



North Park Central Neighborhood Association

November 2006 – Happy Thanksgiving!

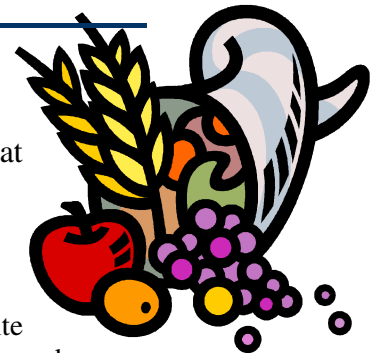
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December 7th Mark your Calanders!

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The Great Wall Project

In the spirit of the holidays, where friends and families get together to share, give thanks and remember to be good to your neighbor, we thought this next meeting would also be a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and share ideas and a dozen of your favorite cookies from your favorite recipe. Don’t have a favorite or time to bake, that’s OK too, come share ours. The next and final neighborhood focus group will be held, Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m. in North Staff Dining Room inside the Cafeteria on the main campus of Phoenix College. The closest parking will be the parking lot located on the corner of 15th Ave. and Thomas.



At this meeting, we will continue the creative process and finalize a theme for our wall. Tom Simplot, Councilman for our District will also participate and be on hand to answer questions. We encourage everyone to come out and participate in this meeting. It will be a creative brainstorming session facilitated by Frank Luna and Leonard Rodriguez from Phoenix College Alumni.

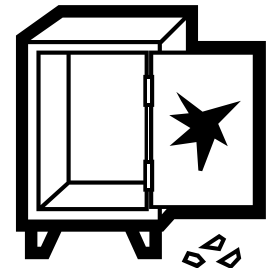
Neighbors met on October 10 and started the creative juices flowing. Each resident was asked one simple question. **“Imagine what the wall will look like in five years.”** Information was collected then grouped by similar categories. Below is the results of those groupings. Our next step is to draw from that information and our end result will be a theme. From there, we will break out into smaller focus groups at a later date where film and journalism students will interview willing residents to gain in-depth information on what the selected theme means to them. It is all a very fun and creative process. Remember, the meeting will be filmed for the documentary. See you there!!!!

Quality	Theme	Community Pride
A remarkable sight	Friendly	Point of pride
Proud	Life	Old meets new
New	Happiness	destination spot
Learning	Multicultural	faces
Elegant	Modern	family
Quality	Culture	community leaders
Interesting	Intriguing	community
Not Distracting	City lights	kids
Inspiring	Beauty	community members
Makes me smile	Gran Canyon	link neighborhoods
Simple green	Highways	
Relevant to the hood	Desert life	History
Inviting	Life’s Accomplishments	Indian design
Nice	Fun	Phoenix history
	Visual	History AZ artists

<p>Public Use</p> <p>People walking Pedestrian friendly Safe transit stops</p> <p>Pedestrian People walking, appreciating, reading Bus stop Slower traffic</p> <p>Fun</p> <p>Art Writing Eye-catching Fresh Creative Birds Pleasing Alive Desert sunset & animals</p>	<p>Materials</p> <p>Landscape Soft bright color Trees</p> <p>Trees fully grown</p> <p>Flowers Place of water in our growth Shade Oasis Foliage Same level Bright Noise, colorful, tall Blue Metal Vibrant Lights visual Growing colors on wall Glass Tiles that let light through</p>	<p>History (Cont.)</p> <p>Story Memories Story board Growth of Phx from pre history</p> <p>Arizona's timeline Urban evolution History of area</p> <p>Welcoming</p> <p>Different Style Entertainment Art</p> <p>Maintenance</p> <p>Clean Still up clean, neat Protection No graffiti</p>
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Neighborhood Crime Alert

In October, neighbors reported vandalism along Mitchell Drive. It was reported that kids were throwing bricks and breaking car windows on their street. The only way to catch who is doing this is for the residents to watch out for each other....Watch and Report! If you would like to be alerted to crime that is happening before you read it in the monthly newsletter, join our e-mail alert list. Simply send an e-mail to Mail@NPCNA.com. Your e-mail address will be kept confidential.



If you witnessed this happening or any crime, please give Dave Chambers, our Police Community Action Officer a call at 602-534-2637. Many of the neighbors have made a police report so that the police can track this problem.

If you are a victim of any vandalism, regardless of how small it seems, please call the police and make a report. It is only by those reports that the police can track crime trends.

School News

Encanto School will close for a 4-day weekend over Thanksgiving. Encanto is proud to announce that they are a Performing Plus school for the second year in a row. Congratulations to the fantastic teachers who make sure students at Encanto learn and achieve.

Osborn Middle School "The students in the Osborn Middle School Musical Theatre class are looking forward to performing "The Granny Awards" for the elementary students in the Osborn District. This is the first year for the class and excitement is running high. It is a new experience for many 7th and 8th grade boys to put on theatre make-up – but that was the expectation last week as the troupe prepares for rehearsal. We wish the performers a big "Bring Down the House" as they work toward developing a progressive theatre program at OMS!"



Phoenix College Annual Holiday Art Sale, December 5-6 in the Fine Arts Gallery from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. call 602-285-7284 for more information. Find some early holiday treasures while supporting Phoenix College Fine Arts students. Shop for ceramics, photography, paintings, jewelry and much more.

Phoenix College Band Concert – Just in time for the holidays. December 4th, Bulpitt Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. 602-285-7876 – Free Admission. Join Professor John Faris and the Phoenix Concert Band in a holiday music spectacular that will bring cheer to people of all ages.

Arizona State Parks is celebrating 50 years, 1957-2007. For a years worth of festivals and events around the state call 602-542-4174 to receive a calendar of events or go online to www.azstateparks.com.

APS Electric Light Parade will be held Dec 2 at 7 p.m. begins at Central and Montebello Ave. and travels down Central to Camelback, east to 7th St. and then south to Indian School Road.

Motorized skateboards are illegal on Phoenix streets. These vehicles may make fun gifts for young people, but they are illegal on Phoenix streets and sidewalks. For more information about the regulations, call 602-495-0964.

Home Sales An *Arizona Republic* survey shows that housing prices dipped in more than half of all ZIP codes in metropolitan Phoenix during both July and August. Several areas saw significant monthly drops of 10 percent or more. While price decline for new homes, sales picked up, rising by 5.3 percent. Our approximate average price per square foot is \$181 this month.

Address	SqFt	Bed/Bath	List Price	Sale Price	Price per SqFt
3441 N. 8th Ave.	1,185	3/1.5	\$229,000	Active	\$193.25
821 W. Weldon Ave.	1,551	4/2	\$399,000	Active	\$257.25
821 W. Whitton Ave.	1,088	3/1	\$204,900	Pending	\$188.33
849 W. Whitton Ave.	1,880	4/2	\$275,000	Active	\$146.28
841 W. Clarendon Ave.	1,220	3/1	\$215,000	Pending	\$176.23
808 W. Indianola Ave.	1,596	4/2	\$227,900	Sold	\$142.79
808 W. Indianola Ave.	1,596	4/2	\$279,000	Active	\$174.81
812 W. Fairmount Ave.	1,570	3/2	\$250,000	Active	\$159.24
832 W. Fairmount Ave.	1,276	3/2	\$249,900	Sold	\$195.85
1018 W. Fairmount Ave.	1,740	6/2	\$214,500	Active	\$123.28
811 W. Piccadilly Ave.	1,185	3/1	\$195,000	Sold	\$164.56
824 W. Amelia Ave.	1,276	3/1.75	\$279,000	?	\$218.65
1001 W. Amelia Ave.	1,380	3/1.75	\$299,000	Sold	\$216.67

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.

North Park Central Neighborhood Association

For those of you who are new residents, here is some background information on the neighborhood and the association.

General Information:

Our neighborhood includes 251 single family homes with approximately 750 residents. Our association was formed in January of 1985. We have been registered with the City of Phoenix Neighborhood Notification Office since November 29, 1990.

Our goal 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.

Our history:

North Park Central Units 1-5 building began in 1949 and ended in 1952. Bella Vista Properties, a California Corporation with A.J. Burgbacher, VP and R.G. Burgbacher, Secretary of Bella Vista Properties built North Park Central. Having foresight to build what was considered far out west of the city, they built Park Central Mall which was Phoenix's first large scale mall. Park Central shopping center opened in 1951. According to the Rotary Club of North Phoenix, *Burgbacher changed the face of Phoenix forever.* Apartments, two medical buildings adjacent to St. Joseph's Hospital, a hotel and restaurant and the exclusive Country Club Manor subdivision followed.

Our boundaries:

See brochure for a small map. North: 4000 N - Amelia Avenue, South: 3500 N - Mitchell Drive, East: 700 W - 7th Avenue, West: 1100 W - 11th Avenue

Our E-mail address :

If you would like to receive neighborhood information by e-mail, send an e-mail to Mail@NPCNA.com and let us know. Your e-mail address will be kept confidential and only be used for neighborhood association related items such as crime reports, homes sales and upcoming meetings.

Contact Information

North Park Central Neighborhood Association

Board Members

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Thank you to Neighborhood Services for printing costs. Your support is appreciated!

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

