

# **North Park Central Neighborhood Association**

**March 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**

## **Utility Repair & Replacement Program**

The City of Phoenix Human Services Department invites Phoenix residents to participate in the Utility Repair & Replacement Program. The URRD Program provides emergency repair and replacement services to low-income households. Eligible applicants may receive services including:

- \* Water heaters \* Air conditioners (minor repairs) \* Cooking stoves \* Refrigerators
  - \* Evaporative coolers \* Furnaces \* Electrical wiring or gas systems \* Water and sewer systems
- To be eligible, residents must own their home and not have received URRD services in the past 12 months. Households must be below 125 percent of the poverty guidelines or below 150 percent of the poverty guidelines if the household contains one member who is at least 60 years old or disabled.

<u>Number in House</u>	<u>125% Total monthly household income</u>	<u>150% Total monthly household income</u>
1	\$980	\$1197
2	\$1336	\$1604
3	\$1676	\$2012
4	\$2016	\$2420
5	\$2355	\$2826

All applicants must provide proof of identity and citizenship. To obtain a list of acceptable verification, schedule an appointment or learn more about the program, call financial assistance at 602-262-4614.

## **Bond Election March 14th**

Phoenix Bond Election – Vote *Yes* to support! - Vote at your neighborhood precinct! What does it mean? - What's a Bond? Take a look around you. The city facilities you see - parks, libraries, police and fire stations, storm drains - were most likely built with bond money. Phoenix really can't do it any other way. When you make a major purchase like a house or a car, you probably go to the bank for the financing. The bank pays the home builder or the car dealer, and you pay back the loan, with interest, over several years in amounts that fit into your budget. Phoenix does it the same way, only with voter-approved bonds. A small portion of your property taxes is dedicated to repaying these loans over time with interest. Phoenix's \$1.82 property tax rate has not changed for 10 years and will not change as a result of the 2006 bond program. Last summer, the Mayor and City Council asked more than 700 residents to serve on the 2006 Citizen' Bond Committee and to lead the 17 subcommittees that would compile the list of projects to put before the voters on March 14. Their only marching orders from the Council: Come up with a program requiring no increase in the property tax rate. The results was debated and prioritized and the \$878.5 million bond program was the result. It will provide community improvements for Phoenix over the next five years if approved by voters in March. Propositions 1 - Strengthening Police, Fire and Homeland Security - \$177 million. Proposition 2 - Using Technology to Improve Police and Fire Protection, Government Efficiency, Customer Service and Access



to Voting - \$16.1 million. Proposition 3 - Building Small High Schools, Higher Education and Health Science Facilities - \$198.7 million. Proposition 4 - Increasing Recreational Opportunities with New Parks and Open Spaces - \$120.5 million. Proposition 5 - Serving Our Community with Libraries and Youth, Senior and Cultural Centers - \$133.8 million. Proposition 6 - Providing Housing that is Affordable to Families and Seniors and Revitalizing Neighborhoods - \$85 million. Proposition 7 - Constructing Streets and Storm Sewers for Better Infrastructure - \$147.4 million. For more information about the 2006 Bond Program, visit phoenix.gov or call 602-262-4805.

### **Results – Package Liquor Store**

C&C Mart, a package liquor store, wanted to move in to 802 W. Osborn Road, Suite 111. At the February 7<sup>th</sup> Zoning Hearing, the Neighborhood Association along with neighbors, concerned area residents and hairdressers from Peggy’s Salon gathered to protect our neighborhood. The City’s Zoning Ordinance has a 300 foot requirement in their Zoning Ordinance for a reason, “to protect the neighborhoods from intense use” such as liquor stores, convenience store, etc. This liquor store was literally inches from residential property in our neighborhood. This would have added cut through traffic, crime, noise, lighting, access, circulation, parking, trash, security and vagrancy to our neighborhood.

A big thank you to everyone who supported us by coming to the hearing. Also, thanks to everyone who sent letters and telephoned the councilman’s office to support our opposition to this zoning variance. When we work together we represent a strong voice and can accomplish great results.



**Home prices and sales** – The housing market sales might be slowing down in some areas of the valley, but you couldn’t tell it by our numbers this month. All 5 pending sales last month went through with an additional 3 making a total of 8 total sales since last month. To date, only 5 houses remain for sale in our neighborhood. Investors are still buying in our neighborhood. Just look at 848 W. Indianola. To see updates and current prices on the web, join our e-mail list and you will be sent the “Buyers Page” courtesy of Realtor Monique Walker. Send an e-mail to mail@npcna.com and ask to be added to the home sales e-mail list.

All e-mail address will be kept confidential.

<b>Address</b>	<b>SqFt</b>	<b>Bed/Bath</b>	<b>List Price</b>	<b>Sale Price</b>	<b>Price per SqFt</b>
805 W. Mitchell Dr.	1,075	3/2	\$255,000	255,000	\$237.21
821 W. Mitchell Dr.	1,519	3/1.75	\$269,900	Active	\$177.68
1012 W. Mitchell Dr.	1,088	3/1	\$188,900	192,000	\$176.47
846 W. Whitton Ave.	1,547	4/1.75	\$259,900	Active	\$168.00
811 W. Indianola Ave.	1,514	3/2	\$224,900	224,900	\$148.55
818 W. Indianola Ave.	1,200	3/2	\$225,000	224,900	\$187.41
848 W. Indianola Ave.	1,196	3/2	\$199,950	202,600	\$169.40
848 W. Indianola Ave.	1,196	3/2	not posted yet		
848 W. Fairmount Ave.	2,075	4/1.75	\$314,900	Active	\$151.76
841 W. Amelia Ave.	1,629	4/2	\$234,900	230,000	\$141.19
824 W. Amelia Ave.	1,276	3/1.75	\$225,000	Active	\$176.33
3426 N. 8th Ave.	2,000	4/2	\$345,000	Sold	\$172.50
3827 N. 8th Ave.	1,284	4/1	\$209,800	Sold	\$163.40

## **Salon Sosa Family Hair Care**

Hi neighbors! There's a new beauty shop in town. Salon Sosa at 3343 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue (behind Mi Patio) 602-266-9208. Come in and bring this newsletter for discounts. We are offering specials, 15% off hair color services, \$5 off haircuts and \$5 off any nail service to North Park Central residents. We offer cuts, perms, hair color, highlighting, frosting, nail services and more... Open 9 am - 5 pm Monday through Saturday. Evening hours available by appointment. Walk-ins welcomed.



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### **Sex Offender Notification: Level 3 Alert**

Douglas W. Moenkhaus, 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Encanto Blvd. Age 47, 5'10", 180 pounds with brown hair and hazel eyes. This offender was convicted of sexual battery, inappropriate sexual contact with an adult female and exposing himself to an adult male who was not known to him.

As always, these community alerts are not to scare anyone, but to inform you. Level Three offenders are the highest risk to the community. To see a complete list of sex offenders, their pictures, descriptions and addresses, go to: [www.azsexoffender.com](http://www.azsexoffender.com). There are currently 10 sex offenders listed in the 85013 zip code and nearly 80 offenders in the surrounding zip codes.

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### **Kitty Kitty Kittys Everywhere**

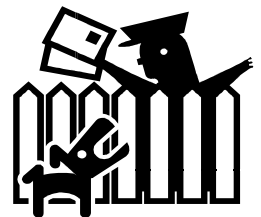


With the beautiful weather also come litters of kittens and that means feral kitties too. Feral cats don't purr in our laps or eat out of our hands. They don't sleep next to us in bed or greet us when we arrive home. However, feral cats deserve the same respect and protection extended to domesticated cats. In fact, the law in Arizona makes no distinction between domestic and feral cats.

AzCats is doing a wonderful job with record breaking trapping, neutering and returning, TNR, feral cats. In 2005, they sterilized 7,161 cats. Since 2004 residents in North Park Central have volunteered to TNR and continue to care for 10 feral cats. You can identify a neutered feral by the left ear being tipped off. Many of the black and white cats you see around Fairmount Avenue have been trapped, neutered and have been returned to the neighborhood for caregivers to feed. TNR is an effective and humane way to care for feral cats and stop them from reproducing. They work with volunteers and on donations. If you are interested to help with our feral cat problem, you must meet AzCats criteria. The cat must be feral. The person calling must be willing to become a caregiver. The caregiver will be given traps and trained on how to trap. This is also a wonderful volunteer and junior volunteer opportunity. To find out more visit their website at [www.azcats.org](http://www.azcats.org) or call 480-968-4TNR.

### **How About Those Bow Wows**

Did you know that 50% of all children under age 12 have been bitten by a dog? Do your part to keep your dogs from hurting others. Keep them on a leash when out of the yard, vaccinate them against rabies, keep their County license current, enroll in or start an obedience training and spay or neuter your dog. If you encounter an aggressive or biting dog, call Animal Care & Control at 602-506 PETS.



## **Newsletter Volunteers Needed**

If you enjoy this newsletter and want to keep receiving it, consider volunteering for your neighborhood. We need three newsletter volunteer to help deliver this newsletter. Call Nancy at 602-367-4480 if you are interested. Also a big thank you to the volunteers who have been so dedicated and give their time for such a valuable service to our neighborhood. Say hello and let them know you appreciate hand delivery to your door when they come by!

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## **Encanto and Clarendon School spring Break is March 13 – 17**

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## **Melrose on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue on April 22**

The 7th Ave Merchants Association invite the you to a free public event from 2-7 pm located on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Indian School and Campbell. There will be arts, crafts, live music and a classic/antique car show. For more information, contact Kristi Trimmer at 602-264-4444. Road closure begins at 1 pm.

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### **Contact Information**

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

##### **Board Members**

Nancy Joplin – President	(602) 367-4480
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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.

#### **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
	<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