



CHAIR NOTES – ERICH SCHWALD (MACKENZIE)

Hello Neighbors! We're coming up on my favorite time of year. I've already noticed more of you out walking your dogs, riding your bikes, and tending to your yards and gardens. With the worst of the heat behind us, the WMNA is going to be a lot more active as well. As always, we'll be looking for volunteers to help with these activities. There are so many different ways that you can get involved and you will find many events in this newsletter that will present opportunities to help out.

We are still looking for street reps for Glenrosa and Montecito. Street reps are important, as they distribute information and help to organize their neighbors for special events. If you are interested in becoming a street rep, contact info@woodleamelrose.org or reach out to any of the board members listed at the end of this newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who helped with this newsletter. There is a wealth of knowledge and creativity in Woodlea Melrose and ideas and contributions are always welcome. I hope to see all of you out enjoying the fall weather and I hope to see you all out at a Front Yard Friday. I can't wait to hear about your summers!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We've had a lot of new neighbors moving in over the last 6 months and we'd like to ask for your help in spreading the word about Woodlea Melrose events. Please feel free to invite newbies to our events and to join the Facebook page. New Neighbor Ambassador Rebecca Wagner will send welcome letters and drop off welcome baskets.

- We're looking for street reps for Glenrosa and Montecito + 11 th Ave. Street reps pass out flyers and communicate neighborhood events to their assigned street once or twice a quarter. If you're interested in helping out, please talk to a board member or message info@woodleamelrose.org

- Now the weather is cooling off, please remember to always pick up after your dog when you're enjoying your walks together. The extra 30 seconds spent picking up after your dog is an act of respect and conscientiousness. Let's keep our neighborhood clean!

- Be on the lookout for our new street signs! The WMNA association purchased spiffy new street flags bearing the Woodlea Melrose name for all of our intersections and the installation will begin in the last week of September.



IMPORTANT DATES

- 2016 Neighborhood Meeting at the Church on 777 W Montecito @ 7PM
TUE Sep 20

- FYF is Back! FRI Sept 23 @ Diane's Front Yard 1109 W Heatherbrae

- Neighborhood Yard Sale—SAT Oct 15

- Neighborhood Cookout—SAT Nov 5

- Luminarias—SAT Dec 17

SAVE THE DATE

Woodlea Melrose is waking up! After a summer siesta, our neighborhood gets back in gear in the last quarter of the year. Here's a rundown of what we've got planned, take a look and pencil these in your own calendar!

Free Shredding Event

When: SAT Oct 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Where: Melrose Center Parking Lot (corner of Montecito & 7th Ave)

Arizona ranks 9 th in the nation for identity theft in 2016. To help our neighbors keep their private information away from prying eyes, the AZ Center for the Blind's mobile shredding unit will be available to shred all your junk mail, medical bills, tax returns and any other paper that has sensitive information. The shredder can also handle credit cards and staples! All you have to do is get your papers gathered together, drive over and drop them off. There is no cost to neighbors to use this service.

Garage Sale

When: SAT Oct 15 from 7:00 a.m. to Noon

Where: Your Driveway!

After you get all of your old documents shredded, you might as well keep the organizing kick going and turn your clutter into cash. Each year, we advertise the neighborhood-wide sale on Craigslist and several newspapers and we benefit from attracting shoppers en masse. Throw a blanket down and hawk your wares in your driveway. Or do like I do, and go buy your neighbors' things.

We do ask for a \$5 donation to the neighborhood to help cover advertising costs if you make over \$50 at your sale.

Annual Neighborhood Block Party

When: SAT Nov 4 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Montecito

This street party is our annual Block Watch event with the goal of introducing as many neighbors as possible. A strong community is the best defense against crime.

Like years past, we'll have plenty of food, from BBQ to side dishes to desserts, for people to enjoy. We completely block off Montecito so the whole street is open for kids to play and adults to mingle. Bring your family! This event is paid for with Block Watch funds and is free to everyone.

Please consider volunteering – we need help setting up, breaking down, cooking for 1-hour time slots and manning the neighborhood booth.

Luminarias

When: SAT Dec 17, Time TBD

Where: Neighborhood wide

The annual lighting of the luminarias is one of my favorite events in the neighborhood. Each street works together to line their sidewalks with bags and we light the candles at dusk. Details on where to pick up sand, bags and candles will be posted on Facebook.

GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY - ERIN HAGEMAN (MACKENZIE)

We're almost back to beautiful weather the rest of the country envies while it's stuck salting roads and de-icing windshields. Just like our neighborhood, the rest of the Central Phoenix is planning lots of cool events outdoors.

Certified Local Fall Festival

The Certified Local Fall Festival is a free family-friendly event celebrating all things local to Arizona. The festival features 100+ vendors with some of Arizona's favorite local businesses, food samples from some of the best Arizona restaurants and food trucks, and a beverage garden.

SAT, Nov 5 | 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Margaret T Hance Park

Meet Me Downtown



Calling all runners! Meet Me Downtown (MMDT) brings people of all ages to downtown Phoenix for a weekly social walk/run, engaging individuals and businesses in a vibrant event that showcases downtown Phoenix as a prime location for healthy activities. The route is 3.2 miles and winds through downtown – you can walk or run and there’s a 1.8-mile optional extension for those who are extra ambitious.

Every MON, rain or shine | 5:15 pm | 50 W Jefferson

Uptown Farmer’s Market



In September, this lovely food-based farmers market moves back outside! The market is a gathering place dedicated to inspiring and educating home cooks through Arizona local produce, handmade foods and handcrafted goods.

One of the best perks of the Uptown Market is the Veggie Valet! You can purchase fruits and vegetables from your favorite farmer and have them chopped, sliced and diced onsite. They’ve partnered with the Careers through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP), a national non-profit group that sends high school students to culinary schools through scholarship. At Uptown, these C-CAP student chefs gain real knife skills experience, a key requirement for any restaurant position. Veggie Valet is available every Saturday year-round. The service is free and donations welcome.

SAT + WED | 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Central + Bethany Home

PHX Renews Saturday Clean Up



Looking for a volunteer opportunity that will get you back in touch with Mother Earth? Phoenix Renews hosts a monthly volunteer event to help maintain the community gardens on the NW corner of Indian School and Central. Project tasks vary and include everything from a general cleanup, to painting, to creative reuse projects, to having fun! All are welcome! It's also a great way to hook up with experienced gardeners who will share their wisdom. Sign up at <http://secondsaturday.splashthat.com> & see you there.

Second SAT of every month | 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. | Central + Indian School

Rainbows Festival



Phoenix Pride is the proud producer of the “Arizona’s Greatest Street Fair”, the Rainbows Festival. The annual Rainbows Festival & Street Fair is a celebration of the diversity of the LGBTQ community. The event is located in historic Heritage Square Park in Downtown Phoenix. Each year, the Rainbows Festival draws a crowd of over 25,000 friends, families and allies. Rainbows Festival is the 2nd largest LGBTQ event in the state of Arizona, only 2nd to the Phoenix Pride Festival.

The annual Rainbows Festival is a free event open to the public and hosts nearly 150 exhibitors and sponsors throughout the two-day event with 2 stages filled with entertainment throughout the weekend.

Oct 15 & 16 | 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. | Heritage Square Park

PHX Pizza Festival



Pizza. Do I have your attention now? The Phoenix Pizza Festival is the first festival in Arizona dedicated to the best food ever: pizza! This affordable event brings together great pizza makers and local businesses for an amazing day of cheesy awesomeness. Live bands, lawn games, craft beer and wine stations, dessert stations, as well as a kid’s craft zone round out this comfortable outdoor event. Tickets are only \$10 and a portion of event proceeds benefit the Downtown Phoenix Inc., an organization dedicated to the creation of a thriving downtown.

SAT, Nov 19 | 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. | Margaret T Hance Park

TRICK OR TREAT – ERIN HAGEMAN (MACKENZIE)



October is the spookiest time of the year and it's right around the corner. We've been in the 'hood for only two years, so we don't have a lot of experience to judge how much candy to buy. Our first year, Halloween fell on a Saturday, so we got enough kids to burn through the two huge bags of candy from Costco. But the following year, we had less trick-or-treaters on Sunday night. Since it falls on a Monday this year, I'm guessing we'll have the smallest turn out yet, but we're still planning on getting at least one jumbo bag from Costco. With all of the Halloween celebration and activities, it can also be pretty chaotic. The City of Phoenix Police Department suggests following the tips below to have a safe and happy Halloween. If you plan on celebrating, please be safe!

Tips for Motorists:

Slow down and anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic.

Watch for children walking on roads, medians and curbs.

Turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.

Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

Enter and exit driveways carefully.

Don't pass stopped vehicles. The driver might be dropping off children.

Never drink and drive – if you plan to drink plan on having a designated driver or an alternate means of transportation.

Tips for Pedestrians (children and adults):

Before crossing a street, stop at the curb or edge of the road and look left, right, and left again to be sure cars are not coming. Continue to check for traffic while on the street. Cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks.

When crossing at an intersection with a traffic light, be sure to watch for turning cars. Obey all pedestrian signals.

Walk on sidewalks whenever possible. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the street facing traffic.

Tips for Parents:

Adults should accompany children at all times and supervise their “trick or treat” activities.

Teach children to “stop, look left-right-left and listen” before they cross the street.

Use a flashlight, and wear retro-reflective strips or patches on your clothing or costume to be more visible to motorists.

Ensure that costumes do not impede walking or driving ability.

Tips for Pet Owners:

As much as your dog or cat may beg for some of your Halloween candy, always remember that chocolate is deadly to them in any amount.

Candy wrappers, such as tin foil, can get stuck in your pet’s digestive tract and make them very sick.

Large dogs’ tails or curious cats can knock over candles, Jack-O-Lanterns or other potentially flammable decorations. Keep pets away from holiday displays.

Be careful that cats or dogs don’t dart out the door when passing out candy.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS IN CENPHO - ERIN HAGEMAN (MACKENZIE)

Central Phoenix has a lot to offer, from the fine arts to pop art to everything in between. Check out PoeFest downtown to get your EAP fix and visit the Symphony to listen to the music of Harry Potter live. For those waxing nostalgic, get to Film Bar and see 1978’s Halloween on the big screen, or head to City Scape for the original Ghost Busters en plein air.

PoeFest



PoeFest is the eighth annual celebration of the stories and poems of Edgar Allan Poe held every October in Downtown Phoenix. The performances are not readings, instead, actors have memorized Poe's stories and will perform them as inmates in Poe's fictional Maison de Santé Asylum. PoeFest features a rotating schedule of Poe's stories. Go to Poefest.org to see a full schedule of stories and poems.

Every Fri and Sat night between Oct 7 & 29 | 8:00 p.m. | Hotel San Carlos' Ghost Lounge @ 202 N Central Ave

Halloween at Hogwarts: Featuring the Music of Harry Potter

The Phoenix Symphony is calling all Gryffindors, Hufflepuffs, Ravenclaws and even Slytherins! The orchestra will perform selections from the Harry Potter films and invites guests to dress as their favorite wizard, sorcerer or other Hogwarts favorite and delight in the spooktacular pre-concert activities. Check phoenixsymphony.org for details.
Oct 7, 8 & 9 | 1 N 1st St

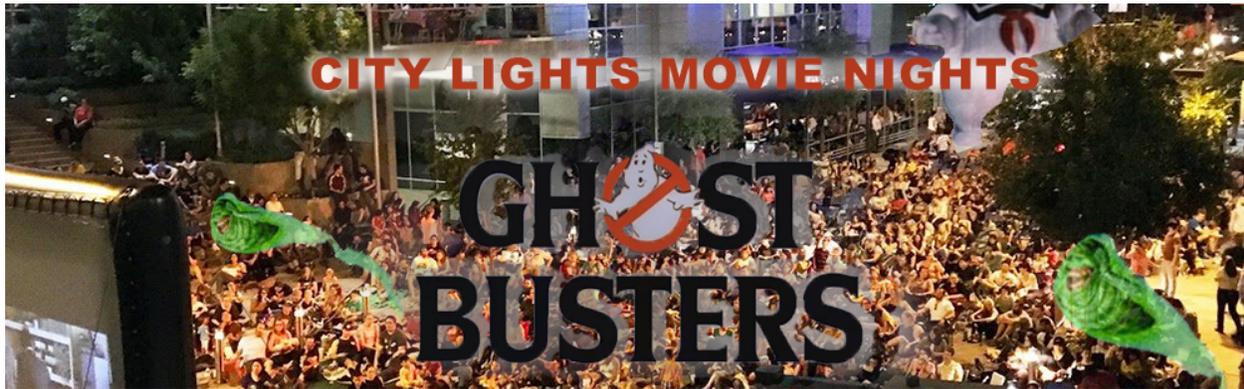
Film Bar Screening of Halloween



What's October without a really scary movie? Film Bar will screen Halloween with Michael Myers in all his creepy glory in October. Check filmbar.com to find times and to find other scary movies.

Time & Dates TBD | 815 N 2nd St

City Lights Movie Nights feat. Ghostbusters



City Lights Movie Nights is an outdoor movie series presented for free to the community in partnership with Downtown Phoenix Inc featuring Ghostbusters in October! Viewers are invited to bring their picnic blankets and chairs for a night of FREE fun under the city lights.

FRI, Oct 14 | 6:30 p.m. | Central Avenue at CityScape

Tolmachoff Farms Corn Maze & Pumpkin Days

Make it an unforgettable fall season this year at Tolmachoff Farms with fun for the whole family including a pumpkin patch, 6-acre family corn, mini corn maze (perfect for the little ones) and a haunted corn maze. Other activities include a petting zoo, train ride, hay pyramid, corn box, adult/child pedal cart track, jumping pillow and much more.

Oct 1 – Nov 8 | Tolmachoff-farms.com for times | 5726 N. 75th Ave., Glendale AZ

MASTERPIECE MOMENT



The very talented and prolific Lia Rothman submitted this drawing called "Kite Flying is Fun and Other Sports" for everyone's enjoyment! Lia, you're right - kite flying is pretty fun! Thank you for sharing your masterpiece with the neighborhood!

RESTAURANT REVIEW – RENE AMDAHL (HEATHERBRAE)



Having relocated back to Phoenix after ten years, I was shocked to see the Foodie town that PHX has turned into. So, upon hearing that yet another 'gastropub' was opening I was pretty skeptical about it; skeptical yet, hopeful as it is A) DOWN THE STREET!!! and B) food.

To be honest I really don't like to try out new places, especially restaurants, within the first few months of opening. This gives them time to work out all the kinks and a better shot of winning me over as a new client. Toasted however, is at the end of my street and, let's be frank how badly can you mess up grilled cheese? My friends/neighbors I'm here to tell you, no instruct you, to get thee to Toasted straight away.

The service was quick, friendly and knowledgeable. Peter sat us, waited on us, grabbed our drinks and even got me a taste of the chili to bribe me to come back. The sandwiches were not too shabby. I personally had the Turkey RaspBrie, the filling was basically a ball at the center that should have been evenly distributed and I'd have preferred my bread toasted a little longer, but it was still tasty. My daughter, 11, inhaled the Whole Enchilada on pretzel bread. Oh yeah, you heard that right: Pretzel Bread. My husband enjoyed his Phoenix Cheesesteak and he proclaimed he "would definitely order again.

The sandwiches and location brought us in, BUT it's the beer battered fries that will bring me back again and again and again. I'm thinking since this is within walking distance a wine and fries, or perhaps the chili cheese fries nights just may be a thing in my future


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NEW FRONT PORCH LOTTERY PROGRAM - PATTI KARNES (9TH AVE)



Woodlea-Melrose Neighborhood Association is proud to announce a new front yard/ porch seating program that we are able to fund through our yearly neighborhood grant! The idea behind this new program is to get people out in their front yards by compensating neighbors for purchasing front yard seating. Originally inspired by Ex-Mayor Phil Gordon's 2005 initiative to "bench crime" by getting folks in their front yards we are more likely to get to know our neighbors and be active participants in daily activities happening around the neighborhood.

So the way the program will work - 30 neighbors will be awarded (thru a lottery system) up to \$100 to purchase any kind of front yard/porch seating you like. So, say you win and have had your eye on the perfect front porch bench that costs \$180? You will be reimbursed \$100. Or if you have been drooling over a \$90 front yard chaise? You will be reimbursed \$90.

The lottery will open at our next neighborhood meeting September 20th and run thru November 1st. Winners will be announced at the Annual Neighborhood Cookout on November 5th. If you would like to enter your name you have a few ways you can do so.

1. There will be a sign-up sheet at the neighborhood meeting on Sept. 20th
2. You can email your information (name/address/phone) to: info@woodleamelrose.org
3. You can send your information (name/address/phone) to: Woodlea Melrose Neighborhood Association P.O. Box 33202, Phoenix, AZ 85067

If this program takes off we hope to offer this each year until everyone has the chance to be a winner - good luck to all!



SAMA SAYS - KARA CARDOZA

SAMA would like to invite our neighbors from the Woodlea-Melrose Neighborhood to join us for these fun and important events in the next few months:

Heels for Healing at Flo's on 7th on Saturday, September 24 @ 8 am

Florence Crittenton's 8th Annual Heels for Healing event is coming up on Saturday, September 24. Please consider donating your gently used designer shoes and handbags for this worthy cause. Also, be sure to visit flocrit.org to get tickets and join in the fun on the 24th! Proceeds will support Florence Crittenton's mission of helping young women in need in the Phoenix area.

SAMA General Meeting at Tan International (734 W. Highland) on Thursday, October 27

Our quarterly General Meetings are open to the public, and we look forward to seeing many of our neighbors at these events! We always work hard to bring in interesting and impactful guest speakers. Reception with appetizers and drinks begins at 6 pm, and the meeting is called to order at 6:30.

Music & Merriment in Melrose on First Friday, December 2 from 6 to 9 pm

Our second annual Music & Merriment in Melrose is coming up on Friday, December 2. Live performers will be stationed throughout the Melrose District. Many businesses stay open late and offer special dishes or deals for the evening. Proceeds from this festive event support the Osborn School District's music program. If you're a musician interested in performing at this special event, please complete the registration form [here](#).

SAMA looks forward to seeing you around town and at these upcoming events!

REAL ESTATE UPDATE – REBECCA WAGNER (TURNEY)

Here is what is happening in our neighborhood since the last newsletter. Home inventory in our neighborhood is low! We only have one home on the market, come and get it!

924 W Roma listed for \$300,000

Four homes have sold, with an average sales price of \$252,000 and \$194.81 price per square foot.

1407 W.Glenrosa Ave. Sold on 08/31/2016

4239 N. 9th Ave. Sold on 07/26/2016

1137 W. Mackenzie Sold on 06/27/2016

4313 N.14th Ave. Sold on 03/30/2016

Since January 2016, overall 15 homes have sold with an average sales price of \$314,325, 1530 was the average square feet, and price per square foot \$218.36. This gives an overall picture of the neighborhood with homes selling much above and below this average and it shows a variance depending on what condition and upgrades have been done to the home.

The chart below shows the sales of single family homes in the entire 85013 zip code from 2014-2016 for your reference and review. Many factors go into the pricing and sales of homes. If you have any specific questions, feel free to reach out to me. I am invested in the neighborhood and would love to be your real estate resource.



We to

want

connect

with new neighbors and welcome them to the area. If you are new or have met new neighbors, please have them reach out to us so we can schedule a time to meet. We do go door knock but as I have stated before, that is not always successful. My email is Rebecca.wagner@russlyon.com or phone # 602-741-5659

Cooler weather is coming and front yard Fridays begin again. I hope to see you around the neighborhood!

THANK YOU!

As always, everyone on the Woodlea Melrose Neighborhood Association is so grateful to all of our neighbors who participate in our events and engage in our community! We truly believe we have one of the best neighborhoods in Central Phoenix and that's all thanks to the people who live here.

Even though we didn't have many social events this summer, we want to extend our gratitude to everyone who has posted on the Facebook page, picked up after their pets and offered a kind word or assistance to our fellow neighbors. Thank you for going out of your way to improve our 'hood, in ways big and small!

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WOODLEA MELROSE NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION BOARD

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The Woodlea Melrose Neighborhood Association Board was founded in 1987 to serve the collective well being of the neighborhood. The Board members are dedicated volunteers elected by the neighborhood every year in December. The WMNA collects dues annually, in the amount of \$10, and/or donations to fund neighborhood events. Your dues and donations are tax-deductible. Meetings are typically held quarterly at the Phoenix Central SDA Church. All residents of Woodlea Melrose are invited to attend. Meeting agendas are made available to all residents through email, Facebook, and at the meeting. The Board encourages all residents of Woodlea Melrose to get involved in the neighborhood. Each neighbor can make a difference by paying your annual dues, making a donation, or becoming a Board member, street representative, or volunteer.

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