

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

Historic Neighborhoods of Phoenix –

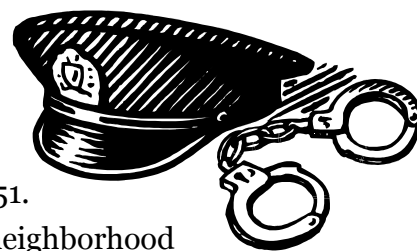
The latest self-guided driving tour of the historic neighborhoods brochure is being provided to you with this newsletter. It is researched, designed and illustrated by several residents representing different historic neighborhoods. We hope you will enjoy it and use it to see the homes and architectural heritage of Phoenix's older neighborhoods.

Brad Moore Joins Neighborhood Association –

Brad and his wife moved to Phoenix when Brad was drafted by a semi pro soccer team, The Sahuaros. The Saguaros' had an apartment for them in The Willow Neighborhood which the couple loved and after the team folded they decided to stay and live in the area. Brad played soccer in Brazil, Holland and Switzerland and in addition to the US. Soccer doesn't always do well in the US and teams often fold. Brad loves architecture and specifically is a fan of Ralph Haver. Brad did a lot of research in this area and liked this neighborhood for the modern style and clean lines of the architecture. He is interested in the development of the downtown area and that is why we came to live in this neighborhood. We welcome Brad to our team and know he will bring his knowledge and enthusiasm to the group.

Crime Stoppers or 911, Who do I call? -

If you need immediate assistance for fire, or emergency health problems, call 911. If a crime is happening right at the moment, call 911. If you wake-up or come home and find that your yard, home or car has been vandalized or burgled, call Crime Stoppers 602-262-6151.



In last month's newsletter we printed the statistics for crime in our neighborhood based on calls to 911 and Crime Stoppers. They are both considered calls for service. Every call for service is documented, but not every call is made into a report, meaning a Departmental Report (DR). A DR is only made in a case where a crime occurred and prosecution is desired. There are some crimes categorized as, "victimless crimes" like drug offences or DUI where the state of Arizona will be the victim and a DR is automatically written. If you are a victim of a crime against you or your property and desire prosecution it should be documented in a DR. As a victim, you will know if a report or DR has been written when the officer gives you a DR number. If an officer does not make a report or DR when a crime is committed and is requested by a victim willing to prosecute and appear in court, a supervisor should be called.

All crimes should be reported. Even those you may feel do not merit reporting. The police track crime and crime trends and use that information to catch criminals and assign police coverage.

Our Neighborhood Needs You - The North Park Central Neighborhood Association is currently seeking interested neighbors to be our Block Watch Coordinator. If you are interested please contact Kat at 480-620-4415 or send an e-mail to Mail@NPCNA.com. The level of commitment is determined by you and it generally involves: Getting to know your neighbors. Working together to solve issues in our neighborhood. Helping the police and being aware of unusual activities in the neighborhood. It does not require frequent meetings.

Feedback Please - Our team is looking for ways to provide you with information 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 newsletter. Are there issues you want to know about that we have not covered?

Would you like to hear about local merchants and restaurants? Would you like to know about services offered by our neighbors? This could be an advertising section for things like Seamstresses, Lawn Care or Car Pool Groups? How about a place to advertise items you want to sell but don't want to have a garage sale? Our goal is to keep the newsletter fresh and full of information for you and help you be a part of the community. Please let us know by emailing us at Mail@NPCNA.com, or give Kat a call at 480-620-4415. Please note the 480 prefix on Kat's phone number. It is her cell phone number.

Beware of Spiders
by North Park Central Neighborhood's own Dan Thompson

It is summer time. It is that time of year when people really want to look their best. Those of us who take it upon ourselves to spruce up the yard and get the place ready for that perfect backyard barbecue. Or, just keep the place looking neat and tidy. BEWARE...



Not usually known for being tidy, I'm certainly down for the cookout. Let's just say, I try my best. Recently we trimmed the palm trees and pruned the fruit trees and placed the dead branches in a pile until it was time for the city's scheduled bulk collection. Then the day came, and we rushed to get things out to the curb. "Mission Accomplished" right? Well, let's just say the ordeal had only begun. In the rush to accomplish the "mission" somewhere during the hauling of the branches I was bit by a Brown Recluse Spider or a Hobo spider or.... My doctor said that while they're known in Arizona he'd not seen or heard of a bite here in Phoenix in a long time. My doctor has been practicing for 50 years, so I'll take him at his word. The bite swelled to about the size of a golf ball with the surrounding area red to the size of a football. Painless? Yes. At it's worse no. The bite had to run its natural course. The spider's venom was very poisonous. The tissues in the bite area were dying and soon I'd be left with a wound the size of a silver dollar and just about as deep. It was very painful and ugly. The tissue, now dead, had to be removed. Yes, more pain. With some researching on my own and questioning my doctor I find that my wounds will take several months to heal and will leave some scarring.

A spider bite is a very serious thing. I will never take taking the trash out as lightly again. I'm now aware of what kinds of spiders are here in Phoenix the hard way. I never saw the spider that bit me. I didn't even feel it when it happened. It was about 8 hours later that I found myself on the way to see my doctor. If you want to do all you can to avoid having spiders live where you do, you may find the following information helpful.

- * Tighten door thresholds and around window screens.
- * Caulk door and window frames and all wall penetrations.

- * Remove vegetation and litter from the foundation, doorways and window wells.
- * Where possible, relocate building or area lights that attract flying insects, especially midges.
- * Carefully check flowers brought in from the garden and from commercial greenhouses.
- * Indoors, eliminate old cardboard boxes and other clutter that provide hiding places for spiders.
- * One can kill spiders with a fly swatter or vacuum spiders to kill them. When you are done vacuuming up spiders and their webs, seal the vacuum bag and place it in an outdoor trash container.
- *Unnecessary clutter should be eliminated Brown recluse spiders are frequently found in and around boxes stored in closets and attics.
- *Wear gloves when working outside.

For more information on spiders and treatment of bites, you can visit www.badspiderbites.com on the Internet.

DISCOVER HOW INFANTS AND TODDLERS LEARN -

FREE 4-Hour Workshop Sponsored by APS and St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center
 New Directions Institute for Infant Brain Development is presenting the latest information and techniques to "wire up" your young child's brain for a successful future in a FREE four-hour workshop. S*CCEEDS credit is available. Attendees will receive a FREE brain development toy!

WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION AND TIMES -

St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, Center for Education and Development (Park Central Mall)
 3115 N. 3rd Avenue, Suite 132 Parking: In the front on 3rd Avenue & Earll Drive

SATURDAY, JULY 21	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
SATURDAY, AUGUST 18	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 (en español)	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

CALLING ALL EXPECTANT & NEW DADS –

St. Joseph's Hospital has something just for you! Classes are held the third Saturday of every month from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20 and November 17

Center for Education and Development, 3115 N 3rd Avenue, Suite 132, Park Central

Mall This unique 3-hour workshop is for guys only (no girls over two feet allowed!). You will hear what it is like to be a new dad from veteran dads and be able to ask your own questions about the changes ahead. You will also get hands on experience with the veterans' young babies. The fee for the class is \$20. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, **please call 602-406-3050.**



Sign -Up Now for Fall Semester at Phoenix College, Classes Begin August 20th -

With the beginning of a new academic year just weeks away, now is the perfect time to tap into your creative side, polish your skills, meet others with similar interests, and expand your horizons. Phoenix College will kick off the Fall semester on Saturday, August 18, 2007, with the majority of classes beginning Monday, August 20. Both traditional and nontraditional classes are available in more than 200 programs of study at an affordable \$65 per credit hour. Classes are available mornings, afternoons, evenings, weekends, hybrid and online. You can choose to take classes at two locations: the Phoenix College main campus at 1202 West Thomas Road, and PC Downtown, located at 640 North First Avenue.

Just a few of the Fall 2007 course offerings include: Art Marketing; Digital Storytelling; Draft a Novel in 30 Days; Food and Culture; Introduction to Cinema; Latin American Literature in

Translation; Meditation and Wellness; Music in World Cultures; Pacific Rim Cuisine; Pilates; Playwriting; Real Estate Principles; Salsa Dancing; and Speedy Spanish.

Although many classes start on August 20, Phoenix College also offers numerous late-start classes beginning throughout September and October. Browse the complete class schedule online or pick up a copy at various locations on campus.

For more information about Fall 2007 classes or about upcoming community events at Phoenix College, visit www.phoenixcollege.edu or call (602) 285-7800.

Next Bulk Trash Collection – August 20th

Home Sales – In the last month, two homes sold, one new on the market and one pending. If you would like to see pictures and current prices on the web of these homes, send an e-mail to our neighborhood e-mail address. We will add you to our list when we send out 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 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 a 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	\$330,000	Pending	\$212.77
1017 W. Weldon Ave.	1,408	4/2	\$215,000	\$185,000	\$131.39
812 W. Whitton Ave.	1,450	3/1	\$259,900	Active	\$179.24
821 W. Indianola Ave.	1,178	3/1.75	\$248,500	Sold	\$210.95
822 W. Indianola Ave.	2,017	4/2	\$334,900	Active	\$166.04
812 W. Fairmount Ave.	1,570	3/2	\$239,000	Active	\$152.23

Contact Information

North Park Central Neighborhood Association

Board Members

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Brad Moore	(602) 931-1051

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**Learn about breaking
neighborhood news that affects
you?**

Send an email to Mail@NPCNA.com 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 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