



FROM THE CHAIR:

Dear neighbors and wonderful friends,

I want to start by saying a big WELCOME to all our new neighbors! If you haven't already- please join our Facebook page, follow our Instagram, or join our email list to stay up to speed with fun events and happenings in our neighborhood. We are so happy to have you and we hope you love it here as much as we all do!!

It has been an honor to serve on our Woodlea Melrose Neighborhood Association board as the chair since last September and to work with all of you amazing people. Our board continues to grow and strive to connect to our greater community through participation in Melrose Community Alliance, providing safety updates and initiatives through the help of Phoenix PD and our appointed Community Action Officer and Neighbors on Watch (N.O.W.) team, to host new events to create a sense of connection and community with those around us, as well as enhance general pride in this incredibly special neighborhood. Our 2022 board has worked diligently to better understand our purpose, and how we serve and communicate with our neighbors and community. With the creation of a sub-committee, we are also working to amend and update our original 1988 bylaws. We look forward to receiving community feedback and asking for a formal vote on bylaws at our annual meeting and BBQ!

It has been a fun year so far! In addition to our regularly scheduled events, such as our beloved Front Yard Fridays and Melrose Street Fair, we had our Puppy Luv Dog Show & Pet Registration event, "Spring In To Action" Safety Summit organized by our Neighbors on Watch Committee, Earth Day Mini Market & Tool Shed Open House, and too many post-board meeting karaoke nights to count. While things tend to slowdown in the summer months have no fear, the fall and winter will be

jam-packed with more fun events such as a personal favorite: the "Spirit Walk" Adult Trick or Treating event-more to come on that in our next issue!

We hope you enjoy the return of our quarterly newsletter!! Please note that future issues will be online through our website and Facebook as well as a few paper copies in the free little libraries. We chose to have our first paper copy, so we didn't miss anyone! Stay cool out there and hope to see you at our last events before the summer heat, General Meeting on 6/07 and June FYF on 6/10!

Cheers,
Grace McKone Shivka

P.S. This is truly the best neighborhood ever! So SO thankful for all of you.



Important: This is the only issue of the newsletter that you'll receive in paper delivered to your door! We wanted to make sure everyone got this first version of the relaunched newsletter, but future editions will be available primarily by email or on the website.

! If you're not currently receiving email from the association, be sure to send your email address to wmboardphx@gmail.com, saying you'd like to receive email news.

If you can't or don't use email or the Internet (or know a neighbor who doesn't), you can either pick up copies in the future at the free little libraries around the neighborhood or request that a paper version be sent to you in the future. Please only do this if necessary, to keep our expenses down.



Char's Live

By Erich Schwald

When news broke Melrose mainstay Char's Has the Blues was closing permanently in 2020, it felt like a body blow for the unique culture that bloom along our little curve. While the past couple of years have provided far more urgent worries than where to grab a cocktail and listen to fantastic live music, they have also illuminated just how important those social and cultural activities are to our human experience. When it was announced that local developers David and Brooklyn Cameron purchased the property and intended to revamp the business as Char's Live, I was cautiously optimistic that they would build something that felt true to the original.

The stage has been moved. Improvements have been made. The parquet dance floor remains. These things all fell to the background when I stepped-in to the compact club shortly after THE Rufus Tillman Experience began their Saturday night set. The tight space was dripping with music, fashion and energy. At that moment, keeping the name Char's didn't feel like a nostalgic nod to a bygone era. It felt like a room full of bobbing heads lost in a medley of classic R&B. I highly encourage you to check it out. Invite me. I'm working on outfits.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **Front Yard Friday**
June 10th 6:30 pm 9:30 pm
928 W Glenrosa
- **Bulk Trash Pick Up**
Summer-August 6th-15th
- **Adopt A Street**
Summer-August 6th
- **Book Club**
June 26th
The Neighbor's Secret by L. Alison Heller
- **WMNA General Meetings**
June 7th 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Sept. 6th 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Help enhance Woodlea Melrose! Open to All!
- **Upcoming Newsletter Date**
October 2022

Important Alert: Front Yard Fridays



Last September at FYF hosted by Sandy, several neighbors signed up to host a FYF John's computer crashed, and the schedule was lost. Those who signed up please contact John at 541-425-1710 so we can reschedule you as host!

Need tools? Want to save money?



The Woodlea Melrose neighborhood Tool Shed is a shared community resource with everything from wrenches, pliers, hammers, and screwdrivers to shovels, rakes, drills, and saws. Contact John Woodland at 541-425-1710 to rent a tool from the Toolshed. Check out the list of community tools on the Woodlea Melrose.



How I Met Your Neighbor

By Courtnie Hartwigsen & Kelsey Herrett

Kelsey + Courtnie: Introduce yourself, your cross streets, and when you moved into the neighborhood:

Hi neighbors, I'm Kelsey! I moved from Atlanta, GA into my Little Ficus-covered abode on the corner of Glenrosa and 13th just over 4 years ago! I keep a full house with my small chihuahua Chichi, two kitties Clawdia and Lucy, chickens Pepper and Rickey, and Tortoise Shelton-John! My name is Courtnie. I live at Heatherbrae and 11th Ave, and I have been a resident of this amazing neighborhood since November 2018. I live with my dog Harpo and have a fabulous grapefruit tree in my yard that I have named Kinky Boots.

Kelsey: How long have you known Courtnie?

I met the one and only Courtnie just over three years ago!

Kelsey: Describe what Courtnie does for a living?

Courtnie is in commercial architecture sales! She sells fancy solar skylights (Sola-tubes) and some sort of retractable room dividers like you would see in school cafeterias and large projects... and she's really good at her job!

Courtnie: What does Kelsey do?

The girl works hard! Even when she's not at work planning big time corporate events, she's planning DIY improvements to her home. She is always on the go!

Courtnie: In your words, tell us about how you two met?

I want to say that I met Kelsey at the beginning of 2019. She and I connected on the neighborhood Facebook page and began swapping dog sitting. We share the love of travel, and it certainly shows in our schedules.

Kelsey: Anything you'd like to add?

Just that I'm SO happy she answered my "ad" for a teenage dog sitter, as much as I would have loved to give some kids a paying gig, Courtnie and I's arrangement turned friendship, feels like the absolute jackpot!

Courtnie: If you could describe your friendship in three words what would they be?

She's my "Insurance Policy." If I have an emergency she is there, as I am for her as well. Her A/C went out while she was out of town. I had an appendectomy. It is such a relief to have that go-to since neither of us have immediate family in the area.

Kelsey : If you could describe your friendship in three words what would they be?

Lighthearted, Fun, Dependable

If you called up Courtnie to hang out, what's on the agenda:

High likelihood of wine on her back patio while our dogs play, and oftentimes those wine nights lead to other shenanigans around the neighborhood, sometimes but not always resulting in trips to the ER.

Courtnie: What do you want people of the neighborhood to know about Kelsey?

If you don't already know her, say hello! She is friendly, outgoing and trustworthy. She is also a wealth of knowledge when it comes to DIY, nature trips and always amazes me with random types of transportation.

Kelsey: What do you want people of the neighborhood to know about Courtnie?

Well besides the fact Courtnie is a Damn good time, she is one of the kindest, most gracious people I know. Every time I talk to Courtnie she is playing hostess with the mostess for someone! Whether it's a friend coming to stay for a long weekend, a dinner party she is throwing for her parents, a random night of wine on her back patio, Courtnie loves to host and do things for other people. She never makes you feel like a favor is "too much" and she always has wine flowing - she is the kind of neighbor and friend I aspire to be!

Both of you: What is one piece of advice you would give to other neighbors looking to make friends in the hood?

Making friends as an 'adult' isn't always easy, especially if you lead a busy life with work and balancing it all, but we seriously have some of the coolest people in this neighborhood, and my suggestion would be to get out of your comfort zone and go out on a limb to ask someone to spend time with you doing something you both enjoy! That's how great friendships start.

The more I get involved, the happier I have become. Pick an event that peaks your interest, you won't be disappointed and I bet you won't stop there!





N.O.W. UPDATE

By Maureen McFadzen

Top theme from neighborhood N.O.W. Survey:

70% of neighbors feel neighborhood is too dark

- N.O.W Team is working with the city to determine impact to lighting in the neighborhood. We will share options and gain approval for any changes
- **NEW!** The City Grant funded solar motion lights to light up closed alley ways, front yards or carports. If you could use a light for this reason please email wmboardphx@gmail.com to make a request and the N.O.W. committee will assess your need and provide lighting at **NO COST**.

Concerns with Traffic:

- Neighborhood traffic study was conducted. The City found the majority of traffic complied within speed limit and speed bumps were not suggested
- Purchased speed bumps will be discussed by board
- We have not yet received four way stop study results

Neighborhood Updates and Resources:

Neighbors have reported recent concerning alley activity. A reminder from Detective Brian Kornegay, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Coordinator:

- Pick up trash from and around your property
- Properly lock gates, windows your doors. Security doors are always another lay to prevent crime
- Add bright lights throughout the exterior
- Keep trees and shrubs trimmed up to eliminate hiding places
- 9pm walk around. Lock cars, doors and turn on lights. Make it a routine

Download the APP "myPHX311"

- Report non-emergency crime
- Request a new trash container, report overflowing trash
- Report weeds or dead plants, street maintenance, graffiti, homeless encampments and more



The Melrose Mile and more... by Scott Reid

The Melrose Community Alliance (MCA) and The Melrose Merchants Association (MMA) have been steadily working on 7th Ave improvements. You have probably already noticed the vivid pink, white and black 'Melrose Mile' banners that adorn both sides of 7th Ave from Indian School to Camelback. These banners reinforce our area as a destination within itself encouraging people to take notice of our unique opportunities to Eat, Shop, Play. The Lyceum has also been getting some Melrose love! Since we are in the path of the magical, Monarch butterfly migration path, 20 cedar planters that used to hang on 7th Ave businesses have been repurposed and will become the base of a living wall to be planted with Milkweed and other butterfly loving plants. A new Red Pistache tree has also been planted for shade and beauty. The Melrose slogan contest provided many colorful and artistic entries. Stay tuned for the winning slogan later in the summer. Additional 'HAWK' crosswalks have also been approved for 7th Ave. Fall and Winter event planning is already underway. Both groups are actively seeking volunteers as well as your ideas for future events and improvements.

<https://melrosecommunityalliance.com/>

<https://melrosemerchantsassociation.com/>



Sunflower Challenge by Scott Reid

Be that neighbor! Grow the best front-yard Sunflower display and submit your photo on our FB Page. If you missed our Earth Day Tool Shed event, FREE seeds available at one of our 'Free Library's' or contact Scott @ sreid63@gmail.com. Winner to be announced mid-August. Watch our FB for further updates.

In The Q Musical Artist Contest by Kathy Tucker

There's a super exciting opportunity for local musicians and solo artists of all genres coming in June! Our own 7th Avenue Merchants Ryan Newcomb and Creighton Bowman of Rewind Vintage and Antiques, and proprietors of In The Q Records will be hosting the first ever "Vinyl In The Valley" competition. Artists will have the opportunity to compete by submitting entries via the link on www.intheqrecords.com. Submissions will be narrowed down to a top 5 for public vote. The winner will be awarded a pressed 7-inch vinyl as well as the opportunity to headline on the main stage of the 2023 Melrose Street Fair! Follow In the Q Records on all social platforms and sign up to receive updates at www.intheqrecords.com to learn more!