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Board Meeting: 6:15 pm

General Membership Meeting Starts 7:00 pm

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

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is the second issue of the year that goes out square-wide to members and non-members alike. Although we like to focus our efforts and funds on current members, we also recognize it is important to reach out regularly to the entire neighborhood with useful information. This issue has reminders on steps you can take to avoid being the victim of a crime as well as a list of common blight violations that can contribute to higher crime in our area.

Phoenix District 5 councilman Daniel Valenzuela attended the March meeting as well as supervisor Gabe Ramirez and our inspectors from Neighborhood Services. Councilman Valenzuela discussed his transition into his new position, upcoming city council redistricting and his strong commitment to the neighborhoods and residents of Phoenix. Gabe discussed the city's code enforcement process and provided details on a few active cases. I am pleased we have a good relationship with city staff and am committed to making sure we maintain it.

We have upgraded and redesigned the North Glen Square web site. We have removed all of the confusing advertising, added several new items to the calendar, several new articles, and links to helpful web sites for residents. We also have a new, easier to remember address: **www.northglensquare.org**. The goal is to make it a one-stop shop for any information residents may need about neighborhood issues. There is also a private discussion board where registered members can participate in discussions with each other on topics ranging from yard sales to lost pets to crime concerns and prevention tips. Check it out.

The membership forms from new members and renewed members have been pouring in. Thank you to all of our 2012 members for your support.

SRP IRRIGATION PROBLEM

SRP has advised me that there has been a number of irrigation gate operating hand wheels stolen in recent months around the valley. It could be the work of vandals, but, is more likely metal thieves stealing them for sale to scrap dealers. In any event, it is an expensive inconvenience to those who are affected and must replace them. It is important to securely tighten the set screws that hold them in place. I advise replacing the square head screws with allen head type as they are less likely to be tampered with.

For your information, even with the wheels gone, you can still operate the gates with large water pump pliers, or a small pipe wrench in an emergency. There is a hexagon nut still sticking up to get a grip on.

Many do not know, but SRP has no responsibility for our irrigation system. They deliver the water to our system at various locations, and it is our responsibility after that. If our system is not in operating condition, they have no choice but to turn the water off. Once turned off, it takes several hours to restore and many down the line lose their water. Tom Woods

WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR???

It could be a parked car, with its engine running on a side street, with no houses facing it, or a pushy security alarm salesperson who wants to look at your current system. Maybe a bicyclist pedaling slowly as he carefully inspects the homes he passes. Or someone supposedly delivering flyers but checking out the houses in the process. Then there is the house that seems to have a lot of traffic staying only for five to ten minutes. Or a person knocking on doors to solicit contributions or whatever. Or anything else that looks a bit odd. You will know what is or isn't legitimate!

CALL 911 for a crime in progress, or **Crime Stop** (602-262-6151) for all other calls. **BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY!!**



Keeping our Neighborhood Safe

CRIME STATISTICS

The crime statistics printed in our newsletter are obtained from the City of Phoenix Police Department

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, Free-way to 27th Avenue.

COFFEE WITH A COP

Coffee with a Cop has changed, and is now rotating each month within the precinct, at a new location each month.

At press time I have not been able to verify what the exact changes are. I will be in contact with Karen as soon as I can to verify what those changes are, and will get them out to you via this space as soon as possible.

In the meantime, if you would like to attend the next Coffee with a Cop, please contact Karen Anderson, our CAO, for the newest information.

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 Complaint's Office at: (consumerinfo@azag.gov) or by phone in Phx. (602-542-5763).

NORTH GLEN SQUARE CRIME STATS FOR JANUARY 2012

GRID	Homicide	Sexual As-sault/ Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Violent Crime Total	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft	Arson	Property Crime Total	Drug Crime	TOTAL CRIMES
SW	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	1	0	8	0	8
SE	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	2	0	6	0	7
NW	0	0	0	2	2	3	3	0	0	6	0	8
NE	0	0	3	0	3	2	4	2	0	8	0	11
TOTAL												
Alta Vista	0	1	2	1	4	8	19	10	0	37	0	41
Manzanita	0	0	3	1	4	7	5	4	0	16	0	20
United Neighbors	0	0	2	1	3	6	11	2	0	19	0	22
West Plaza	0	0	1	0	1	20	19	3	0	42	0	43
Ocotillo	0	0	1	2	3	12	44	8	0	64	0	67
Glen Canyon	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	0	7	0	7

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

North Glen Square, like many neighborhoods in the valley, has its share of challenges when it comes to blight, graffiti and crime. To be successful, we need to combat all three problems simultaneously. Overall, we do OK on the first two. While some crimes are inevitable, there are many crimes that are very preventable. Many residents unwittingly make themselves victims by not taking simple precautions. In many cases you don't have to take drastic, expensive measures to protect yourself and your property. Here are some common sense suggestions to avoid becoming a victim of crime.

- #If you have a gate to any alley, keep it securely locked.
- #Keep sheds and outside storage locked when not in use.
- #Keep doors and windows closed and locked at night and when you are away.
- #Use security thumb locks on windows.
- #Keep your garage door closed when not in use. It only takes a few seconds to snatch an item out of an open garage. Don't give the thieves the opportunity.
- #Use timers and motion activated lights when away.
- #Use subtle lighting and avoid using spotlights that create harsh shadows.
- #Use double cylinder deadbolts on doors with a window. Do not leave the key in the lock or near enough to reach if someone were to break the glass.
- #Secure sliding patio doors with a tight fitting wooden dowel in the track or other locking devices. Do not rely solely on the latch that comes with the door.
- #Pick up newspapers, mail, flyers or anything else left on your property every day. Have someone do it if you are away on vacation.
- #If you live next to a vacant home, help avoid advertising it. Pick up flyers, phone books and other items left at the home.
- #Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.
- #Avoid parking on the street at night.
- #Be aware of activity or cars parked in the driveway at vacant houses.
- #Be aware of anyone sitting in a parked vehicle on the street for no apparent reason, especially mornings when people are leaving for work.
- #Get to know your neighbors, their cars and when they come and go so you can recognize suspicious activity if you see it.
- #Maintain a record of serial numbers, model numbers and photographs of valuables in a secure location. It makes recovery of stolen items much easier.
- #Take advantage of VIN etching events, where your vehicle's VIN is etched in the windows. This can help uncover chop shops in the event of theft.

Crime Stop (602-262-6151)

Call Crime Stop to:

- *Report a crime that has already occurred.
- *Report suspicious activity
- *Report an abandoned vehicle in a street or alley

CALL 9-1-1 TO REPORT ANY CRIME IN PROGRESS OR OTHER EMERGENCY.

ARCADIA DOORS-GLASS PATIO DOORS

If you ever look closely at the locking mechanism of the standard sliding door, you quickly realize how different it is from other locks. They are latches not locks. This design makes them more susceptible to being forced open. Most burglars simply pry them away or "rock" the door until it jumps off track and then can be rolled open. Often these parts are made of plastic vulnerable to cracking or breaking with much less force than you would imagine. This can easily be prevented by inserting a wooden dowel or stick into the track thus preventing or limiting movement

Other blocking devices available are metal fold-down blocking devices and various devices that can be screwed down. The door rollers should be kept in good condition and properly adjusted. You can also install a pin that extends through both the sliding and fixed portion of the door. All these items can be found at your local hardware store. Place alarm system decals on the glass door near the latch mechanism and remember to always lock the doors and windows when leaving your residence.

-Phoenix PD Cactus Park Precinct

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 materials; 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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Graffiti Committee (Chair: Jon Vreeken) (leave detailed info, name & phone numbers)Email: northglengraffiti@yahoo.comPhone: 602-354-5096	
Officer Karen Anderson (“Community Action Officer”)Voice Mail 602-256-3141email: karen.anderson@phoenix.gov	
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Garbage Collection	602-262-7251
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Loud Party Reporting	602-262-6151
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Parking Complaints	602-262-6151
Property Maintenance Violations	602-262-7844
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MEET YOUR NEW COUNCILMAN: Councilman Daniel T. Valenzuela, District 5

As your newly elected councilman for District 5, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my staff. Our goal is to serve as your voice at Phoenix city council meetings and to be your resource for information related to programs and services available at the city of Phoenix. We always welcome your questions, comments and concerns.

I began my four-year term of office Jan. 3, proudly representing District 5 which includes portions of west and central Phoenix. I am committed to working with community leaders and colleagues on the council to make Phoenix an even better place to live.

Though this is my first term as an elected official, I have dedicated my life to public service and am proud to be a leader in the local and national first responder communities. I am a firefighter and spokesperson for a Valley fire department; teach fire science to high school and college students; and am president of the National Association of Hispanic Firefighters. One of my proudest moments was serving on the 911 Memorial Commission.

I am a fourth-generation Phoenician, husband to my wife of 17 years, Sonya, and the proud parent of Daniel and Danielle. I was elected into office by you, the residents of District 5 which is something I keep in mind every day. I have a lean but hard-working, dedicated staff that shares my vision to serve you.

Wendy Villa, my chief of staff, served as director of government and media relations for a Phoenix-based public affairs firm. She is a co-founder of the newly formed Young Government Affairs Professionals; serves as a board member on the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation Board; and is a founding member of the Maricopa Community Colleges Emerging Leaders Program. She attended Santa Clara University and has a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

Aaron Searles, research analyst, is an Arizona native who recently returned from Washington, D.C., where he worked for a U.S. Congressman. Prior to his stint in D.C., he worked for two Phoenix council members. His global studies include attendance at the International School of Brussels, the University of Chile in Santiago and the International Study Program in Guanajuato, Mexico.

Vania Guevara, council aide, is currently a second year graduate student in the Master of Public Administration program at Arizona State University. Vania interned for former Congresswoman Hilda Solis and was a volunteer coordinator for St. Vincent de Paul.

The District 5 team is here to serve you. Please do not hesitate to call, email, Facebook or send a “Tweet” to us any time.

I look forward to hearing from you, being your voice and helping to make Phoenix the best it can be for all.

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SQUAREWIDE YARD SALE

**Save the Date
Early October 2012**

We are hoping for a big turnout of homes participating in this year's squarewide yard sale. Hang onto those items you were going to donate or throw away and have your own sale and make some extra spending money for the holidays.

There is a small fee to participate and this will get your home address listed in an ad in the Arizona Republic newspaper, and in their online listing, too. Each participating address will be listed on a separate line. The cost is much less than if you placed an ad on your own, plus the group ad will get more attention. There will also be a map of the neighborhood made available to shoppers indicating where each yard sale in the square is located. That will keep 'em in our Square!

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The more homes having sales means increased shoppers in our neighborhood. Keep watching your newsletter for more details.

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Notable Happenings

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MAY 13 Mother's Day

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