



North Park Central Neighborhood Association

April – May 2005

Our goal is to work together as a friendly community to maintain and improve the appearance, safety, and property value of our neighborhood, thereby creating a better place to live, grow, and raise our children

Urban Survival

The threat of fire and drowning in Phoenix is high and can be devastating to any family. One way to protect yourself and your family is to be prepared and have a plan. This month with your North Park Central Neighborhood Association Newsletter, we have provided for you two brochures in both English and Spanish. The first is **Use A Home Escape Plan**. This will help you prepare and design an escape plan if there is a fire in your home. Talk about it with your family and practice your escape plan. The other brochure is **CPR**. Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is the artificial way of circulating blood and oxygen, trying to keep the brain alive. CPR does work and experts agree that even bad CPR is better than no CPR. Reviewing and practicing CPR can save lives. This brochure shows quick easy to read and understand directions. Keep it handy in case of an emergency...it can mean the difference between life or death.

Thank you to Phoenix Fire Department for the two brochures, to SPR for the bags and to Tom Simplot, our District 4 Councilman, for pens with his office phone number.



Soaring home prices and sales

North Park Central Neighborhood recent home sales show sharp increase in rising equity, but not all homeowners want to tap into this equity to buy another home. Some residents instead are tapping into home equity loans or refinancing to renovate or add more space to their inner city homes.

Recent Home Sales in North Park Central (February 1, 2005 – April 15, 2005)

Address	SqFt	Beds/Baths	List Price	Sale Price	Sale Price / SqFt
827 W. Clarendon Ave.	2150	4/2.75	\$215,000	\$215,000	\$100.00
831 W. Weldon Ave.	1088	3/1	\$139,000	\$139,000	\$127.76
837 W. Fairmount Ave.	1380	3/2	\$169,000	\$169,000	\$119.86
842 W. Fairmount Ave.	2084	4/1.75	\$235,000	\$238,000	\$114.20
848 W. Fairmount Ave	2075	?	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$74.70

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Melrose Street Fair

Come and enjoy art, music, food, a car show and special guest speakers. This will mark the second-annual Melrose street fair, set for Friday, April 29, along 7th Avenue between Indian School and Campbell kicking off at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m. Barricades will be set up along that portion of 7th Avenue for the event.



Block Watch Program

The neighborhood is still looking to recruit Block Watch Block Captains. Block Watch is a simple program of neighbors watching out for each other. Bringing this program back was requested by many residents, but it only works if YOU get involved. Please call Dennis Newcombe at (602) 279-5674 if you are interested.

Graffiti Busters

The City of Phoenix celebrated its tenth year of the anti-graffiti hotline. Just last summer, volunteers from our neighborhood, along with the anti-graffiti program, painted the block wall separating our neighborhood from 7th Avenue. Graffiti Busters are teams of Neighborhood Services Department employees who track down and cover over the work of graffiti vandals. Last year, the team removed more than 37,000 sites. In addition, Graffiti Buster's teach neighborhood groups how to operate power-spraying equipment and make the equipment available for loan. The team also works with schools to teach children about the illegal nature of graffiti in Phoenix.

Graffiti reports go higher every year, heading towards 40,000 in 2005. The cost of cleaning up graffiti impacts everyone and Phoenix is sending a clearer message that graffiti vandalism is a crime. If convicted of a graffiti crime, taggers can lose driving privileges up to age 18, their parents can be held responsible for up to \$10,000 in graffiti damage, and if the damage is serious enough, they can even face felony prosecution. If you see graffiti in our neighborhood or anywhere around Phoenix, call the Graffiti Hotline at 602-495-7014. Cellular phone users can dial free of charge #GONE (#4663). If you see graffiti in progress, call 9-1-1. Graffiti vandal/reward program has a special Police Department Graffiti Hotline - (602) 262-732. If you believe you can provide information leading to the arrest of a graffiti vandal, call the hotline to make a report. You could receive an award up to \$250. For more information on this program, visit the Police Graffiti Hotline web site at <http://phoenix.gov/POLICE/graffi1.html>.



Phoenix Domino's stores continue their commitment to the physical and economic well being of Phoenix's vibrant neighborhoods by supporting Graffiti Busters! Through April 30, 2005, each time you order a "Graffiti Busters' Special" from any of Domino's 67 Phoenix stores, and present the "Graffiti Busters' Special" coupon when your pizza is delivered, Domino's will donate \$1 to the NSD's Graffiti Busters' program. The "Graffiti Busters' Special" is two large single-topping pizzas, a bread side, and a two-liter bottle of Coca Cola.

Green Pools = Hefty Fine + Jail Time

Earlier this month, the Maricopa County Attorneys office filed criminal complaints against four Valley pool owners whose pools were breeding mosquitoes. The offenders, cited with Class 3 Misdemeanors, failed to respond to warnings issued by county health inspectors following up on neighbor complaints. If convicted, individual owners can face up to 30 days in jail and fines of up to \$500. It is estimated that there are 2,000 green pools in Maricopa County. Maricopa County has warned homeowners and business that they will be charged if their pools are not maintained. If your pool is one of these, please don't wait until neighbors complain; act now.

County health officials this spring already have found mosquitoes infected with West Nile virus. Last year, 15 Arizonans died of the disease and nearly 400 cases were reported to state officials. But because many people show few serious symptoms, health officials believe the actual number of cases was higher.

Fight the Bite! Avoid Mosquito Bites to Avoid Infection

When dealing with West Nile virus, prevention is your best bet. Fighting mosquito bites reduces your risk of getting the disease, along with others mosquitoes carry. Take the common sense steps below to reduce your risk.

- * Avoid bites and illness – apply insect repellants containing DEET; when possible, wear long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors; take extra care to use repellent and protective clothing during evening and early morning -- or consider avoiding outdoor activities during these times.
- * Clean out the mosquitoes from the places where you work and play – drain standing water and get rid of items that hold water; install well-fitting screens on both windows and doors or repair or replace existing screens.
- * Help your community control the disease – report dead birds, stagnant water, green pools or mosquitoes to the West Nile Virus Hotline at (602) 506-0700



Something to remember: The chance that any one person is going to become ill from a single mosquito bite remains low. The risk of severe illness and death is highest for people over 50 years old, although people of all ages can become ill.



Helicopter Noise

The Park Central Neighborhood recently held a meeting to talk about the helicopter traffic going to and from St. Joseph Hospital. This continues to be a problem for both our neighborhoods. EMS helicopter traffic is suppose to approach and leave the hospital east of 3rd Ave., which has less residential property. Currently, there are approximately seven EMS companies flying into St. Joes and many pilots that are not adhering to the rules. Fritz Holly, of Native Air, is advising the neighborhood residents who continue to have a problem to contact the hospital at (602) 406-6022 and ask the ER to identify the EMS aircraft that is landing or has just taken off and then contacting the EMS company directly to complain. Merely saying it is the yellow and black helicopter is not sufficient identification because some of the EMS aircraft look alike. If you can identify the offending aircraft by company and time of landing/departing, I will track and contact the appropriate EMS company and voice our complaints. If the EMS company is a repeat offender, we can file a grievance with the FAA in Scottsdale. As it stands now, some EMS helicopter companies are being very sensitive to the noise they are making and some are not. St. Joseph Hospital can remind the pilots of the "east of 3rd Avenue" fly pattern, but has no authority to enforce it. However, as residents with a noise complaint, we do have a right to report it and expect compliance. Contacting the Chief Pilot on duty and/or the FAA for repeat offenders does produce results. To report identified aircraft, call Nancy at (602) 367-4480.

Sex Offender Notification

We have recently received two community notifications. As always, you can get a complete list of sex offenders for our area along with descriptions of convictions and photographs of the offenders at <http://az.gov/webapp/offender/searchZip.do>

Michael Brown Noble, 349 E. Thomas Rd, #E105, Phoenix, 85012. Age 63, 5'9", 165 pounds, gray hair and hazel eyes. Level 2 (Intermediate). On October 28, 1998, Offender Noble was convicted of one count of Molestation of a Child and one count of Sexual Conduct with a Minor in Maricopa County Superior Court. The offender was sentenced to 11 years in prison for the molestation conviction and 12 years in prison for the sexual conduct with a minor conviction. During the offense, the offender had inappropriate sexual contact with a juvenile female victim, who was known to him. The offender is currently on supervised release.

Daryl Allen Crabtree, 355 E Thomas Rd, #B104, Phoenix, 85012, age 49, 6'0", 200 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes. Level 2 (Intermediate). On March 4, 1993, Offender Crabtree was convicted of Attempted Sexual Abuse in Maricopa County Superior Court. He was sentenced to five days in jail and three years probation.

On November 29, 1994, his probation was revoked, and he was sentenced to one year in prison.

The original offense involved the offender having inappropriate sexual contact with an adult female, who was not known to him.

On December 19, 2000, Offender Crabtree was convicted of Failure to Register as a Sex Offender in Maricopa County Superior Court. He was sentenced to six months probation.

Those currently listed in our zip code are:

Fredrick Alexander – 310 W. Camelback # 218, Phoenix

Ronald Gresko – 31 W. Maryland, Phoenix

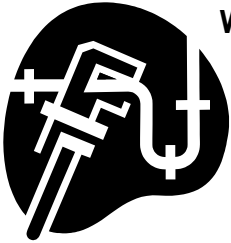
Michael Lammie – 1134 W. Monterosa St., Phoenix

Erron Ortega – 7th Ave and Indian School Rd., Phoenix

David Rumbaugh – 357 W. Pierson St., #19, Phoenix

Raymond Scott – 707 W Colter St., #123, Phoenix

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Water Works in our Neighborhood

The City of Phoenix water project is in full swing in our neighborhood. Workers are first laying pipe and then will transfer service to each home. There may be limited disruption in water service during the transfer of service. Workers will restore any damage to the property to its preexisting condition. You can call (602) 248-4211 twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week for more information.

Bulk Trash Pick-up

Placement Begins: May 14 ----- Collection Begins: May 23

Contact: Solid Waste Customer Service (602) 262-7251 or pwserve@phoenix.gov

Bulk trash is material that cannot be placed in the garbage or recycling container such as furniture, some large appliances and large amounts of vegetation. Bulk trash crews do NOT pick up: dirt; rocks; concrete; bricks; tires; large auto parts; large heavy metal objects; glass such as windows, shower doors, etc.; construction or demolition materials; piping over one inch in diameter; appliances that contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), such as refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, heat pumps, water coolers and dehumidifiers.



Volunteer!

One of the most rewarding things to do in your life is to volunteer: helping with children, schools, hospitals or your neighborhood. It gives you an opportunity for improvement as an individual and as a community. North Park Central Neighborhood Association has a great bunch of volunteers. Some deliver this newsletter, some help with special projects and others have joined the board. We are thankful for each and everyone who have helped our neighborhood improve over the years. We are looking for a few more folks to join us on the board. Recently we have lost some of our most valued board members due to relocation. Our group meets the first Tuesday of the month to work on issues that surround everyday life, our community and our neighborhood. Our neighborhood has improved so much over the past few years and it's only getting better. If you would like to join our team, or sit in on one of our board meetings, just give one of the board members a call...we're looking for a few good neighbors!

Need a Handy Man?

Many residents have called and asked if I can recommend a handy man for home maintenance and repairs. I have used a contractor who is excellent and experienced in general home repairs, kitchen and bath remodeling, appliance installation, plumbing and electrical. His name is Robert Varga and he can be reached at (602) 361-5608.

Contact Information

North Park Central Neighborhood Association

Board Members

Nancy Joplin – President	(602) 367-4480
George Fink – Treasurer	(602) 274-0856
Erica Hoekstra – Secretary	(602) 277-3905
Dennis Newcombe – Block Watch Coordinator	(602) 279-5674
Russell Combs	(602) 530-9918

If you have any thoughts on what you would like to see in our newsletter or would like to contribute an article, recommend a business, or sponsor our newsletter, please contact Nancy at 602-367-4480 or email NPCNA@cox.net.

Do you want to be notified about breaking neighborhood news that affects you?
If so, please send an email to **NPCNA@cox.net** and be added to our distribution list. Your email address will only be used for notification purposes.

Community Phone Numbers

City of Phoenix Administration Services	(602) 534-5033
Graffiti Busters hotline	(602) 495-7014
Graffiti Detective reward hotline	(602) 262-7327
Property maintenance violations	(602) 262-7844
	blight@phoenix.gov
Grocery Cart Removal	(800) 843-2278
Illegal Signs	(602) 534-7100
Landlord/Tenant Counseling	(602) 262-7210
General Information, city	(602) 534-6262
Police Crime Stop	(602) 262-6151
To report a crime in progress	9-1-1
Dave Chambers, Phx Police Community Action Ofc	(602) 534-2637
Tom Simplot, District 4 City Councilman	(602) 262-7447
Ken Chevront, District 15 State Senator	(602) 926-5325
City of Phoenix Water Services	(602) 262-6251
Arizona Public Service	(602) 371-7171
Southwest Gas	(602) 862-1999
Qwest Communications	(800) 244-1111
Cox Communications	(623) 594-1000

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