



## **North Park Central Neighborhood Association**

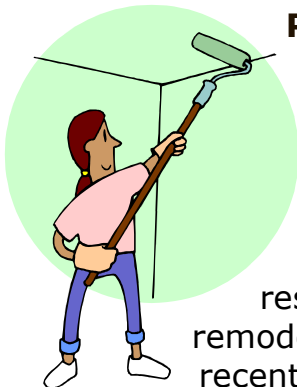
**AUGUST 2008**

**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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**North Park Central Neighborhood Alert** - In early July, it was reported that 2 men (very young, 19 and 20ish) were in the neighborhood going door-to-door saying that they are selling home alarm systems. Two residents reported that they were very suspicious, very rude and continued to ring their door bell even after the door was closed and were told that the resident was not interested. They maybe looking for an opportunity to get into your house or scam you out of your money. If you have a "feeling," and do not know an individual at your door, trust that gut feeling and do not answer the door. It is much better to be safe than sorry. This response may work for you. When people are at your door to sell or collect money try saying, "**I do not buy at the door,**" or "**I do not give at the door,**" then immediately close the door." I find that not buying at the door eliminates pressuring sales tactics and I can shop around for what I want and compare on my own terms. Generally a "we are give away something for free," or we just installed something down the block and have an extra to install" is merely a sales tactic to get you to buy their product.

Many of our residents are elderly and may have a difficult time with solicitors. If you have a neighbor like this, please watch out for each other and for possible scam in our neighborhood. It is neighbors helping each other that will ultimately keep us safe.



### **Phoenix Residents Can Remove Lead Hazards From Homes With Free Cleaners**

- This program's goal is to prevent childhood lead poisoning. Phoenix residents are encouraged to take advantage of the city's free, portable vacuum cleaners with special filters designed to remove lead particles in dust, paint and other home surfaces. Many homes built before 1978 are at risk of containing lead based paint, so residents are urged to conduct a thorough clean up after any remodeling or construction. The Neighborhood Services Department recently obtained three HEPA Vacs through its Lead Hazard Control Program. There are no income requirements, and residents can borrow the devices for up to a week, depending on demand. "The only cost to Phoenix residents to use these devices is the desire to eliminate lead hazards from their homes and ultimately provide a safe, healthy environment for their family and friends," said Jerome Miller, Neighborhood Services director. For more info on the program, call 602-495-0700 or visit [phoenix.gov/nsd](http://phoenix.gov/nsd)

**Fresh and Easy Grand Opening** – The Fresh and Easy Neighborhood Market is set to open at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. This gives our neighborhood another choice to shop for fresh food and prepared meals. They will have a variety of specials for the grand opening. They also sent a mailer to our neighborhood for a \$5 off when you spend \$20 or more and a free canvas bag with the purchase of \$10 or more. Our neighborhood welcomes them and looks forward to them being a good neighbor.

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**Sex Offenders** – The suspect who was sexually assaulting young children on the other side of Indian School Road was just captured, but parents should not let their guard down. For everyone caught, there are several still out there preying upon our children. To see an updated listing and pictures of sex offenders in our area, go to [www.azsexoffender.com](http://www.azsexoffender.com) click on search and zip code, type in 85013 and you will see that we have 7 listed sex offenders currently in our zip code and about 106 sex offenders near our neighborhood. That number does not include the homeless or transient sex offenders in our area. Also, for every sex offender that is registered, there are 2 who are not. If 300 sex offender just in our area sounds like a scary number, it should be.



As a Neighborhood Association, The City of Phoenix sends 3 to 4 Sex Offender Notifications about every month. These are sex offenders that have recently relocated or have been released in or near our neighborhood. The City only sends one notification to our neighborhood president and the City depend on us to get the message out. Sex Offender Notifications are also kept at the schools in our area. If you are picking up or dropping off your child, check with the school office to see the Sex Offender Notifications they have posted.

Below is the most recent notifications sent to us. The first two are level 3 (high risk to the community) and the second two are level 2 (intermediate risk to the community) sex offenders. There are about 120 registered sex offenders currently near our neighborhood.

Dennis Anderson, 67 East Roanoke Ave. #10, Phoenix, AZ 85004. Mr. Martin was convicted of rape, he and an accomplice dragged a 14 year old female into a storage room where they sexually assaulted her, beat her and knocked her unconscious. He is 51, 5'5", weight -205, black hair and brown eyes.

Terry Dean Milburn, Transient in the area of 15 Avenue and Encanto. Mr. Milburn was convicted of sexual assault, kidnapping an adult female at knifepoint and sexually assaulting her.

Donald Charles Shumaker, Transient in the area of 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Indian School. Mr. Shumaker was convicted of sexual conduct with a minor. He is 33, 5'11", weight -168, black hair and brown eyes.

Matthew Lowe, 355 East Thomas Road #B104, Phoenix, AZ 85012. Mr. Lowe was convicted of attempted sexual conduct with a minor. Mr. Lowe is 21, 5'10", weight -170, brown hair, hazel eyes.

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**Bulk Pick Up Changes** – As of January 2008, we are now in Area 12 for the bulk trash collection. That is not the only change. We are also on a schedule to pick up “green” waste which is a pilot program the City is working on to pick up tree and shrubbery waste to make mulch. Many of you may have noticed that during the last bulk pick up that the collector came through twice and picked out the green waste first.

The next bulk pick up will be August 25<sup>th</sup>. Please remember the one week rule and begin placement on August 16<sup>th</sup> at the curb. Also, during this time, we find that we have more burglary and theft in the neighborhood because one man’s junk is another man’s treasure and it brings visitors into our neighborhood. If you see suspicious activity or someone helping them selves to more than the junk at the curb, call 911 immediately.

**More on Recycling** For a closer look at PET or soda bottles and what happens if we do not recycle, Barbara Herren has provided the following information. The benefits of Recycling...

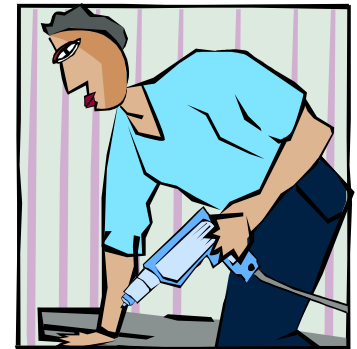


- PET (polyethylene terephthalate, recycling code #1) soda bottles are the most recycled plastic containers.
- Five recycled 2-liter PET bottles make enough fiberfill to stuff an adult ski jacket. Thirty-five recycled PET bottles make enough fiberfill for a sleeping bag.
- About a third of all the carpeting made in the U.S. has recycled PET bottles in it.
- Recycled HDPE (high density polyethylene, recycling code #2) used in juice bottles and milk jugs can be turned into items like flowerpots, trash cans, traffic barrier cones and curbside recycling bins.
- The HDPE is estimated to be worth about \$300-\$400 a ton. We throw away about 868 million pounds of it annually (about 75% of what’s produced). That’s an estimated \$130 million worth of plastic.
- It takes 1,050 recycled milk jugs to make a six-foot plastic park bench.

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**Continued Neighborhood Referral List by Rosemarie Lewis -**

Here are the additions to the neighborhood resource list of businesses that residents have hired and have given a favorable response. If you would like to share your resources with us, mail to [mail@NPCNA.com](mailto:mail@NPCNA.com) and we will add them to this list. This is also available on our website at [www.NPCNA.com](http://www.NPCNA.com) The Neighborhood Association is not endorsing these businesses, we are sharing resources from neighbors to neighbors. Thanks for your help in supporting the neighborhood.



**Painter** Will Heisler 602-377-6699

**Home Repair service** Casey's Plan "B" 602-550-4485

**Windows & Doors Replacement** Wholesale window & doors 602-200-8911

**Fencing company** Pinnacle Fencing Solutions 602-451-0035

**Roofing** Irma's Roofing 602-253-1801

**Concrete Drive, Patios, Block Walls, Stucco BBQ** Mr. Saul Castillo 602-881-1057

**Lawn and yardwork, Hauling Dominico of Dominico's** 602-677-9885

**Interlink Mechanical** heating/cooling Dan Smid 602-672-2941 or Rick 602-769 0833

**Residential Home Repair**, with valid contractor’s license David Gasca 480-600-1100

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**Empty...Vacant...For Sale** – Our neighborhood is at risk for burglary of copper, air conditioners, appliances and fixtures. There is also a risk of transients moving into empty houses. If you see a vacant house in our neighborhood that has been broken into or people are in the house who do not belong in the house, call 911 or Crimestoppers at 602-262-6151 to report it.

**Housing Market** – Our ever slumping housing market fell again and so did the prices on 5 of the homes listed. Three more homes added to the many homes for sale in our neighborhood. We do have location on our side. With the high price of gasoline, being in the downtown area with bus service and the light rail coming, when the housing market turns around, we should be one of the first neighborhoods to recover. For now, there are some great investment opportunities in our neighborhood.

| Address                 | SqFt  | Bed/Bath | List Price | Sale Price | Price per SqFt |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|------------|------------|----------------|
| 825 W. Mitchell Dr.     | 1,110 | 3/1      | \$224,900  | Active     | \$202.61       |
| 1017 W. Mitchell Dr.    | 1,454 | 3/1.75   | \$175,000  | Active     | \$120.36       |
| 840 W. Whitton Ave.     | 1,641 | 4/2      | \$244,000  | Active     | \$148.69       |
| 1001 W. Clarendon Ave.  | 1,840 | 3/2      | \$218,997  | Active     | \$119.02       |
| 1008 W. Clarendon Ave.  | 1,436 | 3/1      | \$185,000  | Active     | \$128.83       |
| 808 W. Indianola Ave.   | 1,596 | 4/2      | \$181,900  | Active     | \$113.97       |
| 817 W. Indianola Ave.   | 1,178 | 4/1.75   | \$130,000  | Active     | \$110.36       |
| 848 W. Fairmount Ave.   | 2,075 | 4/2      | \$193,000  | Active     | \$93.01        |
| 815 W. Piccadilly Ave.  | 1,275 | 3/1.75   | \$185,000  | Active     | \$145.10       |
| 1007 W. Piccadilly Ave. | 1,800 | 4/3      | \$205,000  | Active     | \$113.89       |
| 821 W. Amelia Ave.      | 1,584 | 3/2      | \$199,900  | Active     | \$126.20       |
| 3441 N. 8th Ave.        | 1,185 | 3/1.5    | \$208,000  | Active     | \$175.53       |
| 3615 N. 8th Ave.        | 1,506 | 3/2      | \$209,500  | Active     | \$139.11       |
| 3629 N. 8th Ave.        | 1,100 | 3/1      | \$150,900  | Active     | \$137.18       |
| 3635 N. 8th Ave.        | 1,088 | 3/1      | \$162,400  | Active     | \$149.26       |
| 3837 N. 8th Ave.        | 1,600 | 5/2      | \$149,000  | Active     | \$93.13        |

For pictures and expanding listing information, send an e-mail to mail@NPCNA.com and ask to be added to the home sales e-mail list to receive the "Buyers Page" courtesy of Realtor Juan Medina at HomeSmart, 602-430-6895. All e-mail addresses will be kept confidential and are not given to any realtor.

**Contact Information**

**North Park Central Neighborhood Association**

**Board Members**

- Nancy Joplin – Acting President (602) 367-4480
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- Barbara Herren (602) 279-3635
- Helen Kennelly (602) 274-4483
- Rosemarie Lewis (602) 265-9887

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**Check out our new website at [www.NPCNA.com](http://www.NPCNA.com)**

To contact any board member, send an e-mail to: [Mail@NPCNA.com](mailto:Mail@NPCNA.com) .

Thank you to our many volunteers!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- 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](mailto: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

