

Next Meetings May 14th & June 11th

Board Meeting 6:15pm

General Membership Meeting Starts 7:00pm

****Trinity United Methodist Church - 3104 West Glendale Ave****

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

**Area Leaders Help Spark Major
Anti-Crime Project**

“Every society gets the kind of criminal it deserves. What is equally true is that every community gets the kind of law enforcement it insists on.” Robert Kennedy

For well over a decade various neighborhood leaders have persistently and determinedly pushed the police and the city to root out endemic crime and blight in our Canyon Corridor area.* The latest have been our nearby neighborhood leaders, Jeff Spellman of Glen Canyon Vista, Mike Simms and Frank Beaudrot of North Glen Square Neighborhood, and Mary Obrochta of Ocotillo Glen neighborhood associations.. These stubbornly determined folks even took the issues to city management and our Councilman, Danny Valenzuela. Another important and effective ally is Grand Canyon University who has also provided exceptional leadership on crime and blight issues.

These efforts have helped create the Black Canyon Violence Impact Project (VIP) along the Canyon Corridor as announced at the Kick off by our Cactus Park Precinct Commander Kevin Robinson on February 26, 2015. This is a strategically designed, multi-faceted project to drive endemic crime out of the area. Both he and Councilman Danny Valenzuela commended area neighborhood leaders for their important role by persistently opposing crime and blight, **their dedication to quality of life in their neighborhoods, and their willingness to be part of the solution.**

Lt. Robbie Bates explained at a recent UNA neighborhood meeting that this Black Canyon Violence Impact Project will use successfully tested techniques to focus primarily on the area from Indian School to Dunlap, 31st Avenue to I-17 while the Desert Horizon and Mountain View Precincts would be doing the same from I-17 to 19th Avenue.

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MAY - JUNE CALENDAR

May 10th	Mother’s Day
May 14th	NGS Meeting
May 25th	Memorial Day
June 11th	NGS Meeting
June 21st	Father’s Day
July 4th	Independence Day

Bulk Trash Collection

South of Orangewood Ave
(Area 10)
Placement Begins - April 25th
Collection Begins - May 4nd
North of Orangewood Ave
(Area 11)
Placement Begins - May 2nd
Collection Begins - May 11th



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The focus would be on problem locations, order maintenance, crime reduction, prostitution, drug and property crimes, outstanding warrants, blight, and trespass issues. The first phase of the VIP would focus especially on prostitution and trespass issues. Community members were urged to keep reporting criminal issues to the police.

Lt. Bates explained that this long term project started last fall in the process of lining up resources and getting buy-in from many other city departments, county and state agencies. The techniques to be used were first applied in Project Safe Neighborhoods in the downtown Phoenix area, which resulted in a 32% reduction in crime.

The area was from 7th to 32nd streets, Washington to McDowell, and was selected because it was the most violent area in the city. An unfortunate outcome of Project Safe Neighborhoods was that it displaced crime from downtown to an area along Black Canyon Freeway from Indian School Road to Glendale Avenue. These areas were susceptible to crime because of the kinds of apartments, hotels, motels, and low cost rental properties in that area.

Having learned from their earlier experiences Commander Robinson vows “he will not only deal with them (the criminals) here—we will follow them where they go when they leave.” He made clear that this was not on any timeline because he intended to see it through and that it would take time to make a long lasting effect.

NGS has been working closely with the other Canyon Corridor neighborhoods (especially after 2004) against the criminal activity established in the area. We are most pleased that the police have promised to focus on sustained results rather than the usual short-term projects.

*The Canyon Corridor boundaries are Dunlap to Indian School/Grand Avenue, I-17 to 43rd Avenue

District 5 News

Dear neighbors,

The city’s emergency food tax has completed its five-year mission for the residents of Phoenix. This food tax was implemented in 2010 as a temporary measure to help overcome a \$277 million budget shortfall during the worst recession in our nation’s history. While I was not a member of the Council at the time, as a resident I was concerned with the prospect of hundreds of layoffs of police officers, firefighters and other public safety employees, the shuttering of city facilities and programs, such as libraries and senior centers, as well as cuts to critical services, including after-school programs. After taking office in 2012, it became even more clear why it was implemented – to save important city services and keep whole our police and fire departments – and, as important, the reason it is time to end it. The food tax was a strategic solution that generated \$133 million for our general fund, \$40 million for public safety, \$40 million for transit and \$13 million for our parks. We are again one of the only Valley cities without a tax on food. The end of the food tax marks the keeping of a promise to the residents of Phoenix. We owe this to those we are honored to serve.

Sincerely,
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Phoenix City Councilman, District 5
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Walking Tour of Downtown Phoenix

Nothing to do on Mondays? Nowhere to go! But wait....you live in Phoenix! Mondays just got a whole lot better. In November 2014 the City of Phoenix introduced a new opportunity to get to know the downtown area in a healthy and social manner. [Meet Me Downtown](#) invites people of all ages, including families and even their four-legged friends, to walk or run a designated route on Monday evenings. The entire walk is 3.3 miles. Runners may opt to add a 1.8 mile extension. No monitoring, no chips, no grandstands, no fundraising. It is simply a healthy way to spend an evening in a downtown area that has become increasingly vibrant in recent years.

What are the rules? There aren't many. Check in. Walk. Run. Skip now and then. Talk or don't talk. Take selfies (but not while crossing the street). Leash your pet and clean up after it. Laugh. Sing. Wear a silly hat or don't.

When, where and how? I want the details! When: every Monday, check-in/ registration between 5:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. That's every Monday, rain or shine, 52 times per year. You can (and you should) go every single week. **Where:** registration and check in takes place at The Corner at [CityScape in Downtown Phoenix](#).

How: [You can also view the route online.](#) <http://www.meetmedowntownphx.com/routes/> Paper route maps will be available for pickup at check-in.

How much? There is no charge. Just walk, run, or a combination of the two. You might decide to take advantage of deals offered at some of the businesses along the route. Naturally, they hope you do.

What else? Of course, everyone walks or runs at their own risk. You should be healthy enough to participate, and no one else will be responsible for injuries, thefts, lost dogs or bad selfies. In the summer it gets hot, and in the winter it gets dark. Prepare appropriately. Seriously, you are responsible for your own actions.

5 Things to Know Before You Go Time your check-in for how long it will take you to walk or run that would allow you to get back to CityScape by 7 p.m.

Registering online in advance is great because then you just need to do a very quick check-in on a tablet for closing ceremonies, and any raffles, prizes and awards. when you show up each week. You'll also get weekly updates. And [there are attendance awards!](#)

There are no minimum or maximum requirements. Refer to "What are the rules?" above. No one (except maybe your dog) will judge you if you don't finish the walk. If you don't want to start at CityScape, don't. If you don't want to follow the course map, don't.

Let's talk parking. Typically Monday nights are quiet in Downtown Phoenix, so if there are no events at Chase Field, US Airways Center, Comerica Theatre or any of the other entertainment venues near CityScape, you might be able to find street parking a few blocks away. For example, north of Washington on both the east and west sides of Central Avenue (Monroe, for example). This gets tricky, because if you go early in hopes of finding a free street spot you'll be there when it is still rush hour and people are leaving work in downtown. Your best bet is to either park in the CityScape garage or park somewhere uptown Phoenix or in Tempe and take METRO Light Rail into Phoenix. CityScape businesses will validate your parking ticket (don't forget it!) for their garage for two free hours. That should cover you for the walk and the presentations after. You'll have to pay \$3 per hour (2104) after that. [METRO Light Rail costs \\$4 round trip.](#)



PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME STATS

Reporting the specific crime statistics for North Glen Square every issue is important, but I thought this issue you might like to see how the Phoenix police department is doing as a whole. These statistics show the clearance rates for each type of crime in our city by year from 2011 to 2013. Next issue will have the crime statistics as normally reported, but will include March, April, May and June instead of just May and June, making all the information up to date in our next issue.

	NEW CRIMES	CLEARED	CLEARANCE RATE*		NEW CRIMES	CLEARED	CLEARANCE RATE*
Violent Crime				Property Crime			
2011	8,028	2,688	33%	2011	64,752	9,201	14%
2012	9,403	3,345	36%	2012	61,083	9,647	16%
2013	9,420	3,413	36%	2013	60,354	9,957	17%
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter				Burglary			
2011	116	83	72%	2011	18,666	948	5%
2012	123	105	85%	2012	17,912	1,057	6%
2013	118	110	93%	2013	16,747	1,013	6%
Robbery				Larceny-theft			
2011	3,324	717	22%	2011	38,258	7,806	20%
2012	3,516	840	24%	2012	35,678	8,069	23%
2013	3,233	845	26%	2013	36,983	8,409	23%
Aggravated assault				Motor vehicle theft			
2011	4,090	1,777	43%	2011	7,555	401	5%
2012	5,263	2,270	43%	2012	7,187	487	7%
2013	5,506	2,351	43%	2013	6,355	490	8%
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2011	273	46	17%				
2012	306	34	11%				
2013	269	45	17%				

MARKET ON THE MOVE



Every Saturday, [Market on the Move](#) is at various locations around Phoenix and specifically close to North Glen Square on most occasions. (Locations vary slightly from week to week.) You get around 60 pounds of produce for \$10. You can bring a laundry basket or boxes or they also provide them.

Market on the move . . . Some weeks can be great and others not so great. BUT, all in all, it can be an spectacular deal. The best advice I have for you is to check their [Facebook page](#) each week. They update the page with what varieties of produce they will have available. They may limit some of them and some of them may be close to expiration. On the other hand, you may be able to walk away with more than you know what to do with, of your favorite item, and it may be completely fresh. If you can find a produce buddy and split the cost of the produce, I think that's the best way to do it. Or, you can make many people happy by sharing it. It can be a lot of food! So, what am I talking about? Remember, they let you know what produce they are expecting on their [Facebook page](#) each week. Hopefully, they will list them soon.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Crime Stop (non-emergency)**.....602-262-6151
Graffiti Busters (Phoenix).....602-495-7014
Graffiti Committee (Chair: Jon Vreeken)
 (leave detailed info, name & phone numbers)
Email: northglengraffiti@yahoo.com
Phone: 602-242-0019
Officer Garrick Henry (Community Action Officer)
Voice Mail 602-256-3141
Cactus Park Precinct602-495-5009
Abandoned Vehicles (private property) ...602-262-7844
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Barking Dogs602-262-6466
City Bus Service602-253-5000
Dial-A-Ride.....602-253-4000
Garbage Collection602-262-7251
Illegal Dumping.....602-262-7251
Loud Party Info.....602-262-7803
Loud Party Reporting602-262-6151
Neighborhood Enforcement.....602-262-7844
Neighborhood Narcotic Complaints.....602-275-5886
Parking Complaints602-262-6151
Property Maintenance Violations.....602-262-7844
Poison Control.....602-253-3334
Shopping Cart removal1-800-THE-CART
Illegal signs602-534-7100
Street repair (potholes).....602-262-6441
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*****SAVE THE DATE*****

The next **Square Wide Yard Sale** will be in **October 18th 2015**. Mark your calendar and start saving for your next BIG sale. Keep checking your newsletter for the exact date. Remember, the more homes that participate, the larger the ad will be in the newspaper to attract more people to our yard sales.



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Local Phoenix Neighborhoods Win Against big Lobbyist

Neighborhoods Win the Fight !! Unnamed global convenience store, buys more 'trouble' than 2 high paid lobbyist can fend off.

CELEBRATE YOUR VICTORY!! BOTH LIQUOR BILLS ARE DEAD!!! THE CONSUMER FLEX LOAN BILL IS DEAD.

The 52nd Arizona State Legislative 1st Session is Closed.

SB 1419 which would allow Liquor Retail sales within 300 feet of Schools and Churches is DEAD!!! **HB 2359** which would require more than one person to file a statement of opposition with the Arizona State Liquor Board is DEAD! **HB 2611** Consumer Flex Loans is DEAD! Working together, something amazing was accomplished! Many of our local neighborhoods along with North Glen Square responded to the many a Calls for Action to protect Arizona neighborhoods and struggling families.

Details

HB 2359 was "retained" in Senate COW on March 25th and never heard.

SB 1419 was on the House 3rd Read Calendar for two days and not called by the Speaker. The clock ticked down, and it died. I understand the two lobbyist promoting both the liquor bills were in the gallery for the entire 14 hours, the House was on the floor.

HB 2611 was sent to the Senate and assigned to the Commerce and Workforce Committee. Chairman Yee placed it on her agenda twice, and twice she held the bill. Just this past week the Feds announced they are going to make changes in laws and regulations regarding Payday loans and Title loans, to unlatch the debt trap that snares Americans.

Our legislators worked 17 hours straight, which was on the heels of a week of this frantic pace. A record for the shortest session was set. After a good rest, I will be sending the members who fought so hard on our behalves a letter of appreciation.

Arizona residents, after watching the proceedings and attending hearings this session I am deeply concerned about what I witnessed. They say people get the Government they deserve. Wild things are a foot in the peoples house. We need to make our presence better known. Some very disturbing bills were sent over to the Governor.

**JOB WELL DONE. YOU SHOULD FEEL VERY GOOD ABOUT YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT!
EXCELLENT CIVIC ENGAGEMENT!**

As you travel about this weekend enjoying our fantastic weather, take a moment to notice those public places you worked so hard to protect; our Schools and places of Worship. The 300 foot buffer stays in place, because you fought to keep it there!

by Lawrrie Fitzhugh, Phoenix

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NORTH GLEN SQUARE WEBSITE

Did you know we have a website? Yes we do, and we try to keep it updated with a calendar of events, newsletter issues, documents, and links to helpful information & resources. Whether you want to report a code violation, request street light service or view a map of zoning in North Glen Square, we have links to help.

Our web site also includes a discussion board for registered users. Having a yard sale? Did your house get broken into? Do you have a question or concern about the neighborhood? Start a discussion.

We also send emails on upcoming events, crime & scam alerts, and other important information between newsletters.

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