

MEETING LOCATION:

Fire Station 30 COMMUNITY ROOM—27th Ave. & Belmont

APRIL 14 * MAY 12

Board Meeting: 6:15 pm

General Membership Meeting Starts 7:00 pm

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

GREETINGS FROM NORTH GLEN SQUARE'S PRESIDENT

North Glen Square receives a grant through the City of Phoenix Block Watch Grant program to help pay to send the newsletter to the whole neighborhood on a monthly basis. By providing the newsletter to residents with information on ways to be involved in the community, on how to protect yourself from theft or scams and ways to fight blight, we hope to make our neighborhood can be a stronger and safer place for us to live! The grant helps us fulfill that goal.

Cost is always a factor, but unfortunately only one of many factors. It takes a fair amount of work to write or find articles to include in the newsletter. It takes time and effort from several individuals to coordinate the production and mailing of over 1,000 newsletters every month. Sometimes we have difficulty finding enough content to fill the pages, and sometimes our busy schedules get in the way of distributing the newsletter on time.

In an effort to provide better content to our residents and allow us to get the newsletter out in a timelier manner, starting in May we will be sending the newsletter out on a bimonthly basis. The May and June newsletters will now be combined, the July and August issues also, as well as future issues.

For important updates that occur between newsletters, we will be utilizing our email and web site more. If you would like to start receiving communications from us, send us your email address at northglensquare@gmail.com You can also view or contribute to our web site at: http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/N_Glen_Square

TRANSIENTS IN PARKS

Due to a recent influx of transient population returning to west side city parks, another phase of Operation Night Sweep was launched. Community Action Officers Joe Trujillo and James McPheeters reinstated this enforcement concept to retarget the previous six area parks: Cielito Park, La Pradera park, Homestead park, Mariposa park, Little Canyon park and Washington park. Cactus Park Precinct Community Action Squad and 91 Area patrol is working in partnership with representatives from the City Prosecutor's Office, Neighborhood Services, and local drug rehabilitation centers in coordinating efforts.



Keeping our Neighborhood Safe

CRIME STATISTICS

The crime statistics printed in our newsletter are obtained from the City of Phoenix Police Department web site at www.phoenix.gov/POLICE/.

Don't hesitate to call crime stop at 602-262-6151 to report suspicious characters that do not belong in the neighborhood and/or in the alley which includes the "garbage pickers".

Stats are included for our neighboring squares.
They are:

Alta Vista Block Watch—Northern to Dunlap, 27th to 35th Avenues.

Manzanita—Northern to Dunlap, 35th to 43rd Avenues

United Neighbors—Glendale to Northern, 35th to 43rd Avenues

West Plaza—Bethany to Glendale, 35th to 43rd Avenues

Ocotillo Glen Neighborhood—Bethany to Glendale, 27th to 35th Avenues

Glen Canyon Vista—Glendale to Northern, Freeway to 27th Avenue.

COFFEE WITH A COP

Coffee with a Cop is now on the first and third Wednesdays of every month, at the usual time of 9am. Community Action officers from the Cactus Park Precinct, including our own CAO, Karen Anderson, will meet at JB's at 3567 W. Northern Avenue. Please come and join us— you never know who may show up, or what may come up for discussion. This is a great opportunity to make new friends, learn more about those you may already know and share some fellowship and laughter.

Consumer Fraud

If you believe you are a victim of consumer fraud, please fill out a complaint form with all of the requested information. Please also send us copies of any documentation to support your complaint (for example, a copy of a contract, phone records, the names and addresses of persons involved). You also may request a form be mailed to you by contacting the Attorney General's Consumer Information and Complaints Office at: consumerinfo@azag.gov or by phone in Phoenix: 602-542-5763.

NORTH GLEN SQUARE CRIME STATS FOR JAN/FEB 2011

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THE SOLUTION TO GRAFFITI BEGINS WITH YOU!!

Watch and report suspicious activity

Much of the graffiti comes from teenage “taggers” not necessarily affiliated with gangs. The thrill is simply to see your scrawling, or “tag” posted all over the community. If you see a teen lurking around after dusk with a backpack, they may not be returning home from a chemistry study session. Chances are that backpack is stuffed with spray paint and magic markers. Report any suspicious activity to the Phoenix Police department immediately, at 602-262-6151.

If you have teenagers, watch for signs

Tagging on school folders and backpacks full of markers and paints may mean that your teen is engaged in tagging. It's important to know that your parents may be cited if their children are caught tagging. Also, schools in our community frequently photograph and document “tags” that show up not just on school property, but on student assignments that are turned in to teachers. This provides an easy cross-reference for catching taggers, and it's very effective.

Inspect your neighborhood

Be aware and keep your eyes open. Monitor block walls, light posts, and traffic signs as you drive, bike or walk around the neighborhood.

Remove graffiti immediately—it begins with YOU!!

The fastest way to remove graffiti is to take care of your adjacent area and remove it immediately. Get your neighbors involved and form your own neighborhood graffiti patrol team. These small “neighborhood graffiti

Removal teams” have been very effective, particularly in the northwest part of NGS along 35th and Northern Avenues. FREE paint (in desert tan, cement gray, desert rose and white), rollers, and “Hilti” spray solvent (for traffic signs, and so easy to use) are provided by the city of Phoenix, by calling Lydia at 602-534-1489, or by visiting their warehouse at 64 North 48th Avenue. TIP: wet rollers can be placed in zip-lock bags for reuse later. Also, taking a digital photo of the graffiti before you cover it may help in the prosecution of the tagger should he or she end up being caught.

If self-removal is not possible, and you have been unable to motivate your neighbors to join you in your efforts, you have two options. Option#1: Call the city's graffiti buster hotline at 602-495-7014. Removal time can take up to four weeks.

Option#2: Contact the North Glen Graffiti Committee by email at northglengraffiti@yahoo.com or leave a detailed message with Jon at 602-354-5096.

Remember—calling the NGS Graffiti Committee does not ensure immediate removal. The committee will put your graffiti on a removal list, which will be forwarded to the Crossroads Community—our neighborhood partners. And don't forget, We are all volunteers with jobs and families, so please be patient. Thank you for your help! Jon Vreeken

The City of Phoenix Graffiti Program, along with neighborhood groups and many other organizations, are attempting to remove graffiti within 24 to 48 hours. By signing this permission slip and returning it promptly, you are helping to keep our community and the city graffiti free.

PROPERTY OWNER: The city of Phoenix has a program designed to remove graffiti from various surfaces. By signing this petition, you will be granting permission to the City of Phoenix Paint Team to remove graffiti from your property. This service is **FREE** to you, but you must own the property or have legal authority to grant permission. **This permission is valid until revoked in writing.**

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Phone #: (_____) _____

Graffiti currently present ☐ yes ☐ no

Comments: _____

Please fax completed card to 602-495-0645 or detach at the perforation and drop in the mail:
Neighborhood Services Department
3325 W. Flower St., Ste 100
Phoenix, Arizona 85017-9946

If you need to report sites with graffiti, call our graffiti hotline at 602-495-7014/ TTY 602-495-0685 or email us at graffiti.busters.nsd@phoenix.gov

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Help put the “Diamondback” into your neighborhood!

COURTESY * CONSIDERATION * COOPERATION * COMMITMENT

DISPOSE OF TRASH PROPERLY

An accumulation of trash and debris detract from the appearance of properties and neighborhoods. Using designated trash containers, recycle bins, quarterly trash pick-up and conducting neighborhood clean-ups are good ways to keep neighborhoods well maintained.

REMOVE VISIBLE OUTDOOR STORAGE

Keep properties free of visible outdoor storage of household items, building or landscaping materials, appliances, parts or other items. Place all items that can be seen from off the property in an enclosed storage area, or consider donating items that are no longer needed or holding an annual neighborhood yard sale to clear out excess storage.

REMOVE INOPERABLE VEHICLES

Inoperable vehicles visually detract from community appearance. Consider donating inoperable vehicles to charity organizations. Many of these organizations provide a tax benefit for donated vehicles.

MAINTAIN VEGETATION

Keeping properties and adjacent alleys, streets and sidewalks free of tall weeds/grass and dead or dried vegetation enhances the appearance of a neighborhood. It also prevents fire hazards. Having a regular property maintenance schedule helps keep properties clean. Planting low-maintenance, low-water use vegetation can also reduce maintenance time and save water.



NorthGlen Garden Guy

Tips of the Month

It has been over 135 years since J. Sperling Morton founded Arbor Day.
His simple idea of setting aside a special day for tree planting is now more important than ever.
Discover ideas on how to celebrate Arbor Day in your community

<http://www.arborday.org/index.cfm>



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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Crime Stop – (Police non-emergency) 602-262-6151
Graffiti Busters-City of Phoenix 602-495-7014
Graffiti Committee (Chair: Jon Vreeken)
 (leave detailed info, name & phone numbers)
Email: northglengraffiti@yahoo.com
Phone: 602-354-5096
Officer Karen Anderson (“Community Action Officer”)
 Voice Mail 602-534-0474
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 Mattox 602-262-7446
Parks Department 602-262-6575
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Notable Happenings!

APRIL 1 - APRIL FOOL'S DAY
 APRIL 17 - PALM SUNDAY
 APRIL 19 - PASSOVER BEGINS
 APRIL 22 - EARTH DAY & GOOD FRIDAY
 APRIL 24 - EASTER
 APRIL 25 - ANZAC DAY (Australia & New Zealand)
 (anniv. of 1st military action fought by Aust. & New Zea)
 EASTER MONDAY (Canada)
 APRIL 27 - FREEDOM DAY (South Africa)



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<http://www.daisymountain.org/earth-day-2011.html>

SPRING TIME SAFETY TIPS

By Lt. Tracey Miiler

Spring time is right around the corner, which means warmer, enjoyable weather is soon to come. During this time of year, we find ourselves outside more often doing yard work, watching the kids play ball or just hanging out with friends and family. Our spring temperatures usually means more people have their windows and doors open, taking pleasure in the fresh air, and dreading the day they have to turn on their air conditioner.

Enjoying the weather does not mean you need to sacrifice your home safety. I want to discuss with you some safety tips that will allow you to enjoy spring temperatures while still keeping your family and home safe.

Let's begin with your garage. You should never keep your garage door open for long periods of time, especially if you are not outside to monitor what is occurring. Too often, criminals drive through neighborhoods looking for open garage doors with no one around. All they have to do is walk up, take your golf clubs, lawn mower, bicycle, etc., and drive away. It only takes seconds for your property to become theirs. Keep your garage door closed and always keep the door between your garage and home locked. If it only takes seconds for a thief to steal your property inside your garage, how long do you think it takes to steal what they want from inside your house? Keep your family safe by keeping the go-between door locked.

If you are one of those people who likes having the windows and screen doors open, take some precautions. Similar to the garage door theory, do not leave your windows and doors open if you are not going to be home, not even a little bit! An open window or door to an empty home is an invitation to a burglar. If you leave your house, even for a short time, ensure all the windows and doors are closed and locked. If you want to leave your windows open while you sleep, it is best to close those windows on the opposite side of the house from where you are. If no one is in those rooms, close and lock the windows so no one breaks in while you and your family are sleeping.

Walk around and observe the plants and shrubs around your house. Are they overgrown? Can they easily conceal someone hiding in them? Do they block your front door? If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, you should consider trimming them, or removing them. Remember, it's spring time and a time for new beginnings. Trim the plants, cut down the hedges or maybe remove some of the shrubs that could aid a burglar.

Keep you and your family safe this spring, and throughout the rest of the year, by taking a few extra precautions around the house. Pass these tips on to your family and friends, and they too can enjoy the wonderful temperatures without becoming a victim. Have a great season and be safe!!

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DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Day

On April 30th, the DEA will be hosting the 2nd National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. This is a safe way to dispose of expired prescription drugs so they do not end up in the hands of youth. Several locations are convenient to District 1 residents. Dropoff locations will be located at MetroCenter Mall (9617 North Metro Parkway), at the Target store parking lot (10404 North 43rd Avenue), and the Beuf Community Center (3435 West Pinnacle Peak Road)

Visit <http://www.justice.gov/dea> for more information.

LANDSCAPING

Visibility is a key point in good crime prevention landscaping.

Neighbors should be able to see the front of your house, both doors and windows, and you should be able to clearly see out to the street.

Criminals seek concealment when entering your house!

Bushes should be trimmed below window level

Tree branches should be 6-7 feet from the ground

Front yard shrubs cut to 36"

Consider planting thorny plants under windows and around fences.

Cactus, Roses, Bougainvillea, Pyracantha



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www.azsexoffender.com

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1 Cup peanut butter
 1/2 cup butter (no substitutes) softened
 3 Cups confectioners sugar
 5 dozen miniature pretzel twists (about 3 cups)
 1 1/2 cups milk chocolate chips
 1 tablespoon vegetable oil

Directions:

In a mixing bowl, beat peanut butter and butter until
 smooth. Beat in confectioners sugar until combined.

Shape into 1-in. balls; press one on each pretzel. Place
 on waxed paper-lined baking sheets. Refrigerate until
 peanut butter mixture is firm, about 1 hour.

In a microwave-safe bowl or heavy saucepan, melt
 chocolate chips and oil.

Dip the peanut butter ball into chocolate. Return to baking
 sheet, pretzel side down. Refrigerate for at least 30
 minutes before serving. Store in the refrigerator

Please note: Reduced fat or generic brand peanut butter
 is not recommended for use in this recipe.

Source: cooking.com

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