

## Next Meetings

**SEPTEMBER 13 \* OCTOBER 11**

Board Meeting: 6:15 pm

**General Membership Meeting Starts 7:00 pm**

**\*\*Trinity United Methodist Church—3104 West Glendale Ave\*\***

*Meetings are 2nd Thursday of each month, mark your calendar!*

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings, neighbors. This is our third issue of the year that goes to all residents of North Glen Square—members and non-members alike. If you're new to the neighborhood or haven't read our newsletter, welcome. The North Glen Square Neighborhood Association (NGSNA) is for you. Through monthly meetings, the newsletter, e-mail and our web site, our primary goal is to provide a forum for residents to stay connected. Experience shows that a network of caring neighbors, access to city resources, and availability of community information help make neighborhoods stronger and safer. NGSNA is proud of our record working with neighbors, sister associations, and the city of Phoenix to tackle issues that affect all of us.

- Last year we worked to oppose a state bill that would have seriously weakened our ability to participate in the liquor licensing process and have a say in where liquor is sold in the neighborhood and by whom.
- Recently we have been working with other associations to hold the Phoenix city council accountable for not following due process with appropriate citizen input regarding the council redistricting process.
- We investigate zoning and liquor license applications to determine how they would impact our community. We work with Phoenix Police to research applicants' backgrounds for inconsistencies and violations.
- We have had good results with our graffiti removal efforts thanks to a team of neighbors and the help of Crossroads Inc.
- NGS is coordinating the square-wide yard sale on October 20th. This is an event where NGS places a newspaper ad for all participating addresses. We also produce a map to share with shoppers. The combined yard sales usually bring a significant number of shoppers. Register by October 14th, but the sooner the better.

I recently had a meeting with other neighborhood leaders, where several of us observed a trend in city and state government to dilute citizen input and reduce transparency. Together with your help, we can make sure our voices are heard.

## GENERAL ELECTION—NOVEMBER 6, 2012

I normally try very hard to keep articles in the newsletter neutral. We try to stick to neighborhood issues such as events, crime, blight and quality of life in North Glen Square. However, there is one issue I feel strongly about that I'd like to share with you.

The 2012 primary election was held Tuesday August 28th. Only 25 to 30 percent of registered voters in Arizona voted. That's less than 20% of eligible voters in the state. These figures shock me. Every year we celebrate Independence Day to remember our fight to be a free and independent republic. We observe Memorial Day and Veterans Day to remember the wars and those who fight in them to protect our freedom. Almost anyone you ask would emphatically say they support our troops overseas. What freedom have we been fighting for if not the freedom for each of us to participate in and choose our representative government? Many American lives have been lost in wars to protect our right to vote for our leaders. It is not just a right, it is a privilege and an obligation. Should 20% of our population be deciding who our leaders are? What possibilities would there be if the other 80% voted? So if you don't vote, I urge you to get out there and DO IT!

# Keeping our Neighborhood Safe

## CRIME STATISTICS

The crime statistics were not available at press time. We will have them as soon as they are available.

### PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL TRAINING

**Saturday September 15, 2012**

**Saturday November 3, 2012**

Training will be held at the Mt. View Precinct community room located at 2075 E. Maryland Ave (between Glendale Ave & Bethany Home Rd).

Registration begins at 7:30 and class will last until approximately noon.

RSVP to Officer Deb Iodice at [deborah.iodice@phoenix.gov](mailto:deborah.iodice@phoenix.gov) or

Officer Brian Kornegay at [brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov](mailto:brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov)

Seating is limited to 45 people.

There are 4 hours of training in the areas of patrol procedures, observation skills, the 9-1-1 system, reporting techniques, confrontation avoidance, safety practices and Block Watch grants.

Citizens who complete the training will be provided program identification cards, authorized to use identifying automobile door placards and cellular telephone equipment to conduct crime prevention activities in their neighborhood and to record and report suspicious activity.

Block Watch does not promote intervention. Participants will exchange ideas involving crime prevention with patrol officers in their area.

#### Qualifications:

- Reside in the City of Phoenix
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Possess a valid driver license or Arizona identification card
- Complete mandatory Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol training

#### Disqualifying conditions:

- Felony convictions within the past 60 months (from time of application)
- Any pending criminal charges
- Conviction for child molestation
- Registered as a sex offender
- Adjudicated by the courts to be mentally incompetent

## COFFEE/DINNER WITH A COP

Coffee with a Cop rotates within Cactus Park Precinct to a new location each month.

September 11, 2012 6:00 pm

JB'S  
3567 W. Northern Ave

October 5, 2012 8:00 am

Metrocenter Mall  
Food Court

## DON'T BE A SCAM VICTIM

Please be aware that there are many crooks out there who work very hard to separate you from your money.

- **Never** give your personal information to someone you don't know unless **you** have initiated the transaction with them.
- Whether on the phone or at your front door, use caution when dealing with strangers.
- Be wary of anyone who approaches you in a parking lot. Even if they have a good story.
- Never ever let uninvited strangers into your home..

## HISTORY OF PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL

The Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Program began in 1994 as Block Watchers on Patrol and was associated with the Block Watch McGruff logo. In 1995 P.N.P. members donated over 5,468 hours of their time patrolling their neighborhoods. By 2004, they spent over 26,000 hours and traveled 77,490 miles assisting the police officers of the City of Phoenix Police Department by driving through their neighborhoods and watching for suspicious criminal behavior, fights, traffic problems, stolen vehicles, and missing persons.

In 1999 the program adopted the name of Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol and its new logo. We have had the opportunity and privilege of training over 1500 citizens in observation skills, criminal codes, police procedures, and drug recognition through non-confrontational methods.

In 2009 members logged over 53,000 miles and volunteered over 25,000 hours of their time to their neighborhood! That is over \$527,000 in value to the community.

## SWIMMING LESSONS

By Julie DeGraffenreid

This spring I embarked on finding an exercise program that helped with my arthritis, suited my non-Olympic body, **and didn't cost a fortune.** After much searching I found a Therapeutic Water Aerobics class through the City of Phoenix. We stretched, pushed, jogged, and enjoyed ourselves while using water pressure and pool noodles to increase the resistance of the work out while not putting extra stress on our joints. The pace was brisk but not too much for the knee replacement, stroke, arthritic, developmentally disabled, and elderly participants. It was exactly what the physical therapist ordered! And at \$15 per session, it definitely fit my budget.

But like most things, it was far from perfect. Problem number 1: Therapeutic water aerobics is only offered at one pool in all of Phoenix! I had to drive to Telephone Pioneers Park, just north of Bell and 19th Avenue, every day. Problem number 2: Classes were just Monday through Thursday because all City of Phoenix pools were closed on Fridays. **My arthritis doesn't take weekends off.** Problem number 3: The City of Phoenix touts their \$15 classes on TV and in the newspaper. However, they never mention the \$10 (\$5 for kids) yearly **"Recreation Passfee" you must purchase before registering for any Parks and Rec class.** So if you just want to try out the class once, the cost just went from \$15 to \$25 for 2 weeks.

That being said, Telephone Pioneers Pool is very unique and built with adaptive aquatics in mind. Hand rails line the pool walls and there are a wheel chair/walker ramp, chair transport and numerous handrails to assist with entrance and exit. And as a bonus, it has the largest hot tub I have ever seen in my life (seats 16!).

The City began offering Angelfish classes for children with special needs. Once again, it is only offered at Telephone Pioneers Pool. These classes have no more than 3 children and each gets 10-15 minutes of one-on-one tailored instruction rather than 40 minutes of large group lessons. The instructors are patient, enthusiastic, and caring. Parents/family members are asked to work with the children the rest of the lesson to build confidence and skills.

If you can afford the time (and gas) I definitely recommend the Therapeutic Water Aerobics class. If you have or know any children with behavioral, mental or physical limitations that make traditional swimming lessons difficult, definitely send them to the staff at Telephone Pioneers Park next year. But I ask one thing. The next time you see City Councilman Valenzuela or Mayor Stanton, ask him to bring Therapeutic Aerobics and at least 1 or 2 sessions of **Angelfish adaptive swimming to our district because arthritic people and special needs children don't just live in Deer Valley.**

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## WEATHER AND TIRE SAFETY

The Tire Safety Council advises drivers to check their tire inflation pressure (including the spare) at least once a month, and before every long trip.

But, did you know that changes in the outside temperature can quickly affect your tire pressure? Tires lose air normally through the process of permeation, the council says. "Changes in outdoor temperature can affect the rate at which your tire loses air. This change is more pronounced in hot weather. Generally speaking, a tire will lose one or two pounds of air per month in cool weather, and even more in warmer weather. Under-inflation is the leading cause of tire failure, so check inflation pressure regularly.

"Tires must be checked when they are cold; that is, before they have been run a mile. If you must drive over one mile for air, before you leave home, measure the cold inflation pressure of each tire and record the actual under-inflation amount for each tire.

"Upon arriving at the service station, measure each tire's inflation again and then inflate the warm tire to a level that is equal to this warm pressure, plus the cold under-inflation amount."

"Under-inflation or overloading creates excessive heat," the council warns, "and can lead to tire failure, which could result in vehicle damage and/or serious injury or death. Proper inflation extends tire life and saves fuel."

~From drivers.com

## HELPING ANIMALS WHILE SAVING MONEY

By Mary DeGraffenreid

The Arizona Humane Society, or AHS for short, has been a major contributor to Arizona for fifty years or so. There are many services that they offer, such as low cost spay/neuter/wellness clinics, adoptions, TNR (trap-neuter-release), pet turnovers, and thrift stores. It is the thrift stores that bring in the most income for the shelters.

You can find many things at thrift stores, and the AHS Thrift Store at the Sunnyslope location is no exception. There are walls of DVD and VHS movies, and shelves of books. James Patterson seems to be the favorite of donors. As for electronics there are TVs, assorted cables, and remotes available. Shirts, pants, jackets, shorts, skirts- you name it, the clothing section will probably have it! And obviously, there are animal supplies. One will be able to see a grand selection of carrying crates in front of the store, and the selection is greater inside. There are pet beds, cat trees, and food for both dogs and cats. Also, treats, chew toys, collars, leashes, and cat toys are aplenty. If you want commemorative goods, there are a few collectables sets, too. The best part is that all money goes to the AHS!

There are four locations of AHS thrift stores. The first, and closest to us, is the Sunnyslope Thrift Store, located at 1331 W. Hatcher Road. The AHS Tempe Thrift Store (next to the Campus for Compassion) is stationed at 755 W. Baseline Road. There is also Petique and Petopia, located at Biltmore Fashion Park and Desert Sky Mall, respectively. At those locations, adoptions are available, too. If you have leftovers from the October 20th NGS-wide yard sale, the Sunnyslope thrift shop is always looking for donations.

For more information about the AHS, the services they provide, and the animals up for adoption, you can go to their website: <http://www.azhumane.org>.

The AHS receives at least one-hundred and twenty-one animals a day. Lessen that number by spaying and neutering you pets!

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<b>Graffiti Busters-City of Phoenix</b> .....	602-495-7014
<b>Graffiti Committee (Chair: Jon Vreeken)</b> (leave detailed info, name & phone numbers) .....Email: northglengraffiti@yahoo.com .....Phone: 602-354-5096	
<b>Officer Karen Anderson</b> (“Community Action Officer”) ..... Voice Mail 602-256-3141 .....email: karen.anderson@phoenix.gov	
<b>Cactus Park Precinct</b> .....	602-495-5009
<b>Abandoned Vehicles</b> (private property) ..	602-262-7844
<b>Abandoned Vehicles</b> .....	602-262-6151
<b>Animal Control/Rabies</b> .....	602-506-7387
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<b>City Bus Service</b> .....	602-253-5000
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<b>Illegal Dumping</b> .....	602-262-7251
<b>Loud Party Info</b> .....	602-262-7803
<b>Loud Party Reporting</b> .....	602-262-6151
<b>Neighborhood Enforcement</b> .....	602-262-7844
<b>Neighborhood Narcotic Complaints</b> .....	602-275-5886
<b>Parking Complaints</b> .....	602-262-6151
<b>Property Maintenance Violations</b> .....	602-262-7844
<b>Poison Control</b> .....	602-253-3334
<b>Shopping Cart removal</b> .....	1-800-THE-CART
<b>Illegal signs</b> .....	602-534-7100
<b>Street repair (potholes)</b> .....	602-262-6441
<b>Street Light repair</b> .....	602-495-5125
<b>Councilman Valenzuela</b> .....	602-262-7446
<b>Parks Department</b> .....	602-262-6575
<b>Solid Waste</b> .....	602-262-7251
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## PHOENIX GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

### Reduce, Reuse or Recycle

According to the City of Phoenix, residents generate a half-million tons of garbage every year. Commercial entities generate another half-million tons. That works out to one ton per resident, or enough to fill Chase Field to the top seven times in one year. The city’s recycling program diverts about 12% of that (by weight) from landfills.

Only these items may be placed in the blue recycle bins. Place items directly in the bin. Do **not** use garbage bags except for shredded paper:

- Plastic: Hard plastic containers including buckets, plastic jugs and bottles.
- Paper: Cardboard, food boxes, junk mail, paper board, newspapers, magazines, phone books, juice boxes and shredded paper (placed in clear plastic bags).
- Glass: Glass bottles, jars and any food-grade glass containers.
- Metal: Aluminum cans, metal cans, small metal appliances and empty aerosol cans (no paint, pesticides, oven cleaners)

Plastic grocery bags are not allowed in the blue recycling bins. When residents place plastic bags in with their recyclables, it costs the City of Phoenix an extra \$1 Million per year because it clogs the machinery. Other non-recyclable materials like diapers, human waste and oil can contaminate entire truckloads of material, causing it to be sent to the landfill instead of the recycling facility.

Instead of using your recycle bin for bags, you can use the Bag Central Station in many grocery stores to **recycle** plastic grocery bags. Alternatively, you can find a way to **reuse** plastic bags at home. The best option is to **reduce** your use of plastic bags and use durable reusable bags instead. Reusable bags are easier to carry, **hold much more and don’t produce any waste at all**. If you leave them in your car, you will always have them with you when you need them. Many grocery stores offer a discount for each reusable bag.

Starting in July, the city began picking up both garbage and recycling in North Glen Square on Fridays. Bins must be placed at least 4 feet apart and be out at the curb by 5:30am.

If you have any questions about garbage or recycling, visit the City of Phoenix Public Works web page at [www.phoenix.gov/publicworks](http://www.phoenix.gov/publicworks).

## SQUARE-WIDE YARD SALE Saturday October 20, 2012

It's time for another NGSNA yard sale. Clean out those closets, garages, etc. and for all your hard work, earn some extra spending money and have a less cluttered home.

Saturday, October 20th is the date, your yard is the place, and the starting and ending times are up to you. We'll take care of the ad in the Arizona Republic (which will run Fri. Oct. 19th & Sat. Oct. 20th) as well as maps for shoppers which list and locate your sale, along with other participants. The more homes listed in the ad, the more impressive our ad will be and make it stand out in the newspaper—bringing more people to our area.

Participation fees are \$10 for NGSNA members and \$15 for non-members, far less than the price to advertise a single yard sale yourself. If you would like to participate, please call:

Dee Gokie at (602) 618-8679  
Marilyn Kennedy at (602) 841-1157  
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**Deadline to sign up is October 14th, but the sooner the better.**

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North Glen Square constantly receives updated sex offender notifications from the Phoenix Police department. We encourage you to visit this site and apprise yourself of exactly where sex offenders are residing in your area.

An informed North Glen Square resident is a safer North Glen Square resident!

**NGSNA MEMBERSHIP**

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- Bi-monthly Newsletter
- Discounts on NGS Events
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- Voting Privileges at Monthly Meetings
- Participation in Free Giveaways
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**Notable Happenings**

OCTOBER 20 Square-wide Yard Sale

OCTOBER 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER 3 PNP Training

NOVEMBER 6 General Election

**NON-DUSTPROOF PARKING**

Did you know?

According to Phoenix City Code Chapter 39, Sec. 39-7G:

Motor vehicles or trailers shall not be parked, maneuvered or stored upon a lot or area within the City that is not dustproof.

Not only is it illegal to park on non-dustproof areas of your yard, it is also very harmful to the soil and vegetation. Vehicles can severely compact the soil, altering its properties and ability to absorb water, making it difficult for roots to grow. This could eventually kill existing trees, though damage may not be seen for several years. It can also cause roots of new trees to grow improperly, which could compromise the trees health and stability.

# North Glen Square

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- Graffiti management - eliminate graffiti, acquire and distribute paint and supplies.
- Block watch coordinators - encourage and coordinate street-level block watches.
- Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP) - Attend PNP training, help make NGS safer.
- Community event planners - plan activities to bring neighbors together and share information, promote NGSNA.
- Residents who can attend important meetings - city meetings, district 5 and other community meetings.
- Neighborhood ambassador - welcome new residents, encourage community involvement, coordinate with adjacent neighborhood groups
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