



North Park Central Neighborhood Association

September 2005

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 Association 4th Annual Neighborhood Event



**Catered by Sweet Tomatoes Uptown
and FREE to all North Park Central Neighborhood residents**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2005, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
at Clarendon School Gym, 1225 W. Clarendon Ave.**

Our special guest speakers will be Mayor Phil Gordon, Councilman Tom Simplot and Community Action Officer Dave Chambers, and for the kids, a special appearance by McGruff, the Block Watch Mascot.

Join your neighbors for an evening of fun, food, gifts, prizes and information. This is a WIN-WIN event and all residents of our neighborhood are invited to come out and enjoy this event that the neighborhood association volunteers have been working hard to bring right to your door step. It will be a great atmosphere to meet new neighbors, and we do have many new neighbors that have recently moved into our community.

We have many supporters who come with services, information and gift items. Some of which are Light Rail, St. Joseph's Hospital, Graffiti Busters, Water Conservation, Neighborhood Services, Phoenix College Alumni, ASU, Osborn School District, Housing Rehabilitation, Phoenix Fire Department, Police/Silent Witness, Block Watch, AZ Auto Theft Authority, Phoenix Parks and Recreation and Identity Theft. They come with a wealth of information and will be available to answer your questions. Also, most information will be available in **ESPAÑOL** for our Spanish speaking residents.

We are also being support by many of the area businesses and sports teams who have donated items for door prizes. You could win a gift certificates to Durant's Restaurant, an autographed ball from the Arizona Diamondbacks, an autographed puck from the Phoenix Coyotes, two tickets to any 2006 Arizona Rattlers game or gift certificates from Bashas just to name a few.

And, best of all, it is entirely free and catered, compliments of our good friend Troy Green at Sweet Tomatoes Uptown on Camelback. So pack up the kids, and give mom a break from making dinner and join us for a great evening. Sweet Tomatoes is bringing a select salad bar, 2 soups, a potato bar, fruit and cookies for dessert.

What is North Park Central Neighborhood Association?

It is people like you that want their neighborhood to be the best it can be and it is a group of volunteers who give their time and talents solely to improve our neighborhood. Our neighborhood, which was built by Bella Visa Properties beginning in 1949 and ending in 1952, includes 251 single family homes with approximately 750 residents. Our association was formed in January of 1985. We have monthly board meetings, annual general meetings, an active Block Watch program, monthly newsletters, e-mail alert system and much more. Chances are, if you receive this newsletter on your door monthly, you are in North Park Central Neighborhood Association. Our boundaries are: North 4000 N – Amelia Avenue, South 3500 N – Mitchell Drive, East 700 W – 7th Avenue and West 1100 W- 11th Avenue. Generally speaking, that is 7th Avenue to 11th Avenue and Mitchell Drive to Amelia Avenue.

Crime Alert Update

Are you on our CRIME ALERT e-mail list? If you did not receive the crime update below in an e-mail and would like to be added to our list, please give us your e-mail address. All addresses are kept confidential. E-mail vkaboom@hotmail and tell us...Please add me to your Crime Alert E-mail List! It is free and could keep you and your family safe.

There was an attempted breaking and entry on Clarendon Ave. on August 12 at 4:00 pm in the afternoon. The resident's young son was home when a man broke into the back window. When the man was seen by the child, he then asked for a glass of water and if he could come in. The child did the right thing and did not let him in. The parent and police were called. The suspect then fled. Police said that this person is probably a repeat offender and may have been casing our neighborhood.

Description of the suspect by the child:

40 year old white male slight in size. He had a tattoo on his inner right forearm of what appeared to be an eagle.

If you have noticed anyone in the neighborhood matching that description or have had any attempts of break-ins, please call the police, even if they did not get in.

All crime, even attempted crimes need to be reported. This could establish a pattern and help police.

Also, please let your children know to never allow anyone into the home that they do not know, especially if they are home alone. Please let your neighbors know about this incident, especially if they have children.

Good News for the Neighborhood

The last two months we have alerted the neighborhood about the "Scam Alert" regarding a heavy set 5'5" Hispanic woman who came to the door of two of our residents in the neighborhood and talked her way into the house, then took their purse and wallet.

I have good news to report. I received a call from Officer Dave Chambers and he said that they caught the woman. She had recently been released from a 10 year sentence in the penitentiary for doing the same thing. She admitted to nearly 25 homes that she hit in the past two months. She is back behind bars.

So a little sigh of relief, but always be careful of strangers and do not let them into your home. Also, watch out for your neighbors. If you see something that doesn't seem right, call Crime Stoppers at 262-6151. It is better to be safe than sorry. If you see a crime happening for sure, call 911.

Emergency Preparedness Website

If an emergency hit right now....would you know what to do? Do you have the necessary supplies to survive for three days? Take a few minutes to visit Arizona 2-1-1 online at www.az211.gov. Familiarize yourself with the site where state agencies will post information in the case of a real emergency. It is the official site for alerts and bulletins on emergencies and disasters in Arizona, including public health and safety advisories, homeland security alerts and disaster relief bulletins. If Arizonans prepare for emergencies now, our state will survive and thrive if the unexpected hits.

Census Survey – Count Me In!

In September 2005, about one in every 13 households in Maricopa County will receive a short survey from the US Census Bureau that they will be asked to fill out and return. This will provide an accurate count of people in each area of the county. These updated population numbers will be used to determine how much state money each community receives over the next 5 years. So if you are one of the households receiving the Census Survey, be sure to fill it out. It helps ensure that our community receives its fair share of allocated money that

helps pay for services such as police and fire protection, parks, libraries, recreation facilities, senior centers, road improvement, hospitals and schools. To learn more go to www.census2005.com. For questions call or e-mail census@mag.maricopa.gov 602-256-3225.

Painting House Numbers on Curbs



One of the Block Watch Grant projects is painting every house number on the curb with reflective paint. We have found a Scout group that is going to take this project on. They will begin painting as soon as it cools down a bit more. The house numbers will be painted free of charge for every house courtesy of the Neighborhood Association and our Block Watch Grant. The Scout will leave a flyer at your door, but no funds or tips will be collected. We have, in the past, had folks pose as “working for the neighborhood association” and collect donations.

Again, this will be **FREE** to all residents.

Soaring home prices and sales

Here again are the houses that have sold recently and those still actively listed. If you would like to see details on the web of these homes, join our e-mail list and you will be sent the “Buyers Page” courtesy of Realtor Moinque Walker. Send an e-mail to vkaboom@hotmail.com and ask to be added to the home sales e-mail list. All e-mail address will be kept confidential.



Some home sales have slowed down a bit and that trend is reflected in our own neighborhood. You are not seeing double, a few homes were sold and put back on the market at a higher price while some reduced last month’s listed price. This is for the period of July 15 through September 12.

Address	SqFt	Bed/Bath	List Price	Sale Price	Price/ SqFt
3602 N. 8 th Ave...	1,479	4/1.75	\$324,000	Cancelled	219.06
835 W. Mitchell Dr.	1,155	3/2	\$210,000	\$210,000	181.81
3434 N. 8 th Ave.	1,170	3/1.75	\$289,900	\$289,900	247.77
821 W. Weldon Ave.	1,800	4/2	\$270,000	\$260,000	144.44
846 W. Whitton Ave.	1,547	4/1.75	\$269,900	Pending	174.46
817 W. Indianola Ave.	1,178	3/1.75	\$250,000	Cancelled	212.22
817 W. Fairmount Ave.	2,050	3/2	\$214,900	\$207,500	101.21
848 W. Fairmount Ave.	2,075	5/2	\$250,000	Pending	120.48
841 W. Amelia Ave.	1,629	4/2	\$239,900	Expired	147.26

Info provided Monique Walker, Mark-Taylor Realty, 602.413.8195, www.mark-taylorrealty.com

Yard Sales

Is anyone interested in doing a neighborhood-wide yard sale???? If so, how about a Saturday in November? It *should* be cool by then. Please call Helen Kennelly at 602-274-4483 if you are interested. Helen will also be available to talk to at the annual meeting on October 12th. There was also a question as to how many yard sales are allowed. The city actually has an ordinance for this and the number is 2 per year.

Sex Offender Notification

In July and August, the neighborhood received four new Sex Offender Notifications. There are nearly 100 known sex offenders living in our zip code and surrounding zip codes. To get a complete list of known sex offenders with pictures and addresses, go to <http://az.gov/webapp/offender/searchZip.do> or www.azsexoffender.com.

Moises Michael Loustaunau, 918 W. Turney Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013, 31 years old, 5'7" tall, 185 pounds, Brown Hair, Brown Eyes. Offender Loustaunau was convicted of attempted sexual conduct with a minor and was sentenced to lifetime probation. Probation was revoked and he was sent back to prison and released under parole supervision. The offender is currently not on supervised release.

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If you have any thoughts on what you would like to see in our newsletter or would like to contribute an article, recommend a business, or sponsor our newsletter, please contact Nancy at 602-367-4480 or email vkaboom@hotmail.com.

Do you want to be notified about breaking neighborhood news that affects you?

If so, please send an email to Vkaboom@hotmail.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
	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
Qwest Communications	(800) 244-1111
Cox Communications	(623) 594-1000

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