

## ***North Park Central Neighborhood Association***

**April 2006**

**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**

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### **The Wall Project**

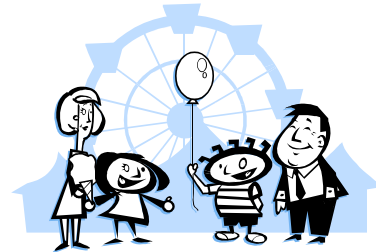


The Neighborhood Association is currently looking into projects to rebuild the 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. wall. Residents along 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. have had some concerns about safety and noise. If you live along 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. and would like to be involved in the process, please give us a call.

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### **Melrose on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Street Fair on April 22**

The 7th Ave. Merchants Association invites you to a free public event from 2-7 pm located on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Indian School and Campbell. This is a popular event that is expanding into a full blown fair. There will be arts, crafts, food vendors, live music and a classic/antique car show. For more information, contact Kristi Trimmer at 602-264-4444. Road closure begins at noon on Saturday, April 22.



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### **What's that Smell?**

I wanted to share with you something that one of our new neighbors on Amelia Ave. learned and wanted us to pass on to everyone....

If you have sewer smell, or backup in your tubs, sinks or toilets, before you call a plumber, check with the City of Phoenix Sewer Department 602-262-6222. Apparently there are backups in the main lines that may be causing this problem. Our homes were built in the 50s and tree roots may have grown into the lines and blocked them. If this is a sewer main line problem, the city will come out and "snake" or clear the line for FREE.

If you suspect that this may be a problem you are having, call the Sewer Department before calling a costly plumber!

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## Newsletter Delivery Volunteers

Thank you to all the news newsletter delivery volunteers. We have some new folks out there delivering your newsletter as well as those trusted individuals that have been so thoughtful and dedicated.

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## School News

**Encanto School Carnival** will be held on Friday, April 21, 2006 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle, moon bounce, bicycle raffles, cake walk, gift basket raffle, games, cotton candy, popcorn and much more.



**Clarendon Spring Fling** event will be Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 p.m. It will be a time of fun as well as a celebration of learning. Come see the exciting things the students have done this year at school and watch the band and the ballet group perform in the amphitheater. The games will include the Fish Pond, the 50 cent surprise, the bounce-a-lot, cakewalk and more. Of course don't forget to bring your appetite--there will be cake, ice cream, hamburgers, hot dogs and other foods available.

Also, Clarendon School will gladly accept donations of your gently used toys for our 50 cent surprise sale. Please drop off your gently used toys at the Clarendon School Office.



**AIMS Testing** will begin the week of April 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>; the Osborn District will be administering the AIMS/Terra Nova tests in Reading Writing and Math to all students in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. These tests are extremely important in that they are the main indicator of your child's academic progress for the school year. The results are also used by the state to determine our school "label." There are four state labels—Excelling, Highly Performing, Performing, and Underperforming. At this time Clarendon has the label of Highly Performing.

It is very important that during the week of AIMS testing, your child gets enough sleep and eats well. We know that these factors impact performance on tests. It is also extremely important that students are in school EVERY DAY and ON TIME. We are required by the federal government to test 95% of all our students on each and every portion of the test in order to make "adequate yearly progress." We will be serving breakfast in the classrooms to make sure that everyone has eaten and is ready to take the test. Lunch will be served as usual.

Please impress upon your child how important it is to do his/her best on the AIMS test.

**Mosaic Project Completed at Clarendon School!** - The mural just completed at Clarendon Elementary School is the third project professional artist Helen Helwig has completed for our school. Helen brings over 25 years of experience in clay design and fabrication. We love to work with her because she has such a positive attitude and joy for her work that it spreads to the students, teachers and others involved in the project.

In previous projects, the Clarendon students have assisted in creating a peace garden and have decorated columns in front of the library to show the academic content at each grade level. Our new mural "Celebrating Our Diversity" is once again a meaningful theme that the students relate to easily. The project has taken the theme of diversity and related it to the diversity of plant and animal life that we see in the

Arizona desert. This directly relates to the fourth grade science standard where the students identify plant and animal adaptations.

Ms. Helwig involves the students in the entire process, showing them the proposed design and explaining where the pieces they are making will fit into the total design. The majority of the pieces are made by students, their families and the staff, with a few signature pieces made by the artists.

When the mural is finished everyone has fun searching the mosaic for the exact piece that they made. Students take great pride in their contribution to the finish project, knowing that it will be part of the school for years to come.

**Campbell Soup Labels** – Clarendon School is also collecting the Campbell Soup labels and the box tops for education. So, save all your soup labels and box tops and send them to the school with your child or drop them off at the Clarendon School Office. The school receives money for these and they purchase school supplies.



**Home prices and sales** – Last month we had 7 sales and one cancellation. Since the last newsletter 2 more homes have sold, 3 are currently pending and 2 new homes on Amelia have been added to the list. To see updates, pictures and current prices on the web of these homes, join our e-mail list and you will be sent the “Buyers Page” courtesy of Realtor Monique Walker. Send an e-mail to mail@npcna.com and ask to be added to the home sales e-mail list.

All e-mail addresses will be kept confidential.

Address	SqFt	Bed/Bath	List Price	Sale Price	Price per SqFt
821 W. Mitchell Dr.	1,519	3/1.75	\$269,900	\$259,900	\$171.10
807 W. Weldon Ave.	1,378	4/2	\$215,000	Pending	\$156.02
846 W. Whitton Ave.	1,547	4/1.75	\$259,900	Active	\$168.00
848 W. Indianola Ave.	1,196	3/2	\$268,500	Active	\$224.50
848 W. Fairmount Ave.	2,075	4/1.75	\$314,900	\$314,900	\$151.76
824 W. Amelia Ave.	1,276	3/1.75	\$219,999	Pending	\$172.41
1001 W. Amelia Ave.	1,300	3/1.75	\$224,900	Pending	\$173.00
1017 W. Amelia Ave.	1,201	3/1	\$235,000	Active	\$195.67

**Sex Offender Notification: Level 3 Alert**

Thomas Marin McGaha, 2032 West Hazelwood Parkway, Phoenix, Arizona 85015. He is 28 years old 5’5”, 120 pounds with brown hair and blue eyes. He was convicted of Sexual Conduct with a Minor Over the Age of 15 in Maricopa County. He was sentenced to four months in jail and lifetime probation. During the offense, the offender had inappropriate sexual contact with a juvenile female victim, who was known to him. The offender’s probation was revoked and he was sentenced to one year of prison. The offender is currently on supervised release after failing to register as a sex offender in Maricopa County.

As always, these community alerts are not to scare anyone, but to inform you. Level Three offenders are the highest risk to the community. To see a complete list of sex offenders, their pictures, descriptions and addresses, go to: [www.azsexoffender.com](http://www.azsexoffender.com) . There are currently 5 sex offenders listed in the 85013 zip code and nearly 80 offenders in the surrounding zip codes.

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## **The Midtown Messenger**

Last month The Midtown Messenger began to deliver to our neighborhood once again. It is a monthly publication with news and ads for the Phoenix's historic neighborhood area. While we are not a historic neighborhood yet, many of the articles are about events and activities in and around our neighborhood. There are also ads and discounts offered by businesses in our area that could benefit both parties. In February, the Neighborhood Association noticed that the paper carried an article about our neighborhood's objection to C&C Mart Liquor Store that was trying to move into 802 W. Osborn. While we were in the paper, we didn't receive the paper. We contacted the editor and asked them to add us to their distribution and they did. It is delivered on your driveway monthly...enjoy.

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## **Alley Maintenance**

Alley maintenance is the responsibility of the home owner. If you live on the alley side of Mitchell Drive or Amelia Ave., you need to keep the alleys clean and clear. Clutter creates fire and health hazards. The next bulk placement will begin May 13 and collection on May 22. City ordinance allows only one week prior to the scheduled collection week to place bulk trash out for collection. Please plan your clean-ups accordingly. It is a violation of the city to place bulk trash out before the "placement" date.

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### **Contact Information**

#### **North Park Central Neighborhood Association**

##### **Board Members**

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#### **Do you want to be notified about breaking neighborhood news that affects you?**

If so, please send an email to [Mail@NPCNA.com](mailto:Mail@NPCNA.com) 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 blight violations	(602) 262-7844
	<a href="mailto:blight@phoenix.gov">blight@phoenix.gov</a>
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, Police Comm. Action Officer	(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
Cox Communications	(623) 594-1000