

September 2018

WOODLEA  MELROSE



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Chair Notes

From Jen

Hello Neighbors,

I am excited for all of the fall events coming up. Our neighborhood meeting (September 4th), the return of front yard Friday, Shred a thon (September 29th), the neighborhood garage sale in October and the block party in November. I am especially excited for our meeting with guest speaker Marshall Shore the hipstorian. He regularly gives talks about the history of Phoenix and Arizona in an entertaining way. He is going to tell us about our little neck of the woods. Mark your calendar now, you don't want to miss it.

If you haven't yet, check out the tool shed. It's a great resource. I have borrowed the lawn mower several times and the dehydrator once to make dried blueberries. There are over 200 items to borrow. The list can be found here: <https://woodleamelrose.org/wm-tool-lending-library>

Hope to see you all soon!



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Neighborhood
meeting: Tuesday
Sept 4th
Speaker: Marshall
Shore
Phoenix Hipstorian**

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WM T-shirt Design Competition



YOUR
DESIGN
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Woodlea-Melrose Neighborhood Association first ever T-Shirt Design Competition

Each year we make a T-shirt celebrating pride in our neighborhood. For 2019 the Board wants to open up the design process to the entire association. With a prize of \$100 for the winning design! Plus a free T-shirt!

Create a T-shirt design that identifies and celebrates our neighborhood. "Woodlea Melrose" must appear somewhere in the design.

The design must be no larger than 10.5 x 10.5 inches.

The design can be one, two, or three colors (plus the background shirt color).

A pdf file of the design must be emailed to johnhwoodland@hotmail.com by 6 pm on October 21, 2018.

Copies of the designs will be printed and displayed at the neighborhood cookout on Saturday, November 3.

While the board retains final approval, we will ask everyone at the cookout to vote for their favorite design to assist the board in their selection.

2nd Adopt-a-Street Completed!



Saturday, August 25 was the second cleanup of our Adopt-A-Street program. Volunteers from Woodlea Melrose started at 7th Avenue and Indian School while a group from Grandview started at Camelback, meeting at the Grand Canal. Over 20 neighbors participated in collecting trash along the street between the curb and business fronts. The volunteers participated in playing a game of Trash Bingo with seven winners receiving gift certificates to The Refuge (provided by Scotts Coach Works) and Short Leash and everyone receiving free drink cards to Copper Star; total prizes were valued at over \$140. Please be sure to support these generous local merchants.

A very special thanks to all who volunteered. Our next cleanup will be Saturday, November 17 at 8:00 AM. To participate, contact John Woodland, Coordinator for Woodlea/Melrose and Grandview Adopt-A-Street when the announcement is made in November on our WMNA Facebook Page.

Show Woodlea Melrose Some Love!

What makes WM so great is what you bring to the table. Looking for ways to show some love?



Front Yard Friday

Front Yard Friday resumes in Woodlea Melrose on Friday, Sept. 28 from 6:30 to 9:30 at 918 Heatherbrae hosted by Jess and Travis. Come meet baby Cora. Bring your own drink and a snack to share if you like.

Hosts in Woodlea are needed for FYF January 18 or 25, 2019 and Sept 20 or 27, 2019. We like to rotate FYF between north and south areas. Please contact John Woodland at johnwoodland@hotmail.com if you are interested in hosting. It would be good for someone who has not yet hosted. Hosts are only asked to provide their front yard. We provide the popup, tables, chairs and ice chest with ice. Refreshments are not required of the hosts.



Winter volunteers needed for the Tool Shed

Our Woodlea Melrose Neighborhood Association Tool Shed continues to be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30. The Tool Shed will be closed on Labor Day, Halloween and Thanksgiving so please plan ahead if you need to borrow or return tools. To see an inventory of the 200 plus tools go to: <https://woodleamelrose.org/wm-tool-lending-library> and scroll down to bottom of the page. Our neighborhood tool shed is free to all dues paying Woodlea Melrose neighbors; dues are \$10.00 a year per household. Go to: <https://secure.pirya.com/donate/wGY0bcJD/Woodlea-Melrose> to pay your dues on line.



Adopt a Planter Box!

There are planter boxes up and down 7th Ave that were donated some years ago, but many now stand empty. How would you like to adopt a box and help bring some life to 7th Ave?

Email: C.A.S.A. (Community Alliance of Seventh Avenue) to find out how!
cason7thave@gmail.com



Donate books to the Little Libraries!

We need adult and young adult books for the little libraries by the Tool Shed on 11th Ave & Roma and, 11th Ave & Mackenzie and 9th Ave & Roma. Clear out a little shelf space and keep the LL filled. Win-Win!
For more info email: info@woodleamelrose.org



The Woodlea Melrose Gardener's Corner

The Successful Fall Garden

It is late August in Phoenix Arizona and that can mean but one thing; that the fall growing season is about to launch! By now everyone should be thinking about just what sorts of lovely lettuces, kales, cabbages, beets, peas, escaroles, onions and the like will go into their gardens. This is also a great time to put your fall tomato and pepper transplants in. Given our warming fall and winter, there is no reason not to enjoy excellent tomatoes at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The next volley of plantings are things to be direct-sown; bush and pole beans; bok choy, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, scallions, cucumbers, summer squash, kale, leeks, lettuce, beets. I also cheat at this time of year and direct sow basil, whose success will depend entirely on what the weather does. It is frost tender, so planting it now is a gamble. But given increasingly warm fall and winter weather, why not?

Given the progressively warming weather here, many gardeners have tremendous success using both transplants and carefully timed direct-sowing. I am a firm believer in planting transplants, which I find better able to stand up to our climate and the challenges presented by pests and minimal rain. In particular, there are a few keys to success for fall gardening here in Woodlea Melrose: preparing your soil carefully and picking the right varieties for transplants and direct-sowing.

Soil preparation: Compost is king! Choose a quality compost and or composted manure and dig 4-6" of it into your beds prior to planting. Given that the fall crops are mainly leafy greens that need nitrogen I add composted manure and organic fertilizer when I prepare the soil to stagger the nitrogen available to the plants over time. The organic fertilizer gets the plants off to a good start and the compost provides nitrogen over the growing season.

Picking the right transplants: Choose healthy transplants of varieties that you like and that do well in our climate. For the tomatoes and peppers, that means short season varieties. For the fall transplants like broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts and the like? Slow bolting/heat resistant varieties. Above all seek out good-looking transplants. Green foliage free from yellow spots, yellow margins, or black spots or other signs of distress. Check the roots in their pots. Look for healthy, full root systems and avoid transplants whose roots have race-tracked around the pot and are pot-bound.

Consider growing your own transplants: This is by far the most cost-effective approach. By picking your own seed and growing your own seedlings, you can reduce the per-plant cost by a factor. The relevant equipment (heat mats, seedling flats, grow lights and timers) is a minor expense when averaged out over the years you will use the stuff. And you can time your transplants to allow easier succession planting through the fall and winter season. As in, one can plant six cabbage or broccoli seedlings every 4 weeks to stagger the harvest and not produce too much of any one thing at a time. I tend to use this approach since it is a rare person who needs 8 or 12 cabbages at once. Growing your own bedding plants with annual flower seeds is also hugely economical.

Seed selection for direct-sowing: What do you like? What have you grown here that did well in our climate? Do you or your family have favorite varieties of certain vegetables or things that you simply must plant? Get the seeds out and get to planting. Also seek out seeds for favorite vegetables that are pricey and that you don't buy very often as a result. Sometimes the culture of those vegetables is surprisingly easy and will allow you to enjoy your favorites far more often.

Herbs and flowers: The fall growing season is herb season here in Woodlea Melrose. Once the temperatures drop below 100, herbs such as cilantro, chervil, dill, fennel and parsley can be direct-sown. They all provide wonderful flavors for your kitchen and necessary nutrition for our swallowtail butterfly caterpillars and other pollinators here. Succession sow these as well to extend the harvest. Fall flowers can be planted as well once September and cooler temperatures arrive. Sweet peas, morning glory, California poppies, clarkia, alyssum, lobelia, stock, pansy, petunias, snapdragons.

Hope that everyone uses their imagination and plants at least two new things this fall.
You may surprise yourself!

WM Residents can request to join the Woodlea-Melrose Garden Geeks group on Facebook by clicking [here](#)



Woodlea Melrose Real Estate Update

By Rebecca Wagner, Turney Ave

Since the last newsletter, we have gone from one home on the market to six homes for sale. There has been an increase in days on the market. The end of summer typically has a slight down turn in sales. It is still an overall low inventory, with price per square foot increasing year over year in the 85013 zip code, and buyers continue to desire our amazing neighborhood!

Currently on the market:

4318 N 13TH Ave.

3 bedrooms 1 bath, 1125 square feet Listed for \$285,000

1301 W Mackenzie Dr.

2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1087 square feet Listed for \$295,000

1104 W Heatherbrae Dr.

3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1148 square feet Listed for \$339,000

914 W Heatherbrae Dr.

3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 1294 square feet Listed for \$350,000

4309 N 13th Ave.

3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 1419 square feet Listed for \$389,900

1413 W Glenrosa Ave

4 bedrooms , 3 bath, 1779 square feet Listed for \$425,000

Under contract:

None at this time

Sold:

Welcome new neighbors!

901 W Montecito Ave. Sold on 08/09/18

1146 W Mackenzie Dr. Sold on 06/15/18



Irrigation News

We are so fortunate to live in the oasis in the desert that is Woodlea-Melrose. This is due, in a large part, to the wonderful irrigation system we have in place in our beautiful neighborhood. Unlike many other neighborhoods in the Valley, we have the added benefit of hiring irrigation experts to handle the release and dispersment of the water to each property. Les and Robin do a wonderful job of keeping everything in check, but we each have responsibility too! Here are so tips to help you 'navigate the waters':

- If you are doing construction please be aware of irrigation lines underground. The pipes are old and fragile; any breaks or damage to pipes or valves are the homeowner's responsibility. Please contact a member of the Irrigation Board for information or service provider recommendations (480-529-7330).
- Each property must maintain clear waterways, and berms high enough to ensure you receive your complete allotment of water. Robin and Les run the water to fill each individual yard, and this becomes harder to manage or gauge when water overflows from one yard to another.
- For scheduling purposes, irrigation generally runs between February - November. Irrigator fees are due to Renee Cooperman by President's Day in February. The schedule is posted in the SRP box on the corner of Heatherbrea and 11th, and you can also check online via: <https://water.srpnet.com/quickview/schedule> and searching for our subdivision schedule using number 960076.
- If there is a problem during irrigation, please try your best to flag down our irrigators Les or Robin. If they are unavailable, you may contact a member the Irrigation Board.

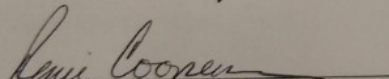
Thank you for keeping Woodlea-Melrose green and beautiful!

CALL OF ELECTION
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
WOODLEA IWDD NO. 2

Notice is hereby given to all qualified electors of the above district that an election, to fill ^{one} ~~three~~ vacancy(s) on the Board of Trustees created by the expiration of ^{one (2)} ~~three (2)~~ year terms will be held on the 21st day of November, 2018.

In order to vote in this election, a qualified elector must own real property located within the district's taxable boundaries at least 90 days prior to the election.

Dated the 20 day of June, 2018.


Board of Trustees, Chairman

Woodlea IWDD NO. 2
Name of District



Pay your annual dues -just \$10- and get a WM coffee mug! We'll do a different icon each year so you can collect them all. You can pay your WM annual dues [HERE](#) anytime.



Neighborhood Meetings Fall 2018

Tuesday, September 4th

When: 7pm to 8pm

Where: Seventh Day Adventist Church, Community Room
777 W Montecito Avenue

Front Yard Friday

When: Friday, Sept. 28th - 6:30 pm

Where: 918 Heatherbrae Drive hosted by Jess & Travis

When: Friday, Oct. 19th - 6:30 pm

Where: 924 W Roma Ave hosted by Sharon

WM Shred Event - Saturday, September 29th 2018

When: 8am to 11am

Where: TBD

WM Yard Sales - Sat + Sun, October 6th and 7th 2018

When: 8am to 11am

Where: Your yard or driveway!

Block Party Cookout - Saturday, November 3rd 2018

When: 5pm to 9pm

Where: TBD

WM Luminary Event - Saturday, December 22nd 2018

When: 5pm

Where: Entire neighborhood

Weekday Roundup

Erin Hageman, Mackenzie Dr.

Every once and while we find ourselves with a free evening during the week. It's rare, but it happens. Next time we find our schedules empty, we'll check out one of these cool local recurring activities instead of watching TV in our underwear.

MONDAYS

Free Games All Night: Valley Bar, all day

In my mind, Monday is synonymous with 'blah'. Shake of the work malaise with free games including pool, darts, shuffle board and skee ball at this hipster haunt. 21 and over.

It Takes Two: Clever Koi, Monday AND Tuesday, all night

Grab your best bud or significant other and dig into the best food & beverage pairing in town. Choose any two (2) rice or noodle dishes and pair it with four (4) draft beers for \$40. Or, substitute any four (4) of the cocktails from the "classic" list or a bottle of wine from the BTG list for an additional \$10.



TUESDAYS

Harkins does Tuesday Night Classics for just \$5! Shows start at 7pm
And you can see them from any Harkins in the Valley- including right by us at Christown. Check their website to see what's playing this month [Harkins Theater](#)

Trivia Night: [DeSoto Central Market](#) 7pm to 10pm
Bring your Brain, Friends, competitiveness, and hunger for food and/drink!
General Trivia to test the seasoned at heart or the beginner who is jumping into the fun! Prizes to be awarded to top 3 groups!

Taco Tuesday: [Joyride Taco House](#) 2pm to close
You can get \$2 tacos in varieties such as braised beef, shrimp, chicken tinga, baja fish, and more. The Tuesday night specials also includes handmade margaritas for \$5 each -- and from 2 to 6 p.m you can double up on deals by taking advantage of the restaurant's weekday happy hour. Those specials include \$4 guacamole, \$6 ceviche, and \$5 Mexican beer pitchers.



Dollar Tacos: [Thirdspace](#)
This funky eatery on Grand Ave boasts \$1 street tacos and \$3 house margaritas.
Yes, you read that right: tacos for 100 pennies a piece. Start searching those couch cushions.

WEDNESDAYS

FREE Art: Phoenix Art Museum Free every Wednesday from 3pm to 9pm
Admission is also free, though a donation is suggested, on First Fridays, Second Saturdays and Second Sundays.



Trivia Night: Carly's Bistro, 7pm

Make hump day more exciting by capping it off with Trivia Night. The right answers to questions about movies and music can get first-, second-, and third-place winners some awesome prizes.

Midweek Mind Tweak: Co+Hoots, 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Co+Hoots is a collaborative work space that offers midday talks every Wednesday on small business topics, ranging from copy writing to business plans.

THURSDAYS

Trivia Night: George & Dragon, 9pm

This pub is in biking distance from our 'hood and throws down a fiercely competitive and hilarious trivia night. The 40 question game runs straight through, no breaks, for upward of two hours, and winners receive comped bar tabs.



FRIDAYS

Third Fridays: Downtown PHX

We all know about the lively First Friday art walk and street festival, but the Third Friday of the month is also getting some attention. Independent artists and gallerists host wine and cheese receptions on Roosevelt Row and while the air is still festive, it's a bit less crowded.