

Next Meetings May 10th & June 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!



Summer Break is Near!

During the Summer **NGS will NOT** have board **meetings** for **July** and **August**. We will resume meetings in September, so after all the Summer fun has ended be ready to get back into the swing of things. Any issues that arise while on break you can always email Mike Simms or any of the directors. See page 5 for email info. In September please come to the meetings to participate and provide feedback on neighborhood issues. The more you participate the better our neighborhood becomes. We cannot do it without YOU! Have a wonderful, fun and safe Summer. We look forward to your return with all your great ideas!

Calendar of Events

May 5th	Cinco De Mayo
May 10th	NGS Meeting
May 13th	Mother's Day
May 28th	Memorial Day
June 14th	NGS Meeting
June 17th	Father's Day
July 4th	Independence Day

Bulk Trash Collection

South of Orangewood Ave (Area 10)
Placement Begins: July 21st
Collection Begins: July 30th

North of Orangewood Ave (Area 11)
Placement Begins: July 28th
Collection Begins: August 6th



North Glen Square



CRIME TYPE	JAN 2018	FEB 2018	GRAND TOTAL
Homicide	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	0	0
Robbery	2	1	3
Aggravated Assault	3	4	7
TOTALS	5	5	10



In the desert, having a backyard pool can seem like a true oasis. But that oasis comes with a few potential headaches. There is the pool equipment, the motorized pump, sand filter, etc. This can be expensive to maintain or replace. Then, there's the chemistry of keeping a pool clear, which is a little more complex than filling a floating duck with chlorine tabs. If you don't have 20 to 30 minutes a week, plus some extra effort after a dust storm, that oasis can turn into a mud puddle, or, worse, a green-algae experiment. Here's a basic checklist for the pool novice to properly maintain a pool.

Keep the pool full

Water evaporates, especially in a desert. More sophisticated pool systems have an automatic filler that kicks in when the water level drops. If your pool doesn't have such a feature, you'll want to get out the garden hose. Check the water level at least once a week. The water needs to be halfway up the mouth of the skimmer (the area that opens into a basket to collect leaves and debris). This isn't about aesthetics. If the water level gets too low, your pool pump could be damaged.

Get to know your equipment

Know what kind of filter you have and how to maintain it. If you have a D.E. (diatomaceous earth) filter it needs to be taken apart and cleaned twice yearly, or the cell on the salt-water system needs to be cleaned with acid. Improper maintenance can result in very expensive repairs. You should know how and when to backwash and clean the filter, and understand the basics about how to run and program your equipment.

At a minimum, take a picture of your equipment and look it up online, or take the photo to a pool store to see what type of maintenance it requires. Preferably, ask a pool technician to come out and show you how to run the equipment. A lot of pool companies will teach you about your pool for a nominal fee, hoping you will call them if something breaks. Another option is Pool School. Leslie's Swimming Pool Supplies, which has more than 60 stores in the Valley, offers Pool School for about \$105 (prices vary; sign up in stores), in which a technician will visit and show homeowners how to run all their equipment.

Run the pool pump long enough

In the summer, most pool pumps have to run a minimum of eight hours a day to keep an average-size (15 to 20,000-gallon) pool clean. Another common recommendation is that you run the pump one hour for every 10 degrees, or 10 hours for a 100-degree day. But this depends on the size of your pool and equipment. It's also important to run the pump during non-peak hours to save money. It is a big deal! Make sure you know how big your pump is and how much water it's turning over. You have to turn all of that water over in a 24-hour period to get maximum clarity.

Make time for a basic cleaning routine

Every week, plan on taking about 30 minutes to empty the skimmer basket, skim out leaves and debris, brush down the pool, the water-line tile & test the pool water. Backwash if needed. If the pool doesn't have an automatic vacuum, vacuum it manually when debris or dirt accumulates. Also, refill the chlorine tabs in the floater. DeRouin warns never add tabs or chemicals to the pool skimmer basket; doing so can damage the pump & equipment.

Understand Pool chemistry

Chlorine dissipates quickly on hot summer days. The more use the pool gets, the more sanitizer it needs. The chlorine level isn't the only thing to check. You'll also need to know the pH level, which should be between about 7.2 & 7.8 for it to work effectively. Make sure the alkalinity is balanced.

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Getting the right balance of sanitizer, pH and alkalinity means swimmers will be safe, and you won't end up with an algae-filled green pool. You should check your pool water weekly with a water-testing kit or testing strips from a home-improvement or pool-supply store. Leslie's offers free pool-water testing when you bring in a sample. Or a weekly pool service will maintain the water for you, freeing you from mastering the art of adding muriatic acid when the pH is too high. If you let your pool turn green, you're looking at a bigger bill to fix the situation.

Hire the right pool service

If you have the funds, hiring a qualified pool service can save you a lot of work. It is a good idea to have a weekly service so you can have someone else accountable. Always check credentials, including whether a service provider belongs to professional organizations, such as the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals or Independent Pool and Spa Service Association, before hiring a pool-maintenance service. Make sure you're getting more than a guy with a net and chlorine tabs. Also, know what you're getting for the money, because at \$90 to \$115 or so a month for an average-size pool, the service is an investment. A good pool service should keep the water chemistry balanced, the water sparkling and the equipment in good working order. The service also should do some preventive care on the pool equipment and keep an eye out for leaks or other problems that could become more expensive fixes without maintenance. Also, do the math on how much you are really spending on pool chemicals and equipment, plus the time, when deciding whether to hire a pool service.

Know what you're buying

If you're buying a home with a pool for the first time, find out whether the pool equipment is in working order and if the pool needs resurfacing. Both of those expenses can run into the thousands of dollars. If there's a concern, ask a pool expert (not just a home inspector) to inspect the pool before you put in an offer.

**Affordable Housing Outlook**

Report shows extreme shortage of affordable and available homes for Arizona families in need. In the face of the growing affordable housing crisis Arizona has a shortage of 159,599 available rentals for extremely low income renter households, according to the annual report released April 16th, 2018 at the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC).

What does this shortage mean for Arizona?

The study finds there are just 26 affordable and available homes for every 100 of Arizona's lowest income renter households. In fact, in not a single state or major metro area in the U.S. is there an adequate supply of affordable rental housing. In addition, 75% of Arizona's lowest income renters are severely housing cost-burdened, meaning they are spending more than half of their income on housing costs and utilities. The report also shows that 38% Arizona's low income renter households are seniors or people with disabilities. This means without assistance, many are not able to afford rent without having to sacrifice daily necessities and much-needed health care.

NLIHC conducts this research each year to assess the availability of housing affordable to renters at different income levels throughout the country. This year's report also includes a look at who are the lowest income renters; their demographics, disability and work status, and other characteristics. The vast majority of the lowest income renters are seniors, people with disabilities, or individuals who are working, enrolled in school or caring for a young child or for someone with a disability. The wages of those who are working are often too low to afford rent without assistance.

Join the Arizona Housing Coalition, along with NLIHC, in urging our elected officials at all levels to address the grave shortage of affordable and available rental housing for the lowest income households in Arizona, and across the nation.



Cactus Park Police department has been fielding complaints from the community about dogs off leash at city parks, on the canals, on the streets, etc. Fido is required to be on a leash at all times unless in designated areas.

Places you can let your pooch run free, exercise, and have fun!

Echo Mountain Off Leash Arena

17447 N. 20th St. & Located in Grover's Basin on 20th Street at Cave Creek Road and Grover's. Phone (602) 262-6696 (for wet condition closure updates)

Hance Park Dog Park

Located in the northwest section of the park at 323 W. Culver St. (between 3rd and 5th Avenues) and is open daily from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Paradise Valley Park Dog Park

Located at 17642 N. 40th St. The dog park can be found in the west end of the park north of the softball fields .

PetSmart Dog Park at Washington Park

Located at 21st Avenue north of Maryland (between Bethany Home and Glendale Roads). The park is open from approximately 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Phone (602) 262-6971.

Rose Mofford Sports Complex

Located at 9833 N. 25th Ave. (north of Dunlap). The park will be open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Phone (602) 261-8011.

Steele Indian School Park Dog Park

The off leash activity areas are located just north of the park's parking lot on the west side of 7th Street, just north of Indian School Road. They are open during normal park hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Any location other than these designated areas, you are required to keep your dog on a leash.



The 25th Annual Cinco De Mayo Phoenix Street Festival is one of the largest multicultural festivals in Arizona. Enjoy fun, music, games, and giveaways. National entertainers and local legends take the stage for a full day of music, and dancing. There will be Lucha matches, vacation contests, prizes, a kid zone, and treats for everybody. Award winning tacos from different regions, BBQ, snack & desserts to satisfy the entire family. General Admission is \$10 and VIP tickets are \$40 which includes seating closer to the bands. Tickets are limited so get them in advance to ensure you are able to attend. The event is on Sunday May 6th from 12pm to 10pm. Location: On the corner 100 W. Washington St. & 1st Ave. See their website <http://www.cinophx.com> for more information.

North Glen Square Awarded Blockwatch Grant for 2018

The Board of Directors is proud to announce it has recently been awarded a City of Phoenix Blockwatch grant for the second consecutive year. The funds will be used to print and mail our bi-monthly newsletters and will cover the expenses through June 2019.

One of the requirements to qualify for the funding is that the newsletter must contain crime statistics for the neighborhood, safety tips, updates from our Community Action Officer, or other articles related to crime and crime prevention.

Years ago, NGS was awarded Blockwatch grants to purchase security doors, dusk to dawn lighting, locking mailboxes, deadbolt locks, smoke alarms and similar home safety devices that were ultimately distributed free of charge to our residents.

The board has discussed forming a "Grant Committee" to come up with ideas for future (2019??) grant applications. There are restrictions on how the money can be used, and the City holds workshops to explain the do's and don'ts in preparation for completing an application. If you would be interested in participating on this committee please contact any one of the Officers or Directors listed on page 5.

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
 OFC Wade Niver wade.niver@phoenix.gov.....602-543-6988
 Cactus Park Precinct.....602-495-5009
 Abandoned Vehicles (private property)602-262-7844
 Abandoned Vehicles602-262-6151
 Animal Control/Rabies.....602-506-7387
 Barking Dogs.....602-262-6466
 City Bus Service602-253-5000
 Dial-A-Ride.....602-253-4000
 Garbage Collection602-262-7251
 Illegal Dumping.....602-262-7251
 Loud Party Info.....602-262-7803
 Loud Party Reporting602-262-6151
 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 repair602-495-5125
 Councilman Valenzuela.....602-262-7446
 Parks Department.....602-262-6575

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Sex Offender web site: 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.



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>



Do you want to be Published?

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 or 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 'em coming!!

Amy Watkins -Editor

From the North Glen Kitchen



Gazpacho

Ready in: Prep 45 minutes Total 2 hours 45 minutes **Serves:** 4

Ingredients:

1 1/2 pounds tomatoes, peeled and chopped
 Tomato juice
 1 cup cucumber, peeled, seeded and chopped
 1/2 cup red onion
 1 small jalapeno, seeded and minced
 1 medium garlic clove minced
 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
 2 tablespoons lime juice
 2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
 2 tablespoons fresh basil leaves cut length wise (chiffonade).

Directions:

Fill a 6-quart pot halfway full of water, set over high heat and bring to a boil. Make an X with a paring knife on the bottom of the tomatoes. Drop the tomatoes into the boiling water for 15 seconds, remove and transfer to an ice bath and allow to cool until able to handle, approximately 1 minute. Remove and pat dry. Peel, core and seed the tomatoes. When seeding the tomatoes, place the seeds and pulp into a fine mesh strainer set over a bowl in order to catch the juice. Press as much of the juice through as possible and then add enough bottled tomato juice to bring the total to 1 cup. Place the tomatoes and juice into a large mixing bowl. Add the cucumber, red onion, jalapeno, garlic clove, olive oil, lime juice, balsamic vinegar, Worcestershire, cumin, salt and pepper and stir to combine. Transfer 1 1/2 cups of the mixture to a blender and puree for 15 to 20 seconds on high speed. Return the pureed mixture to the bowl and stir to combine. Cover and chill for 2 hours and up to overnight. Serve with chiffonade of basil.

facebook

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, and other important information between newsletters.

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**2018 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.

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The very nice people who help fold this newsletter and help mail them out!!!

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**Advisory Board Meeting Schedule**May 22nd

Hosted by: Maryvale-Estrella Mt.
Precinct (800)

Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Location: Maryvale Community Center
4420 N. 51st Ave

June

NO MEETING

July 24th

Hosted by: South Mountain Precinct
(400)

Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Location: TBA—www.phxblockwatch.org
for more info.

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