

WM General Meeting (9/1/2020)

Attendance: HELD VIA ZOOM MEETING FOR SAFE SOCIAL DISTANCING

Name of Attendees

Carly Rebeck	Kathy Tucker	Dulce Rivas	Jessica Contreras
Jen Alexander	Rebecca Wagner	Gail Brown	John Woodland
Leah Cheney	Jim Murphy	Nate Worthington	Kimb Williamson
Stacie Beute	Lisa Shaul	Ty Jernigan	Neal Greene
Sara Fleury	Merlevic Tamondong	Lauren Makovieki	Mardi Pomeroy
Elias Villarreal	Grace Shivka	Micah Graf	Brian Davison

Introduction

- Go over past events and last time we met in person, February General Meeting, February Dog Cat Bird Registration event, March Melrose Street Fair
- Go over Zoom meeting talking points, video or no video, mute, answering questions, we will not record meeting but will be taking notes and writing down names of all who are attending.

Stacie Beute, Neighborhood Specialist, City of Phoenix, Illegal Dumping

This new dumping we are seeing in Melrose is not the typical stuff—no mattresses, plant material, tires, etc. This particular version of dumping is brand new shipping boxes, packing foam and materials, and pallets. The dumper is disposing of materials alleys and on lots along 7th Ave and is also using other businesses' dumpsters to dispose of their own business materials.

Some tips for residents:

If you witness illegal dumping in progress, call Crime Stop at 602-262-6151.

To report illegal dumping after the fact, contact 602-262-6251. In the recorded message, there is no option to select "illegal dumping" so you will have to say "representative."

In specific cases when you also see a pattern of materials emanating from a single address:

- Consider filing a police report
- Loop in your Community Action Officer, Aaron Stevens
- Loop in your Neighborhood Specialist, Stacie.beute@phoenix.gov

New Neighbor Update

Hello new neighbors and discuss upcoming new neighbor zoom mtg, info below:



Woodlea Melrose Neighborhood New Neighbor Virtual Meet and Greet!
Woodlea Melrose Neighborhood Association is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Woodlea Melrose NEW NEIGHBORS JOIN US!
Tuesday, September 15th, 2020, 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting with Link Below
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84123271239?pwd=cklGdVFXI4Zm5kSkFvZVZlTkdzTDZkdz09>

Meeting ID: email wmboardphx@gmail.com for sign up info
Passcode: email wmboardphx@gmail.com for password info

Find your local dial in number at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84123271239>

Come join us to meet new neighbors, ask questions about the neighborhood, discuss fun local spots, what's available within the neighborhood and figure out a safe delivery system for greeting packages!

 WOODLEA-MELROSE

Social Distanced Events and Future Ideas

We want to officially thank everyone for all that have gotten involved in some of the socially distanced fun we have had over this time. We started with a chalk your walk, where many neighbors participated in writing inspiring messages to neighbors and kids on walks, progressed to a much anticipated “bear” hunt where kids looked for stuffed animals in windows, and benches around the neighborhood, and along with Grandview, we invited the Easter bunny to drive around the neighborhood and wave hello. Neighbors decorated their yards, and kids counted plastic Easter eggs, pictures of eggs were colored in and hung from windows and trees, and our first neighborhood wide no touch Easter Egg hunt was founded. We celebrated graduates and cheered neighbors graduating from kindergarten, eighth grade, high school, college, graduate school, and doctor’s programs. A yard sign was transported around the neighborhood and visited graduates’ yards cheering them on. We were able to still do our front yard seating contest and had Gloria pick ten winning household names live on Facebook for reimbursement of outdoor seating in April. We installed not one, but two dog poop stations near the Toolshed and near the Little Free Library on MacKenzie which celebrated our 2019 and 2020 Best in Show Winners from our Dog Cat Animal Registration events held both those years. We had socially distanced neighborhood dinners, celebrated birthdays with streamers and decorations, had bike parties. Neighbors sewed masks, donated puzzles, kids crafts, construction paper, extra citrus, and so much more to make sure other neighbors were safe and entertained. We completed neighborhood address curb painting updates, and replaced five old Neighborhood Watch Signage. And we were able to socially distance and complete two Adopt a Street cleanings along 7th Avenue. We truly want to thank everyone for all their time and effort! We have more pictures and videos celebrating these events in our April and June Videos we created that we will show at the end of this Zoom meeting.

Woodlea Melrose Book Club meets monthly on Sundays, they are meeting through Zoom, and the books they are reading through year end are: Catch and Kill, Ronan Farrow for September; Evvie Drake Starts Over, Linda Holmes for October; Exhalation, Ted Chiang for November; and An Almost Perfect Christmas, Nina Stibbe for December. If you want information on joining the bookclub, email wboardphx@gmail.com.

Tool Shed has also remained open and operating at this time, please reach out to John with questions or to borrow a tool.



Halloween House Decorating Contest

Discussed options for a social distanced Halloween event. Starting registration for houses being decorated, email the wboardphx@gmail.com. If participating in the decorating of the houses please put out candy at the end of the driveway. Also email if children interested in receiving candy, maybe put out a box or container at end of driveway to put candy in for the kids. Walk around in costume or bike and vote on Halloween decorations on 10/31/20 and we will release voting information as we closer to Halloween.



T Shirt Decorating Contest Submission

We are excited to announce that we are accepting submission for the 2021 Neighborhood Tshirt. We still have long sleeved Tshirts of the 2020 design available for all interested, email us at wboardphx@gmail.com with questions. We need your submittal by November 1, 2020 to the neighborhood email. The winning design is subject to final board approval, Woodlea Melrose must appear in the design, design can be only three colors plus the background shirt color, and please limit submission to one per resident. We need the design in pdf format, thank you!



Neighborhood BBQ Ideas

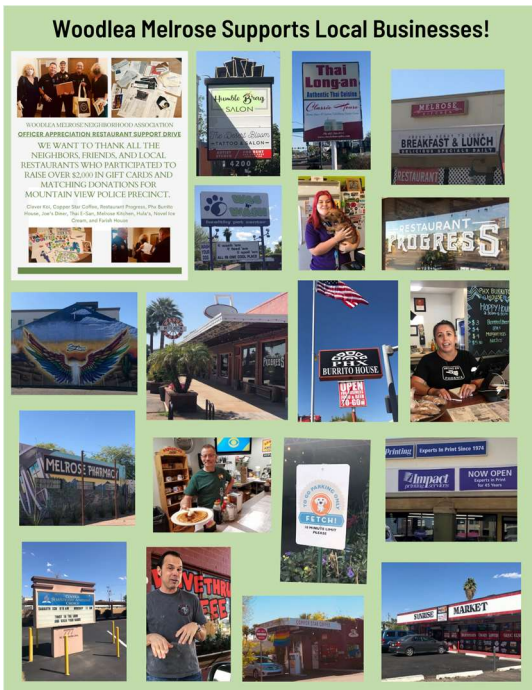
We are thinking this year's BBQ we will keep a little up in the air. But at this time, we are thinking about everyone who wants to participate to drag their grills out in their front yards and set up a table in their yard while distancing from their next door and across the street neighbors, and chowing down while saying hello across the street from a distance. Maybe a neighborhood masked bike ride after as well. Still set for November 7th, 2020 and we will remain open and following all guidelines. Even outside, eating together is a little difficult in large gatherings. Our last BBQ was the most well attended yet with close to 100 people. So

we are keeping it safe and hoping that a different kind of Neighborhood BBQ can happen this year and return to 2021 with a gathering of everyone!



Continuing Local Business and Neighborhood Support Services

When local businesses reached out and expressed that they were suffering, the Neighborhood featured them in a virtual video created for our April General Meeting, we supported them by gathering funds for the Mountain View Precinct Support drive raising over \$2000 to buy gift cards from ten local restaurants. So many of you have purchased to go orders from local restaurants, supported local business as they have had to adapt their business models to survive, and shown appreciation and patience as they have implemented social distancing and mask requirements. What else can we keep doing in the future to support and encourage these amazing local businesses we love so much to keep their doors open during this difficult time?



Continuing Local Business and Neighborhood Support Services

We will continue to try to put out Free Testing Information as we receive it on FB. Currently, all persons over the age of two are required to wear face coverings in public by order of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. If any neighbors need help obtaining a mask, please reach out to the board and we will coordinate help. A great resource is www.phoenix.gov/resources. There are links to phone numbers for services, 602-262-3111, Senior Hours at Local Store links and hour verification. (Go to the webpage and click on links within).

We printed the Phoenix CARES Act pdf and put up on message board as well.

COVID19 Resources

FROM COUNCILWOMAN LAURA PASTOR'S OFFICE ACTION REQUESTS:

CENSUS: Don't forget to fill out your census. Important for the city & neighborhoods to receive proper funding!

- 2020census.gov
- You can **call** the toll-free number **1-844-330-2020** and respond by phone. A census representative will ask you the survey questions and enter your information into the database.
- You can also **text** "RespondNow" the Census Self-Response Line at **313131** to automatically receive a link to 2020census.gov and complete your 2020 Census now.
- More info at iCOUNT2020.info

HOMELESSNESS PLAN: The city is asking for feedback on the proposed strategies in the city's Homelessness Plan ([English PDF](#)) ([Spanish PDF](#))

- Background and history of the city's efforts to address homelessness, can be found at Phoenix.gov/homelesshelp.
- The surveys will be open through **September 4, 2020:**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HomelessHelpPHX>

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

- **LIBRARY:** is letting customers place new holds and pick up materials via curbside service.
 - Call 602-262-4636
 - Or visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org
- **RENT, MORTGAGE, & UTILITY ASSISTANCE:** The Council approved \$25.7 million for utility and rent assistance (\$1.7 of which is specifically for refugee and asylum seekers).
 - More info on attached flyer.
- **Upcoming Public COVID-19 Testing**
(updated list can be found at <https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/em-and-hs/1399>)
Thursday, September 3, 2020
Paradise Valley Community Center
17642 N. 40th St. Phoenix, AZ 85032
Council District 2
7:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Testing is limited. Appointments required at: <https://vincerecancer.com>
Friday, September 4, 2020
Sueno Park
4401 W. Encanto Blvd. Phoenix, AZ 85035
Council District 4
7:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Appointments required at: <https://vincerecancer.com>
Saturday, September 5, 2020
Spaces of Opportunity
1200 W. Vineyard Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85041

Council District 7

7:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Appointments required at: <https://vincerecancer.com>

SMALL BUSINESS UPDATE

City of Phoenix still has funding available through its Small Business Relief Grant and Microbusiness Resiliency Grant. The criteria was recently expanded to businesses open a year prior to applying:

- \$5 million to the Phoenix IDA Small Business Relief Grant to help an additional 500 small businesses in low-income neighborhoods with grants of up to \$10,000.
- \$8 million to the Microbusiness Resiliency Grant to help 1,500 businesses with 5 or fewer employees (including solo practitioners, entrepreneurs, and self-employed) with grants of up to \$5,000
- INFO can be found at:
 - www.phoenix.gov/resources
 - <https://www.azfoundation.org/Grants-Loans/COVID-19-Funding-for-Phoenix-Small-Businesses>

More resources printed and put on Neighborhood Message Board, sent out via email, and put up on Facebook page.

Questions?

A request was made by Beth Kohler on behalf of SAMA to combine the Grandview Neighborhood and Woodlea Melrose into the same precinct so that all of Melrose District, businesses, and neighborhoods can be under one Community Action Officer. An email will be sent outlining this request to the board email.

Kimb Williamson was greeted as a new neighbor on the first Virtual Zoom meeting, she moved in three months ago.

Questions were asked about continuing the Neighborhood Wide yard sales. We will think about this before year end, but until guidelines ease up in regards pandemic gatherings and people entering the neighborhood we are going to ease off a bit on putting a specific yard sale date in place.

April and June General Meeting Videos were shown to end meeting, updates in videos from Community Action Officer Aaron Stevens and Councilwoman Laura Pastor were provided in the videos.