

**Upcoming Meetings are on March 12th & April 9th**

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

General Membership Meetings

Begin at 7:00pm & Board Meeting 6:15pm

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

**Letter from the President**  
**Mike Simms**

The election for the 2020 board of directors was held at the January meeting. Most of our board members continue on in their current roles except one. I would like to welcome our new Treasurer, Cristina Gallardo-Sanidad, to the board. You will find her bio in this issue.

John Koch and Michelle Ploof-Metcalf from Community Medical Services (CMS) were at the February meeting to discuss the medication-assisted treatment clinic at 23rd Ave and Northern. In 2017, the clinic began operating 24/7 to meet high demand for their services. This caused some unfortunate side-effects for nearby neighborhoods. With significant collaboration between neighborhood leaders, state and local government, a law was passed to increase planning, outreach and oversight requirements for opioid treatment facilities. As a result of neighborhood involvement, CMS made some dramatic changes to mitigate problems while still serving patients.

CMS is currently in the process of relocating the 24/7 clinic to a 27,000 square foot commercial building at Cactus and I-17. The Northern clinic will adopt standard daytime business hours and intake far fewer patients.

Please join us at the March meeting when we have NGS resident Mike Cady to present some history and talk about the Phoenix trolley system, a portion of which used to run down Myrtle Avenue through NGS.

**Calendar of Events**

March 12th	NGS Meeting
March 17th	Presidential Preference Election
March 25th	Memorial Day
April 1st	April Fool's Day
April 9th	NGS Meeting
April 12th	Easter

**Bulk Trash Collection**

South of Orangewood Ave (Area 10)  
Next Placement Begins: April 18th  
Next Collection Begins: April 27th

North of Orangewood Ave (Area 11)  
Placement Begins: April 25th  
Collection Begins: May 4th



## New Crosswalk on Northern

The City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department has installed a new HAWK Pedestrian Signal near 33rd Avenue and Northern. Phoenix uses the High Intensity Activated CrossWalk (HAWK) beacon signal as a tool to help make it easier and safer for people to cross busy streets without impeding traffic.

### How the HAWK Signal Works

#### Motorists

- The HAWK looks a bit like the flashing red lights at railway crossings; it consists of a YELLOW-RED-FLASHING RED signal format for motorists.
- Unlike traffic signals, the HAWK only operates when a pedestrian pushes a button. Vehicles are free to move when no one is crossing the street.
- Motorists should respond to yellow and solid red lights in the same manner as any other traffic signal. After stopping for the red light, motorists may proceed through the crossing area during the flashing red light interval only when safe to do so without risk to pedestrians.

#### Pedestrians

- The pedestrian signal works similarly to other push-button-activated traffic signals in the city. Lights on the HAWK signal are activated when a pedestrian pushes the button at either end of the crossing.



**19NORTH  
COMMUNITY  
COLLABORATION**



*When you see a problem, make the call...  
Together we are making our community a  
"Safe, Walk-Able Community for ALL to Enjoy"*

<b>A Crime in Progress</b> Emergency/Police: 911	<b>Shopping Carts</b> Cart Pick Up: 602-278-7587	<b>Road Repairs</b> Streets: 602.262.6441
<b>Suspicious Behavior</b> Crime Stop: 602.262.6151	<b>Weeds/Trash</b> NSD: 602.534.4444	<b>Light Rail Concerns</b> Valley Metro: 602.253.5000
<b>Encampments</b> Phoenix CARES: 602.262.6251	<b>Graffiti</b> Graffiti Busters: 602.534.4444	<b>Alley Closures</b> District 5 Office: 602.262.7446

## Welcome to the Board!

Hi, everyone! My name is Cristina Gallardo-Sanidad and I write to introduce myself as a (relatively) new neighbor and your newly elected association Treasurer. I am a California native who came to Arizona in 2008 to help build and develop a non-profit worker rights center and interfaith alliance in downtown Phoenix. I stayed in Arizona to attend ASU's Social Justice and Human Rights MA Program where my focus was immigration and worker's rights, and I currently work at a downtown labor and employment law firm. My husband of six years, Emmanuel, works as the Constituent and Community Organizer for Vice Mayor/District 5 City Councilwoman, Betty Guardado. We moved to the neighborhood two years ago with our now three year old daughter, Serenity. We are also foster parents and respite care providers who enjoy taking our little ones to Mariposa park and are grateful to all of you who have invested in our neighborhood, making it a safer and more welcoming place. I look forward to working with you to protect our neighborhood and its thriving and changing spirit. I hope to meet you at an upcoming neighborhood meeting.

# North Glen Square Crime Statistics

## Oct-December 2019



Type of Crime	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	2	2	1	5
Robbery	1	0	1	2
Aggravated Assault	8	2	6	16
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>

Type of Crime	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
Burglary	7	9	4	20
Theft/Larceny	0	1	1	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	1	3	9
Arson	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>31</b>

### Tax Credits at Work

Did you know you can give away hundreds of dollars to charity and it cost you nothing???? That's how Arizona tax credits work. You give up to a certain amount to approved organizations (see below) and you get EVERY DOLLAR back on your taxes! This is a HUGE help to the organizations that depend on the generosity of others to survive and you get it all back.

In Arizona, there are few types of tax credits but I want to highlight a couple:

**Qualifying Charitable Organizations & Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organizations:** You can give up to \$800 as a married couple filing jointly or \$400 as individual for CHOs and up to \$1000 joint / \$500 individual for the QFCCO. Click the link to see a list of approved organization. <https://azdor.gov/tax-credits/contributions-qcos-and-qfcos> The list includes the web pages for the organizations which usually have an easy link to donate.

**Public School Tax Credit:** Individuals can give up to \$200 and Married filed jointly can donate up to \$400. Click on the link to see all AZ public schools <https://azdor.gov/tax-credits/public-school-tax-credit> . This helps schools pay for the extras (after-schools activities/ field trips) that are not funded. If I may, I encourage you to join me in donating to our local public school district Washington Elementary School Distict. <https://www.wesdschools.org/Page/79>

#### How Tax Credits Work

Assume you are a married tax filer and normally pay about \$3,000 in total Arizona state taxes. This year you decide to contribute to organizations eligible for the tax credit.

Let's assume you write checks to four organizations that qualify for three different tax credits (the QCO Credit for \$800, the QFCO for \$1000, and the Public School Tax Credit for \$400) for a total of \$2,200.

You get a dollar-for-dollar credit against state taxes owed for \$2,200. By donating to tax credit eligible organizations, now your total state tax liability equals \$3,000 less the credit of \$2,200, for \$800 of remaining tax liability. Your total dollars paid remains \$3,000 whether you use tax credits or not – it's either \$3,000 all paid to the state, or \$2,200 paid to tax credit eligible organizations and \$800 paid to the state. If you had already paid in the full \$3,000 in state taxes during the year, you would get a refund for the \$2,200.

Note – in the past, if you itemized deductions, you could also take a charitable deduction for some of these contributions, however IRS rule changes no longer allow this deduction if you received a corresponding state-level tax credit.

Your tax professional can answer additional questions about tax credits and the forms you need to file with your tax return to get the credit. (<https://www.sensiblemoney.com/learn/arizona-tax-credits-2016/>)

Nikkie Whaley

North Glen resident and Washington ESD Board Member

## Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance (Common Blight Violations)

The Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance (NPO) is Chapter 39 of the Phoenix City Code. It was established to prevent and address deterioration, blight and/or hazardous conditions that can negatively impact neighborhoods. It provides established minimum property maintenance standards for all structures and properties in the City.

**Dispose of trash properly** - Property owners are responsible for keeping their property free of junk, litter and debris. This includes tires, junk, furniture, building and landscaping material; litter such as discarded paper, cardboard, plastics, etc.; debris such as tree trimmings and fallen tree limbs; or any other discarded items.

**Park in designated areas** - All parking and maneuvering areas must be dust proofed according to City specifications.

**Remove visible outdoor storage** - Outside storage of personal property at residentially zoned properties is limited to the rear yard behind the primary structure only. Any building or landscaping materials for use on the property, machinery, appliances or parts/auto parts may not be visible from beyond the boundaries of a residentially zoned property. Outdoor storage of items for commercial or business use at a residential property is not allowed.

**Maintain fences** - Fencing and screening walls must be structurally sound and made from the same materials. They also must be maintained so that they are free from deterioration and blight. Some examples include fences or walls that are leaning, missing slats or blocks, rotted or damaged.

**Remove inoperable vehicles** - Inoperable vehicles must not be visible from beyond the bounds of the property. An inoperable vehicle is one that is not equipped with all parts that are required to legally and safely operate on public streets and/or cannot be driven under its own power. Car covers, tarps, bamboo, shades and other similar types of materials are not acceptable screening.

**Keep vacant buildings secure** - Property owners are responsible for assuring all vacant buildings and structures (including primary structures, garages, storage structures, accessory buildings, sheds, etc) are secured so that windows, doors or other openings cannot be accessed from the outside. A property owner may be required to board up a building/structure to City specifications if it becomes vacant and is not secure. Boarding up a building/structure is a one time, temporary securement option, for a period not to exceed 180 days. Rehabilitation or demolition of a structure may be required under certain conditions.

**Maintain vegetation** - Property owners are responsible for keeping their properties, and the adjacent rights of way, free of dead or dried vegetation (weeds, tall grass, tumbleweeds, shrubs, trees, palm fronds, etc). All dead or dried vegetation must be removed and disposed of properly. Property owners are also responsible for assuring that grass and weeds on their property and in the adjacent rights of way do not exceed six inches in height.

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### DON'T GIVE TO INDIVIDUALS, GIVE TO SHELTERS

To end panhandling, we must stop giving directly to individuals that panhandle. Phoenix is full of compassionate and charitable citizens. They want to help those in need. However, giving money to people panhandling doesn't fix problems. To truly help those in need, stop giving money to panhandlers and instead support organizations and services that provide long-lasting care, such as:

- Central Arizona Shelter Services
- Andre House
- Salvation Army
- St. Joseph the Worker
- UMOM New Day Centers
- The Phoenix Rescue Mission
- St. Mary's Food Bank

For more organizations and information on housing or other services, please visit the Homeless Shelter Directory webpage at:

<https://www.homelesshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ>

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

Crime Stop (non-emergency) .... 602-262-6151  
**Community Action Officer**  
Officer Eric Boardman ..... 602-534-6988

Councilwoman Betty Guardado 602-262-7446  
Cactus Park Precinct ..... 602-495-5009  
Abandoned Vehicles (private property) .... 602-262-7844  
Abandoned Vehicles..... 602-262-6151  
Animal Control/Rabies ..... 602-506-7387  
Barking Dogs ..... 602-262-6466  
City Bus Service..... 602-253-5000  
Dial-A-Ride ..... 602-253-4000  
Garbage Collection ..... 602-262-7251  
Illegal Dumping ..... 602-262-7251  
Loud Party Info ..... 602-262-7803  
Loud Party Reporting ..... 602-262-6151  
Neighborhood Enforcement ..... 602-262-7844  
Neighbor Narcotic Complaints .. 602-275-5886  
Parking Complaints ..... 602-262-6151  
Property Maint. Violations ..... 602-262-7844  
Poison Control..... 602-253-3334  
Shopping Cart removal ..... 602-278-7587  
Illegal signs..... 602-534-7100  
Street repair (potholes)..... 602-262-6441  
Street Light repair ..... 602-495-5125  
Parks Department ..... 602-262-6575

**NGSNA Officers 2020**

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PHX C.A.R.E.S. sends trained outreach teams, that take the time to build rapport and trust with people on the street, to encourage them to accept the services and resources that are offered to help end their homelessness.

- Learn about Neighborhood CleanUp Programs
- Find a Neighborhood Specialist
- Report to PHX CARES Online
- Learn about how homelessness affects your community
- Find information for Property Owners by phone at 602-262-6251 or online at <https://www.phoenix.gov/phxcare>

**Sex Offender web site:**

**[www.azsexoffender.com](http://www.azsexoffender.com)**

North Glen Square gets updated regularly on sex offenders from the Phoenix Police Dept. We encourage you to visit the site so you are informed on their whereabouts in our neighborhood. An informed resident is a safer resident.



If you've written an article of interest you'd like to see in print, we'd be happy to consider your writing, if space and content permits. Or, if you have an idea, or tip, or an item of interest you'd like to share with your neighbors (or perhaps a word of warning), feel free to send an email to our Newsletter staff ([NorthGlenSquareEditor@gmail.com](mailto:NorthGlenSquareEditor@gmail.com) or [a.watkins9075@gmail.com](mailto:a.watkins9075@gmail.com)) and we'll see if we can turn it into an article for you! We appreciate all the tips and creative ideas you've sent our way so far, and certainly would appreciate more! Keep them coming!!

Amy Watkins -Editor

## North Glen Kitchen



### Debdoozie's Blue Ribbon Chili

#### Ingredients

2 pounds ground beef  
 1/2 red onion chopped  
 1/2 tsp garlic salt  
 1 tsp black pepper  
 2 1/2 cups tomato sauce  
 1 jar salsa (8oz)  
 4 tbsp. chili seasoning mix  
 1 can light red kidney beans  
 1 can dark red kidney beans

#### Directions

**Step 1:** In a large saucepan over medium heat, combine the ground beef and the onion and sauté for 10 minutes, or until meat is browned and onion is tender. Drain grease, if desired.

**Step 2:** Add the ground black pepper, garlic salt, tomato sauce, salsa, chili seasoning mix and kidney beans. Mix well, reduce heat to low and simmer 2 hours. Or put in the crockpot on low for 4 hours.

#### Nutritional Value

Per Serving: 480 calories; 31.1 g fat; 24.9 g carbohydrates; 26.7 g protein; 96 mg cholesterol; 1366 mg sodium.



Did you know that we're on Facebook? Just search and follow/friend **North Glen Square Neighborhood Association** for updates, information and to meet your neighbors!

### NORTH GLEN SQUARE WEBSITE

Did you know we have a website? 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, & other important information between newsletters.

[www.northglensquare.org](http://www.northglensquare.org)

## Looking to make a difference in your community?

Visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/volunteer> or call 602-262-6011 to learn how!



**North Glen Square Neighborhood Association  
2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Please **CIRCLE** the appropriate categories: **Renewal | New Membership | Resident | Business**

I would like to help whenever extra assistance is needed. Call me!  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ I want this contribution amount to go to the NGSNA Legal fund

\$ **20.00 Annual Dues (Per household or business)**  You have my permission to publish my name in the newsletter as a  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ "North Glen Angel" Contribution "North Glen Angel" Contributor (Please check box if "yes")  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed Check No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print clearly)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail payment to: Treasurer, NGSNA, P.O. Box 39485, Phoenix, AZ. 85069-9485



**Have you heard of NextDoor?**

Nextdoor is a free social media network that lets you connect to your community. It is the best way to stay informed about what's going on in your neighborhood. Whether it's finding a last-minute babysitter, planning a local event, or sharing safety tips. Just create a free account today! Nextdoor is available as an App on your smart phone or at online at website [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com).

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**Virtual Block Watch**

Virtual Block Watch is one of the Phoenix Police Department's contemporary crime prevention and investigation tools that demonstrates the effectiveness of partnerships between police and the community.

Registering your camera not only helps deter crime, but assists the Department in its overall crime prevention strategy in your neighborhood. Protect yourself, your family and your community by registering with Virtual Block Watch. If you have security cameras at your home or business, you can help the City of Phoenix police solve crime by registering your system with Virtual Block Watch. **Sign up at [www.phoenix.gov/police/virtualblockwatch](http://www.phoenix.gov/police/virtualblockwatch)** or contact Cactus Park Precinct a **602-495-5009** for more information.

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