



North Park Central Neighborhood Association

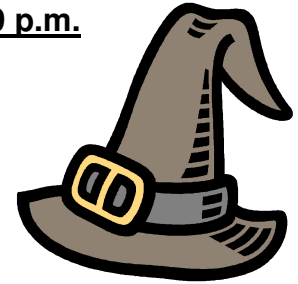
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Our goal is to work together as a friendly community to maintain and improve the appearance, safety, and property value of our neighborhood, thereby creating a better place to live, grow, and raise our children



Movie Under the Stars, Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, 6 – 9 p.m.

“The Great Pumpkin” and “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” - Steele Indian School Park Amphitheater, Third Street and Indian School Road. The community is encouraged to bring a picnic basket, blanket and lawn chairs, and enjoys a free movie under the stars. Sponsored by Councilman Simplot. Free. For additional info, call 602-262-7447.



Welcome Rosemarie Lewis, our newest board member. Rosemarie and her husband Scott moved into the neighborhood in March of 2006. Rosemarie graduated from the University of Arizona and began working as a Case Manager. She worked in that field for almost nine years and had a great time. Rosemarie and Scott decided it was time to fill their extra room in the house and start a family. Her hope is that they can add to this great neighborhood for many years to come. They were drawn to this neighborhood, because they liked that it was well established, centrally located and had large yards to take care of. They look forward to having fun and making new friends here in North Park Central. We are excited that Rosemarie has joined the Neighborhood Association and we look forward to drawing on her vast knowledge in social work.

We Need Volunteers! - I received an e-mail from Kat, our newest president. It reads, I regret sending this but Brad and I need to remove ourselves from the Board. We had a family emergency. When we got involved we had nothing on our plates and now life has thrown us a few curves. I do not want to do this half way and would have to say no to too much to be of any help. I will continue to work and improve our neighborhood and would love to help with the wall project as soon as I can. WE loved meeting you all and we will be in touch again as soon as possible. Thanks Kat and Brad

So as you can see, we are looking for a new neighborhood president. The Neighborhood Association has accomplished a great deal in the past and we have too much to lose if we can not find volunteers to be involved in the neighborhood.

I have been the Association President for many years and it is time for someone else to step up to the plate. It has been a rewarding experience, but due to illness, I need to step down. I plan on staying on the board and continuing to write the newsletter, website and neighborhood alerts, but I can no longer hold the president’s position. Right now we are operating with five board members that meet every month and a group of volunteers who deliver this newsletter. Without more participation from neighborhood volunteers, we will not be able to pursue any special projects like Block Watch, the Wall Project, Annual Meetings or Block Watch Grants just to name a few. There are so many projects and grants that we qualify for, but don’t have the manpower to implement without your involvement and active participation.

If you have had an interest in seeing what we are all about, come join us for our monthly board meeting. If you want the Neighborhood Association to do more, to survive, and thrive, we need you! This neighborhood is the place where you live. What better way to improve your quality of life than by volunteering in your own neighborhood.

I will leave you with one of my favorite quotes. "There are people who make things happen, there are people who watch things happen, and there are people who wonder what happened. To be successful, you need to be a person who makes things happen." James Lovell, Astronaut

We need you to make things happen. Call any board member to let them know your interest. Nancy Joplin



www.NPCNA.com – Check out our neighborhood website. It is a quick reference for past newsletter articles and phone listings. It is a site that is always in progress, 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.

Around The Neighborhood

Tesco on the southeast corner of 7th Ave. and Indian School Road will be opening a neighborhood market called Fresh and Easy. They have fenced off the area for demolition and will be breaking ground soon.

Phoenix College will be breaking ground for a new Fine Arts building begin November 2007 and a new parking structure that will be located in the West parking lot. Phoenix College will be holding open meetings for input from surrounding neighborhoods before building the parking structure.

Target and JC Penny's – Spectrum Mall has some new additions. JC Penney's has already opened and Target formerly located on 7th Ave. and Camelback will be moving to Spectrum Mall on October 9th.

Safeway's grand re-opening was held Friday, September 21.

Block Watch - Five new Block Watch signs have been placed throughout the neighborhood. We have one remaining sign that has not been placed. If you have a suggestion for placement, please call Nancy at 602-367-4480. A big thank you to Brad Moore for hanging the signs.

Clarendon School will be holding their annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, October 25th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This is a casual gathering for new and prospective families to meet other families, faculty, and see what Clarendon School is all about. This promises to be an exciting night with fun and games and food!

Shop The Line - Mayor Phil Gordon and Councilman Tom Simplot launched shophtheline.net, a virtual shopping mall that gives users direct access to stores, restaurants and services along the Phoenix METRO light-rail. This Web site makes it easy for residents to support businesses along the light rail alignment. For more information, visit shophtheline.net or call 602-262-2489.

Melrose Gas and Food Mart located at 4405 N 7th Ave has withdrawn their liquor license application. North Park Central Neighborhood Association, along with other neighboring associations opposed this liquor license because of over saturation and because this area has become a nesting place for alcoholic transients. The business continually demonstrated bad business practices and lack of respect for the law.

Neighborhood Wide Yard Sale – Anyone interested? We are planning to hold a neighborhood wide-yard sale if there is enough interest. The date we are looking at is November 3rd and 4th. NPCNA will send out ads and put up signs. This will be free to all residents who wish to participate, but we would like to know if you are interested. If enough residents are interested, we will make a map with all addresses listing all residents having sales so that buyers can comb through the neighborhood and see every sale. Call Rosemarie at 602-265-9887 if you think you may be interested.

Car Alarm can scare off intruders - This good idea was submitted by a NPCNA resident. Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car.

The alarm will be set off and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: it's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation.

Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around and after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out side. The criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

Phoenix Parks Department Hosting Public Lands Day - Silent Sunday Events Oct. 28 - The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management will host the Phoenix Outdoor Recreation Festival Oct. 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the South Mountain Park / Preserve Activity Complex, 10919 S. Central Ave. The free event will mark the city's celebration of National Public Lands Day. Festival visitors also can use the day to enjoy the Park/Preserve's monthly Silent Sunday event, reserving the area's roadways for non-motorized use.

Many of the festival's displays and activities are geared toward children, making it a fun and educational family event. Attendees will have a chance to enjoy live animals up close; take a hike; scale an outdoor climbing wall; attend special demonstrations; learn about proper nutrition and healthy activities and much more. More than 50 outdoor recreation and public land agencies will be on hand. Visitors also can purchase food and beverages. **Event information is available online** at phoenix.gov/PARKS/porf07.html or by calling (602)495-5458, (602)262-6713 (TTY).

Neighborhood Alert – Over the past few months we have had quite a few e-mailed Neighborhood Alerts. Reported were intruders trying door knobs and a man being seen walking into back yards through gates, etc. Many neighbors called the police and because the man was not stealing anything, the police did not do anything.

First, before there is a crime, there has to be a victim. If someone is trespassing, you ARE a victim and you should report it and demand that the police write a report and prosecute it. Yes, this will take some time to complete, but if you do not do the extra step, the police do not have to remove the person and as what happened last month, he is free to roam the neighborhood until he does rob someone or until someone calls the police and prosecutes for trespassing.

To help stop crime, get to know your immediate neighbors. Know their telephone number at home and at work. I know that I would appreciate it if my neighbors called me to alert me to a trespasser and possible burglary.

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.

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.

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. Not a good time to be selling. As you can see we have 9 homes in the neighborhood for sale. *And a note to home sellers...if your realtor isn’t returning calls, chances are, they are not working to sell your house.* 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” and “CMA Page” which is pictures of these houses and a comparable market analysis 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	Active	\$154.95
811 W. Weldon Ave.	1,293	3/1.75	\$265,000	Active	\$204.95
822 W. Indianola Ave.	2,017	4/2	\$319,900	Active	\$158.60
812 W. Fairmount Ave.	1,570	3/2	\$239,000	Active	\$152.23
815 W. Picadilly	1,275	3/1.75	\$245,000	Active	\$192.16
1007 W. Picadilly	realtor	did not	return	call	
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

Contact Information

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Board Members

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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