



North Park Central Neighborhood Association

NOVEMBER 2007 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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

North Park Central Neighborhood Yards Sale is Set For November 3rd and 4th

We will be holding our Neighborhood-Wide Yard Sale November 3rd & 4th between 7am to 2pm. If you wish to participate, come and join in. You set up your own yard sale; we will publish ads in electronic classifieds, Craig's list and will have signs at all major inlets to our neighborhood as well as arrows pointing to all 8 blocks.



This is a great time to clean out the carport, closets and backyards. And, if it doesn't sell, donate items to your favorite local charity and get a deduction on your taxes. And, if it is something you really don't want to deal with, drag it to the curb for bulk trash collection on November 19th.

Here is the ad that we will be placing. Let your friends know to come out and shop the neighborhood. And if you are not having a sale, come out, shop and meet your neighbors!

Huge yard sale - North Park Central Neighborhood is having a neighborhood-wide yard sale Saturday and Sunday, November 3rd and 4th, 7 am to 2 pm. Central Phoenix, 7th Ave. and Indian School area. Take 7th Ave. to Clarendon Ave. between Indian School and Osborn. 8 blocks of sales on Amelia, Piccadilly, Fairmount, Indianola, Clarendon, Weldon, Whitton and Mitchell between 8th Ave. to 11th Ave.

Lots of individual sales in a small area. Just some of the items are electronics, games, toys, furniture, tools, ceramic pottery, household items, clothing, etc.



Phoenix Community College News

Phoenix College Community Day and Homecoming Football Game

is Saturday, November 3, 2007. Free admission for Community Day - 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (In front of Fannin Library) at 1202 W. Thomas Road. There will be fun for the whole family – Food, music, arts & crafts, moon bounce, games, trick-or-treating (Kids, wear your costume!) Barbecue plate \$5.50. Then stay for the Homecoming football game, Phoenix College Bears vs. Scottsdale Community College Artichokes – Kickoff at 7:00 p.m. at Hogan Field. Game admission \$5.00 for adults and kids 12 and under are Free.

Phoenix College New Art building and Parking Structure - Residents are invited to share the excitement about the new art building and parking structure by attending a Community Forum at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2007 in the Dome Room at the Phoenix College Osborn Center. Attendees will be able to view project renderings, learn design and construction details from the architects and general contractor, and participate in a question-and-answer session. Refreshments will be served, and it will be an ideal opportunity to catch up with fellow community members while discovering the latest progress at Phoenix College.

Senior Adult Independent Living – S.A.I.L. can help you or your loved one continue living at home. S.A.I.L. helps individuals to continue living at home by providing needed assistance with daily living activities. Who can benefit from S.A.I.L.? Persons with physical problems, 60 years of age or older, with an emphasis on serving those in greatest social and economic need. Persons 18-59 years of age with a diagnosed disability, receiving or eligible for SSI disability payments. What is the cost? There is no cost to clients for program information, needs assessment and case management. Clients unable to afford private pay options will be encouraged to make a contribution toward the cost of their in-house service. Services provided include home delivered meals for home bound individuals, Personal care/home health aid to assist with bathing and personal grooming. Adult day health care and home nursing and assistance with completion of applications for the Arizona Long Term Care System services and information on other health care options. Call 602-264-4357 for more information.

Oleander Leaf Scorch is in Phoenix - (OLS) is one of the most lethal diseases known to oleanders and it has been discovered in the Phoenix metropolitan area. It existed in California since 1990 and has moved our way. The general infection is transmitted by sharpshooter insects that distribute the disease rapidly. This threat could have drastic consequences. It could take out large stands of oleanders around the city. Oleander leaf scorch is caused by a tiny bacterium called *Xylella fastidiosa*. The symptoms of OLS begins with a chlorotic yellowing of leaves that gives a mosaic checkerboard appearance and progresses with a die-back of twigs and branches as the bacterium clogs the vessels of the plant. According to Maricopa Cooperative Extension, there is no treatment to target the insect. There are some stores out there trying to sell products that they say will work, but all treatments have not worked to date and it is a waste of money to purchase them. If you think your oleanders are showing signs of infection, the only management is to cut them down. The plant will not grow back. To submit a sample for plant diagnosis, call 520-626-2681 and ask how to select and package a sample. If you have other questions about this or other plants, you can call The University of Arizona, Cooperative Extension at 602-470-8086 extension 301 to talk to a Master Gardner Volunteers.



Diseased oleanders will die and have to be removed. If you need assistance in removing your oleanders, give the Neighborhood Association a call and we will help find you assistance.

ICE Campaign - "In Case of Emergency"

We all carry our cell phones with names & numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends.

If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our cell phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence the "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) Campaign. The concept of "ICE" is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name "ICE" (In Case Of Emergency). The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always cell phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. Therefore, he thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, emergency service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as "ICE."

For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2, ICE3, etc. A great idea that will make a difference!



Crime in the Neighborhood - Many of you know crime has been very active in and around our neighborhood. On October 18, there was the police standoff at 15th Ave. and Indian School with a man in a truck with a high power rifle. Both Encanto and Clarendon Schools were on lockdown until about 3:0 p.m. Police had the suspect surrounded in his truck and were trying to negotiate with the man. About 5:30 p.m., two shots were heard. The police shot tear gas into the truck and the man shot him self, ending the stand off.

On October 13 at noon on the corner of 11th Ave. and Clarendon Ave., a white car pulled up at the corner and just sat there. The female resident walked behind the car towards her house and a young Hispanic man got out of the car and walked up to her and pulled a gun and took her purse. She was able to get the license plate number and he was caught.

NPCNA was able to send out e-mail alerts to our residents regarding these incidences just as or just after they happened. This is proving to be a useful tool to the neighborhood in tracking and reporting crimes while they are happening. While we do not know about all crime as they are happening, we do report all immediate dangers that we do know about. If you would like to be added to the Neighborhood Alert via e-mail, send an e-mail to mail@NPCNA.com. Your e-mail address will be kept confidential.

Volunteers Needed Now! - Our neighborhood needs you. If you are energetic, creative, or just want to help our neighborhood be a better place, we need you. Get involved, volunteering is a very rewarding experience. Don't just sit back and complain about the crime or the neighborhood, help make it a better place! Call any board member to let them know you are interested.

www.NPCNA.com – Check out our neighborhood website. It is a quick reference for past newsletter articles and phone listings. The site is continually being updated, so if you have suggestion, please give us a call. Also, we are looking for someone with Internet web design experience to help make the site more pleasing. So if you have an interest in helping out, call Nancy at 602-367-4480.



Next Bulk Trash Collection – November 19th.
 You can begin putting you trash at curbside beginning November 10.

Home Sales – It’s a buyer’s market out there. Two new listings in the neighborhood this month. If you want to see pictures and expanding listing information, send an e-mail to mail@NPCNA.com and ask to be added to the home sales e-mail list to receive the “Buyers Page” courtesy of Realtor Juan Medina at *HomeSmart*, 602-430-6895. All e-mail addresses will be kept confidential and are not given to any realtor.

Address	SqFt	Bed/Bath	List Price	Sale Price	Price per SqFt
825 W. Mitchell Dr.	1,110	3/1	172,000	Pending	\$154.95
811 W. Weldon Ave.	1,293	3/1.75	\$265,000	Active	\$204.95
845 W. Whitton Ave.	1,088	3/1	\$239,000	Active	\$219.67
847 W. Indianola Ave.	1,271	3/1.75	\$274,900	Active	\$216.29
822 W. Indianola Ave.	2,017	4/2	\$319,900	Active	\$158.60
812 W. Fairmount Ave.	1,570	3/2	\$210,000	Active	\$133.76
815 W. Piccadilly Rd.	1,275	3/1.75	\$245,000	Active	\$192.16
3635 N. 8th Ave.	1,300	3/1	\$210,000	Active	\$161.54
3615 N. 8th Ave.	1,506	3/2	\$259,900	Active	\$172.58
3441 N. 8th Ave.	1,185	3/1.5	\$239,000	Active	\$201.69

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**Check out our new website at
www.NPCNA.com**

To contact any board member, send an e-mail to:
Mail@NPCNA.com .

Community Phone Numbers

City of Phoenix Administration Services (602) 534-5033
 Graffiti Busters hotline (602) 495-7014
 Graffiti Detective reward hotline (602) 262-7327
 Report 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