

## **North Park Central Neighborhood Association**

**AUGUST 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**

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### **Neighborhood Alert - North Park Central Residents**

In our newsletter last month, there was a "Scam Alert" about a heavy set 5'5" Hispanic woman who came to the door of a resident on 8th Ave and asked for water and talked her way into the house and then took the residents purse.

It happened again this week. A resident on Piccadilly had her wallet stolen. Again, it was a heavy set Hispanic woman who knocked on the resident's bedroom window claiming to be a friend of her neighbors. The woman talked her way into the house saying she was hot and needed a wet cloth.

Channel 5's Donna Rossi reported last week that this person has been working many of the neighborhoods in our area and have hit a reported 13 residents. It is believed that this is the same woman and she is still "working" our neighborhood.

Please talk to your neighbors and let them know that they should avoid letting anyone follow them into the house. This woman tends to keep talking and closely following the residents into their houses. She has obtained names of neighbors and acts familiar to the neighborhood.

If you have had or know someone who has experienced something similar, please be sure to call the police. Also, if you would like to give me a call and let me know that you were a victim or someone tried to gain access into your home in this manner, I would appreciate it.

If some one comes to your door matching this description and acting this way, call 911 immediately and do not let this person in your house.

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### **Website Designed to Keep Kids Safe at School**

ALERT is an acronym for "Always Let Experts Respond Timely."

The program is designed to empower students with the freedom to disseminate information that is occurring on their campuses while at the same time keeping their identity confidential. It is a mechanism that can keep our campuses, our students, and our community safe. Log on to <http://www.alertrecall.com/> to place a report and for information to keep our kids safe at school.

### **Bulk Trash Pick-up Collection Begins August 22**

Crews do not pick up dirt, rocks, concrete, bricks, tires, large auto parts, large heavy metal objects. Call 602-262-7251 or [pwserve@phoenix.gov](mailto:pwserve@phoenix.gov) if you have questions.

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### **Water Works in our Neighborhood**

The City of Phoenix water project continues. If you have any questions, please call (602) 248-4211 twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week for more information.



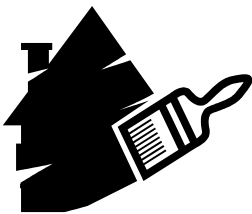
## Tax Incentives for 2005

The Energy Tax Incentives Act of 2005 contains a \$14.5 billion package of tax breaks that include both renewable energy provisions and incentives for the oil, gas, coal, and nuclear industries. Here's a summary of the more widely applicable tax changes in the Act:

- \* **Energy efficiency and conservation measures** The Act includes a number of tax incentives for consumers to buy energy efficient assets and for manufacturers and builders to provide them. Here's a summary:
- \* **New tax credits for the purchase of hybrid, fuel cell, advanced lean burn and other alternative power vehicles** The size of the credit varies depending generally on the weight class of the vehicle and the rated fuel economy. The credit applies to vehicles placed in service after 2005, with termination dates varying with the type of alternative power vehicle. Additionally, the Code Sec. 179A (deduction for certain clean fuel vehicles and refueling property sunsets after 2005 (instead of after 2006, as under pre-Act law).
- \* **New 30% tax credit for the purchase of qualifying residential solar water heating, photovoltaic equipment, and fuel cell property** The maximum credit is \$2,000 (for solar equipment) and \$500 for each kilowatt of capacity (for fuel cells). The credit applies for property placed in service after 2005 and before 2008.
- \* **New 10% personal tax credit for energy efficient improvements to existing homes** The lifetime maximum credit per taxpayer is \$500 and applies for property placed in service after Dec. 31, 2005 and before Jan. 1, 2008.
- \* **New business tax credit for contractors for the construction of new energy efficient homes** The credit is either \$2,000 or \$1,000 per home, depending on the type of home and the energy reduction standard it meets. The credit applies to homes whose construction is substantially completed after Dec. 31, 2005, and which are purchased after Dec. 31, 2005 and before Jan. 1, 2008.
- \* **New manufacturers' tax credit for energy efficient dishwashers, clothes washers, and refrigerators manufactured in 2006 and 2007**

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## Painting House Numbers on Curbs



One of the Block Watch Grant projects is painting every house number on the curb with reflective paint. We are looking for a Scout or youth group that would like to take this on as a project. Our budget for the entire project is \$1,500. This will include paint and stencils. That comes out to roughly \$6.00 per house. We are hoping to begin the project in September.

If you have a group or know of one that may be interested in taking this on as a project, please call Nancy at 602-367-4480. The house numbers will be painted for every house free of charge, courtesy of the Neighborhood Association and Block Watch Grant. We will leave a flyer at your door, but no funds or tips will be collected. We have in the past had folks pose as "working for the neighborhood association" and collect donations. Again, this will be **free of charge** to all resident.

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## Soaring home prices and sales

Here again are the houses that have sold recently and those still actively listed.

Some home sales have slowed down a bit and that trend is reflected in our own neighborhood. You are not seeing double, a few homes were sold and put back on the market at a higher price while some reduced last month's listed price. This is for the period of July 15 through Aug 12.



Address	SqFt	Bed/Bath	List Price	Sale Price	Price/ SqFt
835 W. Mitchell Dr.	1,155	3/2	\$210,000	Active	181.81
835 W. Mitchell Dr.	1,155	3/2	\$165,000	\$165,000	142.85
821 W. Mitchell Dr.	1,519	4/1.75	\$190,000	\$175,000	115.20
821 W. Weldon Ave.	1,800	4/2	\$270,000	Active	150.00
846 W. Whitton Ave.	1,547	4/1.75	\$269,900	Active	174.46
817 W. Indianola Ave.	1,178	3/1.75	\$250,000	Active	212.22
817 W. Fairmount Ave.	1,801	3/2	\$214,900	Active	124.87
848 W. Fairmount Ave.	2,075	5/2	\$250,000	Active	120.48
841 W. Amelia Ave.	1,629	4/2	\$239,900	Active	147.26

## Sex Offenders...Clustering and Tracking

A recent article by Mike Sunnucks in *The Business Journal* says Phoenix city officials are considering a plan that would ban sex offenders from living within a half-mile of day care centers. This would impact apartment complexes, homeless shelters and run-down motels in central and downtown Phoenix where convicted sex offenders have clustered. There is currently no state or local laws curtailing the clustering of sex offenders, although there have been proposals at the state Capitol and many landlords will not rent to convicted felons, let alone sex offenders. County probation departments can restrict where parolees and probationers live, in some cases. However, once a sex offender is out of jail and off probation they are not restricted, which worries law enforcement.

Clustering is only half of the problem. In July, Governor Napolitano unveiled Operation Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative designed to find registered sex offenders who are breaking the law by not reporting their whereabouts to police. I have heard estimates as high as 10,000 sex offenders that have NOT registered. Out of the estimated 14,000 sex offenders that are registered, there is a backlog of information for 7,000 of these offenders. Locating and processing these absconders is critical to the safety of our children and communities. This initiative provides manpower by putting more officers looking for sex offenders who have not complied with reporting laws.

We have been listing in our newsletter the most recent sex offender notifications that the Neighborhood Association receives, but that is only the beginning. You need to talk to your children about the dangers of sex offenders. Become more informed as to where they live and what they look like. For more information on sex offenders, go to:

[www.azsexoffender.com](http://www.azsexoffender.com).

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## Sex Offender Notification

In July and August, the neighborhood received four new Sex Offender Notifications. There are nearly 100 known sex offenders living in our zip code and surrounding zip codes. To get a complete list of known sex offenders with pictures and addresses, go to <http://az.gov/webapp/offender/searchZip.do>.

Lloyd George Sargent, Level 2, Homeless in the area of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Indian School Road. Age 48, height 5'8", weight 175, hair blond, eyes blue

Darrell Vaughn Oliver, Level 3, 67 East Roanoke Dr., #18, Phoenix, AZ 85004. Age 40, height 6'2", weight 193, hair brown, eyes blue

Perry Brenkman, Level 3, 1524 W. Osborn Road Apt. B, Phoenix, AZ 85015. Age 50, height 5'11", weight 206, hair brown, eyes blue

Moises Michael Loustaunau, Level 2, 918 West Turney Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85013. Age 31, height 5'7", weight 185, hair brown, eyes brown

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## Vice Hot Line

The Phoenix Police Department's Vice Enforcement Unit was put into effect on July 5th to gather complaints from the public about prostitution activity and related offenses in your neighborhoods. This hotline will be manned approximately 18 hours a day, five days a week, with voice mail activated during the down time. When complaints come in, they will be logged and dated for a timely response. Hot Line number: **602-426-1231**. You can also e-mail your vice complaints to: [Vice.complaints.ppd@phoenix.gov](mailto:Vice.complaints.ppd@phoenix.gov)



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## Contact Information

### North Park Central Neighborhood Association

#### Board Members

Nancy Joplin – President	(602) 367-4480
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Dennis Newcombe – Block Watch Coord.	(602) 279-5674
Russell Combs	(602) 530-9918
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*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](mailto: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](mailto: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
	<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
Qwest Communications	(800) 244-1111
Cox Communications	(623) 594-1000

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