



Neighborhood News



Holiday Edition



December 2007

Season's greetings,

Enclosed you will find a 2008 calendar full of photos of beautiful homes.

As we wrap up the year, we'd like to thank you for your business and your friendship. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a joyful and a prosperous new year!



Mike, Jeanie, Stephanie and Tim

Some easy but delicious holiday treats

Tiger Butter Candy (with Stephanie's adjustments)

- 1 pound vanilla-flavored candy coating
 - 1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter (but I use creamy)
 - 1 6 oz. package semisweet chocolate chips (I usually use milk chocolate because my family likes it to be extra sweet)
- Note: if available, I use Ghiradelli's

Place vanilla candy coating in a medium microwave-safe bowl and microwave on high power 2 minutes or until melted. Stir in peanut butter. Spread mixture in a greased 10½ x 15½-inch jellyroll pan. Melt chocolate chips in small microwave-

safe bowl on high power 1½ minutes or until melted. Pour chocolate over peanut butter mixture; swirl chocolate with a small spatula or knife. Chill until candy hardens. Break into pieces. Store in airtight container in a cool place.

Yield: about 1½ pounds of candy

Easy Peanut Patties

- 1½ cups sugar
- 1 3 oz. package vanilla pudding and pie filling mix
- ¾ cup evaporated milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups Spanish peanuts

Combine sugar, pudding mix, and evaporated milk in a heavy medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Stirring frequently, bring mixture to a bowl. Reduce heat to medium and boil five minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla. Beat 3 minutes or until candy thickens. Stir in peanuts. Drop by tablespoonfuls onto waxed paper. Allow candy to harden. Store in airtight container.

Yield: about 2 dozen candies

Holiday Events

December 13-15

Spirit of Christmas

Admission \$20-\$22
Chandler Center for the Arts
250 North Arizona Avenue, Chandler
(480) 784-4444

Through December 26

Festival of Trees

FREE admission
Westgate City Center
Loop 101 and Glendale Avenue
<http://www.westgateaz.com/>

Through December 30

Santa's Winter Castle

Admission: \$4-\$5
Santa's Winter Castle
2175 North 99th Avenue, Phoenix
(623) 936-4598

December 28, 10:30 AM

BCBSofAZ Fiesta Bowl National Band Championship

Admission: \$15-\$28
University of Phoenix Stadium
1 Cardinals Drive
(623) 433-7000

Through January 6

Santa's Theme Park

Admission: \$14.95-\$19.95
Firebird International Raceway
20000 South Maricopa Road, Gila River
Reservation
(480) 247-9591

Through January 6

ZooLights

Admission: \$5-\$8
Phoenix Zoo
455 North Galvin Parkway, Phoenix
(602) 273-1341



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For local light displays:

Go to *The Arizona Republic's* website, where you can download a map with dozens of holiday light displays for both private residences as well public locales all over the Valley:

<http://www.azcentral.com/ent/holiday/holidaylights/holidaylights2007.html>