

Neon Bubble Dash set to glow up the night

By Anthony Victor Reyes

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Music bursts through speakers.

Neon lights illuminate
the night sky.

Sweaty bodies move fast
and weave around each
other.

Foam, fog and paint are everywhere.

A Saturday night at a nightclub?

Nope. It's actually a 5K run.

“Think about it as a concert meets a fitness event meets a good time,” says Jose Moreno, organizer of Saturday’s Neon Bubble Dash and director of Phoenix-based Greater Cause Foundation, the event’s organizer.

Moreno says the combination of the lights, bubbles, music and a fun run is the first of its kind in the Old Pueblo. And while you're running, walking or dancing through the Neon



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Participants will be too busy having fun with foam, music and fog zones to be bored, organizers say.

Bubble Dash, there's no chance to be bored, he says.

“Along the route we have neon glow zones, which are caves filled with fog, lights

and music. We have foam zones, which is basically the same thing but it is full of 3 feet of foam,” Moreno says. “So participants are

going to have the opportunity to run, get lit up; we have a paint station where they color themselves up, so it is going to be a lot of

fun.”

It all adds up to an athletic event that doesn't feel

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IF YOU GO

- **What:** Neon Bubble Dash
- **When:** Runs begin at 7 p.m. Saturday. Register online for specific start time slot.
- **Packet pickup and registration** starts at 4:30 p.m.
- **“Get Bubbly” Foam Party** is 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Southwestern International Raceway, 12000 S. Houghton Road.
- **Cost:** \$40-\$55. Body Glow Station (it’s the paint stop) \$5
- **Register:** Online at neon-bubbledash.com Registered participants will receive a fashion tee, drawstring bag, glow-in-the-dark accessories and access to the “Get Bubbly” Foam Party with their purchase of admission. Participants 21 and older will also receive a 12-ounce beer.
- **Discounts:** Coupon number NEON10 will give you \$10 off the registration fee.

SKY SPY

Zodiacal light may be a surprise

By Tim Hunter

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The days are growing longer. The sun sets tonight at 6:40 p.m. and astronomical twilight ends at 8:03 p.m.

This is a good time of year to view the zodiacal light, a large pyramidal glow in the western sky after sunset or in the eastern sky before sunrise.

Look for it in the west on moonless nights 90 minutes to two hours after sunset. It is surprisingly bright and quite large extending at least half-

MOON WATCH

The moon is a waning (growing smaller) crescent. New moon is Sunday.

way up the sky from the horizon.

You will need to be out of town and have no city lights in your western sky. Once you have seen the zodiacal light, you will be quite surprised as to how large and bright it is.

The first time you see the zodiacal light you might think it is the glow

of city lights. It is actually the glow of microscopic dust particles originating from comets and asteroids. These innumerable fine grains exist along the orbital plane of the solar system.

The sun's light reflects off them producing a distinct glow best seen during those times when the plane of the solar system is near perpendicular to the eastern or western horizon.

The ecliptic is that part of the sky through which the sun appears to

travel over the course of the year. This motion is caused by Earth orbiting around the sun. Earth's orbital plane is the plane of the ecliptic, and most of the planets lie along this plane within 8 to 9 degrees on either side of it. This region of the sky along the ecliptic is the zodiac. It is where the sun, the moon, and planets travel, and it is the home of the zodiacal light.

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

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- **Needs:** An indoor-only home.
- **Fee:** \$50 includes spay/neuter and current shots.
- **Contact:** Paws Patrol in Green Valley at 207-4024 or greenvalleypawspatrol.org
- **Meet:** By appointment.



BROOKLYN — BOXER

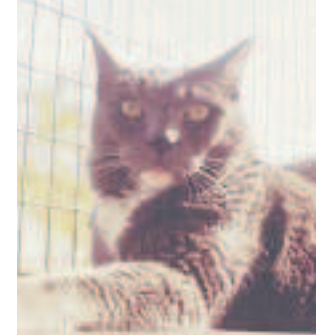
- **Age:** 1 year.
- **Qualities:** Brooklyn, a sweet and active dog, loves to play with other dogs and loves her people.
- **Need:** She is very bouncy and hasn't learned yet not to

jump on people, so she will do best around sturdy adults who appreciate her energy and enthusiasm (and can give her the training that all dogs benefit from).

- **Fee:** \$90 and \$15 license fee.
- **Contact:** Hope Animal Shelter, 2011 E. 12th St., 792-9200 or hopeanimalshelter.net
- **Meet:** Noon-4 p.m. Fridays-Sundays.

KENSI — DOMESTIC SHORTHAIR

- **ID No:** A12751441.
- **Age:** 6 years.
- **Qualities:** Kensi is a four-on-the-floor girl. She is very sweet, and loves to be petted and take the sun, but doesn't like to be picked up. For her, Heaven is a sunny windowsill



and you petting her. All our volunteers just love her.

- **Needs:** She is also an indoor cat only.
- **Fee:** \$25 which includes spay, current shots and microchip.
- **Contact:** Wee Care Animal Shelter, 3340 N. El Moraga Drive, 292-0270.
- **Meet:** By appointment.

BUBBLE RUN

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like one.

"You would never know that you just ran 3 miles because literally every .5 miles we have something engaging for you to do," Moreno says.

At the end of the run, the "Get Bubbly" foam party takes off, featuring DJ JD from Phoenix pop radio station Live 101.5, giveaways and neon themed field games.

"This is, hands down, our largest event we do," Moreno says. "We are the first ones in the country to add the foam component,

the night, neon; you know — really create that entertainment atmosphere."

That entertainment isn't geared just toward the 21-and-over set.

"This is really an all-age event," says Moreno, 29. "We want the family to be here. You are not going to be there and it's going to be cuss words and just people drunk and drinking. We want to separate those," Moreno says.

Most of the participants at this point are women between 16 to 30, but Moreno encourages all Tucsonans to come play on this course. He adds that they already have a 70-year-old participating, as well as a 7-year-

old girl who will hold her birthday party at the event.

Moreno, who grew up here and graduated from Amphitheater High School, says that though participants are coming to have a good time, the Neon Bubble Dash's primary goal is to serve the local community.

"We really try to work with local nonprofits; nothing wrong with the big name ones," he says. "We want to stick with an organization that is really serving the community and being involved and being able to cut a good check at the end of the event."

A portion of the profits will support the Arizona Children's Association, a

child welfare and behavioral health organization with offices in Tucson and Phoenix.

"They are an all encompassing nonprofit where they have various programs," Moreno says. "It is not just one set mission, per se. They have a bunch of programs that serve the community, and I like that."

This means attending the Neon Bubble Dash is a good deed. But that's not all, Moreno says. "Come not expecting anything, because we are going just to blow your mind," he said.

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and the driving force behind the All Souls Procession.

"Caribbean Technology" will feature musical accompaniment from **Richard Noel** and his steel drum percussion group, Sticks and Fingers.

the main event during the all-day carnival.

In addition to the Flam Chen show, Tucson Circus Arts will unveil a new aerial work for visitors.

Borderlands Brewing Co. will provide the beer, including its Las Almas Ale, a Belgian-style beer created specifically with the All Souls Procession in mind.

Making a pseudo-celebrity appearance will be **Special Head**, a levitating street act from Los Angeles that reached millions of viewers as a contestant on Season 8 of "America's Got Talent."

"He has this cane and walks out, then lifts his legs and is floating in midair," Palma said. "He is originally from Tucson. His parents

are from Tucson. He has become a little bit of an icon."

Palma said the event picked up steam last year and is expected to bring out thousands on Saturday.

"It is nice having this new space to play," he added.

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