



North Park Central Neighborhood Association

January - February 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

Coyote Sightings

from the Arizona Game and Fish Department (602) 942-3000

There have been reports of coyotes near Phoenix College and the neighborhood just south of us across Osborn. A cat was also reported killed by a coyote. Coyotes can easily jump six-foot fences in search of food. Arizona Game and Fish recommends removing all outdoor food sources, like pet food bowls. Keep cats indoors permanently. Coyotes most likely come into conflict with dogs that are cat-sized or smaller, so please supervise dogs while outside and keep them on a leash while walking.



There have only been eight coyote bites reported in Maricopa County in the past ten years (compared to more than 5,300 domestic dog bites each year). If you encounter a coyote, the most successful method of frightening a coyote away is to appear as large and threatening as possible. Making aggressive gestures toward the animal (moving arms and legs), shouting in a deep voice, throwing rocks, sticks or other objects at the coyote, waving an object, and moving toward human activity or populated areas are proven techniques for either making the coyote flee or ending the encounter. Teach children to remain calm, not to shriek or scream (it may sound like a wounded prey item to the coyote), and to move toward adult activity. If the coyote keeps approaching you, continue the above and exaggerate them. Do not turn away and run. Keep constant eye contact with the coyote and continue to move toward other people, a building or area of activity.

Play Vehicles No Longer Allowed

On December 15, the Phoenix City Council approved a ban on all motorized skateboards/scooters and motorized play vehicles from operating on public right-of-ways. This includes all street and sidewalks; the only exception is on private property with written permission from the property owner.

Play vehicles are becoming a major safety concern for the person operating the play vehicle and those who operate automobiles. It is also a quality of life issue with residents. For more information about the new ordinance, visit <http://phoenix.gov/POLICE/scooters.html>.

A violation of any part of this new ordinance is a civil violation with fines up to \$250. For the purposes of civil traffic matters, juveniles are treated the same as adults.

Downtown Farmer's Market



Experience the best in Arizona agriculture, cooking and creativity as vendors from across the state will offer fresh flowers, fruits and vegetables, meat and dairy products, roasted coffee, mouth-watering honey, jams and chocolates, baked goods and prepared foods. Starting February 12th, 2005, the market will be open Saturdays 8am to 1pm and the first Friday of every month from 4pm to 8pm. The Market is located on the southeast corner of Central Ave. and McKinley St. Admission and parking are free. For more information, check out their website <http://www.foodconnect.org/News.htm>.

Block Watch Program

The neighborhood is looking to recruit Block Watch Block Captains. Block Watch is a simple program of neighbors watching out for each other. It is designed to enlist the active participation of residents in cooperation with police to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. We are looking for at least one neighbor per block throughout our neighborhood. Bringing this program back was requested by many residents, but it only works if YOU get involved. Please call Dennis Newcombe at (602) 279-5674 or Nancy Joplin at (602) 367-4480 if you are interested.

Block Watch Grants

Our Neighborhood Association is eligible for grants to help finance programs that fight crime and improve the safety and quality of life in our neighborhood. For the first time, we have applied for such a grant. This does not mean that we will get it, but we will be in the running. Some of the projects that we are looking into are help with publishing our bi-monthly newsletter and possibly increase our newsletters to monthly, painting all house numbers on street curbs, added lighting in our alleys and stranger danger programs available at Encanto and Clarendon Schools to name a few. The application was submitted February 4, 2005. A 20-member oversight committee will determine funding and the City Council will finalize in April. Look for an update in a future newsletter.



Water Works in our Neighborhood

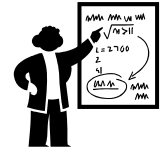
The City of Phoenix will be replacing waterlines in our area soon. They will begin construction in the area of 11th Ave. to 15th Ave. first and then proceed towards our area beginning in late March and continuing through early May. This construction will be to replace the existing 4" water lines with 6" lines, which should improve our water pressure. The water department assured us that this increase in pressure should not present a problem in regards to bursting pipes, but if older plumbing is already an issue in your

home, you may want to take care of any existing problems. There may be limited disruption in water service during the transfer of service. They will try to avoid moving any fencing and landscaping, but will restore any damage to the property to its preexisting condition. You can call (602) 248-4211 twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week for more information.

Clarendon School News

Homework Hotline

The purpose of the homework hotline is to help students with any questions they might have about their assignments. The Homework Hotline opened its lines on January 24, 2005, and will run through the first week of April. Its hours are from 4 to 6 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Call (602) 707-2241 or 707-2243.



Recycle Your Toner Cartridges at Clarendon School

Clarendon PTSA is very excited to share a lucrative fundraising project with our neighborhood. They would like your empty ink-jet and laser toner cartridges from your homes and places of business. In return, the school will receive cash or valuable technology-related supplies for the students' use. The collection of these cartridges represents a unique opportunity to fund classroom needs and enhance a student's education. Please call the school office at (602) 707-2200 with any questions or to request further information.

Campbell's Soup Labels and Box Tops for Education

Clarendon also collects General Mills box tops and Campbell soup labels. Please make sure you take off the labels from your Campbell's soup cans and the tops from your General Mills products. These are collected and sent to the manufacturers for cash and educational materials they offer.

School Calendar

Wednesday	February 16	½ day for students
Monday	February 21	President's Day – holiday
Friday	February 25	½ day – End of Second Trimester
Thursday and Friday	March 3 – 4	½ day – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Monday through Friday	March 14 – 18	Spring Recess
Friday	March 25	Board declared holiday
Wednesday	March 30	½ day for students

Sex Offender Notification

We have recently received two community notifications. As always, you can get a complete list of sex offenders for our area along with descriptions of convictions and photographs of the offenders at <http://az.gov/webapp/offender/searchZip.do>

Linda Lou Harris, 342 E. Earll Drive, Phoenix, 85012, age 57, 5'10", 140 pounds, brown hair and eyes. Level 2 (Intermediate), On November 1, 1993, Offender Harris was convicted for one count of Filming a Minor and one count of Attempted Child Molestation. She was sentenced to ten years prison and lifetime probation.

Ardell Lawrence Caddo, 4618 N. 18th Drive, Phoenix, 85015, age 51, 5'8", 180 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. Level 3 (High), On June 3, 1986, Offender Caddo was convicted of Unlawfully Driving to Taking a Vehicle, Kidnapping and Assault to Commit Rape in the Municipal Court of Santa Barbara, CA. The offense involved the offender having inappropriate sexual contact with an adult female, who was not known to him. Caddo has prior convictions for Rape in 1973, and various other prior convictions in 1974, 1977 and 1979.

Those currently listed in our zip code are:

Fredrick Alexander -- 310 W. Camelback # 218, Phoenix
Allan Delosua -- 925 W. Highland, Apt 2, Phoenix
Ronald Gresko -- 31 W. Maryland, Phoenix
Michael Lammie -- 1134 W. Monterosa St., Phoenix
Clarence Rhea -- 1019 W. Berridge Ln, Phoenix
Darren Roberts -- 4430 N. 8 Ave. Apt. 4, Phoenix
Daniel Robinson -- 927 W Highland Ave, #1, Phoenix
David Rumbaugh -- 357 W. Pierson St, Apt 19, Phoenix

Sex Offender Facts & Characteristics (from <http://az.gov/webapp/portal/sows.jsp?name=sows600>)

- Arizona has approximately 11,000 registered sex offenders.
- Sex offenders come from all walks of life and from all socio-economic groups. They can be male or female, rich or poor, employed or unemployed, religious or non-religious, educated or uneducated, and from any race.
- Although some sex offenders are strangers and stalkers, many know the victim as a family member, friend, or neighbor. They win a child's trust and then take advantage of that trust.
- Potential victims are likely to be children that are poor, neglected, loners, or runaways.
- Many pedophiles seek out mothers of single parent families for the purpose of victimizing children.
- Sex offenders often like playgrounds and other places where children congregate.
- Most sex offenders groom their victims prior to any crime.
- Offenders may position themselves to come into contact with children by:
 - Creating playground environments where victims have access to toys, games, and other things that will later be traded for sex.
 - Enticing with attention, affection, gifts, promises, and providing alcohol and pornography to lower inhibitions.
 - Participating in activities with teens, often excluding other adults, or trying to get teens into situations where no other adults are present.
 - Preying on either a parent/teen desire to excel in a sport. They provide extra assistance and offer special attention.
 - Being the "nice guy" in the neighborhood who is willing to entertain children and take them on outings.
 - Operating businesses that hire teens and looking for excuses requiring them to stay after hours, or visit the offenders home.
 - Seeking employment or volunteering where they will be in contact with children and teens.

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Bulk Trash Pick-up

Placement Begins: Feb. 12

Collection Begins: Feb. 21

Contact: Solid Waste Customer Service (602) 262-7251 or pwserve@phoenix.gov

Bulk trash is material that cannot be placed in the garbage or recycling container such as furniture, some large appliances and large amounts of vegetation. All vegetation must be less than 4 feet in length and 12 inches in diameter. Small amounts of vegetation should be cut up, bagged and tied, and placed in the garbage container.



Bulk trash crews do NOT pick up dirt; rocks; concrete; bricks; tires; large auto parts; large heavy metal objects; glass such as windows, shower doors, etc.; construction or demolition materials; piping over one inch in diameter; appliances that contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), such as refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, heat pumps, water coolers and dehumidifiers.

Resale Housing Market



The Valley's resale housing market jumped 38% in 2004, rising from 73,785 homes changing hands in 2003 to 102,115 recorded sales last year. Recorded sales in Phoenix improved from 20,100 to 27,075 sales, while the median sale price increased from \$126,000 to \$139,500. The median square footage for a single-family home sold in 2004 was 1,685 square feet, while it was reported as 1,670 square feet in 2003. Since 2000, the local resale housing market has consistently set new records.

"There are for basic motivations that drive home buyers; the need for housing, especially for new residents; the desire to own, not rent; the dream to improve current housing; and/or to invest in housing as a rental or seasonal home," said Dr. Jay Butler, Arizona Real Estate Center director. Butler also notes that low interest rates continue to support the strong housing market.

Recent Home Sales in North Park Central (November 1, 2004 – January 31, 2005)

Address	SqFt	Beds/Baths	List Price	Sale Price	Sale Price / SqFt
837 W. Indianola Ave.	1410	3/1.75	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$99.29
837 W. Clarendon Ave.	1519	3/2	\$145,000	\$151,000	\$99.40
1005 W. Amelia Ave.	1343	3/1	\$152,900	\$152,900	\$113.85

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Dennis Newcombe – Block Watch Coordinator (602) 279-5674
Russell Combs (602) 530-9918

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 Kristen at 602-604-8701 or email 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 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
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, Phx Police Community Action Ofc (602) 534-2637
Tom Simplot, District Four 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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