

Upcoming Meetings are on January 9th & February 13th
Meetings are 2nd Thursday of each month, mark your calendars!
General Membership Meetings
Begin at 7:00pm & Board Meeting 6:15pm
Trinity United Methodist Church - 3104 West Glendale Ave

Letter from the President Mike Simms

Happy New Year! Whether you're a long time resident or a new arrival, greetings. This is the first of six bi-monthly issues we'll be sending to everyone in North Glen Square.

We've got something a little special for you in this issue. We had a good turnout for the Myrtle Avenue cleanup in November, and we've dedicated most of this issue to that topic.

Myrtle Avenue between 31st Ave and 32nd Ave is a small stretch of Phoenix right-of-way that became "orphaned" as North Glen Square developed in the 50s. Much of that segment is dirt and has been a magnet for dust, weeds and graffiti. The cleanup marked the kickoff of our project to upgrade this area to reduce blight and improve the aesthetics.

It turns out that NGS resident Jeff Abrahamson knows a little of the back story here. North Glen Square was home to a rather famous resident who played a significant role in Valley history. More on that inside as well.

We'll be exploring creative ways to fit some of that history into the Myrtle Avenue project as we work on developing a vision and procuring grant funding. Stay tuned.

Please join us at the January meeting on the 9th where we'll elect a new board and discuss our plan for success in 2020.

Calendar of Events

January 1st	HAPPY NEW YEAR
January 9th	NGS Meeting
January 20th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 13th	NGS Meeting
February 14th	AZ Statehood Day
February 17th	President's Day
February 26th	Ash Wednesday

Bulk Trash Collection

South of Orangewood Ave (Area 10)
Next Placement Begins: January 18
Next Collection Begins: January 27

North of Orangewood Ave (Area 11)
Placement Begins: January 25
Collection Begins: February 3





Myrtle Avenue between 31st and 32nd Avenues

Myrtle Avenue Cleanup

More than 20 volunteers from North Glen Square, Neighborhood Services Department and Street Transportation Department came together in November to clean up Myrtle Avenue.



In addition to plastic bottles, trash, weeds and grass, volunteers removed a mattress and several syringes. Special thanks to Phoenix Revitalization Corporation for donating \$100 for snacks and coffee. Thanks to Councilwoman Betty Guardado, Emmanuel Gallardo-Sanidad and District 5 staff. And thanks to NSD Specialist Fernando Felix.



The North Glen Time Machine

Jeff Abrahamson

Let's set the knobs way back on the neighborhood time machine, all the way back to 1911. The Roosevelt Dam, one of the world's highest masonry dams, was completed that year. Arizona was well on its way to becoming a state, and WJ Murphy was building a streetcar from Phoenix to Glendale down Myrtle Avenue--right through our neighborhood. Yup, that's right.

WJ Murphy really left his mark on the valley's history. A decorated Civil War officer (Union side) from Illinois, he decided to move out to Arizona and make our state or new territory his home. In 1883 he was hired to build the Arizona Canal (the one by Metro Center) and given a 2-year deadline. His pay for this accomplishment was 0, zilch, nada--just the land that this new canal would irrigate. Shortly thereafter in 1887 he built an 18-mile road from Peoria to Phoenix, and called it "Grand Avenue." Murphy later dedicated land to the railway along Grand Avenue to connect Prescott and Phoenix.

In 1892, he chose the site of Glendale to be a new town, with stores, commerce and a growing population. But he was just getting started. In 1906 he built the Sugar Beet Factory in Glendale, the large red brick building (you know which one I'm talking about). One of his last feats was to build a streetcar line from Phoenix to Glendale in 1911--from Phoenix down 3 rd Street to Central Avenue, then to Myrtle right into downtown Glendale. He couldn't have planned it better because his house was on Central & Orangewood. He just walked out his front door and decided which town to do business in that day.



WJ Murphy's and his wife Laura's son, Ralph, was a young businessman who invested his money in the 1920's Ingleside Golf Resort (AKA the Arizona Country Club). Unfortunately, his timing was off in 1929 (the Great Depression) and he was forced to live a more common life (welcome aboard, Ralph). However, Ralph's and Winifred's son was about to make his mark on Arizona history. Winifred's maiden name was Dysart. She and Ralph wanted to name their son using both of their prominent Arizona names, so they named their son Dysart Murphy. And here's where the story gets interesting.

Dysart Murphy and his wife Elma moved to North Glen Square in 1924. They had 15 acres of land between what are now 27 th and 29 th Avenues and Orangewood, all the way south to Glendale Av-

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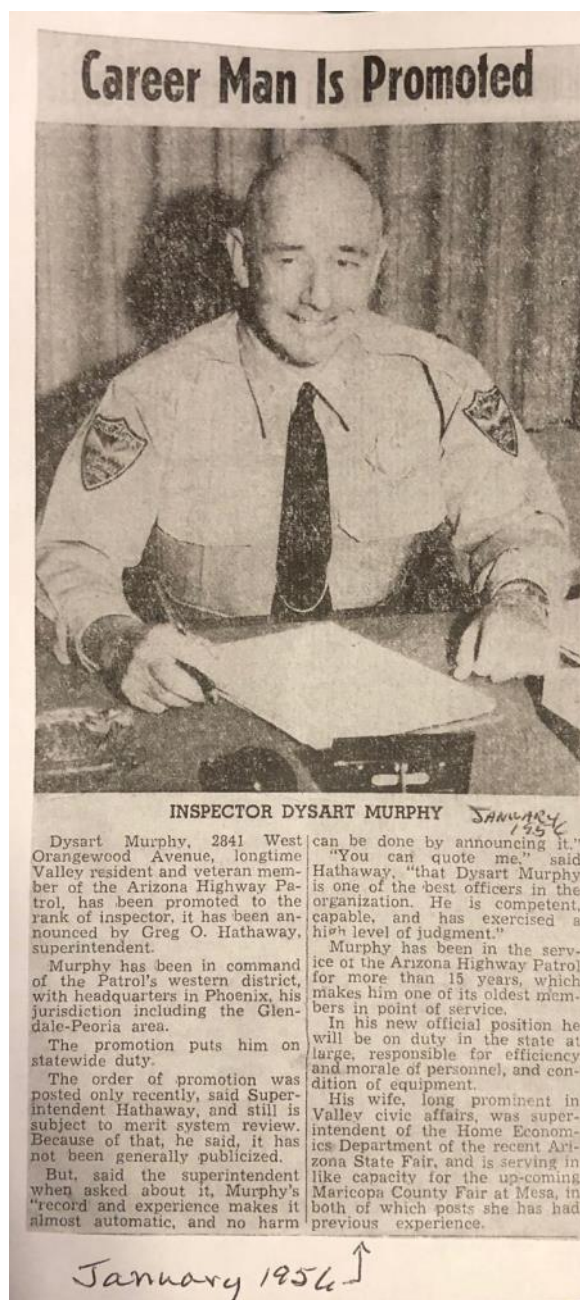
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enue. His daughter Frances who lived here also said that Orangewood was a dirt road all the way to the base of Squaw Peak mountain, or as it's known today, Piestewa Peak. She said the only break in the property was at the 1911 Myrtle Avenue streetcar line built by Dysart's grandfather.

Dysart had a life-long career with the Arizona Highway Patrol from 1938-1964. During that time he made his way up through the ranks to become commander and he retired as inspector. His service and dedication is honored today at the Arizona Highway Patrol and Department of Public Safety Heritage Museum. After retiring, he lived in Chino Valley until he passed at the age of 95. Rose Moford, the Governor of Arizona, spoke at his funeral.

I see that the time machine's circuits are overheating; it's time that we return to the present day. Your vision will return in a second.

The reason I'm writing this article is that the city is exploring the idea of a Development Plan for Myrtle Avenue between 31 st and 32 nd Avenues, a piece of land that has never been developed. I'm proposing that we dedicate this area as the Dysart Murphy Bridle Path, a gravel landscaped bike and pedestrian path that is lighted, with a section of railroad track to represent the old streetcar route. This would be in honor of Dysart Murphy, his great family legacy (e.g., Murphy Park, Murphy Bridle Path), and the streetcar that once made its way through North Glen Square.



Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Classes

The citywide classes are held on Saturday mornings in the

Mountain View Precinct's Community Room
2075 E. Maryland Ave

The class is from 8:00 a.m. until Noon
 Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Seating is limited to 45 people

To sign up for the class please contact:
 pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov or call 602-256-4303

Class Dates :

- ☆ January 25, 2020
- ☆ March 14, 2020
- ☆ May 16, 2020
- ☆ July 18, 2020
- ☆ September 12, 2020
- ☆ November 14, 2020

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Crime Stop (non-emergency)602-262-6151

Community Action Officer

Officer Eric Boardman602-534-6988

Councilwoman Betty Guardado 602-262-7446

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 Info602-262-7803

Loud Party Reporting602-262-6151

Neighborhood Enforcement602-262-7844

Neighborhood Narcotic Complaints..602-275-5886

Parking Complaints602-262-6151

Property Maintenance Violations602-262-7844

Poison Control.....602-253-3334

Shopping Cart removal.....602-278-7587

Illegal signs602-534-7100

Street repair (potholes)602-262-6441

Street Light repair.....602-495-5125

Parks Department602-262-6575

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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>

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.

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 them coming!!

Amy Watkins -Editor

2020 Board Member Elections

Elections will be held at the January meeting. If you are interested in being a board member there will be an opportunity for additional nominees at our January meeting. We encourage anyone interested in participating to become a board member. We would love to have new input from anyone in our neighborhood. The current nominees are as follows:



Mike Simms, President
 Jean Rigrup, Vice President
 Cristina Gallardo-Sanidad, Treasurer
 Michele Sahlin, Secretary
 Carl Baldrige, Director
 TJ Jett, Director
 Julie Nelson, Director
 Nate Schick, Director
 Frank Beaudrot, Director

If you have any questions about what becoming a board member entails, please feel free to contact any of our current members. Their contact info is located on page 5 of the newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you, and answering any questions you may have regarding North Glen Square Neighborhood Association.

Your Input Wanted on Future Rates

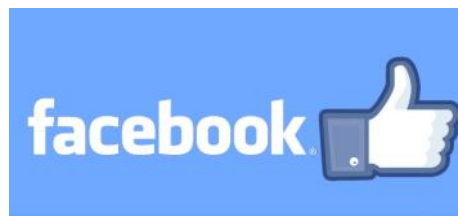
The City of Phoenix is requesting public input on proposed rate change options for trash and recycling services for city of Phoenix residents.

We welcome public comments!

- Attend a Community Meeting
- Call us at 602-262-6824
- Email TrashAndRecycle@Phoenix.gov
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Community Meeting

January 28, 2020, 6:30 p.m. D1/D3/D5
 Helen Drake Senior Center
 7600 N 27th Avenue



We're on Facebook! Join our group at facebook.com/groups/northglensquare for timely 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, & 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 2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please **CIRCLE** the appropriate categories: **Renewal / New Member / 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 online at website www.nextdoor.com.

Special Thanks Go Out to:

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

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Virtual Block Watch

Virtual Block Watch is one of the Phoenix Police Department's contemporary crime prevention and investigation tools that demonstrates the effectiveness of partnerships between police and the community.

Registering your camera not only helps deter crime, but assists the Department in its overall crime prevention strategy in your neighborhood. Protect yourself, your family and your community by registering with Virtual Block Watch. If you have security cameras at your home or business, you can help the City of Phoenix police solve crime by registering your system with Virtual Block Watch. **Sign up at www.phoenix.gov/police/virtualblockwatch** or contact Cactus Park Precinct a **602-495-5009** for more information.

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