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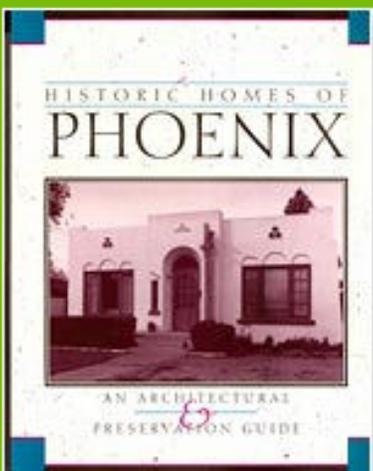
WOODLEA MELROSE



Live * Play * Grow * Flourish

Chair Notes

A neighborhood organization with all residents participating in neighborhood activities is essential to sustaining a safe and vibrant community. Each individual act in the neighborhood contributes to this goal. It is your participation in neighborhood activities that create a sense of camaraderie. Participation brings people together through a positive shared experience. When we work together, relationships grow and a sense of joint ownership is created. So I want to say thank you to all of those who came out to the street fair and visited our booth. Thank you to those who attend neighborhood meetings. Thank you to the volunteers helping with the tool shed and also to everyone that says hello and waves to their neighbors on the street. Together we continue to make this a great neighborhood to live.



**From the March
Neighborhood
Meeting:
Renovation grants
from the Historic
Preservation Office,
and Modern Manor
moves to Paris!**



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April Neighborhood Meeting Notes

Michelle Dodds from the Phoenix Historic Preservation Office came and spoke with us

about what her office does. Since 2006, there have been no new neighborhoods designated as historic, so Woodlea having that distinction as one of 35 in the Valley is quite an honor! She spoke with us about contributors vs. non-contributors in a neighborhood. If you are a contributor in Woodlea, there is grant money available for external renovations or structural repair (including casement windows). If you're on the National Register as a contributor, you can even get a reduction on your property taxes by almost 50%! Contact Michelle Dodds at 602.262.7468 or email michelle.dodds@phoenix.gov for more information. Window guides and lots of other useful information are available on the website at phoenix.gov/pdd/historic

Ryan Durkin, owner of Modern Manor, came to speak about the conversion of Paris Laundry into the new site for Modern Manor. In addition to the furniture store, there will be a cafe with full bar and some food, as well as a speak-easy in the back. There will even be event space!

In order to install a sprinkler system, they're going to have to cut open 7th Avenue to access waste and water. A neon sign is being made for the grand opening in the fall.

But to close on some great news, our 2018/19 City of Phoenix Police Department Block Watch grant application was approved and fully funded at \$9,994! Many thanks to our neighbors volunteering their time and effort to bring in the big bucks!

Show Woodlea-Melrose Some Love!

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

WM is up for a NEA (National Endowment for the Arts) Grant for Arts & Culture that is children and teen based. We could receive between \$1000 - \$3500, so we're looking for ideas to submit in the grant proposal. What would you love to see our young folks doing? An art project? An event like the poetry write-off we had in 2016? A music event? Lightrail plays? Flashmobs? Talk with your kids and teens and see what they

come up with and let us know your ideas! Deadline to submit the proposal is May 31st, so let us know by May 15th.

On April 21st at 9:00am, our WM President Jennifer Alexander will be performing a ribbon-cutting ceremony for new bike racks! The ceremony is taking place in front of The Curve apartments.

Afterwards, we'll be having a Neighborhood Clean-Up Day to clean up the traffic circle on Glenrosa and the bus stop at Glenrosa & 7th Ave. Many hands make light work, so come join us to keep our neighborhood beautiful!

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

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 at 11th Ave & Mackenzie. Clear out a little shelf space and keep the LL filled. Win-Win!



Woodlea Melrose Tool Shed Now Open!

The Woodlea-Melrose Tool Shed is open! Thanks to all the volunteers that helped us organize and paint. It looks amazing! Instead of having to wait Saturday morning to get started on your project, you can come by Thursday on your evening walk to pick up what you need for the weekend, then bring it back Monday when you're done (or come to renew it if you need it longer). Your \$10 annual Woodlea-Melrose dues grant you access to all we have (and boy, is it a lot!) We'll be uploading the list into the Facebook group documents section so you can see what we have.

WM Tool Shed is open Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:30. Stop on by!

Please consider volunteering your time and talents. Look out for FB posts and neighborhood emails with event dates and details. Or for more info email:

info@woodleamelrose.org



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.





The Successful Summer Garden, by Lorna Spencer

The keys to success involve the following: siting the garden and providing adequate shade; soil preparation, following planting schedules and plant selection. Attracting and keeping pollinators and providing consistent water will also ensure good results.

Siting the garden: choose a location that gets a good 6-8 hours of sunlight daily, with shade against the afternoon western sun. Summer gardens do much better with afternoon shade to protect the plants from the hottest part of the day. In the absence of natural shade, commit to using shade structures or shade cloth.

Soil preparation: Dig in compost, composted manure, etc. Drainage can be helped with the addition of sand, pumice or vermiculite. Your soil should be light and crumbly with good drainage. Whenever you pull a section of your garden, dig a couple of inches of compost into the space to give the seeds a good start. A dash of magnesium sulfate (Epsom salts) works wonders as well.

Plant selection: Look for varieties do well here in low-desert Arizona. The key to the summer season is to find fast-maturing varieties that are compatible with the summer heat. Our local garden stores and nurseries (Southwest Gardener, Dig It, and Agave Community Farms) have a good selection of seasonally appropriate seeds. The other issue is getting the seeds in and up as early as possible given how hot the weather can get early on.

Direct seeding beans, squash, cucumbers, melon and okra: Look for fast-maturing varieties and prepare your soil carefully. Consider trellising the sprawling vines to get more plants and produce in a smaller space. Well-rotted manure and compost will make these plants a success.

Don't overlook yardlong beans. They need to be trellised but are heavy producers in our summer heat.

Plant annuals and lots of herbs for the pollinators: Given that virtually all of the summer vegetables are actually fruits, drawing pollinators to your garden and keeping them happy should be a priority. This is the time to plant sunflowers, cosmos, basil, calendula, zinnias and anything else suited to our heat. Basil will grow through the hottest part of the year if kept watered. Let lots of it go to flower for the bees.

Provide consistent water to the established plants: The summer vegetables are almost all fruits and need consistent, ample water for their healthy development. Consider using drip irrigation or soaker hoses. Either is preferable to overhead watering, which can mar the fruits and cause issues with foliage. Plus it can spread soil-borne disease.

Also consider laying mulch over the drip irrigation or soaker hoses to minimize evaporation and to keep the soil cooler. Check your plants daily for signs of heat stress, especially in the afternoons. Be ready to provide shade or move containers into the shade if your plants are flagging. Also be prepared to water container planted things daily during the worst heat.

Fertilize your summer garden regularly: Pick a balanced organic fertilizer if at all possible. Fish emulsion in solution, or kelp fertilizers are great, no-burn boosts for your plants. One can also side dress plantings with a granulated organic fertilizer every month or so. Fertilizing regularly will help your plants survive the heat better.

Low Desert Summer Top Ten

Armenian cucumbers, which are really a melon, but deliciously refreshing in salads. Plant them now through July 1.

Black-eyed peas were originally grown in hot climates and can be planted from April 1 through August 15.

Basil grows like a weed when direct sown and kept in rich, well-drained soil. Plant patches of it throughout the garden for your table and the pollinators. And plant different types for different kinds of tastes: sweet basil; lettuce leaf basil; Thai basil; holy basil;

purple basil. Plant it now through May 15. And try another planting in late July during the monsoon for a fall harvest.

Cantaloupe can be sown through July 15. Nothing compares to vine-ripened melons. Melons do NOT ripen once removed from the vine. Something we are all reminded of when we get a bland, crispy specimen from the grocery store and regret it instantly.

Eggplants, which love the heat and will produce straight through our summers, although they really pick up steam in the fall and usually deliver a bumper crop then. These should be in already, but I have planted transplants as late as April 15th and done just fine with them.

Okra, which grows like a weed once established and will produce pods until frost as long as they are kept picked. Plant them now until May 15. Soak the seed overnight prior to planting to hasten germination.

Pumpkins can be planted both in March and July 1 through August 15 for October's pumpkin patch. They take 90-120 days depending on variety and growing conditions. Winter squash has the same planting window, so if you want fall squash, be ready for July 1 through August 15 sowing.

Sunflowers sow these now through July 15. If you have a steady supply of water, good soil and afternoon shade, you can plant these straight through the monsoon, but it's tricky.

Sweet potatoes can be planted as sweet potato slips now through June 15 for good harvests.

Yardlong beans can be planted now until July 1. Expect heavy yields if planted in rich, well drained soil. It is also a very ornamental vine with pretty blossoms.

Happy summer gardening!

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



Real Estate Update By Rebecca Wagner, Turney Ave.

WOODLEA MELROSE REAL ESTATE UPDATE

By Rebecca Wagner, Turney Ave.

It has been a good couple years for our neighborhood with respect to home prices. We have seen a

steady climb, depending on location and condition, a strong leap in prices. The expectation is that

housing will continue to appreciate however, the pace may not be as drastic, as many areas in Phoenix

have recovered from the housing crash of 2008. Woodlea Melrose Neighborhood continues to be

desirable, with new construction and businesses coming to the area. Our neighbors and neighborhood

events are what makes this such a great place to call home!

Currently on the market

1146 W. Mackenzie 3 bedroom 2.5 bath with casita 1,379 square feet Listed for \$399,500

1102 W. Turney 3 bedroom 2.5 bath with a pool 1,724 square feet. Listed for \$449,000

1413 W. Glenrosa 4 bedroom 3 bath with casita 1,779 square feet Listed for \$485,000

Under Contract:

1302 W. Glenrosa 3 bedroom 1 bath 1,125 square feet Listed for \$285,000
1132 W. Turney 3 bedroom 2 bath 1,551 square feet Listed for \$289,000
939 W. Heatherbrae 2 bedroom 1 bath 1,013 square feet Listed for \$299,000
917 W. Turney 3 bedroom 1 bath 1,125 square feet Listed for \$315,000

Sold: WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

4204 N. 9 th Ave. 01/22/18
920 W. Mackenzie 02/15/18
1309 W. Glenrosa 02/27/18
1333 W. Heatherbrae 03/14/18
4309 N. 13 th Ave. 03/29/18



Neighborhood Meetings 2018

Tuesday, June 5th
Tuesday, September 4th

When: 7pm to 8pm

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

WM Neighborhood Clean-up Day, April 21st

When: After the bike rack ribbon cutting at 9 at The Curve
Where: Bus stops and traffic circle on Glenrosa.

WM Shred Fest - 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

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