



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

www.NPCNA.com - North Park Central Neighborhood Association is launching our Internet website. So that you can quickly remember the address, we have attached a letter opener with our name and address as a gift. The website is a work in progress and will continue to change so visit often. At the site, you can view back issues of the newsletters, read a comprehensive history of our neighborhood, view past association activities and see a few pictures. It is a site that is always in progress, so if you have suggestion, please give us a call. Also, we are looking for someone with Internet web design experience to help make the site more pleasing. So if you have an interest in helping out, call Nancy at 602-367-4480. In the mean time, enjoy our new website and your letter opener.



Car Thief Caught in Fairmount Ave. Backyard - A Neighborhood Alert was sent out Thursday, July 26. Police were undercover at a nearby motel following a stolen car thief. Police were in pursuit of the thief when he ran through neighborhoods. Police helicopter and police K-9 were brought out and began checking house-to-house in the backyards of Picadilly and Fairmount Avenues along with several ground units combing the streets beginning around 2:30 p.m. During the chase, the thief ran into our neighborhood hopping fences and opening unlocked gates. At this point, NPCNA put out an e-mail alert with a description of the thief wearing a long sleeve red shirt which was discarded at 8th Ave. and Picadilly inside a gated and fenced backyard. The thief continued to run until he hid for 2 & 1/2 hours in an open shed in the 800 block of Fairmount Ave. where police and K-9 units found him around 5:30 p.m. stripped down to his boxers.

Thanks to the dedication and persistence of the police for locating this man and arresting him. Also caught on video and arrested at the motel were 2 girls. One on a felony warrant and the other with drug possession.

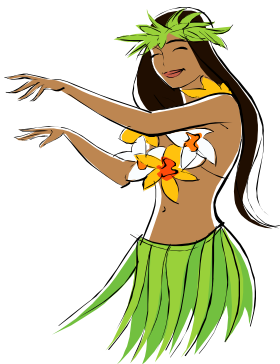
Also thanks to the many neighbors who followed the breaking story and called police to report the thief's whereabouts.

This should also serve as a reminder to keep your backyard gates locked along with any outside storage. They are perfect hiding places for crooks on the run. Besides making it hard for police to find someone on the run, you may open your shed to find a criminal hiding behind the door.

Neighborhood Alert - Several alerts were sent out this week reporting immediate danger in the neighborhood. If you have signed up to receive these alerts and did not receive any, please sign up again. It has been reported that some residents did not receive their notice. I will personally send a reply when you sign up to ensure proper electronic communication is established. If you do not receive a reply, call 602-367-4480 so that we can fix the miscommunication. And, if you would like to receive these alerts and are not signed up, please send an e-mail to mail@NPCNA.com and let us know. Your e-mail address will be kept confidential. One of our residents uses these alerts to call their children to tell them that there is immediate danger in the neighborhood and to go inside and lock the door. Others use the alerts to help police locate a criminal on the run. It is proving to be a useful tool to the neighborhood. While we do not know about all crime as they are happening, we do report all immediate dangers that we do know about.

Our Condolences - Friday, July 27 was a difficult time for all of Arizona when a fiery crash claimed the lives of Channel 15's pilot Craig Smith and photographer Rick Krolak, and Channel 3 pilot Scott Bowerbank and photographer Jim Cox. Helicopters from Channel 15 (KNXV) and Channel 3 (KTVK) while providing live coverage of a carjacking police chase before they collided midair, exploded and, piece by piece, falling to the park. This story continues to stun all of our residents and we send our heartfelt condolences to all friends and family of the four men. NPCNA sent a card to both stations with our regards on behalf of our neighborhood. This carjacking chase was also very near to our neighborhood. The chase was reported as being as close as 2nd Ave. and Clarendon.

Also our sincere condolences to the family and friends of fallen Phoenix Police Officer George Cortez Jr. Cortez, 23, was shot while attempting to arrest Edward James Rose, 20, for trying to cash a bad check at Southwest Check Cashing near 83rd Avenue and Encanto Boulevard, authorities said. A clerk at the store had called 911 after verifying that the check Rose presented was stolen.



Phoenix College Bears Football and Hawaiian Luau

All NPCNA residents are welcome to come to Phoenix Community College 2007 Season Kick-off Party for the Phoenix College Bears Football Team! It's a REAL Hawaiian Luau for the entire family. Purchase your advance tickets through the Alumni Office by Aug. 21 and receive a \$2 discount, call 602-285-7337. See details in the enclosed flyer.

Neighborhood Wide Yard Sale – Anyone interested? We are planning to hold a neighborhood wide-yard sale if there is enough interest. The date is not set, but we are looking at the early part of November. NPCNA will send out ads and put up signs. This will be free to all residents who wish to participate, but we would like to know if you are interested. If enough residents are interested, we will make a map with all addresses listing all who are having sales so that buyers can comb through the neighborhood and see every sale. Call Helen at 602-274-4483 if you think you may be interested.

Shop the Line - The small businesses in the construction zone are feeling the crunch because of the light rail construction is discouraging patrons. Some have already been forced to close their doors. Others are not going to make it before the light rail is completed unless they get some business. As a downtown neighborhood, it isn't too much of an inconvenience for us to tangle our way through the road construction to visit some of the small businesses in the construction zone. To learn more about the light rail and to print the METRO MAX shopping card that offers discounts along the route visit [www.valleymetro.org/METRO light rail/](http://www.valleymetro.org/METRO_light_rail/).



Feedback Please – We want to hear from you! Our team is looking for ways to provide you with information and activities to help make our neighborhood feel more like a community. We would love to hear your feedback. Help us to give you what you want from your neighborhood association. Are there issues you want to know about that we have not covered? Call Kat at 480-620-4415 or e-mail us at mail@NPCNA.com. Please note the 480 prefix on Kat's phone number. It is her cell phone number.

Osborn School District News

- **Bond Dollars Now At Work.** Thanks to voter approval of a \$37 million bond, work has begun to replace the Encanto roof and worn and out-dated playground equipment on most sites. For safety purposes, an outdated intercom system is being replaced at Clarendon. We will keep you posted on other projects throughout the year. Gilliland-Brubaker, Architects, who worked with us in the past, have been hired for this bond as well.
- **\$229,000 Library Grant Received.** Osborn is one of only 78 districts nationwide to receive a grant to improve literacy through improved library services. Funds will purchase new library books, media and technology equipment and provide after school open library at each school for parents and children in order to improve literacy.



COMMUNITY MEETINGS ON CONSOLIDATION SCHEDULED

You are aware of the Redistricting Commission's plans to consolidate districts within the Phoenix Union District. The proposal is to consolidate Osborn with Alhambra Elementary School District, Alhambra and Central High Schools, Bostrom Alternative and Desiderada special needs school. The district sent our research findings to the Commission earlier in the year (check it out at www.osbornnet.org) and are in the process of formulating a final response due September 15th. To better inform the community and to solicit input, we are holding a series of meetings as follows.

Tuesday, August 14	6:30 P.M.	Osborn Middle School Library
Thursday, August 23	6:30 P.M.	Longview Auditorium
Tuesday, August 28	6:30 P.M.	Clarendon Library

Please plan to attend and encourage other interested community members to attend to learn more about the proposal and to provide input. We hope to see you at one of the meetings.

Rock & Roll Paint-a-Thon – This year’s paint-a-thon is set for October 27. To qualify, homeowners must be elderly and/or disabled who home could use a new free coat of paint. Rebuilding Together Valley of the Sun is holding its 4th annual Rock & Roll Pain-a-Thom on Saturday, October 27. Teams of 20-25 volunteers will paint the exteriors of 150 homes in one day and the best part is, it’s FREE to those who qualify! Please contact Rebuilding Together at 480-774-0237 or info@rebuildtogetherphx.org for more information. You can also go to any Wells Fargo Bank branch to pick up an application.



Next Bulk Trash Collection – August 20th

You can begin putting you trash at curbside beginning August 11th. Please observe the one week rule to help keep our neighborhood looking clean. Thank you!

Home Sales – To receive the “Buyers Page” and “CMA Page” which is pictures of these houses and a 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 and are not given to any realtor.

Address	SqFt	Bed/Bath	List Price	Sale Price	Price per SqFt
811 W. Weldon Ave.	1,293	3/1.75	\$279,500	Active	\$216.16
821 W. Weldon Ave.	1,551	4/2	\$310,000	Active	\$199.87
812 W. Whitton Ave.	1,450	3/1	\$259,900	Active	\$179.24
822 W. Indianola Ave.	2,017	4/2	\$319,900	Active	\$158.60
812 W. Fairmount Ave.	1,570	3/2	\$239,000	Active	\$152.23
815 W. Picadilly	info not	available			

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Check out our new website at
www.NPCNA.com

To contact any board member, send an e-mail to:
Mail@NPCNA.com .

Community Phone Numbers

City of Phoenix Administration Services	(602) 534-5033
Graffiti Busters hotline	(602) 495-7014
Graffiti Detective reward hotline	(602) 262-7327
Report 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