



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

Celebrate Independence Day with the City of Phoenix –

The Phoenix Park and Recreation Department offer great free events to celebrate Independence Day and honor our country's birth and its armed forces veterans. Enjoy any or all of these events with family, friends and neighbors.

Friday, June 29th – 40th Annual Firecracker Softball Tournament, Rose Mofford Softball Complex, 9833 N. 25th Ave. 602-262-6485. Games 7-9 p.m.,
Fireworks display at 9 p.m.

Saturday, June 30th – After Dark in the Park, Deer Valley Community Center, 19602 N. 19th Ave., 602-495-3735. Fireworks display at 8:45 p.m.

Tuesday, July 3rd – Light Up the Sky, Maryvale Baseball Park, 3600 N. 51st Ave., 602-262-453,
Fireworks display at 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 4th – Fabulous Phoenix 4th, Steele Indian School Park, 602-534-FEST, 3rd Street and Indian School Road. Festival 6 -10 p.m. Fireworks display at 9:30 p.m.



Summer Concert Under the Stars and Moonlight Movies –

Steel Indian School Park on 3rd Street and Indian School invite you to enjoy the summer with them. They are offering free concerts and moonlight movies in the park. It is a great family event that is just around the corner from our neighborhood. This summer's schedule is as follows.

June 9th at 8 p.m. free concert featuring Novo Mundo

June 16th at 7:30 p.m. free movie "The Goonies"

July 14th at 8 p.m. free concert featuring Western Electric Band

August 11 at 8 p.m. free concert featuring Pete Pancrazi

Need Some Help Taming Your K-9? –

This newsletter is sponsored by Bark Busters, Home Dog Training. If you could use some help learning training techniques to control nuisance barking, and other basic obedience, you can call Karen Young, Dog Behavioral Therapist & Trainer at 602-300-3575. Karen comes highly recommended by residents in the neighborhood. Bark Busters also has a great behavior quiz that was developed in conjunction with veterinarians and Bark Busters to give dog owners a realistic assessment of their dog's behavior. To find out your dog's behavior rating, log on to www.BarkBuster.com. Also see the article in this newsletter about dog's body language.

Crime Stats are Alarming –

The Crime Analysis and Research Unit of the Phoenix Police Department relayed crime analysis for our neighborhood so that we could track the frequency and type of crimes affecting our neighborhood. The Police Department's statistics are tracked by grids. Our neighborhood sits in the center of grid BG26. Those particular grid boundaries are 7th Ave. to 15th Ave. and Indian School Road to Osborn Road. The amount of calls for service during the period of January 1 to May 5th, 2007 for our grid is eye opening. There were 380 calls for service within our grid in that four month period. The types of calls vary in severity and range from residential burglary, molesting, suspicious person to welfare checks. Out of this grid, we isolated our neighborhood and found that we specifically had 72 calls for service during those four months between January 1st to May 5th of 2007. To inform you about the crimes affecting us, we have provided a breakdown by street and type of call. Remember, it is better to be safe than sorry. If you see a crime in progress at your house or at your neighbors house, call **911** immediately and report it. If you need to report a crime or a problem that does not require immediate action, call crime stoppers at 602-262-6151.

Calls for Service	Amelia	Picadilly	Fairmount	Indianola	Clarendon	Weldon	Whitton	Mitchell	8th Ave.
911 hang up	1			1	1				2
abandoned vehicle	3	1							
armed robbery alarm								1	
burglary alarm									1
burglary residential	2		2				2	2	
crash					1	1			
criminal damage	1								
dangerous drugs									1
domestic violence									2
drugs narcotics	1								
false report	1								
felony warrant	1								
fight	2								
harassment		1							
hit and run							1		
identity theft							1	1	
Injured person	1								
juvenile disturbance								1	
loose animal					1				
loud noise	2	1				1			
neighbor dispute							1		
obstructing justice	1								1
proowler							1		
recovery of vehicle					1				
shots fired	1					1			
stolen bicycle				1					
subject with a gun	1								
suspicious person	5		2	2	1		1	1	
theft						1		1	
theft from vehicle	1				1				
unknown trouble					1				
welfare check	1			1	1	1			1
Total calls for service	25	3	4	5	8	5	7	7	8

Barking Dogs and Squawking Birds –

Calling all dog and bird owners...residents are complaining about your barking dogs and squawking birds. Please respect each other and tone down the noise! Barking dogs can present a major problem in a neighborhood such as ours because our homes are very close together. While some folks are very tolerant of dogs barking, others are sensitive to the disturbance. The ideal solution is to talk to your neighbor and resolve the issue. Perhaps they leave their dogs and birds out while away and are not aware of their barking and squawking. If the situation cannot be resolved, criminal charges can be filed against the dog's and bird's owners. The complainant can begin the process by filing a formal complaint. To begin, document dates and times when the dog(s) are barking. Go to www.phoenix.gov/LAW/bark0.html to download the petition and the requirements for submitting a petition. Obtain signatures of at least 3 parties who are also disturbed by the offending animal, gather evidence such as video tape, audio tape or a written log of the barking incidents. You can then mail all evidence to the City Prosecutor's Office. Once approved, appear before a judge to sign the complaint, receive written information regarding the case status and appear and testify at trial. I admit, that is a lot of work, but it is the process.



Understand Your Dog's Body Language

By Karen Young, CPDT

Just like humans, dogs use a body language all their own to communicate with one another. They use that language to communicate with us, too; it's just that most of us aren't tuned in to it. In fact, much of their behavior may seem extremely odd to us unless we have the key to unlock their meaning. Learning how to interpret various instinctual actions of your dog is critical to establishing authority, respect and control over our canine friends.

"Dogs are pack animals," stated Liam Crowe, Bark Busters' COO and master trainer. "They have a specific way of interacting, which includes an instinctual manner of communication. Learning how to communicate effectively with your dog by understanding its language is the first step toward establishing leadership and control."

Learning how to "listen" to your dog doesn't require a degree in Dr. Doolittle's Advanced School of Canine Communications. You simply have to know what to look for. For example, does your dog stare at you demanding that you do something, or does he look down when you look at him? Does he carry his head up high or down low? Are his ears forward or back against his head? What about his mouth? Is it open or closed? Is his tongue inside his mouth or outside? When you correct your dog, does its tongue dart in and out?

In order to understand a dog's body language we need to focus on certain body parts, especially its eyes, ears, mouth, tongue and tail. Because of a dog's pack mentality, he will either follow the leader or be the leader. Your ultimate goal is to assume the leadership role with your dog, and a key to understanding your progress in this area is by observing the actions of his eyes and ears.

Notice your dog's eyes. If he is staring at you, he may be demanding something from you or seeking confrontation. If his eyes are looking down, he feels respectful toward you and understands that you are the pack leader. If your dog's ears are forward, he may be listening to you or listening for noises. If his ears are back, he is showing respect for your leadership.

His mouth can also hold clues to his disposition. If it is closed, it could mean he is fearful of the situation he is in presently or merely that something has caught his attention. If his tongue is darting in and out while you correct him, he is showing you a sign of submission and respect.

If his tail is up and wagging slowly, he is feeling dominant over you. When his tail is down and between the legs, he could be showing you that he is fearful or submissive.

Expressive body language can also be seen when your dog moves around the house. For example, walk to your back door. What does your dog do?

1. Did he run to the door to beat you there?
2. Did he follow you there?
3. Did he just lie down?

If you answered yes to #1, your dog feels he is the leader of the pack. If you answered yes to #2, your dog sees you as the leader. If you answered yes to #3, your dog may have separation anxiety, or he may be fearful of being left outside.

Learning how to understand your dog's body language can be both fun and instructive. It is very rewarding when you begin to feel a closer connection with your pet, and this only comes by speaking to him on his own terms.

Karen Young is the owner/trainer of Murphy Bridle Path Bark Busters. Bark Busters is the world's largest, most trusted dog training company. Bark Busters' training is the only service of its kind that offers a written lifetime guarantee. For more information, call 1-877-500-BARK (2275) or visit www.barkbusters.com.



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Home Sales – While only one home sold last month in our neighborhood, prices are not decreasing. 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. 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
821 W. Weldon Ave.	1,551	4/2	\$330,000	Active	\$212.77
1017 W. Weldon Ave.	1,408	4/2	\$215,000	Active	\$152.70
812 W. Whitton Ave.	1,450	3/1	\$259,900	Active	\$179.24
849 W. Whitton Ave.	1,880	4/2	\$269,900	\$269,000	\$143.09
821 W. Indianola Ave.	1,178	3/1.75	\$248,500	Active	\$210.95
822 W. Indianola Ave.	2,017	4/2	\$349,000	Active	\$173.03
812 W. Fairmount Ave.	1,570	3/2	\$239,000	Active	\$152.23

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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