

North Park Central Neighborhood Association

September 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

Dennis Newcombe accepts Presidency for NPCNA

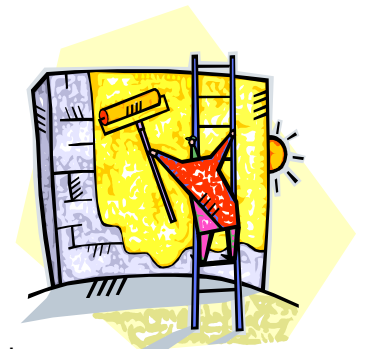
Dennis Newcombe has graciously accepted taking on the position of President of our Neighborhood Association. Dennis has served on the neighborhood association board for many years making scores of contributions with his time and expertise to help the neighborhood. Because of illness, it is with great regret that I have to step down as President. I have enjoyed serving the neighborhood and hope that I have made a difference. While I will not be serving as President, I will however continue to write the newsletter, work on the Wall Project and be an active member of the board as Information Officer. Please feel free to continue to give me a call as well as Dennis. While this should be a smooth transition, there are some changes for this year. Because of the time constraints and the need for more volunteers on the board, we will not be holding our annual meeting this year. Instead, we will be holding "focus groups" for "The Great Wall Project." You can read more about that exciting project below. For now, I appreciate everyone's best wishes and I hope that with more volunteer participation, we can continue to serve the neighborhood. Please join me and welcome Dennis Newcombe as President.

Sincerely, Nancy Joplin

The Great Wall Project Update

*Save the Date: October 10th for special focus group meeting...
see below for details.*

Volunteers continue to knock on doors gathering signatures for your support to rebuilding the wall along 7th Avenue. This wonderful project will make a major positive impact on our neighborhood.



We have always known that our 7th Avenue wall is failing us. For those of you who are new to the neighborhood or who haven't been following along, let me recap what has taken place. In October 2005, we joined with Phoenix College Alumni to work on a project together. That project being to rebuild the wall on 7th Avenue and bring art into the neighborhood. Many meetings have taken place with the City, Phoenix College, Phoenix College Alumni and our Neighborhood Board members in the past months to make that happen. Councilman Tom Simplot is also interested in advancing the project. Right now, we are still in the preliminary stages of planning and working with the City and that will take time. We are also developing our plan and looking for funding. While all of that is taking place, we can continue to work on the art portion of the project.

The vision is to bring a world famous artist who is a Phoenix College Alumni to work on this project with us. The project is heavily entwined with education, including Art Beyond the Classroom, Phoenix

College journalism students, art students, film students and local artists. It also includes all of us, residents of North Park Central. To explain all of this, and to develop a theme for the project, we will be holding special focus meetings in October at Phoenix College.

This exciting and ambitious project is generating much interest and support from the community. Collaborators include the Phoenix College Art Department and the Phoenix College Alumni Association (PCAA). The project, which involves the unique and visually appealing transformation of the Wall (located between Osborn and Indian School Roads, on the west side of 7th Avenue), from its current state into one of the City's newest public art displays and destination points.

As residents of the North Park Central neighborhood, we are the primary stakeholders for this project; therefore, it is essential that we define what the Wall will resemble (theme, images depicted, etc.). Please join us for a special meeting dedicated to brainstorming and exploring ideas for what the Wall will resemble. While this is a very informal group meeting, portions will be filmed for a documentary.

Place: Phoenix College Willow Meeting Room on the corner of 10th Ave. and Flower.

Date: Tuesday, October 10th Time: 6:30 p.m.

We would appreciate it if you RSVP to Nancy at 602-367-4480 so that we have an approximate number attending, but your attendance is what is important.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either Dennis at 602-279-5674 or Nancy at 367-4480. We welcome your participation. Look for updates in future.

Rock and Roll Paint-a-thon

The third annual "Rock and Roll Paint-a-thon" is coming to Phoenix neighborhoods October 28th.

Volunteers are hoping to expand their offer of free exterior house painting to senior citizens with disabilities or who are living on fixed incomes.



Homeowners of single family residences who are financially disadvantaged and who are physically unable to paint the home themselves may apply. Dennis Flynn of Rebuilding Together hopes to paint 150 homes this year. Homes must be owner-occupied and in sufficiently good condition that scraping and spot priming are the only preparations needed. Last year over 3,200 volunteers worked on 119 homes, two hospitals and a community center.

If you would like to apply, or if you know someone who may be eligible for the program, contact Dennis Flynn at Rebuilding Together, 480-774-0237.

Country Band Concert September 9th

The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department once again will host the "Concert Under the Stars" series at Steele Indian School Park. The next concert is 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 9th with a Country Band Four-2-Go. Bring a picnic basket, blanket and lawn chairs and enjoys a music filled evening with family and friends. Food and beverages can be purchased at the park. For more information call 602-495-0739.



Home Sales



Home sales are slowing in our neighborhood but we are still trudging along with two sales this month. Two new additions and one cancellation to our list bring our total to nine available with three of those in pending status. Further proof of the slowing market is three listings dropped prices this month. While the square footage is provided by multiple sources and is subject to verification, the average price per square foot is \$188.53.

| Address | SqFt | Bed/Bath | List Price | Sale Price | Price per SqFt |
|------------------------|-------|----------|------------|------------|----------------|
| 821 W. Weldon Ave. | 1,551 | 4/2 | \$399,000 | Active | \$257.25 |
| 812 W. Whitton Ave. | 1,250 | 3/1 | \$190,000 | Sold | \$152.00 |
| 815 W. Whitton Ave. | 1,088 | 3/1 | \$249,900 | Cancelled | \$229.69 |
| 821 W. Whitton Ave. | 1,088 | 3/1 | \$204,500 | Active | \$187.96 |
| 832 W. Fairmount Ave. | 1,276 | 3/2 | \$249,900 | Pending | \$195.85 |
| 1018 W. Fairmount Ave. | 1,740 | 6/2 | \$230,000 | Active | \$132.18 |
| 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 |
| 811 W. Piccadilly Ave. | 1,185 | 3/1 | \$195,000 | Pending | \$164.56 |
| 824 W. Amelia Ave. | 1,276 | 3/1.75 | \$279,000 | Active | \$218.65 |
| 1001 W. Amelia Ave. | 1,380 | 3/1.75 | \$299,000 | Active | \$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.

School News

- The Osborn District Governing Board election will likely be cancelled by the County because only two individuals are running for the two four-year vacancies. They are current Board President, Maxine Radtke and current board member, Marilyn Rollins. In addition, there is an opening for a two-year board seat. Since no one applied, a replacement will be appointed by County Superintendent, Dr. Dowling. Interested candidates may contact the Osborn District for further details. (602-707-2001) You must be a registered voter, have lived in the district for one year and be interested in improving education for the students.
- The District will hold a Bond Election on November 7. The \$37,000,000 raised will provide for roof and carpet replacements, safety and security issues, student transportation vehicles, energy management systems, a multi-purpose room for Montecito and more. If Homeowner Associations would like an individual to speak to the group, please contact Pattie Johns, Director of Finance (602-707-2022) or Dr. Wilma Basnett, Superintendent (602-707-2001.)
- The Osborn School District is always in need of qualified individuals to act as classroom instructional aides, substitute teachers and bus drivers. Instructional aides must be highly qualified--an Associate's Degree or equivalent; Substitute Teachers must have a Bachelor's Degree in any field and bus drivers must have or qualify following district training for a Commercial Driver's License. Contact HR Director Pam Unternaehrer (602-707-2037) if you or someone you know is interested in one of these positions. Salaries are competitive.

Clarendon School News

Clarendon Ice Cream Social is scheduled for October 27th. Clarendon School would love volunteers to help in the booths, donations of stuffed animals or other gently used toys as well as your attendance of the event. Call 602-707-2200

Clarendon Site Council is looking for a community member to participate as a member of the decision making group at Clarendon. The site council makes decisions concerning small budgets, conference attendance, fieldtrips, school activities etc. Call 602-707-2200



Sex Offender Notification

The Neighborhood Association receives notification when a new sex offender is released and moves into our area. We pass this information along to our residents for your information. Both offenders are Level 2 which means they are an intermediate risk to the community. The highest level is Level 3 which means high risk to the community. To see pictures of these two offender and others in our area go to www.azsexoffender.com.

Cecil Kevin Connelly, Transient in the area of 7th Street and Indian School, Phoenix, AZ 85018
Age: 44, Height: 5'9", Weight: 190, Hair: Brown, Eyes: Hazel On January 23, 1995, Offender Connelly was convicted of Sexual Abuse in the 2nd Degree in Iowa, He was sentenced to 25 years. He was discharged on June 19, 2006. The offense involved Offender Connelly having sexual contact with an eight year-old girl who was known to him.

Jon Novak, 611 W. Indian School Road., #218, Phoenix, AZ 85013
Age: 46, Height: 5'7", Weight: 150, Hair Gray, Eyes, Hazel On April 18, 1994, Offender Novak was convicted of Sexual Conduct with a Child in the South Dakota. He was sentenced to five years in prison. During the offense, Novak, age 34, had sexual contact with a three year-old female victim, whom he was babysitting. On October 1, 2004, Novak was convicted of Failure to Register as a Sex Offender in Maricopa County. He was sentenced to four years probation.

Contact Information

North Park Central Neighborhood Association

Board Members

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| Dennis Newcombe – President | (602) 279-5674 |
| Nancy Joplin – Information Officer | (602) 367-4480 |
| Erica Hoekstra – Secretary/Treasurer | (602) 277-3905 |
| Barbara Herren | (602) 279-3635 |
| Helen Kennelly | (602) 274-4483 |

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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.

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| 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 |

