." All are TAX Deductible!

I also noticed that more new residents are joining **Nextdoor.com**. This has become an important means of communication throughout our neighborhood and the surrounding area. It is FREE and, as I

discovered, easy to use. It is the next generation of neighborhood interaction. I'll use it to inform people of upcoming activities and chances to actually meet those in the area. We will also be reactivating the website www.lomalindaneighborhoodassociation.com to assist with this information. **We are also looking for volunteers to distribute this newsletter to their neighbors.**

Takes about 30 min four times a year.

I encourage all to attend the next Loma Linda Neighborhood meeting held on June 14th at 6:30 PM in the School Multipurpose room located on Fairmont (the only building on that side of campus). We'll have several informative speakers — **David Krietor**, President and CEO of Downtown Phoenix, who will speak on the growth and resurgence of the downtown core and its impact on our neighborhood. Also, **Mike Blask** a long time Loma Linda resident and real estate professional will give us an overview of the changes in property values and trends over the years. We respect your time so we try to limit the meetings to about one hour, but will have the speakers available to answer your general questions. Look forward to meeting you all!

Remember that school is out. Please watch out for all our kids — on the streets, around water and at home. Know where your kids are and what they are doing. Stay SAFE Thanks

"I seldom end up where I wanted to go, but almost always end up where I need to be." — Douglas Adams



OUR MISSION

The Loma Linda Neighborhood Association is dedicated to providing communication, beautification, social activity, coordination and education. We hope these efforts will promote cooperation among residents and foster good will in our neighborhood.

Letter from the Principle

Dear Loma Linda Families & Community Members,

As difficult as it is to believe, the end of the school year is almost upon us. Just because the 2015/2016 school year is ending, it doesn't mean that learning needs to. Summer vacation can either be a learning wasteland or a learning paradise. The temptations are great for children to spend hours watching television or playing video games, but with a little ingenuity and planning, the summer can be transformed into a time to stretch the mind, explore new hobbies, learn about responsibility and build on skills learned during the school year.

Teachers spend an average of four to eight weeks every fall reviewing and reteaching material that students have forgotten during the long summer break. Many students lose the equivalent of one to two months of reading and math skills during the summer and do not score as well on standardized tests as student who continue to learn during the summer.

This doesn't mean that children should be doing math worksheets and studying vocabulary lists to preserve the skills they have learned during the school year. Summer is the perfect time for children to discover that learning is fun and can happen anywhere. "You don't want your kids to think that learning is only something that happens in places called schools," says Susan K. Perry, author of *Playing Smart: The Family Guide to Enriching Offbeat Learning Activities for Ages 4-14*. "Rather, you want them to grasp that learning is fun and can go on all the time, anytime, anywhere, with handy materials, not only based on the instruction of an actual school teacher. The summer is a great unstructured mass of time to try out new things and explore interests that don't necessarily fit into the school curriculum."

Learning can take place whether you are taking a trip to a far-off place or spending the summer in your own neighborhood. Here are some fun activities to get your child started on a summer of learning fun:

Grow the biggest zucchini in your neighborhood

What better way to learn the basics of science and how things grow than to plant your own garden? You can start with seeds or small plants. Talk about what plants need to be hardy: air, water, sunlight and nutrients. Vegetables are especially fun and educational to plant because your child will learn where food comes from and will also get to eat the end product.

Clip, paste and write about your family adventures

A family vacation is a perfect opportunity to create a trip scrapbook that will be a lasting souvenir of family adventures. Collect postcards, brochures and menus from restaurants and tourist attractions. Encourage your child to write descriptions of the places you visited and tell stories about your family's escapades. Or suggest a scrapbook on your child's favorite sports team or a chronicle of his/her year in schools. The scrapbook might contain photos with captions, newspaper clippings or school memories.

Make chocolate mousse or build a bird feeder

Toy stores and craft shops are full of kits for making things, from bird feeders to model airplanes to mosaics. These projects teach children to read and follow directions, and offer the added benefit of creating a finished product. Science experiment books encourage children to observe and ask questions while providing hours of hands-on fun using scientific

concepts. What child wouldn't be inspired to bake cookies or make chocolate mousse? A cookbook geared for children is a good place to start. Ethnic cookbooks provide an excellent way to explore the food of other cultures, and open up conversations about how people do things differently in other parts of the world. Children are much more likely to eat something strange if they make it themselves.

Get theatrical

Young children can make their own puppet theater. Begin by cutting off the finger-ends of old gloves. Draw faces on these finger with felt tip markers and glue on yarn for hair. Or glue on felt strips to create cat, dog or other animal faces. Then your child can create a story that the finger puppets can act out. For older children, find books containing play scripts for young people and encourage your child and friends to create their own neighborhood theater. They can plan a performance, make a simple stage at the park or on the steps of someone's home, create playbills and sell tickets.

Become the family's junior travel agent

Half the fun of a trip starts before you get there. Involve your child in the planning by practicing how to sue a map to find cities and tourist attractions, and how to estimate distances. If you are driving, work with your child to figure out how many gallons of gas it will take to get there and estimate the cost. If you are flying or traveling by train or bus, check travel schedules and costs. Research your destination in books and on the internet. If you are going to a different state or country, look up information about the state, such as the state flower, state bird and interesting attractions. Have your child write to the state tourism bureau to ask for information.

Paint the picket fence, baby-sit or volunteer at a soup kitchen

Even young children can learn to be responsible by helping to set the table, take care of a pet, clean out a closet, wash the car or paint. Ask your child to be your energy consultant and help find ways to conserve energy in your house. Outside summer jobs and community service help children learn to be punctual, follow directions and serve others.

Water writer

Using a pail of water and a brush, have kids write words on the blacktop or sidewalk

Map the weather

Keep a running log of the weather. Include temperature, humidity, clouds, precipitation, wind, air pressure. Can you predict what the weather will be tomorrow?

Museum gallery

Collect pinecones, rocks, shells or other natural objects to organize, categorize, and label. Present your own natural history museum.

Summer patterns

Create patterns using summer items (popsicle sticks, shells, flowers). Or, draw patterns in the sand or dirt using a stick or your hands. See how long you can carry out your pattern – along the length of the sandbox, or across the grass.

Change it up

Start collecting change in a jar on the first day of summer. On the last day, estimate your change, count it, and plan a special purchase.

Make the most out of summer learning opportunities and most of all enjoy spending time together as a family! See you on August 8, 2016 for another school year full of learning and opportunities at Loma Linda!

Sincerely,

Dr. De Mar, Principal, Loma Linda School

Garden News

By Kaitlyn M. Mosier

It's hard to believe that just 8 months ago the garden had yet to exist. It has come so far and played such a crucial role in developing my students understanding of the world around them during that time period. You see the garden is a magical place for the 4th graders. There is always something new to be discovered there, and they delight in harvesting vegetables and herbs. Through the garden we have learned everything from life cycles and root types, to planting and harvesting techniques, and so much more first hand. On any given day in the garden, students can be heard talking about different crops that they think need to be harvested or even investigating the snails that live in the fountain. There is never a dull moment in the garden.

Recently, we harvested tomatoes and jalapeños from the garden. In order to ensure that the message of where food comes from is instilled in their young minds, we always make a point to cook with the food that we harvest. So we took to learning how to cut up vegetables and follow a recipe in order to make Pico de Gallo. Though it was a messy afternoon in the classroom, it is not a day they will soon forget. Their smiles were radiant as they relished in the sweetness of the tomatoes and the deliciousness of their hard work. We are very thankful for the community that has made the garden a possibility for us to learn and work in. In conclusion, Kellsie, a 4th grade student says it best with, "I feel the garden is a special place for everyone. It holds memories of Ms. Blanche's garden for some and is a place where I get to create memories with my classmates, planting and harvesting."

Huge Thank You!

Smoke Alarm Installation a Success

On Saturday, March 26th city officials, Phoenix Fire staff, PVCC/PC Fire Science Students and volunteers went door-to-door to deliver and install smoke alarms with 10-year sealed batteries to families in need surrounding Loma Linda Elementary.

Thank you to Captain Robert E. Johnson, Phoenix Fire Department, and Angela Groves, Loma Linda's Assistant Principal, who worked on setting up this wonderful event. Thank you to all the Phoenix Fire fighters and all the volunteers who came out and installed smoke detectors in our neighborhood. This was a huge success with over one hundred and fifty smoke detectors installed! Thank you for caring and making our families and students safe!

SUMMER PASTA SALAD

Ingredients:

- 1 Package of Bowtie pasta
- Roma tomatoes or lots of cherry tomatoes
- 1 Package of fresh basil
(base it on your taste for basil)
- Feta cheese about $\frac{3}{4}$ cup (again base this on your taste for Feta cheese)
(If you have not tried feta cheese, this recipe may change your mind about it)
- Parmesan cheese $\frac{1}{2}$ cup
- Olive Oil drizzle about 3 tbs and add more a little later after it sits a bit

Instructions:

Cook the pasta according to the package, rinse and set to cool.

Prepare tomatoes, quarter Roma tomatoes and half cherry tomatoes.

Cut basil in strips.

Mix first 5 ingredients together and toss about, then drizzle in the olive oil.

Set to chill one hour before serving or overnight.

Before serving take out and toss about, if dry add more olive oil and ENJOY!!!

DON'T FORGET!

City of Phoenix BULK TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULE 2016 ZONE 7

Placement begins	Collections begin
July 2	July 11
Oct 1	Oct 10

City ordinance allows NINE days prior to the scheduled collection week to place bulk trash out for collection. It is a violation of city ordinance to put trash out early.

Remember: City will NOT pick up:

- **More than 20 cubic yards per house**
- **Loose debris and litter** — grass, leaves, weeds, twigs, hedge clippings must be bagged
- **Hazardous Waste** — antifreeze, pool chemicals, oil, batteries, paint
- **Building Materials** — bricks, concrete, dirt, rocks, asphalt, roofing shingles or tiles
- **Construction materials** in excess of 25 pounds or over 4 feet long
- **Tires** — any type or size
- **Car Parts or metal** — over 20 pounds or over 4 feet long
- **Glass** — windows, shower doors, patio doors, mirrors, florescent tubes etc.
- **Appliances that contain refrigerant** — freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners.

Have a Recipe You Would Like to Share?

Send your family recipe to apiper6584@aol.com for submission to the quarterly newsletter.

Restaurant Review

Upper Crust Pizza & Wine Bar

By Chad Gubler

I finally made it to **Upper Crust Pizza & Wine Bar**.

Located at 2445 E. Thomas Rd., parking is in the back accessed on the west side of the building. There are a few spots in the front for handicap and pick up. Entering from the back the dining area is in two parts. To the left are dining tables nicely set with tablecloths and napkins. If you're looking for a little more of a romantic dinner that looked like the place to eat. On a Thursday night everyone was sitting on the east side. More on the casual side, the bar is located here with plenty of bar side seating as well as tables. Across from the bar area are plenty of high tables and lots of room for larger groups. The patio is on the other side of that next to Thomas road. Big screen TV's are located around the room.

I took a friend with me this evening. We tried the patio but decided against it as rush hour traffic was still very heavy and we wanted something a little quieter. We settled on a high table inside. Since neither of us was very hungry we decided to share. Ok, I should have taken a friend with a healthier appetite. For starters we ordered the stuffed mushroom appetizer. I liked them. They came hot, filled with spinach dip and melted mozzarella cheese with a little piece of sausage on top. My friend commented that they needed more salt. I was expecting them to have more salt but was happy with what they had. The only thing I would have changed would be to have some sort of liquid in the serving dish; they seemed just a bit dry.

Upper Crust Pizza & Wine Bar



24th Street & Thomas
602-687-7220

Sun-Thur	11:00 am to 11:00 pm
Fri-Sat	11:00 am to Midnight

As I mentioned, neither of us was terribly hungry so we settled on sharing a small Upper Veggie pizza. I was surprised how large it was! With a small salad it would probably feed four. The upper crust veggie pizza is a thin crust white pizza with artichoke hearts, mushrooms, onions and basil pesto. I loved it! The crust was nice and chewy, no soggy middle and I thought the flavor was just right. It didn't strike me as too salty and no one flavor was so overbearing that I couldn't taste and enjoy all of the others.

Their hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to Midnight Friday and Saturday. Phone # 602-687-7220. They also serve salads, pizza, calzones, pasta and dessert. Happy hour from 4-7 p.m. with prices that make it easy to try out several of the appetizers as well as the pizza. You can check them out online at www.uppercrustwinebar.com. I can't wait to go back with some hungry friends to try out some of the other menu items. Happy eating!

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LLNA Donation Form Gracias por su cooperacion

Send to: 2333 E. Whitton, Phoenix AZ 85016

Name / Nombre: _____

Address / Direccion: _____

Donation Amt. / Cantidad: \$ _____

Date of Donation / Dia de Donacion: _____

Home of the Quarter

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