

North Park Central Neighborhood Association

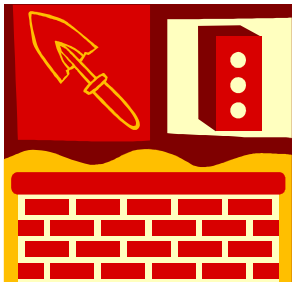
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Our goal is to work together as a friendly community to maintain and improve the appearance, safety, and property value of our neighborhood, thereby creating a better place to live, grow, and raise our children

Protect Yourself

We have included a flyer from silent witness this month to remind each of you to be careful and take an active role in your own safety. There have been some burglary in the area and one resident reported seeing a suspicious person in the neighborhood they thought was the Baseline Rapist. At the time of these incidents, the Neighborhood Association sent out a **Neighborhood Alert** by e-mail to residents. If you do not belong to the Neighborhood Alert e-mail and would like to, simply send an e-mail to Mail@NPCNA.com and we will add you to the list. This e-mail list is kept confidential and not given to anyone.

The Great Wall Project Update



As you know, the Neighborhood Association has been looking for ways to improve the overall look of the wall which defines our neighborhood while reducing the noise and increasing the safety aspect of the wall that divides our neighborhood from 7th Avenue. The next step to this project is to ask residents to sign a petition in support of the project. Beginning in August, volunteers will be knocking on your door to obtain your signatures to show your support for rebuild the wall to an 8 foot height. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either Dennis at 602-279-5674 or Nancy at 367-4480. This wonderful project will have a major positive impact on our neighborhood and we welcome your participation. Look for updates in future.

Paint-a-thon to Help Elderly with Limited Incomes

The third annual "Rock and Roll Paint-a-thon" is coming to Phoenix neighborhoods October 28th. Volunteers are hoping to expand their offer of free exterior house painting to senior citizens with disabilities or who are living on fixed incomes.

Homeowners of single family residences who are financially disadvantaged and who are physically unable to paint the home themselves may apply. Dennis Flynn of Rebuilding Together hopes to paint 150 homes this year. Homes must be owner-occupied and in sufficiently good condition that scraping and spot priming are the only preparations needed. Last year over 3,200 volunteers worked on 119 homes, two hospitals and a community center.

If you would like to apply, or if you know someone who may be eligible for the program, contact Dennis Flynn at Rebuilding Together, 480-774-0237.



Bulk Trash Collection Schedule

Placement can begin on August 12 and collection begins on August 21. Please take pride in our neighborhood and dispose of solid waste properly. Follow the One Week Rule which allows only one week prior to the scheduled collection week to put bulk trash out for collection. For more information and to find out where City residents with proper ID can bring non-commercial loads for free dumping call 602-262-7251.

Free Mulch Program with APS

Chips made from tree debris are available through APS free mulch program. Mulch can function very well around trees and other plants; it helps to maintain moisture, soil temperature, can help reduce competition from weeds and grasses, and can provide nutrients to the soil. Orders are filled on the basis of a full truckload and can be delivered when crews are working in your neighborhood. You can call Phoenix Metro – (602) 371-7117 for more info.

Internet Site Checks for Stolen Cars



Thinking of buying a used car and want to make sure it isn't stolen? Is there an abandoned or suspicious car in your neighborhood?

Attorney General Terry Goddard announced a new Internet service that enables citizens to type into their computers a license plate number or Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) to find out if a car has been stolen.

Citizens can access the service at www.theftaz.azag.gov. In addition to computers, cell phones that have Internet access can also be used to check a vehicle's status.

"This service can multiply by many thousands the number of eyes looking for stolen cars and help reduce auto theft in Arizona," Goddard said. "Citizens now have an easy way to assist law enforcement. This Internet program quickly determines if a vehicle has been reported stolen, and if it has, directs them to contact the appropriate police agency."

For the past several years, Arizona has ranked among the top five states with the highest number of car thefts in the country a vehicle theft occurs about every 10 minutes in Arizona. The state's highly mobile population and its proximity to the U.S.-Mexico border have contributed significantly to its high theft rate. Sport utility vehicles and large pickup trucks are often targeted for use in drug or human smuggling.

"Through the use of this technology, we welcome the help of citizens in combating the vehicle theft problem in Arizona," said Roger Vanderpool, Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

The auto theft Web site works like this: Once citizens access the page, they are asked to enter either a vehicle's license plate number or VIN. When they click on "Submit Search," a report will come back within seconds stating whether the car has been reported stolen. No other information about the vehicle, such as the owner's name, is provided.

If the car has been reported stolen, the consumer is directed to the right police agency. Citizens are asked to call the responsible police department and notify them when a stolen vehicle is located. Stolen vehicle data will be updated twice daily in the system. The new Web site can be especially helpful for neighborhood blockwatch groups and security guards.

Free Blues Concert August 12th



The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department once again will host the "Concert Under the Stars" series at Steele Indian School Park. The next concert is 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 15 with all female blues band Sistah Blue. Bring a picnic basket, blanket and lawn chairs and enjoys a music filled evening with family and friends. Food and beverages can be purchased at the park. For more information call 602-495-0739. The next concert will be September 9th with a Country Band Four-2-Go.

Home Sales

On July 30, The Arizona Republic had good article that describes the current home market. Here is an excerpt from the article: [As Valley home market cools, emotions heat up.](#) (Search AzCentral.com for the complete article)

...Their stricken with buyer's and seller's remorse.

That's especially true these days in metropolitan Phoenix's post-boom housing market, where nearly everything has reversed since last year's frenzy. The number of homes for sale on the Arizona Regional Multiple Listing Service increased nearly four times from June 2005 to last month, when it hit a level nearly double what experts consider healthy. Last year, homes sold in about three weeks. Now, it's about triple that.

Some of the post-boom market figures are closer to historic Valley norms, but many homeowners had their assumptions of what a house is worth and how quickly it should sell recalibrated by the buying craze...



Address	SqFt	Bed/Bath	List Price	Sale Price	Price per SqFt
821 W. Weldon Ave.	1,551	4/2	\$415,000	Active	\$267.57
812 W. Whitton Ave.	1,250	3/1	\$234,900	Active	\$187.92
815 W. Whitton Ave.	1,088	3/1	\$249,900	Active	\$229.69
832 W. Fairmount Ave.	1,276	3/2	\$249,900	Active	\$195.85
841 W. Clarendon Ave.	1,220	3/1	\$215,000	Active	\$176.23
808 W. Indianola Ave.	1,596	4/2	\$227,900	Pending	\$142.79
811 W. Piccadilly Ave.	1,185	3/1	\$212,000	Active	\$178.90
824 W. Amelia Ave.	1,276	3/1.75	\$279,000	Active	\$218.65
1001 W. Amelia Ave.	1,380	3/1.75	\$299,000	Active	\$216.67

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" and "CMA Page" which is comparable market analysis courtesy of Realtor Juan Medina at *HomeSmart*, 602-430-6895. 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.

School News - It's back to school time! Osborn School District begins August 7th

The Osborn School District Governing Board has three vacancies that will be filled in the November 7 election. Two four-year term and one two-year term is available. The deadline for submitting application material is August 9 so time is short. Interested individuals should immediately contact the district at 702-2002 for details.

Clarendon School Dates to Remember

Meet the Teacher night	August 3	4:30-6:00	PTSA Meeting	August 21	5:00
6 th Grade Band night	August 3	5:30-6:30	Curriculum Night	August 24	5:00-6:30
5 th Grade Band Night	August 10	5:30-6:30			

Contact Information

North Park Central Neighborhood Association Board Members

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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
	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, 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
City of Phoenix Sewer Dept.	(602) 262-6222

