

WOODLEA MELROSE

Neighborhood Association



Live – Play – Grow – Flourish

CHAIR NOTES – ERICH SCHWALD (MACKENZIE)

Hello, Neighbors! This year is flying by and it's hard to believe that the kids are already getting out of school and summer break (and summer temps) are going to be here shortly. Like years past, our neighborhood activities taper off in the hot weather. We have one more Front Yard Friday on June 9 at Patti's house on 9th Ave and one more neighborhood meeting on June 6 before we take our summer siesta. As always, I encourage all of you to attend.

I have something I want to ask you to consider over the next few months. I would appreciate it if you all would look at your schedules and your commitments and see if you could find some time to give to our neighborhood, if you're not already involved. We will have many opportunities for new people to volunteer, including on the Neighborhood Board, the Irrigation Board and the Tool Shed. The entire community benefits from new people with new ideas.

Enjoy your summer, and please give my request some thought. If you are at all interested in giving your time, please reach out to one of us.

SAVE THE DATE



**2017 Neighborhood Meetings at the Church
on 777 W Montecito @ 7PM:**

TUE JUNE 6 | TUE SEPT 12

**2017 Front Yard Friday Schedule (subject to
change):**

FRI June 9 | Patti & James | 4416 N 9th Ave

**FRI Sept 22 | Jacqueline & Jason | 4322 N
9th Ave**

FRI Oct 20 | Merlevic | 1124 W Roma

Shred Fest—SAT SEP 30

**Neighborhood Yard Sale —
SAT & SUN OCT 7 & 8**

Neighborhood Cookout—SAT NOV 4

Luminaria Lighting – SAT DEC 16

BULK TRASH DATES: AUG 12 - 21, NOV 11 - 20

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRIME STOP PHONE NUMBER: 602-262-6151

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – ERIN HAGEMAN (MACKENZIE)

The simple truth is our neighborhood runs on the blood, sweat and tears of its volunteers. We are incredibly lucky to have residents who are willing to give their time for the benefit of our community. People give their time in many forms, from hosting Front Yard Fridays, to planning and coordinating larger events and securing grant funding to pay for our activities. Running our community takes a lot of effort from many people.

In order for our community to continue to thrive, we need new blood to join our organization.

Tool Shed

Our neighbor, Brady Fulton, dreamed up this fabulous tool library and I've talked to many neighbors who actively use this service. After many years of working to get the Tool Shed off the ground, it's time for Brady to step back and focus on other areas in his life.

WMNA will take over the finances, but we will need people to help run it. It's open every Saturday morning and we're looking for volunteers to check tools in and out. Please contact the board if you'd like to help out.

Newsletter

This is my second year writing the newsletter and it has been a really positive experience. I was a journalism major for a while at ASU, so for me, writing this little publication has been a blast. I've gotten to meet a lot of great people, both from our neighborhood and from businesses along the curve and I've stayed informed about all that Central Phoenix has to offer.

With that said, I will be rolling off the board in 2018. I will still be heavily involved in the neighborhood, but it's time for me to pass the torch. I'm looking for someone who would like to take the newsletter and run with it. If you're interested, contact me at erin.hageman@gmail.com.

LITTLE ILLUMINATED FREE LIBRARY – ERIN HAGEMAN (MACKENZIE)



If you've driven down Mackenzie after dark recently, you may have noticed a little beacon of light shining bright. Thanks to our handy neighbor, Mike Poulton, our Little Free Library now is equipped with a solar powered light! You may peruse books twenty-four hours a day, thanks to Mike.

Mike upgraded our library on his own and I want to publicly recognize him. Acts of service like this make our neighborhood great. Thanks for your time and talent, Mike!

A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME... – ERIN HAGEMAN (MACKENZIE)

There are some projects in the pipeline that haven't been fully approved yet. In the interest of fun gossip, here are some plans that will hopefully find their way to reality:

Paris Laundry. Rumor has it an owner of an existing business on the curve has put an offer on this mid-century modern building. The deal hasn't closed, but the owner believes it will happen. At present, the buyer is thinking about dividing the building into a wine bar, coffee bar, a restaurant space and some retail space.

Astro Body Building. The owner of the Arcade Bar downtown bought the Astro Body building up at the SE corner of 7th Ave and Camelback. He is planning on opening a new bar in that space.

Pink Liquor Store. PB Bell will demolish the building. They are proposing a dog park, sitting area and 12 parking spaces to the City. Their sign for "The Curve" was approved and will be in bright yellow facing south on the building.

Lyceum. Money for the development of the Lyceum was received this week. Now the magic happens! CASA is interviewing designers to create a plan and a construction timeline.

Harvey Wineburger. is moving into to Toasted's building. Toasted is moving to Monroe downtown.

Proposed Mini Storage Building. The news is that the developer / owner has gone completely back to the drawing board with a new team. The City informed them that neighbors have a strong voice and that Council is listening more than ever before. The owners have hired a new zoning attorney, a neighborhood outreach consultant and a new architect. The owners are considering mixed use, but storage is not completely off the table. The building they are considering now would possibly have mural art and neon. Their next steps are to get a couple of designs worked up, engage with businesses, go to SAMA and revisit neighborhoods with new plans. We are expecting more news by the end of the summer.

THIRD THURSDAYS – ERIN HAGEMAN (MACKENZIE)



Moonlight Market will be open every third Thursday, even thru the summer! Most stores are now participating in 3rd Thursday with discounts or special items during the day. The Campbell enclave is carrying it into the night from 5 to 8 pm. Participating stores include Kharma Life Center, The Worx salon, Rocco Designs, Jane, Vintage Wearhouse, Modern on Melrose, Modern Manor, C-Mod and Mid Century Modern Unique. Music, food trucks and vendors will continue.

PLANS FOR BASHA'S ANNOUNCED – ERIN HAGEMAN (MACKENZIE)



We have an official plan for the old Basha's store on 7th and Osborn. The location will be turned into a Sprouts grocery store with retail available on the north side. The first Sprouts store opened in Chandler in 2002 and the company now operates 250 stores across the country. Sprouts is committed to providing customers with affordable, healthy foods and friendly, knowledgeable service every day.

AGAVE ADVICE – SAM PATEL



We are very excited to partner with Agave Farms! They will be writing a gardening column for us every issue and we know we will learn a lot from them! Be sure to follow them on Facebook!

Having a vegetable garden is a great way to grow your own fresh vegetables while improving the aesthetics of your landscape. In addition to this it is a great hobby and is a reported to have various psychological benefits (such as making us happier).

But very often people who are new to gardening overlook about one of the most important factors of gardening.....Seasons! This leads to them planting the wrong type of plant at the wrong time. To help solve this issue, one should refer to a Planting Calendar which shows the planting and harvest times for different plants. One can easily find one of these online, one that is highly popular for Phoenix is the Vegetable Planting Calendar by the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension. You can find it online at extension.arizona.edu/pubs/vegetable-planting-calendar-maricopa-county In addition to the seasons, there are various other factors that influence the success of a garden. Mentioned below are some that you need to keep in mind to have a successful garden.

Sunlight – Map out your growing area based on the amount of sunlight it receives. This is important as some plants thrive with full sunlight while others don't. Usually vegetable plants like around 6-8 hours of sunlight. It is easier to have shade than sunlight by just putting up a few shade cloths, while it very difficult to introduce sunlight into an already shaded area.

Size- If this is the beginning on your vegetable gardening journey it is recommended to start with a 4x4 or 6x4 foot raised bed or a similar sized patch on the ground. Local nurseries and home-improvement stores usually sell ready-made gardening beds, alternatively one can easily build one on their own using untreated wood. It is recommended to make them at least one foot high. One can also dig a garden patch in the ground and plant directly in the ground. This helps take advantage of the mineral-rich soil.

Soil- The soil in Phoenix is very rich in mineral but lacks organic matter. To solve this, it is necessary to mix the native soil with some compost. This can be purchased at local nurseries or home-improvement stores. It is recommended to water the soil and compost before mixing as this makes it easier. Soil here can very quickly lose the moisture it holds due to the temperature; hence it is recommended to mulch the top of your raised bed or garden patch. Mulch is a combination of leaves, bark and other plant matter. This will help improve soil moisture, soil fertility and prevent weed growth.

Water- Plants require sufficient water to thrive, watering must be done depending on the sunlight the area receives and the plant varieties. It is recommended to water at least one foot deep for vegetables, depth can be checked using a stick. Make sure to check for signs of underwatering (wilting with dry soil, slowed growth, exposed roots on soil surface) and overwatering (wilting with wet soil, brown wilting leaves, root rot) and change your watering schedule accordingly. Another solution might be to analyze the soil drainage (the rate of water percolation through the soil) and amend it accordingly.

Plant Selection- Plant selection must be done based on the seasons as we discussed earlier and the sunlight it requires. Other than the type of vegetable, it is also necessary to choose the variety of vegetable. For example, one tomato variety might bear fruit in 75 days while another might take 90 days. Make sure to read the days to harvest while purchasing the seeds.

Yield and Scale- Plant based on the expected yield that you will get from a plot. This should be done in conjunction with the growing periods. For example, you can plant some vegetables at different times to stagger the harvest dates to have a continual harvest.

Summer Months- Since we are entering the summer season, here are a few vegetables to plant in the following months.

June: Beans, Cantaloupe, Cilantro, Cucumber, Corn, Okra, Melons, Gourds, Southern Peas, Watermelon.

July: Basil, Beans, Corn, Cantaloupe, Cucumber, Cilantro, Melons, Squash, Southern Peas, Pumpkin.

August: Basil, Beans, Beets, Cucumber, Cilantro, Corn, Collards, Chinese Cabbage, Chards, Dill, Onions, Mustard, Lettuce, Kale, Kohlrabi, Radish, Rutabaga, Spinach, Turnip, Peas.

For a large selection of veggies, you can visit us at:
Agave Farms, 4300, North Central Ave, Phoenix
602-374-6553
www.agave-farms.com

REAL ESTATE UPDATE – REBECCA WAGNER (TURNEY)



Welcome NEW NEIGHBORS! We will be knocking on doors in the afternoon on Sunday June 11th, to welcome those that have moved into the neighborhood this past year. If you won't be at home, please let us know another time to come meet and greet. Our goal is for all to feel welcome and to give information on our awesome neighborhood. We realize that sometimes, we haven't been able to reach those that have moved into the neighborhood and so we wanted to give you a heads up. To those we may have missed in the past, please reach out to us so we can stop by!

Here is what is happening to home sales as of 05/27/17.

Our average price per square foot has increased to almost \$233.00 with approximately 43 days on the market, based on the six homes that have sold since the New Year. The trend continues to be positive for the neighborhood and all of zip code 85013.

ACTIVE

1129 W TURNEY AVE, Phoenix, AZ 85013 \$289,900
1102 W TURNEY AVE, Phoenix, AZ 85013 \$469,900

UNDER CONTRACT ACCEPTING BACK UP OFFERS

924 W Roma AVE, Phoenix, AZ 85013 \$289,500
1137 W HEATHERBRAE DR, Phoenix, AZ 85013 \$315,000

PENDING

918 W HEATHERBRAE DR, Phoenix, AZ 85013 \$297,900
4230 N 9TH AVE, Phoenix, AZ 85013 \$299,000

SOLD

Close of Escrow date

1109 W Roma AVE, Phoenix, AZ 85013 01/20/17
931 W MONTECITO AVE, Phoenix, AZ 85013 01/04/17
1110 W GLENROSA AVE, Phoenix, AZ 85013 01/31/17
951 W HEATHERBRAE DR, Phoenix, AZ 85013 04/26/17
917 W HEATHERBRAE DR, Phoenix, AZ 85013 04/10/17
1110 W HEATHERBRAE DR, Phoenix, AZ 85013 05/19/17

A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO ALL OF OUR PET OWNERS...



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.

THANK YOU TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SPONSORS! REMEMBER TO SHOP LOCAL!

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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.

WMNA NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is published quarterly by the WMNA Board and subsidized by Phoenix Block Watch funds. Woodlea Melrose residents are encouraged to submit neighborhood news, tidbits, photos and articles (between 250-300 words). The WMNA is not responsible for nor endorses the editorial content in WMNA Newsletter. Opt out of a paper newsletter and have it emailed instead by going online to woodleamelrose.org. A copy of the WMNA Newsletter is also posted to the website.

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Walk-in hours are 12:30pm to 5pm (sign
in by 4:00pm), Monday through Friday at
the main office located at 200 W.
Washington Street, 3rd Floor. Please visit
the Phoenix Historic Preservation website
at phoenix.gov/pdd/historic.

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Neighborhood Services Department

602-534-4444

Graffiti Busters 24-Hour Hotline

602-495-7014

Tenant (Renter) Information

602-262-7210

Blight/Property Maintenance Violations

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