

North park central neighborhood association

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New year—new look

2009 is going to be a great year and your neighborhood association is working hard to make sure of it. We have been brainstorming ideas on how to work most effectively with each other and for you.

The first major thing you will notice is a change to our newsletter. Nancy has worked hard the last 6 years and so we thought she deserves a break. Please bare with me as I try to fill her shoes and bring you information as effectively as

she did. I will be doing some experimenting with new layouts and a new logo for our neighborhood. If you have suggestions or want to submit ideas for our logo please feel free to contact me (Kat Moore) at 602.466.2007.

There are other major changes still in progress. We have listed all the projects, hopes and dreams for our team and have identified 5 categories that we will begin focusing on. These categories are Communication,

Financial Responsibility, Community Outreach, Block Watch and Special Projects. We will be working to develop these categories and teams to lead them. We will be bringing you more information as these projects develop. We will also be soliciting your input on what you want to see in your neighborhood.

Thank you for your willingness to make changes. Lets all work together to make this year a fantastic one!

Get involved

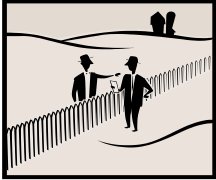
We want you!!! You may not know how to get involved in our neighborhood association but have you ever said to yourself "I wish our neighborhood looked better" or "Why don't we have more

speed bumps" or maybe you think "I have time to help but don't know how" ...if so we may be the team for you! Its simple and painless to get involved and we could sure use your help! We have

many opportunities and ways to get involved. Please contact us if you want to attend a monthly meeting and come see what we are all about.

Community highlights:

- 1. 02. 09
First Friday— from 6 pm to 10 pm the first Friday of every month there is a free monthly self guided art walk. For more info: www.artlinkphoenix.com
- 1. 10. 09
Smithsonian photography exhibit debuts at the Burton Bar Central Public Library . Featuring 60 photographs of the grand canyon. Admission is free. For more info: phoenixpubliclibrary.org
- 1. 10. 09
From 8:30 am to 9:30 am - join Mayor Gordon at The Children's Museum of Phoenix (215 N. 7th St.). To hear about programming for families and children in the downtown area. Please RSVP to mayor.rsvp@phoenix.gov
- 1. 18. 09
The 6th annual PF Chang Rock and Roll marathon. Cheer on runners while listening to great live music. For more info: www.RnRaz.com



"Some of us may just, in one-on-one conversations with our friends, our family, over the back fence with our neighbors, talk about the reality of our lives and realize that we are not alone, that we have the right to be physically safe and emotionally safe in our own homes."
 Patricia Ireland

"When Strangers start acting like neighbors... communities are reinvigorated"
 Ralph Nadar

"Love thy neighbor—and if he happens to be tall, debonair and devastating, it will be that much easier."
 Mae West

Watch out for your neighbors

On December 3rd, in the 800 block of W. Mitchell Drive we had a burglary. The criminal gained entrance to the back yard and access to the home by breaking the bathroom window.

This is even more disturbing because this happened while the residents were at work during the day light hours between 8 am and 5pm and the criminal

used items found in the back yard to break the window.

If you see someone in your neighbors yard doing questionable activities, call crime stoppers at 602-262-6151, the police will come to the property and check things out.

If you are sure someone is breaking into a home, call 911 immediately. If you can't decide, err on

the side of caution. Your neighbor will appreciate it if they are being targeted.

Also—keep an eye out for our vacant homes. Many of our houses are vacant and we need to help each other by paying special attention to these homes. If you suspect any suspicious activity please call crime stoppers immediately.

More on the Light rail

I know we have covered the exciting news of the light rail opening but we are REALLY excited...so here is some more information.

Did you know you can

get to the airport on the light rail. You simply take the Light Rail to the 44th and Washington Street stop and hop on the free airport shuttle bus that will transport you to the

three airport terminals. These will run every 10 minutes and will have plenty of luggage space. What could be easier!

For more info go to: MetroLightRail.org

Why shop locally?

With the light rail coming to our town and the rejuvenation of our downtown there are more opportunities for you to shop and eat locally. Several new places have popped up like Mazie's on Central and some old favorites like Copper Star Coffee on 7th Ave and Arizona Art Supply on Indian School and Central. There are many, many more and still more to come. These places all have something in common—they are loc

ally owned. So why is it important to shop locally?

Did you know that for every 2 jobs national retailers bring into a community 3 jobs are lost as a result of a local business closing down. When you shop locally—owned businesses your money is re-circulated and this creates 75% more tax revenue to our communities and state. Independent businesses

also raise the standard of living in our community because they buy from other local businesses...which help our communities thrive. When you shop on-line or with out of state chains you are not contributing to our local economy. SO—the next time you want to shop...see whats in your own neighborhood and what is locally owned.

What do I do with my Christmas tree?

Limited Time Only!!!

From now until January 4th you may drop off your tree at the following locations:

- Marivue Park: 59th Ave and Osborn Rd.
- Washington Park: 23rd Ave and Maryland Ave
- Madison Park: 16th St. and Glenrosa Ave.
- Los Olivos Park: 28th St. and Devonshire Ave.

- Desert West Park: 67th Ave and Encanto Blvd.
- Mountain Veiw Park: 7th Ave south of Peoria

Don't Forget...

- Remove all decorations, lights and tinsel.
- Remove the tree stand.
- Leave un-bagged tree only and look for the marked drop off bins.
- One tree per resident.



For more info go to www.phoenix.gov/publicworks

2009 bulk trash schedule

Bulk trash is material that can not be placed in the garbage or recycling such as furniture, large appliances and large amounts of vegetation. These items must be placed a least 5 feet from any object such as a fence, cable box, mail-box etc. If you have an

alley place items only behind your property.

Bulk trash pick up is a great way to keep your property clean but there are guidelines. Please contact the public works department for any additional information.

www.phoenix.gov/publicworks

PLACEMENT BEGINS:	COLLECTION BEGINS:
FEB. 14TH	FEB. 23TH
MAY 16TH	MAY 25TH
AUG. 15TH	AUG. 24TH
NOV. 14TH	NOV. 23RD

Blight fright

What is blight and how do I get rid of it? Unfortunately with the foreclosures and economy issues we have more homes than ever that are in need of a little attention. Blight means any cause of impairment, destruction or ruin. Examples include: Trash and

debris, overgrown vegetation, unsound fencing and cars parked on the lawn.

The Neighborhood Services Department receives and handles all complaints. Once they receive the complaint they schedule an inspec-

tor to assess and issue a violation. This gives the homeowner 15 days to fix the problem. Please note, your neighborhood association does not handle these complaints, we will only direct you to the proper source (see community numbers in this newsletter).

Community

phone numbers:

- **Animal Control:** 602.506.7387
- **Arizona Public Service:** 602.371.7171
- **Blight Violations:** 602. 262.7844 or blight@phoenix.gov
- **City of Phoenix Administration Services:** 602.534.5033
- **City of Phoenix Water Service:** 602.262.6251
- **Community Action Officer—Dave Chambers:** 602.534.2637
- **COP Speed Enforcement:** 602.334.7730
- **Crime Stop (non-emergency):** 602.262.6151
- **District 4 City Councilman—Tom Simplot:** 602.262.7447
- **General City Info:** 602.534.6262
- **Graffiti Busters Hotline:** 602.495.7014
- **Metro Light Rail:** 602.262.7433
- **Southwest Gas:** 602.862.1999

Our team information

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To contact any of us please send an
Email to: mail@NPCNA.com

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

WWW.NPCNA.COM

Thank you to neighborhood services for
printing costs—your support is
appreciated!

Homes for sale

Thank you tana sheets with Delmar reality 480.202.3906

Address	SqFt	Bed/Bath	List Price	Sale Price	\$/SqFt
822 W. Mitchell Dr.	1,088	3/1	\$140,000	Active	\$128.68
840 W. Whitton Ave.	1,641	4/2	\$244,000	Active	\$148.69
821 W. Weldon Ave.	1,551	4/2	\$290,000	Active	\$186.98
827 W. Clarendon Ave.	2,150	3/2.75	\$459,000	Active	\$213.49
1001 W. Clarendon Ave.	1,430	3/1.75	\$214,997	Active	\$150.35
808 W. Indianola Ave.	1,526	4/2	\$129,900	Active	\$85.12
817 W. Indianola Ave.	1,178	4/1.75	\$129,900	Active	\$110.27
818 W. Indianola Ave.	1,196	3/2	\$169,900	Active	\$142.06
838 W. Indianola Ave.	1,255	3/2	\$139,000	Active	\$110.76
848 W. Fairmount Ave.	2,075	4/2	\$156,750	Active	\$75.54
3629 N. 8th Ave.	1,100	3/1	\$150,900	Active	\$137.18
3635 N. 8th Ave.	1,088	3/1	\$69,900	Active	\$64.25
3837 N. 8th Ave.	1,600	5/2	\$100,999	Active	\$63.12

Check-out this Fantastic coupon for downtown!!!

Welcome to Downtown Phoenix

In 1890, downtown Phoenix was the heart of the wildest territory of the southwestern frontier. Miners, farmers, ranchers, politicians and scoundrels came to Phoenix to ply their wares, make their fortune, or have a decent meal. Much has changed in 100 years. Downtown Phoenix is now home to office towers that hold more employees than the entire population of Phoenix in 1890. Lucky for us, the horse drawn carriages and dirt roads have been replaced with METRO Light-Rail, once again shuttling people to and from central Phoenix. Downtown no longer boasts the finest gambling halls and show-girls in the state, but can definitely deliver the newest, most exciting and certainly most delicious dining experience around. Restaurants like Chevront's, The Spaghetti Factory, Tom's Tavern, Sonoma Casual Dining and Thai Elephant are located just a few steps from light-rail stations. So, what are you waiting for? Kick back and let the train do the driving. Come see what's new about our downtown neighborhood.

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It's Happening!
itshappeningphx.com

15% off at Majerles Sports Grill

Present this coupon and receive 15% off your bill at Majerles located at 24 N. 2nd Street in downtown Phoenix. Majerles is located just steps away from the Convention Center light-rail station (3rd Street & Washington) for westbound passengers and two blocks northwest of the Ballpark/Arena station (3rd Street & Jefferson). Upon exiting the train, just head north on 3rd Street one block and west one block. Majerles is on the northwest corner of 2nd Street & Washington.

Offer expires January 31, 2009

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