

## ***North Park Central Neighborhood Association***

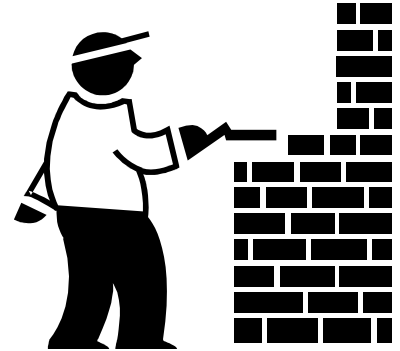
**July 2006**

**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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### **The Great Wall Project**

The Neighborhood Association has been looking for ways to improve sound reduction and the safety aspect of the wall that divides our neighborhood from all of the activities on 7th Avenue. It has also been our goal to improve the overall look of the wall which defines our neighborhood. We have painted it, patched it, made it a little taller in areas and planted beside it, while that is an improvement; it still remains a very ugly wall. The surrounding areas on 7th Avenue known as Melrose, just north of us have experienced revitalization and the historic neighborhoods to the south of us have improved greatly. It is time for us to take action. The Neighborhood Association, City Council, and Phoenix College Alumni met this past spring with much enthusiasm to explore possibilities. The results of that meeting - the beginning of a new wall. It would enlist the interest and involvement of a world renowned artist, Phoenix College Alumni, the City of Phoenix and community involvement. Our mission is to bring a level of prestige to this project that would transform an ordinary city street into a site of creativity, synergy and pride. We met with City engineers last month to move this project from conceptualization to realization. Before we can move forward, the City engineers have to do a site survey. We also sent letters to the homeowners along the East side of 8th Avenue to gain their support to rebuild the wall to an 8 foot height at no cost to the property owners. To date we have received a majority of the letters back, but there are a few that we would still like to collect. If you are a homeowner living along the East side of 8th Avenue and did not return your letter, we would like to hear from you. Please contact either Dennis at 602-279-5674 or Nancy at 367-4480. We will also be canvassing the neighborhood to get signatures for general support for the project in the future. We believe this project will have a major positive impact on our neighborhood and we welcome your participation. We will update residents in future newsletter on progress of this project.



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### **CVS Pharmacy Buyout of Osco Pharmacy**

CVS Pharmacy plans to buyout most stand alone Osco Pharmacy. Our neighborhood Osco at 3320 North 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. is one of those that have already been purchased. CVS is slowly being phased in. City Council will be hearing the issue on August 30<sup>th</sup>. CVS Pharmacy has also applied for a liquor license for Series 9 which includes Off Sale All liquor.



### Skylines Changes Coming

A change to the City’s skyline north of downtown is approaching. Applications have been filed for rezoning and height waivers for 31 East Thomas. Originally request was for a project that contains residential condominium towers of approximately 50 stories/685 feet in height with commercial use on the first floor. The towers would contain a maximum of 751 luxury condo and related recreational space. After hearings and meetings with various city and neighborhood groups, a compromise with some height reduction was made. This is the first of many high rises we will see. Because of Sky Harbor Airport flight pattern, the numbers of floors in high rises in the downtown area are restricted. The logical place to move them would be further north of downtown.

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### Dusk-to-Dawn Lights Installed

Three new Dusk-to-Dawn lights have been installed in the alley behind Mitchell Drive. Our residents on the south side of Mitchell Drive share an alley with apartments and businesses. Because of safety and security problems that are typical of alley ways, residents have asked for more lighting in the alley. As part of our Block Watch Grant, the Neighborhood Association reviewed the placement criteria for lighting, petitioned neighbors and made arrangements for APS to installed three lights in the alley way. This light will be paid for with Block Watch money for a period of 4 years. Special thanks to Erica Hoekstra, Neighborhood Association Board Member for all of her efforts in completing this project.

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### Home Sales

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](mailto:mail@npcna.com) and ask to be added to the home sales e-mail list. All e-mail addresses will be kept confidential.



Address	SqFt	Bed/Bath	List Price	Sale Price	Price per SqFt
812 W. Whitton Ave.	1,249	3/1	\$234,900	Active	\$188.07
815 W. Whitton Ave.	1,088	3/1	\$284,900	Active	\$261.86
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
824 W. Amelia Ave.	1,276	3/1.75	\$299,000	Active	\$234.33
1001 W. Amelia Ave.	1,380	3/1.75	\$299,000	Active	\$216.67
1017 W. Amelia Ave.	1,201	3/1	\$225,000	\$229,900	\$191.42

## Neighborhood CLEAN - UP July 15

A neighborhood clean-up is scheduled for July 15. Neighborhood Services has offered volunteers to help with the clean-up of Mitchell Drive and Amelia Avenue alleys. This is the second year that such a clean up has been held. If you live on the alley side of Mitchell Drive or Amelia Ave. it is your responsibility to keep the alley clean and clear. Clutter and dry vegetation creates fire and health hazards. In these dry conditions, all it would take is a thrown cigarette butt to start a fire. Just last month three houses on 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Osborn burned down because of those conditions. Don't think that fire can not happen here.

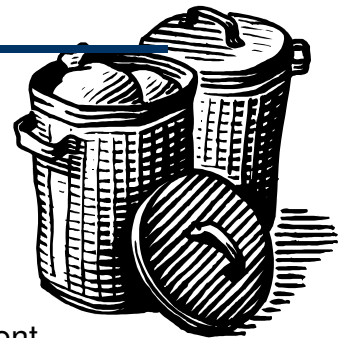
We are also looking for neighborhood volunteers to help with the clean-up. Tools and water will be provided, just bring a hat, sun screen and a willing spirit. Clean-up will start early in the morning. Check in the alley to find the crew. Also, if you know an elderly or disabled resident in the neighborhood that could use a little help with their property, please call Nancy before July 15 so that we can schedule the crew.

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## 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. It is a violation of City ordinance to place bulk trash out before the listed placement.

What is Bulk Trash? It is material that cannot be placed in the refuse or recycling container such as furniture, large appliances and large amounts of vegetation. Place your bulk trash at least 5 feet from any object such as fence, utility pole, or cable box in order to be collected. The bulk trash crews do not pick up hazardous waste such as antifreeze, pool chemicals, oil, paint or batteries. They also do not pick up materials such as tires, bricks, concrete, dirt, rocks, asphalt or roofing shingles. 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.



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## School News



Osborn district begins school on August 7th and the **Meet the Teacher** night is being held on Thursday, August 3rd. The times are as follows: Osborn Middle School -5-7 p.m., Clarendon School - 5-6:30 p.m. and Encanto School is 5:30-7 p.m. The school offices will be open for registration and questions beginning the 3rd week in July.

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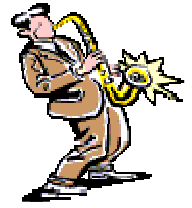
## Critter Program, Full Moon Hike

Ever wonder what goes on in the desert at night? Join park rangers for a classroom presentation emphasizing some of the many desert animals that are active at night, followed by a family hike under the full moon on Sunday, August 8 (Program #10138) The classroom presentation takes place beginning at 7:30 pm in the Education Room at the North Mountain Visitors Center, 12950 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Call 602-495-0222 to register.



## Free Concert July 15<sup>th</sup>

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 the Latin, Jazz and salsa sound of Carlos Rivas & Mex\$al Band. Bring a picnic basket, blanket and lawn chairs and enjoy a music filled evening with family and friends. Food and beverages can be purchased at the park. For more information call 602-495-0739.



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## Sex Offender Notification

The Neighborhood Association receives notification when a new sex offender is released and moves into our area. We pass this information along to our residents for your information. Both offenders are Level 3 which is the highest level of risk to the community. To see pictures of these two offender and others in our area go to [www.azsexoffender.com](http://www.azsexoffender.com).

Aaron George Duchene, 740 W. Coolidge Street, #3, Phoenix, AZ 85013

Age – 55, Height – 5'6", Weight 180, Hair – Black, Eyes- Brown

On August 22, 1991, the offender was convicted of Attempted Sexual Conduct and Attempted Molestation of a Child. The offender attempted to molest two nine year-old victims, that were known to him. The offender was sentenced to 11 ½ years of prison and released on August 10, 2001. The offender is on lifetime probation.

Todd Montgomery Edwards, 340 W. Roma Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85013

Age – 43, Height – 6'2", Weight 190, Hair – Brown, Eyes- Blue

In 1982, the offender was convicted of two counts of Public Sexual Indecency. He was convicted of Indecent Exposure in 1985 and 1986. The offenses involved the offender exposing himself in public. On May 4, 1999, the offender was convicted to Failure to Register as a Sex Offender in Maricopa County Superior Court. He was sentenced to 30 months in prison.

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## Contact Information

### **North Park Central Neighborhood Association**

#### **Board Members**

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#### **Do you want to be notified about breaking neighborhood news that affects you?**

If so, please send an email to [Mail@NPCNA.com](mailto:Mail@NPCNA.com) and be added to our distribution list. Your email address will only be used for notification purposes.

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
	<a href="mailto:blight@phoenix.gov">blight@phoenix.gov</a>
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