

Next Meetings January 8th & February 12th

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!

Pedestrian Ordinance Enacted

On November 19, 2014 the Phoenix City Council unanimously approved an amendment to Phoenix City Code 36-128 which regulates pedestrian movement in the roadway. Specifically, it changes the way in which Jaywalking violations are handled by Municipal Court and makes it illegal for any pedestrian to remain in a traffic median. This recommended change to the ordinance was the result of a collaborative effort between multiple City departments with input from various non-governmental, social service agencies and community members.

I believe it is important to understand the impetus behind this pedestrian safety measure. The Phoenix Police Department investigates approximately 40 car-pedestrian fatalities each year; many of which are caused by the actions of the pedestrian. We also investigate more than 400 car-pedestrian collisions involving non-fatal injuries. It is our belief that most car-pedestrian collisions are avoidable. Over the past year we have implemented several traffic safety programs aimed at reducing mid-block pedestrian crossings. The goal of these programs was to educate the public to cross the roadway in a marked or unmarked crosswalk to increase safety. Drivers anticipate pedestrians in crosswalks and are more likely to avoid collisions. In this spirit, PCC 36-128 will limit the areas in which a pedestrian may be in the roadway which we believe will decrease the chances of being in a collision.

Some refer to this ordinance as a crackdown on panhandling; they are mistaken, the sole purpose of this ordinance is to increase roadway safety. Panhandling on a public sidewalk, designed for pedestrian use, is permitted and protected by the First Amendment.

The Phoenix Police Department continually looks for ways to increase roadway safety and we believe this ordinance to be a helpful addition to our education and enforcement efforts.

JAN. - FEB. CALENDAR

January 1st	New Year's Day
January 8th	NGS Meeting
January 19th	MLK Day
February 12th	NGS Meeting
February 14th	Valentines Day
February 16th	Presidents Day

Bulk Trash Collection

South of Orangewood Ave
(Area 10)
Placement Begins - January 24th
Collection Begins - February 2nd
North of Orangewood Ave
(Area 11)
Placement Begins - January 31st
Collection Begins - February 9th



Elections for North Glen Square

The North Glen Square Board of Directors consists of 4 Officers and 5 Directors, and it is time once again (January 8th) to vote for the candidates. As always, we are seeking residents from our neighborhood to serve on the Board. If you would like to be part of our phenomenal group of volunteers & learn how we help preserve the integrity and quality of life in North Glen Square, then please nominate yourself and contact us to be listed on the slate of candidates. We would love to have more candidates than open positions so we can actually have an election!! Current Slate of Candidates for 2015 are as follows:

President: Mike Simms
Vice President: Frank Beaudrot
Treasurer: Wally Estfan
Secretary: Michele Sahlin

Director: Wade Bonine
Director: Carl Baldrige
Director: Jean Rigtrup
Director: TJ Jett
Director: Jon Vreeken



Please mark your calendar to attend our January 8 meeting at 7pm.

Cactus Park Precinct News

PHOENIX (AP) — Embattled Phoenix Police Chief Daniel Garcia was fired Thursday (December 23, 2014), hours after he held an unauthorized news conference where he said it was "time to silence the critics" and requested a two-year contract from the city.

Unions representing Phoenix police officers sought a vote of no confidence in Garcia in November, alleging the chief had lost credibility with the officers in his charge. But City Manager Ed Zuercher said the firing was for insubordination. "This has nothing to do with the vote of no confidence. This issue is about obeying orders," Zuercher said at an evening news conference. "The chief disobeyed a direct order when he held his news conference today. We cannot expect our officers to follow orders when our chief fails to lead by example." Zuercher said Executive Assistant Chief Joe Yahner has agreed to serve as acting chief, effective immediately, and would serve until a permanent replacement is hired.

Yahner was one of five finalists for the job that Garcia got in March 2012.

Garcia served nearly 34 years in the Dallas Police Department and had been an assistant police chief there since 2004 before being hired by Phoenix.

But he struggled for popularity in Arizona, where he led one of the largest police departments in the country with nearly 4,500 employees. Garcia was heavily criticized after a police officer who was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder following a drunken driving arrest was fired and then killed himself. Craig Tiger's 2013 termination under a new "get tough" policy on officer DUIs came a year after he and his partner were involved in the fatal shooting of a man who was threatening people with a bat.

In the wake of Tiger's suicide, city officials announced last month that Phoenix was creating a task force to consider possible ways to improve Phoenix's programs to help police officers and other responders afflicted with PTSD.

The union for Phoenix police officers said the Police Department should have done more to help Tiger. Officials from the Phoenix Law Enforcement Association and the Phoenix Police Sergeants and Lieutenants Association said Tiger's death was symptomatic of a larger pattern of low morale among rank-and-file officers and a culture of "tyrannical" leadership by Garcia.

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Disputes stemmed from controversial personnel changes, new uniform requirements, asking officers to re-take their oath of office annually, and pushing a pilot program that would replace officers' four-day, 10-hour-a-day workweek with a traditional five-day, eight-hour-a-day schedule. The workweek changes were never implemented.

At his news conference Thursday afternoon, Garcia said the unions were harming the city and police officers. "If I'm to be terminated for upholding the highest policing standards, that will be a first in policing and a disgrace to our city," he said.

Council Members Thelda Williams and Daniel Valenzuela Launch Civilian Retirement Ad Hoc Committee on Pension Reform Dec. 11, 2014

Today, Councilwoman Thelda Williams and Councilman Daniel Valenzuela held the first meeting of the Civilian Retirement Security Ad Hoc Committee, which was created by Mayor Greg Stanton. The Committee is comprised of community and business leaders and is charged with recommending ways to strengthen the City of Phoenix Employees' Retirement System (COPERS).

In March 2013, voters overwhelmingly passed an initiative reforming the pension system. Later that year, the Mayor and City Council took further action projected to save taxpayers nearly \$830 million. In November of this year, voters defeated Proposition 487 – an initiative that would have cost the city anywhere between \$300 million - \$600 million to implement, according to estimates made by an independent actuary retained by the city to analyze the proposal. Despite the overwhelming defeat of Proposition 487, the Committee will identify potential reforms that can be implemented to further improve COPERS.

"We have made significant pension reforms to save taxpayers hundreds of millions in pension costs, but we can and must do more now to find additional affordable reforms," said Councilwoman Williams. "Working through this committee to find meaningful options to save taxpayer dollars, while offering competitive benefits to attract talented employees, is key to a long-term sustainable system."

Councilman Valenzuela co-chaired the effort to reform the pension system two years ago which was passed by the voters by more than an 80 percent margin and is projected to save taxpayers \$600 million.

"It is our fiduciary responsibility to examine making additional changes to the system," Councilman Valenzuela said. "The decisive defeat of Proposition 487 presents us with an opportunity to bring forward a more deliberate, thoughtful, and methodical approach to potentially reforming COPERS."

Members of the Committee include:

Pamela Conboy, Wells Fargo Exec. Vice President, AZ Lead Region President.

Rick DeGraw, Exec. Vice President/Chief Administrative Officer, Copperpoint Mutual Insurance Co.

Sue Glawe, Vice President Community Relations, Blue Cross Blue Shield of AZ.

Pete Gorraiz, retired Phoenix Fire Department Captain, former President of the Phoenix Firefighters Association.

Suzanne Pfister, President and CEO of St. Luke's Health Initiatives.

The Committee will bring forward its recommendations no later than January 31, 2015.

All meetings are open to the public and agendas can be accessed by visiting www.phoenix.gov.

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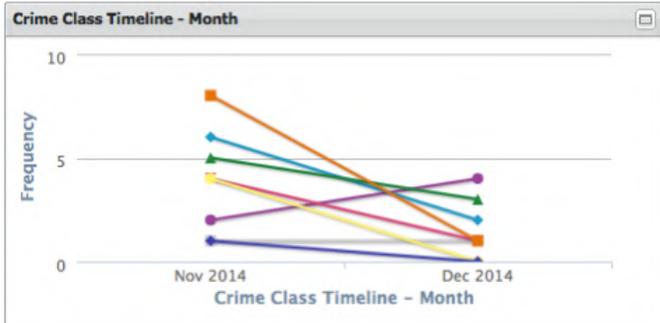
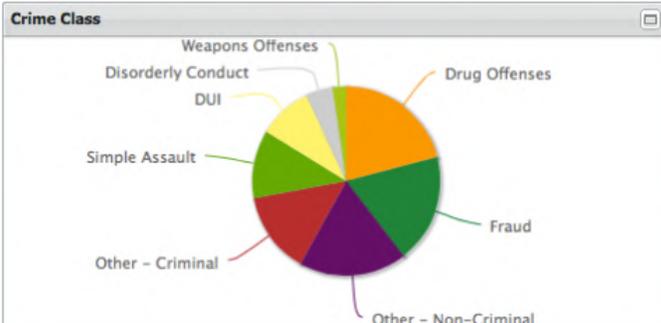
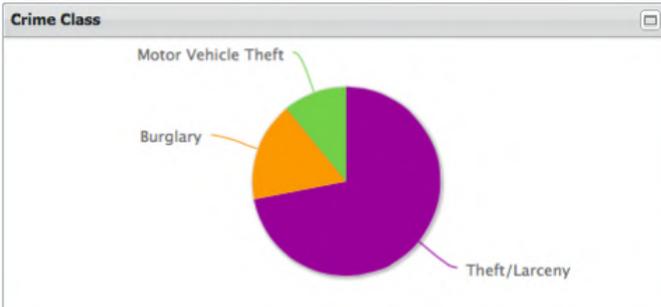
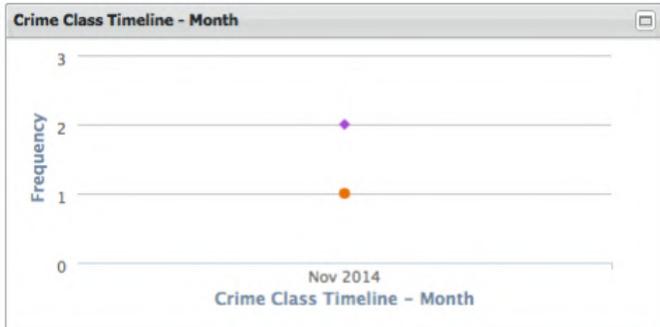
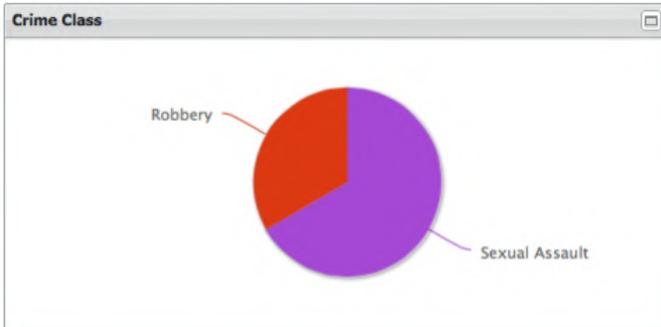


CRIME STATS FOR NORTH GLEN SQUARE

2014	November	December	TOTALS
Homicide	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	2	0	2
Robbery	1	0	1
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
TOTALS	3	0	3

Burglary	10	4	14
Theft/Larceny	37	22	59
Motor Vehicle	5	4	9
Arson	0	0	0
TOTALS	52	30	82

Simple Assault	4	1	5
Disorderly Conduct	1	1	2
DUI	4	0	4
Drug Offenses	8	1	9
Fraud	5	3	8
Liquor Offenses	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0
Weapons Offenses	1	0	1
Other - Criminal	2	4	6
Other - Non Criminal	6	2	8
TOTALS	31	12	43



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 Karen Anderson** (Community Action Officer)
..... Voice Mail 602-256-3141
.....email: karen.anderson@phoenix.gov
- 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
- Neighborhood Narcotic Complaints**.....602-275-5886
- Parking Complaints**.....602-262-6151
- Property Maintenance Violations**.....602-262-7844
- Poison Control**.....602-253-3334
- Shopping Cart removal**.....1-800-THE-CART
- Illegal signs**.....602-534-7100
- Street repair (potholes)**.....602-262-6441
- Street Light repair**.....602-495-5125
- Councilman Valenzuela**.....602-262-7446
- Parks Department**.....602-262-6575

NGSNA Officers 2014

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Staples Info Breach In our Area



The only Staples store on the list of those compromised by credit card breaches is the one at Metro-center on Peoria just east of 28 Drive. I happened to have used my credit cards there several times during the breach period of August 10 through September 16. I called the store, and they directed me to www.protectmyid.com/staples where I could sign up for a year's free monitoring of my accounts. After you register, you get to see your credit report and some valuable resources. If you used your credit or debit card there during that period, sign up for a free Experian monitoring for a year. Protecting your information during the busy holiday season is a must. Be aware and stay informed!



North Glen Square MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES

Do not forget to renew or join North Glen Square association by paying your dues. Membership has its rewards. Allows for you to get all 6 issues of the newsletter and helps the organization fight for important issues that reduce crime and help keep the neighborhood a great place to live. The new year is upon us so please use the form on page 7 & send in your dues.

Local Business Spotlight



Lighthouse Christian Bookstore - great selection of family and children's DVD movies and books at really good prices. Also a great place to have a cup of coffee and get online. They have wifi and an area for you to work on your laptop. Located at 35th & Myrtle shopping center.



Payne & Morrison Florist - Great flower arrangements for all occasions big and small. Located in the same shopping center as the Lighthouse Christian bookstore.



New Tokyo Food Market - Great produce with lots of authentic selections. It is not a big place but friendly and has the best Saki & Soy sauce selection. Located 3435 W Northern Ave across from Safeway.

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We host the LocalWork.com Greater Phoenix Job Fairs throughout the year employing job seekers all throughout the Maricopa County area, including: Phoenix, Chandler, Gilbert, Glendale, Scottsdale, Tempe and Mesa.

The Greater Phoenix Job Fair gives you the opportunity to speak directly to hiring managers from diverse Arizona industries and companies. Invite your friends and family - it's FREE to attend! Be sure to register and check our new Arizona jobs posted weekly at www.LocalWork.com

WHEN: Monday, January 12th 2015
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

WHERE:

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www.azsexoffender.com

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Your membership, with annual dues of \$20, gives you:

- Bi-monthly Newsletter
- Discounts on NGS Events
- Representation in Local Government
- Voting Privileges at Monthly Meetings
- Participation in Free Giveaways
- Support for Neighborhood Cleanups

Add your voice to the list of over 300 concerned members.

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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