



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



Holiday Greetings and Merry Christmas

*Wishing you and your loved ones peace, health, happiness
and prosperity in the coming New Year.*



A final word from the Acting President...

There are many changes coming to the Neighborhood Association, some of them long over due. One of the changes is that this will be the final newsletter that I will be writing for the Neighborhood Association. I began writing the newsletter in June of 2002 and took on the position of being your Neighborhood President. While I have enjoyed writing the newsletter for the past six years and serving the neighborhood, I am turning over the reins to Kat Moore who is excited to begin with the January 2009 issue. She has exciting plans and changes for the newsletter and I wish her all the best in continuing to serve you and the neighborhood.

From 2002 to 2006, I actively served as your President and together, we have come a long way and accomplished many projects. For the past two year, I have held the position as Acting President while we searched for someone to step into that position. That time has come. The Board is currently working on a new structure and organizational chart and Kat will tell you more about that in upcoming issues. I plan on continuing to serve on the board during this transitional period and will eventually settle into working on our website.

I want to thank every neighbor who has ever served on the Board, delivered a newsletter or picked up a rake or paintbrush to help improve our community. I am also extending an open invitation to any neighbor who would like to serve on the board or on one of the many forming committees. The only requirement is that you bring a positive attitude and a willingness to promote our neighborhood.

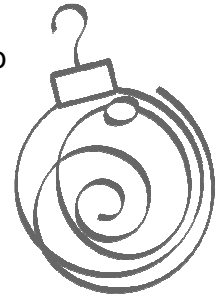
I also want to thank the many city services and staff who have supported me in my efforts to serve this neighborhood. A few at the top of the list is our own Mayor, Phil Gordon; City Councilman, Tom Simplot and Megan and Rose on his staff; Neighborhood Services Lisa Hubbard and our City Inspectors; our Community Action Officer Dave Chambers and Kathy Scarpati with the Police Department; Osborn School District and Clarendon School; all of the surrounding Neighborhood Associations who have stood side-by-side at a City Council Meeting or Liquor License Board Meeting and to all the "Friends of NPCNA" who have offered their time and services to help our little corner of the City.

And, finally, thank you to all my neighbors. It has been a blessing to get to know you and to serve you.

Nancy Joplin



Christmas and Holiday Celebrations – There are many free programs to celebrate the holidays. Beginning with the Electric Light Parade on December 6th and many local church Christmas pageants. One that I recommend is the Star of Wonder Celebration of Christmas at Phoenix First. They have free and reserved tickets. This is a remarkable production that will uplift and inspire. Click on www.Phoenixfirst.org or call 602-867-7117. Performances are Dec. 6-15th.

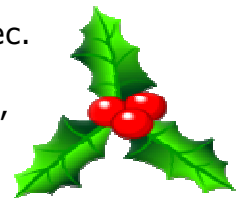


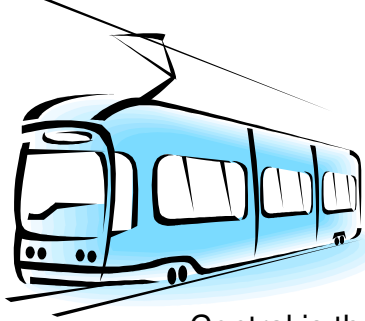
Shop Phoenix – What does that mean? Whether you're planning a big holiday shopping spree or waiting for the after-holiday sales, be sure to do your buying in Phoenix. Sales taxes on the merchandise you buy go into the city's general fund, which helps pay for many important city services, such as police, fire, parks and libraries. When you shop in other communities, the taxes go to the general fund of those cities. So shop Phoenix whenever you can!

Copper Square – In 2009, we will be showcasing a business in the downtown area with an ad in our monthly newsletter. What is Copper Square? It is 90 blocks of urban lifestyles, attractions and business in the heart of Phoenix. If you haven't been downtown lately, check out www.coppersquare.com and click on their holiday calendar or a photo tour of major attractions. There is also an interactive map and a new Copper Square 3D map. There are over 90 restaurants, bars and markets. You can also experience live theater, museums and music events. Over \$3 billion is currently being invested in the future of Copper Square and with the easy access of light rail, you have no excuse not to check it out.

Festive Fridays - Renaissance Square (Central & Adams) will be bustling with holiday cheer every Friday this December during the lunch hour. Stroll buy and sample some scrumptious food and hear live music. Dec. 5, 12, 19 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Pueblo Grande Museum Indian Market - will return to Phoenix Dec. 13-14 for the 32nd straight year. The annual market will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 13, and from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 14, at the South Mountain Park/Preserve activity complex, 10919 S. Central Ave. The market will feature more than 250 top Native American artists and give shoppers a chance to choose from world-class jewelry, paintings, sculptures, pottery, Kachina dolls, baskets, fetish carvings and much more in a wide price range, from five up to several thousand dollars. Visitors also will be able to enjoy top-notch entertainers including musicians and performers, purchase traditional Native American foods, such as Indian fry bread, and see artist demonstrations. Kids can enjoy hands-on crafts activities involving weaving, beading or coloring in the children's area. For more info call 602-495-0901.





METRO Light Rail opens December 27th. **All train rides will be free Dec. 27 and 28.** Station celebrations will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Activities will occur along the entire 20-mile METRO alignment. There will be music, activities and exhibits at many park-n-ride and light rail station locations. Camelback and

Central is the closest light rail park-n-ride to our neighborhood. The closest stations are at Indian School Road at Central and Osborn at Central. The in-road system will have 28 stations, eight park-and-ride facilities and 50 trains. Trains will operate 20 hours a day and stop at stations every 10 minutes during daytime hours. Sharing the same fare structure as the Valley's bus service, fares are very reasonable beginning at \$1.25 for a single ride. There are also day passes for \$2.50, 3 day passes for \$7.50, 7 day passes for \$17.50 and 31 day passes for \$45.00. There are also reduced fares for youths ages 6-18, seniors ages 65 and over and persons with a disability. You can purchase your fare online, through the mail, at transit centers and retail locations. For more information call 602-262-7433 or check out their website at www.valleymetro.org.

Neighborhood Alerts – *In the wee hours of Monday morning, November 10th, there was an attempted break-in in the 800 block of W. Fairmount Ave at 3:45 a.m. Someone jumped the 6 foot fence and entered the backyard. The attempted was interrupted by an aggressive dog. On 11/12 another attempt at the same address was foiled by the dog.*

Stay alert. These are very scary times and criminals will be watching for opportunities. Please look out your windows if you hear dogs barking or you hear a suspicious vehicle or bicycles trolling your street in the middle of the night.

If you see a suspicious vehicle or persons on the street in the middle of the night and they do not belong on your street, call the police on their non emergency number at crime stoppers 602-262-6151 and tell them... "There is a suspicious person on my street and they do not belong there." If that someone is committing a crime, call 911 immediately. It is better to be safe than sorry. The police will come out to check on suspicious activity.

In these times of economic hardships, more people will be committing more crimes. It is our benefit as a tight neighborhood to band together and watch out for each other.

Phoenix Receives \$39 Million for Foreclosure Assistance – Phoenix officials were informed recently that the city has been allocated \$39.4 million in Neighborhood Stabilization funds under the recent Housing and Economic Recovery Act that Congress passed earlier this summer. Funds will be used to address abandoned or foreclosed properties, including buyer assistance or finance mechanisms, rehabilitation, acquisition, demolition or redevelopment. Other valley cities received funding, including Mesa - \$9.6 million, Glendale - \$6.1 million and Avondale - \$2.4 million.



One House Sold! – Here is something we haven't seen in a long time...a "Sold" home in the neighborhood. We are also seeing some homes go to "Auction." While many of the home prices held this month, some have dropped as much as \$60K while others have gone inactive. This is a good time to pick up investment property if you can wait out the recession. Thank you to Tana Sheets with DelMar Realty at 480-202-3906. If you would like current email listings of our neighborhood homes, send an email to www.NPCNA.com .

Address	SqFt	Bed/Bath	List Price	Sale Price	Price per SqFt
822 W. Mitchell Dr.	1,088	3/1	\$140,000	Active	\$128.68
825 W. Mitchell Dr.	1,110	3/1	\$224,900	Cancelled	\$202.61
840 W. Whitton Ave.	1,641	4/2	\$244,000	Active	\$148.69
821 W. Weldon Ave.	1,551	4/2	\$290,000	Active	\$186.98
827 W. Clarendon Ave.	2,150	3/2.75	\$459,000	Active	\$213.49
1001 W. Clarendon Ave.	1,430	3/2	\$214,997	Active	\$150.35
1008 W. Clarendon Ave.	1,436	3/1	\$109,900	Active	\$76.53
808 W. Indianola Ave.	1,596	4/2	\$129,900	Active	\$81.39
817 W. Indianola Ave.	1,178	4/1.75	\$129,900	Active	\$110.27
818 W. Indianola Ave.	1,196	3/2	\$175,000	Active	\$146.32
838 W. Indianola Ave.	1,255	3/2	\$149,000	Active	\$118.73
848 W. Fairmount Ave.	2,075	4/2	\$165,000	Active	\$79.52
815 W. Piccadilly Ave.	1,275	3/1.75	\$140,000	Sold	\$109.80
821 W. Amelia Ave.	1,584	3/2	Auction	Auction	Auction
3441 N. 8th Ave.	1,185	3/1.5	\$117,500	Pending	\$99.16
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	\$69,900	Active	\$64.25
3837 N. 8th Ave.	1,600	5/2	\$101,000	Active	\$63.13

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www.NPCNA.com

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

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

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
City of Phoenix Sewer Dept.	(602) 262-6222
Metro Light Rail	(602) 262-7433

