# North Glen NEWSLETTER Square March/April 2016

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Northern 27th Ave to 35th Ave Glendale

# **Next Meetings March 10th & April 14th**

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!

# **Local Free Tax Preparation Assistance**

If you earned less than \$54,000 last year, you are eligible to have your taxes filed for FREE through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. You may also qualify for several tax credits. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) alone could pay you up to \$6,242, but you must file to receive the credits.

The nearest local VITA (Volunteer Tax Assistance Program) is located at the Orangewood Church of the Nazarene, 7510 N. 27th Avenue on Saturdays 8:00 am to noon through April 12th. It is helpful to make an appointment. Contact: 602-995-2933 VITA sites provide free tax preparation and financial education to those who need it most. Taxpavers who use the service say they use refunds to open a savings account, pay bills, enroll in job training – begin a new year on fresh footing.

IRS trained and certified VITA volunteers ensure families and individuals receive tax credits they qualify for including the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), developed to increase financial stability among working taxpayers.

## What to bring with you:

- Proof of Identification Picture ID
- Social security cards, SSN verification letters or ITIN letters for you, your spouse & dependents
- Birth dates for you, your spouse & dependents
- Wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, 1099-MISC from all employers
- Health Insurance Marketplace Statement (Form 1095-A)
- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Form 1099)
- Mortgage interest statements (Form 1098)
- Student loan statements (Form 1098-E) Copy of last year's federal & state returns if available
- Total cost of daycare & daycare's tax identifying number
- Total paid for medical, dental and prescriptions
- Proof of bank account routing #s and account #s for Direct Deposit, such as a blank check
- If married filing jointly, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms



**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program** 

# **CALENDAR** March 10th **NGS** Meeting March 17th St. Patrick's Day **Good Friday** March 25th March 27th Easter April 14th **NGS Meeting** April 22nd Earth Day

# **Bulk Trash Collection**

South of Orangewood Ave (Area 10)

Placement Begins - April. 23rd Collection Begins - May 3rd North of Orangewood Ave

(Area 11)

Placement Begins - April 30th Collection Begins - May 9th

# **Great Places To Purchase Great Fresh Produce**

\*\*\*\*Some Are Year Round\*\*\*\*

#### **Ktizo Church Farmers Market**

Fresh locally grown fruits, vegetables, ornamentals, plants and seeds, homemade lip balms, crams, jewelry, and more.
Partnering with Community Exchange.

#### Sundays through May, 10am to 2pm

Ktizo United Church of Christ

8740 N. 35th Avenue

Website: <a href="ktizoucc.org/news-feed/">ktizoucc.org/news-feed/</a> Facebook: Ktizo Farmer's Market

#### New Roots Urban Farm Pop-Up Stand

Seasonal, local and naturally grown fresh produce including mustard green, garlic, onions, lettuce, Swiss chard, arugula, radish, beet, turnip, different types of cucumbers, basil, cilantro, winter squashes and more. Sizeable discounts with EBT cards and SNAP (up to \$10 in discounts).

## Every Thursday, 10am to 2pm

Phoenician Palms Condominiums 3421 W Dunlap Ave/8901 North 35th Avenue, in front of units 131-132, main courtyard south of Dunlap and East of 35th avenue (just south of the pool on NE half of the property)

Contact: Anna Sepic 602-832-4472 <a href="mailto:amsinvesting@gmail.com">amsinvesting@gmail.com</a>

#### **Produce on Wheels**

Remarkable assortment and volume of fresh fruits and vegetables, often some organics. Amazingly, 15 to 40 volunteers set up and run these events. More volunteers are always welcome. Limited amount of gift certificates available for community members if needed. Volunteers can also receive certificates. Purchase up to 60 pounds for \$10. Cash only.

# 1st Sat. of the month through May, 7am to 10am

Open Door Fellowship Church and Orangewood School PTA 8301 N. 19th Avenue Contact: For information about gift certificates or volunteering, please email Tiffany at <a href="mailto:tiffanymomor@yahoo.com">tiffanymomor@yahoo.com</a>

#### 3rd Sat. of every month 8am to 12pm

Orangewood Church of the Nazarene 7510 N. 27th Avenue Website: http://www.lifebridgeaz.org/event/673148-2015-11-21-produce-on-wheels/Contact: For information about gift certificates or volunteering, call the church at 602-995-0299, select "O" and speak with the operator.

#### **Uptown Farmers Market**

Wide range of products including locally grown fruits and vegetables, fresh and frozen dairy, meats and fish, flours and baked goods, herbs, tea, specialty products, chocolates, and food trucks. Named one of the 50 best markets in America by Cooking Light Magazine.

# Saturday mornings, year-round

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Oct. – April) 8 a.m. – 12 noon (May – Sept.) Market moves indoors for June/July/August Wednesday mornings 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Oct. – June) Wednesday Market closes July – Sept.

North Phoenix Baptist Church 5757 North Central Avenue SE Corner of Central and Bethany Home Rd.

Website: <u>uptownmarketaz.com</u> Contact: (602) 859-5648, <u>bo@uptownmarketaz.com</u>



# Weed-Be-Gone

1 Gallon Vinegar2 Cups Epson Salt1/4 Cup Dawn Dish Soup(the blue original)

It will kill anything you spray it on. Just mix and spray in the morning, after the dew has evaporated. Walk away. Go back after dinner and the weeds are all gone!

Cheaper than anything you can buy anywhere? Never buy expensive weed killer again!

# Special Thanks Go Out To

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# **Code Compliance 101 Classes**

Are you concerned about trash, high weeds, dead trees, graffiti, deteriorated fences or open/vacant properties in your neighborhood? The city of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) is hosting free classes on how the code compliance process works to address violations in your community. "Code Compliance 101" workshops will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the following dates and locations:

- May 4, 2016 at the Devonshire Senior,
   2802 E. Devonshire Ave.
- Aug. 3, 2016 at the Pecos Community Center, 17010 S. 48th St.
- Oct. 5, 2016 at the John F. Long Family Services Center, 3454 N. 51st Ave.

Residents can learn how to identify and report common violations, and other important ways to get involved in the process.

#### Attendees will learn:

- The step-by-step code compliance process and timeline
- How to use free mobile phone applications to report blight
- How to address code violations at vacant properties
- What happens if a case goes to court
- How to use NSD's Tool Lending Program for a neighborhood cleanup
- Maintenance tips and resources to prevent code violations
- Volunteer assistance: how to get it and how to sign up to help

Theses classes are open to all Phoenix residents. To register, call 602-534-4444 or visit phoenix.gov/nsd/neighborhoodcollege.



# Legal & Health Issues with Hookah & Vaping Shops

From the Sevilla Neighborhood:
Recently Police busted two "Candy houses" in the Sevilla neighborhood. These are households that sell snacks and merchandise from single family homes to children. One of the locations was selling E-Cigarettes and E-Juice to our elementary aged children. He was also showing pornography and sexually abusing his customers. The busts began when a 5th grader was discovered using an E-Cigarette at school.

Vaping is a rapidly growing industry with no Federal regulations. The Feds are running fast trying to catch up. E-Juice is promoted by the Vaping Industry as being less harmful. the truth is individuals using vaping juice are consuming hundreds of harmful and toxic chemicals. When they exhale, they are exhaling those same chemicals and exposing persons nearby. E-juice is also available online making even more accessible to under age individuals.

There are no laws in Arizona that prohibit someone under 18 from going into a Smoke Shop. Responsible business owners may adopt the policy of not allowing anyone under the age of 18 into their establishment. Cities are beginning to move toward restricting both types of businesses, similar to what was done with Tobacco Oriented Retailers in Phoenix. Keep in mind Hookah retailers and Hookah Lounges are unregulated which is of great concern to parents and citizens alike.

# **Beware of Utility Company Impostors & Scammers**

Impostor scammers are dialing up their efforts, posing as utility company employees and threatening to shut off customers' gas or electricity, unless swift payment is made. How It Works:

You get a call from someone who says they're calling from your utility company, telling you your bill is overdue, and if you don't pay up, your power will be shut off. And you guessed it they want the money fast, usually through untraceable payment cards or a wire transfer. Scammers are skilled in the art of persuasion, and may sound very convincing. They may also become intimidating or threatening. What You Should Know:

Utility company representatives won't demand instant payment over the phone, or ask you to meet them at a payment center like Western Union or Walmart. And they will never ask for or require the use of pre-paid debit cards like Green Dot MoneyPak cards. Utility companies usually have several options for payment provided for the convenience of their customers. Written notice is always provided to customers in arrears, usually through multiple late and disconnection notices. If you haven't received notice, the person on the other end of the phone line is a scammer! What You Should Do:

These scammers can only be successful if they catch you off guard or scare you. Don't panic! Hang up and report the call to your utility company and your local police, providing as much information as possible, including phone number they called from and what threats were made.

Don't ever provide financial information, like your credit card or bank account number, over the phone, no matter how legitimate the caller sounds.

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## **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

#### **Community Action Officers**

Officer Garrick Henry	
garrick.henry@phoenix.gov	602-256-0474
Officer Wade Niver	
wade.niver@phoenix.gov	602-543-6988
Cactus Park Precinct	602-495-5009
<b>Abandoned Vehicles</b> (private property)	602-262-7844
Abandoned Vehicles	602-262-6151
Animal Control/Rabies	602-506-7387
Barking Dogs	602-262-6466
City Bus Service	
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
<b>Property Maintenance Violations</b>	602-262-7844
Poison Control	602-253-3334
Shopping Cart removal 1-8	00-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 2015**

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If you think there is any possibility that your account is past due, hang up and call your utility company using a number you can verify, such as a customer service number from your bill.

Please share this alert with your friends and family, especially those who might be particularly vulnerable. When we work together, we can stop scammers cold!

Sincerely, Kristin Keckeisen Fraud Watch Network aarpwebact@action.aarp.org

# Is Your Pet In Pain? How You Can Tell

In recent years, veterinarians have made great progress in understanding how animals feel pain and the best ways to manage that pain. Many animals will instinctively hide their pain as a survival mechanism, which in the past led to incorrect assumptions about the ability of dogs and cats to feel pain. Because we now understand more about how pets feel pain, we are better able to recognize and manage pain.

Pain management has become an important issue in veterinary medicine. The American Animal Hospital Association along with the American Association of Feline Practitioners recently released the AAHA/AAFP Pain Management Guidelines for Dogs and Cats. These guidelines show that pain management helps improve the recovery process, whether from illness, surgery or injury. Because it reduces stress and increases a sense of well-being, pain management may even help your pet live longer.

At Palm Glen Animal Hospital, we are committed to providing our patients with the safest treatment and surgical environment possible. We use state-of-the-art tools and have developed a standard of care that exceeds industry standards. Our doctors ensure optimal care for your pet by designing a comprehensive program for pain management that is unique to his or her individual needs.

How to know if your pet is experiencing pain? Since our furry friends aren't able to tell us when something is wrong, it's important for you to monitor their behavior and activity levels.

Signs that your pet might be in pain include:

- Depression and/or inactivity
- Rising slowly or "collapsing" to lie down
- Walking with a stiff gait, especially after getting up
- Standing or sitting in unusual positions
- Trembling
- Inappropriate elimination
- Whining, whimpering, howling, or constantly meowing
- Constantly licking or chewing at a particular part of the body
- Acting funny and out of character, either aggressively or submissively
- Unable to get comfortable (constantly changes positions to find the most comfortable position)
- Develops new and inappropriate behavior like chewing on objects such as wood (may indicate a dental issue).

If you have any concerns that your pet may be experiencing pain or would like to know more about our approach to pain management, please give us a call at 602.841.1200. We are committed to your pet's health and look forward to seeing you both again soon!

Sincerely, The team at Palm Glen Animal Hospital 7771 North 43rd Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85051

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- 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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