



North Park Central Neighborhood Association

March 2007

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

In search of a Leader – Our current Neighborhood Association President has stepped down. Dennis Newcombe announced to the Neighborhood Association that he must resign as President of the North Park Central Neighborhood due to personal as well as professional commitments. He felt that it is in the best interest of the group that someone with more time, take over the reigns. Dennis will continue to be involved as a volunteer when possible. He has been a friend and committed board member for many years. We thank him for all of the hours of volunteering to the neighborhood over the years and look forward to working with him on various projects in the future.

With that said, our Association is in need of a new leader. I will regain the reigns for this interim period, but because of health reasons I also need to step aside. Serving as President for many years, I plan on continuing to serve as a board member, write the newsletter, work on our website and will help our new President with the transition, but it is time for me to pass on the reigns. So, if you are interested or know of a resident that cares about the neighborhood and wants to carry out our goals as the Association President, please let us know. Also, if you want to get involved or are just curious about being a board member, please give us a call to attend one of our board meetings. As a board member, you will meet monthly and join other board members in various projects to serve the interest of our neighborhood. Without someone to fill the President's position, our service to the neighborhood will be limited. Volunteering is good for the soul and good for our community! Thank you, Nancy Joplin

7th Street Fair – March 24th – Come celebrate the vitality of Central Phoenix! Saturday, March 24 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. on 7th Avenue between Indian School and Campbell. *Look for our neighborhood's booth to purchase refreshments as part of a fundraiser for neighborhood projects.* There will be arts and crafts for sale by local artists, live musical performances, classic car show, children's activities and specials from local merchants and prize raffles. Pedestrian traffic only will be allowed from Indian School to Campbell during the event. Street closure for that area will be 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. limited to local traffic only and 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm the area will be closed to all traffic. For more information on the event call Kristi at 602-264-4444.

The Great Wall Project - The core project members met March 9th to discuss the project possible sponsorships and the development plans. Suzanne Pfister and Debbie Castaldo from St. Joe's Marketing and Communications Division facilitated the meeting with their expertise as part of their community outreach program. Other core members include Phoenix College Alumni's President and Development Officer, Phoenix College's Grants Development and Art Department, Neighborhood Services, representatives from District 4 Councilman's office and Osborn School District's Director of Resource Development. Our next step is to work on a case statement, sponsorship handout, budget requirements and timeline.



Worldfest March 23-24 – Experience the cultures of Phoenix’s 10 sister cities at the Phoenix’s Sister Cities WorldFEST. The free event, 5 to 9 p.m., Friday, March 23 and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, March 24, at Margaret T. Hance Park, 1134 N. Central Avenue, will feature activities for kids, arts and crafts and music. For more information, visit phoenixsistercitiesw.org or call 602-534-7358.



NetSmartz.org – Is an Internet training program to help make you and your children aware of the dangers that exist on the Internet. It provides on and offline learning activities for parents to facilitate discussions with their children and teens about Internet safety. It also addresses social networking or blogging sites such as MySpace, Friendster, Exanga and Facebook. The amount of personal information available on blogs and social networking sites makes them a perfect place for people who would harm children to gain their identity and trust. Many teens and children are not aware that they are putting themselves in danger by giving out too much personal information. NetSmartz.org gives resources and safety tips for parents and kids to raise awareness about the risks associated with these sites. The site is designed for parents, educators, teens and kids. It is written in both English and Espanol.

Dental Care for \$35.00 - Phoenix College Dental Hygiene Clinic Serves Community with Excellent Care at a Fraction of the Cost. For those willing to dedicate some extra time to protecting their dental health, the services provided by Phoenix College’s Dental Hygiene Clinic can be a tremendous value. The clinic, a teaching institution in which procedures are performed by students under the supervision of instructors, charges a flat fee of \$35 for adults. The fee covers most of the preventive and therapeutic services provided, which include:

- medical history review
- blood pressure screening
- extra- and intra-oral examination
- dental screening examination
- periodontal assessment to determine the health of the supporting and surrounding tissues of the teeth
- education on current oral hygiene techniques and other aspects of oral wellness
- radiographs (x-rays)
- dental hygiene therapy
- conservative periodontal therapy
- selective polishing
- fluoride treatments as needed
- dental sealants
- administration of local anesthetic agents

The savings for x-rays alone is worth the price. At a private practice, a patient might expect to pay close to \$200 for an exam, radiographs, and a simple cleaning. Should the patient need more extensive, non-surgical periodontal care such as deep cleaning or root planning, they could expect to pay an additional \$750 - \$800 in a private practice setting.

Because the Phoenix College Dental Hygiene Clinic is a teaching institution, appointments take considerably more time than they would in a private practice setting. The payoff is excellent service that is comparable in quality to private practice, for a very low fee.

New patients require an initial evaluation appointment to determine eligibility, since only patients whose care is suitable for teaching purposes are eligible. Payment is required prior to services being rendered, and Clinic patients are given a receipt to submit to their insurance company for reimbursement of fees.

The Phoenix College Dental Hygiene Clinic follows the college’s academic calendar, and is closed during winter, spring and summer breaks, as well as during observed holidays. To make an appointment, call 602-285-7323. The Phoenix College Dental Hygiene Clinic is located at 1202 W. Thomas Road, on the campus of Phoenix College. For more information about classes, services, and community events at Phoenix College, visit www.phoenixcollege.edu.



Tesco Supermarket – Coming to a corner near you! In February, we received a flyer on our door fronts about Tesco Supermarket coming to our neighborhood and not being a good establishment. North Park Central Neighborhood Association Board Members have talked to TESCO representatives prior to their Liquor Application which was approved by City Council and will be going before the Liquor Board soon. **We investigated the supermarket's background and found it to be a positive change for that corner.** As for the flyers, they are the result of union discussion/disputes to discredit the supermarket. TESCO's current plans are to re-zone the SE corner of 7th Ave. and Indian School. Currently the site has 2 adjoining 2-story buildings located in the center of the property and a 1-story bar. TESCO wants to remove all buildings at 635 and 623 W. Indian School Road and put up a 13,000 square foot grocery store where the Chez Nous nightclub now sits. That would be about the size of a large Walgreen. This will be a neighborhood grocery store with only 5% being used for packaged beer and wine sales. Right now Chez Nous has a full liquor license to sell all open and package liquor. TESCO's primary mission is to be a grocery store. They will not be selling gas or cigarettes. TESCO representative also assures us that their policy is to card under 30.

Block Watch Works! – On March 10th, at 3:30 in the afternoon, an alert neighbor brought attention to an intruder running into a vacant house's backyard and hiding out in a shed. The police were called and six police officers with the police helicopter looked through backyards to locate the trespasser. With the combined efforts of other alert neighbors the suspect was located and arrested. Thanks to all involved. This just proves that Block Watch works when we watch out for each other.

Attempted Break-In - One of our residents on 8th Avenue near Fairmount Avenue had an intruder trying to get in to their front door. This happened Monday evening, February 26th at about 11 p.m. If you witnessed anyone that did not belong in our neighborhood that evening, please let us know so that we can pass the information along.

If someone is trying to break into your house, call 911 immediately and tell them exactly what is going on. If you believe you have an intruder lurking around your home, call 911 immediately. Burglars are getting braver and do break in when residents are at home. You need to be on the look out for this type of activity. Make sure your doors and windows are locked at all times and do not open them to someone you do not know.

If you have experience this type of activity in the past and did not report it, please call Dave Chambers, our Community Action Officer at 602-534-2637 and report it now. By everyone reporting crimes or attempted crimes, regardless of how insignificant, the police can track crime trends in our neighborhood.

As a Block Watch community, you can make our neighborhood a safety place to raise our families. If you would like to receive alerts of this type of activity on a more timely basis, please send an e-mail to Mail@NPCNA.com and let us know. Your e-mail address will be kept confidential.

2007 West Valley Neighborhood Crime Prevention Summit – March 31 - The Maricopa County Attorney's Office and the cities of Glendale, Avondale, Surprise, Peoria, El Mirage, Tolleson, Goodyear and Buckeye are once again proud to present the 2007 West Valley Neighborhood Crime Prevention Summit. This year's FREE event will be held at Crosspoint Christian Church in Glendale on March 31st and topics include; 'Cybersaftey:' Staying Safe Online, Kidnap Prevention, Drug Abuse Prevention and Trends, Making Your Home a Hard Target for Crime and many more! See the attached flyer for more information. To register, log onto www.mcaconference.com or call 602-506-5754.

4th Annual Block Watch Summit - April 21

The City of Phoenix will be holding their 4th Annual Block Watch Summit. The Block Watch Summit is a one time a year event to bring together crime prevention resources for our neighborhood groups from around the city.

The 2007 Block Watch Summit is a coordinated effort of the City of Phoenix Mayor's Office, Phoenix City Council, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, the Phoenix Police Department, and the Phoenix Block Watch Advisory Board.

This year's Summit will be held on April 21, 2007 starting at 7:30 am and ending at 1:30 pm. The location for this year's Summit is the Phoenix Police Academy, 10001 South 15th Ave. Complimentary breakfast and lunch will be service. RSVP to 602-534-9148. Many of our board members have attended past summits and it is a great source of crime prevention resources and is well worth attending.

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 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
821 W. Weldon Ave.	1,551	4/2	\$350,000	Active	\$225.66
812 W. Whitton Ave.	1,450	3/1	\$246,900	Active	\$170.28
849 W. Whitton Ave.	1,880	4/2	\$269,900	Pending	\$143.56
808 W. Indianola Ave.	1,596	4/2	\$252,500	Pending	\$158.21
812 W. Fairmount Ave.	1,570	3/2	\$239,000	Active	\$152.23

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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 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