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Pictured to the left: U.S. Attorney Dennis K. Burke with youth participants from the SHINE program.

U.S. Attorney Visits the SHINE Youth Program at Carver Park Weed & Seed in Yuma

On February 25, 2010 U.S. Attorney Dennis K. Burke toured the Carver Park Weed & Seed Community with Councilman and committee member Raul Mendoza.

The U.S. Attorney was given a tour of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center, the community's Safe Haven. The Center provides a multitude of services from teen center and resident computer lab to a multi purpose rental facility. The facility is conveniently located within the Carver Park Community nearby Carver Park and Carver Elementary School. Youth and residents are able to walk to the facility for services, eliminating the need for transportation.

After touring the Safe Haven and the Carver Park Weed & Seed Neighborhood, the U.S. Attorney had the pleasure of attending the Sports Helping Influence Neighborhood Excellence (SHINE) youth program. SHINE is an after school youth program that was made possible by a partnership between the Carver Park Weed & Seed Community, City of Yuma Neighborhood Services, and Housing Authority of the City of Yuma (HACY).

The program is offered to eligible Carver Park Weed & Seed youth as an alternative after school activity. Youth are taught physical fitness through various sports, exercise, nutrition and overall health and wellness. The U.S.

Attorney spent some time with the youth encouraging their involvement and commitment to the program. The youth in turn greeted him with a very warm welcome.

Prior to departing Carver Park Weed & Seed the U.S. Attorney was interviewed by the local news station KYMA. This news caption can be viewed at the SHINE website: <http://hacy.homestead.com/shineprogram.html>

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Maryvale Weed & Seed Community gathers together to send the message "Stop Shooting, Start Living" in remembrance of Lance Taylor.

On Saturday, March 13, 2010, 100 members of the Maryvale Weed and Seed site held a peace march and candle-light vigil in memory of Lance Taylor. Lance Taylor was a 23 year old man who lost his life in the beer run shooting/homicide incident at a Circle K on 43rd Avenue and McDowell on February 19th, 2010. Lance confronted a suspect engaged in the beer run. The confrontation resulted in his shooting death. The march and vigil was a way for the Maryvale community to show support to the widowed family and also demonstrate against violence in their community. Organizers of the march were Al De Pascal, Sylvia Salas, Officer Manny Valenzuela and Roberto Friez, site coordinator. The march was staged at the Golden Gate Community Center safe haven. Prior to the march Maryvale residents met one-on-one with Chalise Taylor,

the widow of Lance, to offer their condolences. There was not a dry eye as everyone who watched this emotional outpouring of community support could attest. A group of Police Officers from Maryvale Precinct offered their support to the march by stopping traffic so that marchers could cross busy McDowell Road. These same officers were the first responders to the shooting of Lance Taylor on February 19. Marchers were led by youth leaders west on McDowell Road to 43rd Avenue where they convened in a parking lot adjacent to the Circle K where Lance died.

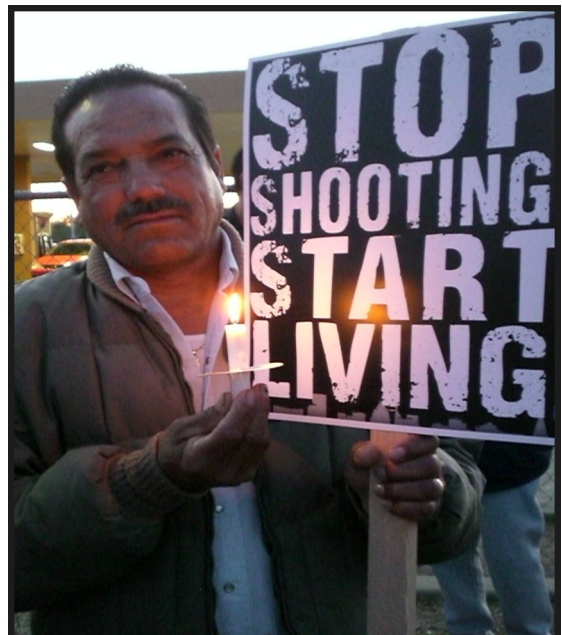
Pastor Dan Flemming, from the Maryvale Church of the Nazarene, and Maryvale Steering Committee Member addressed the marchers at the candle light vigil and led them in prayer. Pastor Flemming reminded residents that they live on a battlefield where good and evil clash and that people have to make a choice as to which side they are on.

Peace March and Candle Light Vigil

Maryvale Weed & Seed Remembers Lance Taylor

The concept of a community march came out of a resident discussion about the Taylor homicide at the February 2 Maryvale Law Enforcement meeting. Residents were united in agreement about making a statement that Mr. Taylor's life would not be forgotten and that violence will not be tolerated in their community. The suspect in Lance Taylor's death remains at large.

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Maryvale Weed & Seed resident participating in candle light vigil to send the message "Stop Shooting Start Living", in remembrance of Lance Taylor.

CANYON CORRIDOR WEED AND SEED TILT YOUTH PROGRAM

In collaboration with the Canyon Corridor Weed and Seed, Neighborhood Services is conducting the TILT Program in our neighborhood. TILT (Today's Involved Leaders for Tomorrow), is a youth-focused (15-18 year olds) program that works with neighborhood groups, schools and local businesses to form lasting, results-oriented partnerships benefiting the community. The program is conducted by Neighborhood Services personnel and offers city of Phoenix youth an opportunity to develop skills in the areas of computers, leadership and facilitation, net-

working and partnership building. Participants gain the self-confidence to take the risks necessary to succeed. The program also will

importance of community involvement and a sense of pride in their neighborhoods. Our Canyon Corridor first week curriculum was True Colors.



Canyon Corridor youth residents participating in the TILT Youth Program.

introduce area youth to local grass roots organizations to foster volunteerism, the im-

Next Saturday's class (March 20th) will consist of Public Speaking and Writing. Junior Achievement Financial and Budget curriculum will also be taught, and a field trip to the Burton Barr Library College Depot is also planned.

The youth will also be participating in the April 24th, Canyon Corridor Weed and Seed Keep Your Family Safe Campaign at Cielito Park.

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Carver Park Weed & Seed Major Lot Clean-up

The City of Yuma, Neighborhood Services was approached by a with a local faith based organization to do major lot clean-ups. The event took place Saturday, March 12 from 8:30 - 1:00. As a sustainability effort for Carver Park Weed & Seed, several lots were deemed to be unsafe with debris scattered all over the place. Several hundred volunteers, mostly young teens came out to do community ser-

vice. Also, in an effort to mobilize a proposed Weed & Seed site several lots in Mesa Heights were cleared of dangerous debris. After the event the group met for a cookout of delicious hotdogs with all the trimmings. Lot clean-ups are a good first step to introduce Weed & Seed into the community. As we have witnessed lot clean-ups can also be a sustainability effort even though there is no Weed &



Before the Clean-up.

Seed funding but the efforts continue. The residents, the community, continue to care about their neighborhoods.

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Reentry Subcommittee**



ANNOUNCEMENTS/ UPCOMING EVENTS

KARE Family Center: Free Money Management Classes 2010 Tucson, AZ

Classes being April 6, 2010 9am Light meal, childcare provided. For more information call: (520) 323-4476 ext. 107

Adopt-a-Pool-Fence Program Phoenix, AZ

Saturday April 17, 2010 9am - 12pm, to be applicable you must live in the boundaries of Bethany Home to Indian School and 35th Ave to the 1-17. For more information call (602)631-4843.

3rd Annual Cultural Competency Training Tucson, AZ

April 29 & 30, 2010 Limited seats, training is Free. Must RSVP. For more information call: (520) 882- 5608 ext. 6000

Catalyst Football Clinic & Community Health Fair Phoenix, AZ

May 1, 2010 8:30am-2pm. For more information contact (623)849-2363
3830 N. 67th Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85033/ IGNITEPHX.com

Reentry Announcements

The Arizona Out4Life Conference

April 26-28, 2010 Desert Willow Conference Center 4340 East Cotton Center Boulevard Phoenix, AZ 85040

Offender Employment Specialist Training Safford, AZ

April 27 & 28 2010 Federal Correctional Institution Safford, Arizona (No Cost) RSVP by April 15, 2010. For information or to register contact Barbara Beal at bbeal@bop.gov or (928)428-6600 ext. 1501

Restoration of Rights Events at the County Law Library 101 W. Jefferson Phoenix, AZ

9-11am on Wednesday, May 19/ Wednesday, August 11/ Wednesday, November 17

Next LECC Weed & Seed Reentry Meeting

Phoenix, AZ June 1st 10-12:00pm U.S. Attorney's Office Conference Room 40N. Central Ave., Suite 1200 Phoenix, AZ 85004

Tucson, AZ June 8th 10-12:00pm Tucson Police Department, Division West 1310 W. Miracle Mile Tucson, AZ 85705 For more information call: (602)514-7549.