



The Babbling Brook

Enhancing Accessibility

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As part of our ongoing restroom renovations, top consideration has been given to making our "mobile" tenants and visitors feel at home. We invite you to visit the newly-completed ADA-compliant restrooms on the second floor of the North Building.

Often, a building's architecture is such that little can be done to allow for equal access, or the cost of making adjustments is so prohibitive that it becomes impractical to do so.

However, our ownership was determined that we go the extra mile in making our restrooms both 100% compliant, AND warm and inviting to all,

as opposed to cold and utilitarian, as many handicapped accessible restrooms can be. Although the city of Phoenix has specific minimum requirements for ADA compliance, our owner decided voluntarily to upgrade those standards and create truly equal accommodations.

We hope that you will take the opportunity to look at these wonderful restrooms. Please let us know what you think. As always your suggestions and comments are welcome.



"I am absolutely astounded at the spaciousness and ambience that you were able to create. The Brookstone more than complies to the ADA standards. I am impressed!"

Bob Coker
 City of Phoenix
 Structural Inspector

Future Horticulturists of America

Brookstone gardens provide learning opportunities for local kids



Above: Girls from Brownie Troop 2407 get their hands wet exploring the Brookstone Gardens.

Below: Building owner John Murphy welcomes third-graders from Ralph Waldo Emerson Elementary School to their own Learning Garden at the Brookstone.



In September, we welcomed **Brownie Troop 2407 Pope John XXIII** to the Brookstone gardens. They toured all of our new garden areas, identifying plants, feeding the fish and learning how to establish and maintain an ecosystem. The girls were very curious about how the fish could survive in a small contained area; how they managed to find enough food, and how temperature affects them and the plants. Then each girl planted a terrarium so that she could learn to establish her own home garden using indigenous plants.

We've also developed an on-going pilot program with our neighboring **Ralph Waldo Emerson Elementary School**. Mrs. Raz' third-grade class, under the guidance of the Brookstone grounds managers, planted a new flower garden, learning about plant selection, watering and feeding. Truth be told, the boys did seem to enjoy the intricacies of fertilizer much more than the girls!

Once the children understood the principles of gardening and completed their garden here at the Brookstone, we provided the materials and assistance to plant a similar garden at their school, which is located just down the street at 915 East Palm Lane. Since all the plants are seasonal, each new third-grade class will have the same opportunity, providing an educationally enriching program for years to come.



Carlos helps two budding gardeners from Emerson Elementary, planting marigolds in the Brookstone Learning Garden.

You're Invited



We Think You're Great!!

Who: Come one come all

What: Tenant Appreciation Luncheon

When: February 15, 2002
From 11:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Where: Northeast Parking Lot

Why: Thank you!

We just want to thank you again for choosing the Brookstone Building for your business location, not to mention your patience during all of the ongoing improvements to the building.

Bring your appetites! Arizona Taste will once again be catering our event and we know it will be delicious as usual.

We look forward to seeing you there. Please stop by for some food and conversation.

It's a win-win at the Brookstone!

At October's luncheon, some of our lucky tenants were big winners – and a local charity made out with a grand prize!

This year, the Phoenix chapter of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) has set a goal to raise \$60,000 in cash and in-kind donations to build a home for a needy family through Habitat for Humanity. BOMA is an organization that recognizes excellence in building management, and The Brookstone is high on their list.

As you all remember, at the time, Phoenix was in the grip of Diamondback fever, and tickets to Arizona's first-ever World Series game were at a premium. What better incentive for a fund-raising raffle?

The raffle tickets were going fast, and we are proud to say that we raised a whopping \$950 to donate toward BOMA's effort – the largest single cash donation they have received to date.

Also on the agenda were tours of the newly completed gardens, voting on restroom decor and updates on the access control and security systems. We appreciate all your input and are working to implement many of your ideas.

All in all, it was a great day filled with good food, great company, wonderful weather and a real sense of community. We look forward to our next tenant get-together in February. See you there.



Tour guides Gary Case and Mike Sanchez wait for their next group.



Big winners Deb Peterson of Baird, Williams & Greer and Michele Hancock of Dyer & Ferris accept their tickets from Tim Huff.



BOMA representatives are thrilled with the Brookstone's contribution to the Habitat for Humanity fund.

Officer Moreno took a break from his beat to visit with us and provide security tips.



Dear Mr. President

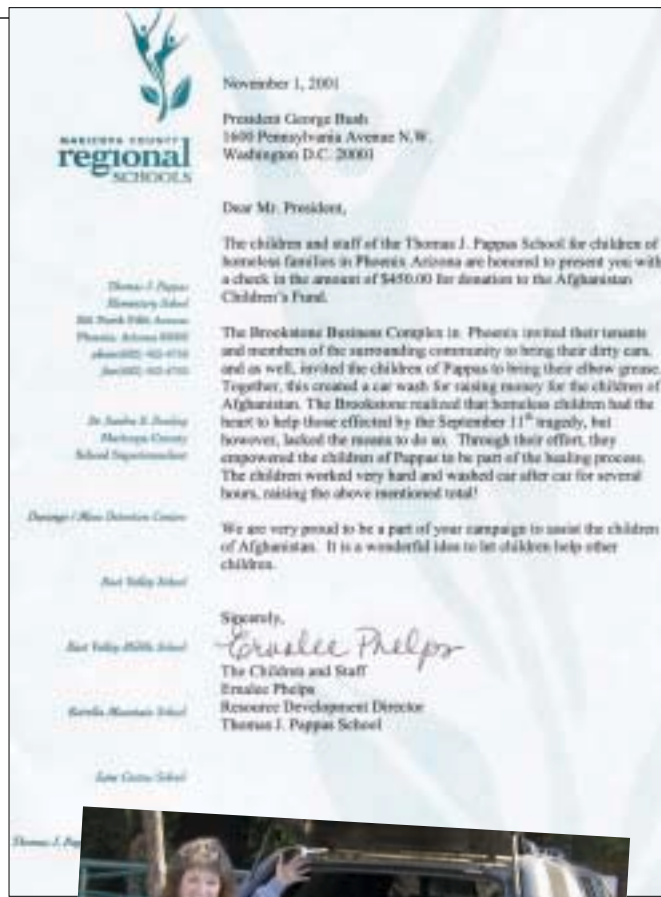
We'd like to share the letter that the children of the Thomas J. Pappas School sent to President Bush with the funds that you helped them raise. Once again, we thank you for your generosity and community spirit!

and it doesn't end there...

Brookstone Tenants, your generosity knows no bounds. When we heard that, as the days were getting colder, some of the Pappas schoolchildren were shivering at their bus stops, we rallied once again and delivered *over 60 bags* of gently used clothes to the school. Several tenants even donated new clothes, video games and shoes.

In addition, Kathy Hunter, from Wilcox & Associates, donated a complete encyclopedia set. Jones and Stokes donated some computers and a printer.

What a wonderful outpouring of support for one of our very deserving downtown neighbors. Thank you to every person that took time out of their busy life to help the children of the Pappas School. We are so proud of our tenants who truly set a great example for the entire business community.



Bonnie Griffith of Murphy Ventures shows off one of NINE carloads of donations headed for the Pappas School.

Save a Tree - Help us ROW

"It's about time!" is what we've heard from our wonderful environmentally-conscious tenants. Our new Recycle Office Waste (ROW) program is under way. It's easy! All it needs is you and your co-workers to make it a success.

Each of the boxes you've received has a list of "Yes" and "No, Thank You" items. Just fill 'em up with paper during the day and the cleaning crews will empty them each evening. If you come in one



morning, and your box has been turned over, then you have put something into the box that can't be recycled.

The program benefits are many – it lowers disposal costs, which lowers operating expenses, while making an environmental impact by saving landfill space, trees and other resources. We know we can count on you to pitch in and contribute to this new Brookstone community effort!



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