Help combat Roof Rats!

Join Arcadia Citrus Program starting Saturday, January 31st

PHOENIX (January 27, 2009) - The Arcadia district’s NEIGHBORtoNEIGHBOR campaign kicks off its 8th annual citrus program on Saturday, January 31st at the Elks Scottsdale Lodge. The objective is two-fold; helping those in need and ridding backyards of the food best loved by roof rats.

East valley residents are given the opportunity to engage in this program to remove the citrus fruit from their properties. Good quality fruit will be made available to food banks, senior centers, Arizona Indian tribes and Maricopa County jails.

The goal of the program is to donate 125 tons of quality citrus by March 28, 2009.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Residents pick citrus and save quality fruit.
- Citrus can be dropped off at a convenient location (Scottsdale Elk’s).
- Volunteers and Sheriff Joe’s inmates sort, pack and load trailers.

CITRUS DROP LOCATION: Elks BPOE Scottsdale Lodge 2148, located at 6398 East Oak Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85257. (Please do not call the Elk’s for information, contact us at 602-273-0435.)

SCHEDULE: Each Saturday morning from January 31 to March 28, 2009.

Resident drop off: 8:00 am to 12:00 noon
Commercial drop off: 8:00 am to 10:00 am
Processing crew: 7:30 am to 12:30 pm
Roof Rat Clinic*: 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Recipient pick up: 10:30 am to 12:00 noon

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ROOF RAT PROBLEMS: *Attending the “Roof Rat Clinic” at the weekly citrus drop off site is a convenient way for homeowners to obtain information about their specific roof rat problem. Barry and Joan Paceley will provide the best methods for rodent eradication, as well as suggestions for home proofing and landscape care. The most effective tool in the roof rat battle has been the application of the “personal use bait stations” (PUBS will be available for $5 each) with the recommended poison and placed in key locations. For more information, visit www.roofrat.net.

The citrus program is a collaborative effort with partners representing Maricopa County, Arizona Department of Agriculture, City of Phoenix, City of Scottsdale and the Arcadia District’s NEIGHBORtoNEIGHBOR campaign. It was developed as a way to combat the roof rat problem in the Arcadia district.

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