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Citrus Drop-off Program available to area residents

Annual program to help control roof rat population

Scottsdale and Phoenix Arcadia residents are joining forces to remove citrus from area properties to help control the roof rat population.

The Citrus Drop-off Program begins Jan. 31 and continues each Saturday through March 28. Residents are encouraged to drop off all viable/edible fruit from 8 a.m. to noon at the Elk's BPOE Scottsdale Lodge parking lot, 6398 E. Oak St. In addition, volunteers will be on site from 9 to 11 a.m. to provide information about rodent eradication, home-proofing and landscape care. Personal Use Bait Stations (PUBS) – used to house rodenticide – will also be available for \$5 each.

During these nine weeks, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Department (MCSO) will package quality fruit which will be donated to Arizona Indian Reservation communities, local food banks, senior homes and the MCSO jail system.

For more information about this program, residents should contact the Arcadia NEIGHBORtoNEIGHBOR Campaign at (602) 273-0435, www.roofrat.net or the City of Scottsdale at (480) 312-3111, www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov/health/roofrats/general.asp.

To report a rat or for more information on infestation and mitigation, contact Maricopa County Vector Control at www.maricopa.gov/envsvc or (602) 506-6616.