

## **CHAIR NOTES – ERICH SCHWALD (MACKENZIE)**

It's been another busy spring season for Woodlea Melrose. I've personally enjoyed meeting new neighbors at Front Yard Friday, getting to know some longtime residents I hadn't met before during the Love Your Block irrigation box painting project and learning from a fantastic new business at the Ludwig's Roses walkthrough. Thanks to everyone who has organized or participated in any of the projects, events, or parties that have taken place. Enjoy your summer hibernation, you've earned it!

Grand Canalscape Phase I is coming soon. While most of the work will be happening on the north bank of the canal, I urge people who live close to the canal to attend the design update meeting at Gateway College on June 14th (see the ad below). This will be your best opportunity to get the latest information on the project and how it will affect our neighborhood.

WMNA street reps play a vital role in communicating neighborhood events and news through flyer distribution and also coordinate their street's volunteers for the annual luminaria display in December. We currently have street rep openings for both Montecito/11th Ave and Glenrosa. If you have any interest, or know of a neighbor who may be willing to take on the position, please email [info@woodlemelrose.org](mailto:info@woodlemelrose.org)



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STREET TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*\*\*Reminder\*\*\*\*\***  
**Upcoming Meeting for Grand Canalscape June 14th**

**Grand Canalscape (Phase I and Phase II) Design Update Meeting**

The design plans for Phase I and Phase II of the Grand Canalscape are underway. Members of the public are invited to attend a project design update meeting to learn about the project, meet the design teams, view graphic exhibits, and provide comments.

**Tuesday, June 14, 2016**  
**5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**An overview of the project will be presented at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Gateway Community College, Copper Room of Building IE 1302**  
**108 N. 40th St.**  
**Phoenix, Arizona**

The information presented at this meeting will be made available on the project website following the meeting.

Please visit the project website to submit questions and comments and to sign up for future project updates and meeting notices.

**Project Website** [grandcanalscape.com](http://grandcanalscape.com)

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

We've had a lot of new neighbors moving in 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 + 11th Ave. Street reps pass out flyers and communicate neighborhood events to their assigned street. If you're interested in helping out, please talk to Erich Schwald or message [info@woodleamelrose.org](mailto:info@woodleamelrose.org)

We want to recognize a local business who is especially good to our 'hood. We'll be taking a poll on Facebook and would love for everyone to vote for their favorite business. Harley's Italian Bistro, Copper Star Coffee and Wag n' Wash have gone out of their way to support us. Poll will close July 31.

## IMPORTANT DATES

2016 Neighborhood Meetings at the Church on 777 W Montecito @ 7PM:  
TUE June 7  
TUE Sep 20

City of Phoenix Canalscape Design Meeting – TUE June 14 @ 5PM  
Gateway Community College, IE Building, Copper Room – 108 N 40th St

Neighborhood Yard Sale—SAT Oct 15  
Neighborhood Cookout—SAT Nov 5  
Luminarias—SAT Dec 17

## **AGUA FRESCA – ERIN HAGEMAN (MACKENZIE)**

Newsflash: It gets REALLY hot in the summer here in Phoenix. We've got a solid 4 – 5 months of high temps staring us in the face, and even though a lot of us have survived many summers, it never seems to get any easier. Luckily, we've got a few pools close to us that can help us fight back against the fiery summer sun.



### **ENCANTO PUBLIC POOL**

2125 N. 15th Ave.  
602-261-8732

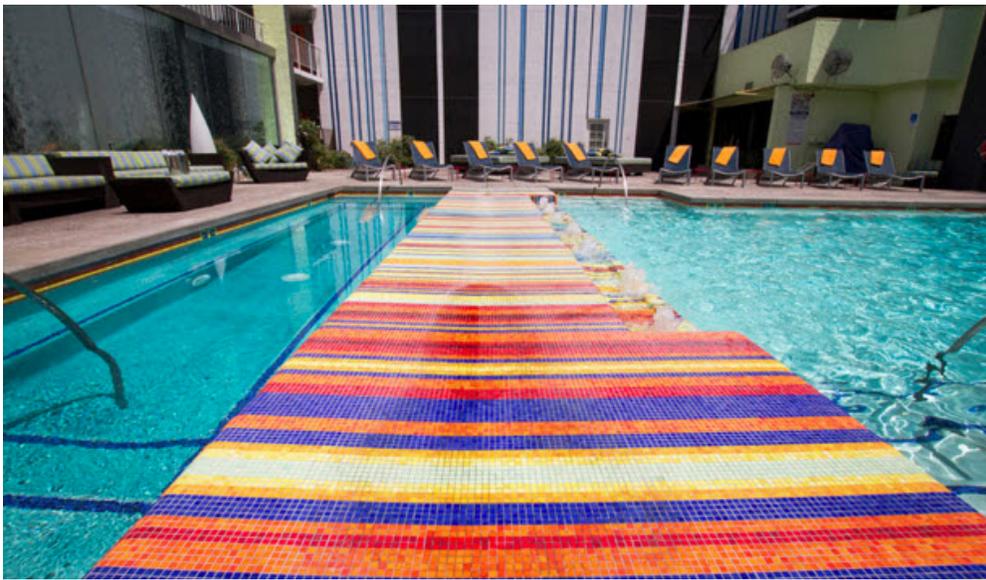
What's better than a cool pool on a hot day? One that you don't have to maintain!

All 29 of Phoenix's City pools opened Memorial Day Weekend and will stay open through July 31. Encanto pool is one of a few City pools that will be open on weekends in August through Labor Day and it's right down the street from us. Pools are open daily from 1 to 7pm except Fridays.

Daily admission at city pools is \$3 for adults, and \$1 for children and seniors. A season pass for a family of four costs \$75 (\$7 for each additional family member), while an adult season pass is \$30 and a child/senior pass is \$20.

Admission at 20 pool locations, including Encanto, is free for children age 17 and younger through the Kool Kids program, which provides a safe and healthy alternative to youth in at-risk neighborhoods. That program is made possible thanks to Major League Baseball's Milwaukee Brewers, who call the city's Maryvale Baseball Park home during spring training. The franchise donated \$47,103, the proceeds from its April 4 game.

The City of Phoenix also offer affordable swimming lessons, lifeguard safety, and other classes. Registration is available online.



## **CLARENDON POOL**

401 West Clarendon Avenue

602-252-7363

If you're interested in throwing on your oversized sunglasses and lounging like it's your job, the Clarendon pool is right down the street. This boutique hotel boasts an impressive pool area with a 20-foot-tall glass water wall, underwater speakers, water jet massagers, a Jacuzzi that accommodates more than 50 people, and bubbling fountains. At night, the pool lights up as nearly a thousand stars become illuminated on the pool bottom. Should I mention that there's also a bar inside that serves cold drinks and Otter Pops?

You can enjoy daily pool membership without being a hotel guest for \$10 / day Mon – Thur and \$25 / day Fri – Sun. and you can also rent cabanas for up to 8 people. When the sun is relentless, take a mini staycation down the street.

## **SPLISHIN' & SPLASHIN' – PATTI KARNES (9th Ave)**

Summer is here!!! Around our house, school is out and with daily 100 degree temps right around the corner we have already begun plotting ways to stay cool. As best described by Olaf (Frozen) "The hot and the cold are both so intense, put 'em together it just makes sense!"

For us, splash pads have been the way to go! I have always loved the idea of visiting splash pads compared to pools. When you have a kid who does not yet swim on her own, visiting a pool can be exhausting. By going to splash pads you can relax knowing there is no standing water, yet kids can still cool off. And, maybe most importantly, the kids can burn some energy off



on long summer days. Over the years we have taken advantage of just about every splash pad in the metro area.

Phoenix provides a plethora of pads in fun locations and most importantly for this frugal mom, almost all are FREE! We've compiled a list of our favorite options within 20 minutes of our 'hood and we hope you can find some relief from the heat, too!

Scottsdale Quarter tops our list every year. We love that it's shaded, offers plenty of seating and is located right next to a candy shop and True Foods restaurant. Great way to cool off and maybe even get in some shopping.

Location: 15037 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85254

Hours: Opens daily in summer at 10 am

For those who prefer a park atmosphere, the splash pad at Altadena Park has proven to be an awesome spot. This park offers a splash pad, playground, ramada, picnic areas with grills and plenty of shade. The only downside is there are no restrooms. We have found going here on Saturdays is best, cool down at park and then less than a 1 minute drive away is the Roadrunner Park Farmers Market (3502 E. Cactus Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85032 - June thru September hours 7 am 'till 11 am)

Location: 3711 E Altadena Ave, Phoenix 85028

Hours: 10 am until 7 pm Monday thru Saturday (closed Sundays)

Even though this one is not free, Enchanted Island Amusement Park is super convenient (less than a five minute drive from our house). You can purchase a "Splash Band" required for any kid over 1 year old for \$5.00 or if you want to take advantage of the amusement rides \$10.00 to \$17.00 for an "All Day Park Pass". Enchanted Island offers multiple rides, carnival fare and is located within Encanto Park.

Location: 1202 W. Encanto Blvd, Phoenix 85007

Hours: Closed Monday and Tuesdays. Open Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am until 1 pm / Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 am until 1 pm and 5 pm until 9:30.

For another option close by, there is CityScape located in the heart of downtown. Although this play area is limited there are a few advantages - totally free with plenty of shopping dining options nearby, shaded seating area, free two hour parking and accessible by light rail. We have found this is a good way to take a chunk out of a long summer day and my girl loves taking the "train" (light rail) there and back.

Location: 1 E. Washington St. Phoenix 85004

Hours: Open daily from 9 am until 8 pm

This one again is not actually free, but if you have a yearly membership to the Phoenix Zoo, its two splash areas are great ways to spend a summer afternoon! The Leapin' Lagoon is perfect for babies and toddlers. Play area includes splash pad, shaded



Phoenix. We have lots of local choices close to us including Mary Coyle's, Melt and Nami but one of my personal favorites is Churn.

Churn has incredibly rich ice cream in flavors like Madagascar Vanilla and Vietnamese Coffee that can be served along with homemade cookies, pretzel cones and waffle cones. The store also offers nostalgic candy (Astropops or Abba Zabba, anyone??).

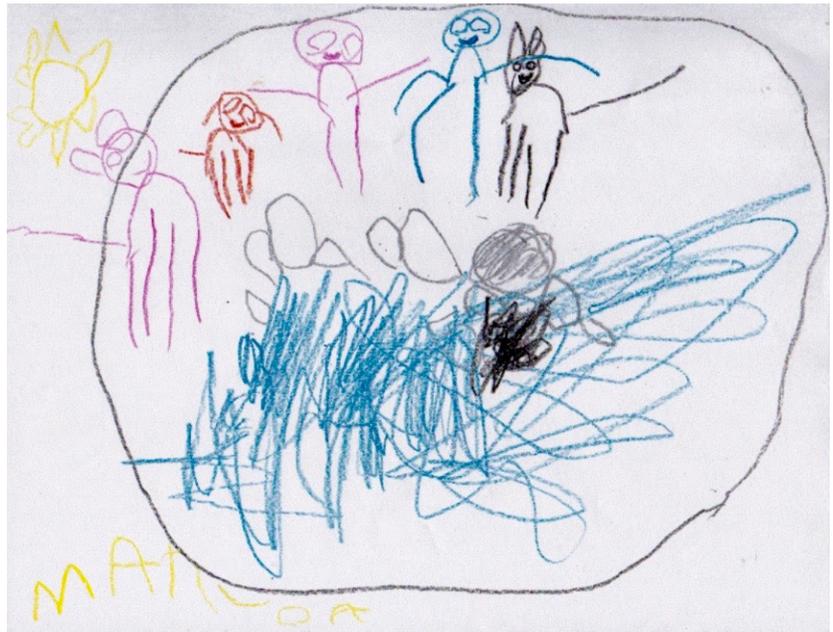
In my humble opinion, one of the best creations is the Fat Elvis, an over-the-top combination of peanut butter ice cream, salted caramel, banana, whip cream and chocolate rocks. It's good – so, so good.

Churn has generously given up a coupon for a free scoop! Print this out and try them out the next time you're melting on a 115 degree day.



## SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE SUMMER!

We put out a call to all the kids who live in the neighborhood to submit their artistic rendering of summer break. Matilda from 9th Ave drew this awesome piece entitled "Matilda, Grandma and All Her Pets in the Pool."



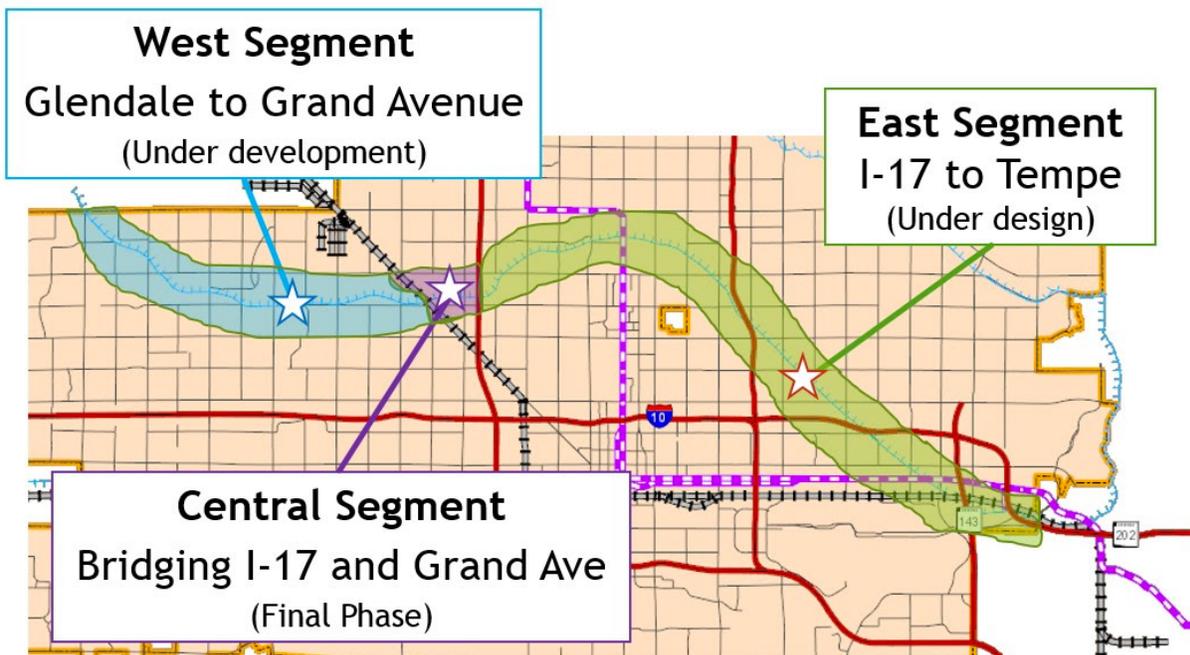
## **SUMMER NOSTALGIA – MARE McKNIGHT (9th Ave)** **ONE OF OUR NEIGHBORS REMEMBERS SUMMERS PAST:**

“When my kids were young and in school, our favorite hangout was South Mountain Park. Since I worked at the school district they attended, I was also on break when they were so it worked out well. I would pack us a lunch of fried chicken & potato salad and Lays potato chips, put some kool-aid or sodas in the ice chest and we were set for the day. Sometimes while they climbed rocks, chased lizards, and collected every imaginable rock & leaf they found interesting, I would nap on the windshield of my Chrysler Imperial. Awww, those were the days.”

## **CANALSCAPE UPDATE – KERRY WILCOXON**

The City of Phoenix is rapidly progressing towards completion of the first segment of the Grand Canalscape Multi-use Trail in east-central Phoenix. In 2014, the city received funding from Salt River Project (SRP) to build Phase I of the project between 15th Avenue and 16th Street and between Garfield to Van Buren Streets. Then in 2015, the city received federal funding for Phase II, the completion of the trail between I-17 and Tempe. Together Phases I and II are now being designed as the Grand Canalscape East Segment, part of the larger Grand Canalscape Master Plan.

# Grand Canalscape Master Plan



## Grand Canalscape East Segment

Once the entire Canalscape is complete, the city will have a contiguous trail along the Grand Canal between Glendale and Tempe. The vision for the Grand Canalscape originated with Arizona Forward who remains actively involved in the planning of the project. The project is also an off-shoot of the recently completed ReinventPHX community outreach effort.

The overall goal of the Grand Canalscape Project is two-fold. Develop a safe route for bicycle and pedestrian traffic along the Grand Canal bank that includes crossings facilities at the major streets.

Re-integrate the canals into the surrounding communities to provide better visibility, access and ultimately appreciation of the canal system in Phoenix.

The East Segment is under design now with the original Phase I portion of the project tentatively scheduled for start of construction in early 2017 and the remaining portion of East Segment scheduled to start construction one year later in early 2018.

All portions of the Grand Canalscape will eventually be built with the same set of common features, including:

- 10-12 foot concrete pathway
- Signalized crossings of major streets
- Pedestrian lighting
- Neighborhood connections

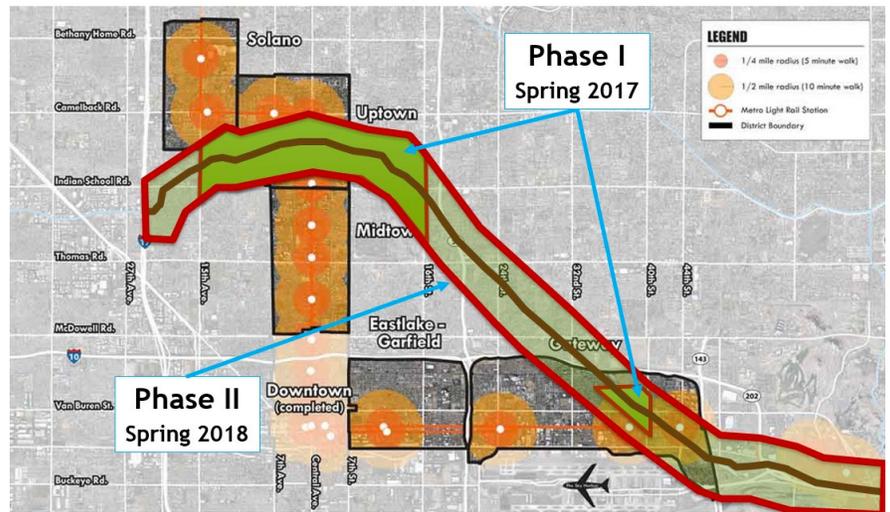
It is the hope of the City of Phoenix, SRP, and Arizona Forward that once complete, the Grand Canalscape will encourage greater use of the canal banks and a greater appreciation of the important role the canals, and the water they provide, play in the past, present and future of our great city.

For more information on the Grand Canalscape project:

Project Website: <http://grandcanalscape.com/>

Project Hotline: 623-825-3444

City Contact: Kerry Wilcoxon – City of Phoenix Street Trans Dept  
602-262-4613 or [kerry.wilcoxon@phoenix.gov](mailto:kerry.wilcoxon@phoenix.gov)





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## SAMA SAYS – Kara Cardoza

SAMA is always excited to see new business neighbors move to the Melrose District. The Slippery Pig Bike Shop is relocating from Central and Turney to the Melrose Center. The shop will occupy the space next to Bizarre Guitar & Drum. The Slippery Pig specializes in sales and service of mountain, road, and family bikes. The new shop will open on Wednesday, June 8. Be sure to swing by and welcome their crew to the neighborhood!




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## REAL ESTATE UPDATE – REBECCA WAGNER (TURNEY)

The housing market is expected to provide continued opportunities to those wanting to sell and buyers wanting to buy. Typically the housing market slows in the summer however, with continued low interest rates and overall job growth the summer is expected to be strong. If you would like additional details, feel free to contact me.

Here is what is happening in our neighborhood:

### ON THE MARKET

1137 W. Mackenzie Dr. \$269,000

1407 W. Glenrosa Ave. \$289,900

### UNDER CONTRACT

908 W Mackenzie Dr.

SOLD (7 homes have sold since our last newsletter)

### WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

4314 N 14th Ave. 03/30/16

1106 W. Mackenzie Dr. 03/31/16

1310 W. Heatherbrae Ave. 03/30/16

930 W. Mackenzie Dr. 04/19/16

915 W. Glenrosa Ave 04/08/16

910 W. Turney Ave. 05/05/16

1322 W. Heatherbrae Ave. 05/05/16

A special shout out to the following local merchants who have donated items to our New Neighbor bag. We are so fortunate to live in a neighborhood within walking distance to these awesome places. If you haven't checked them out, I recommend you give them a try, you will be glad you did!

Harley's Italian Bistro 4221 N 7th Ave. 602-234-0333

Green Goddess House of Herbs 4232 N. 7th Ave. 602-266-8177

Copper Star Coffee 4220 N 7th Ave. 602-266-2136

We have been knocking on new neighbor doors to welcome them. If we haven't reached you yet, let us know and we will set up a time to stop by with neighborhood information, a welcome bag, and smile. We love our neighborhood and look forward to meeting you.

Every summer has a story. Hoping your summer is a good one!

All the best,  
Rebecca Wagner

## THANK YOU!



Thanks to everyone who came out to show your love for our neighborhood and paint irrigation boxes for the Love Your Block event! Nate Marmor (Glenrosa) and his company, Certapro Painters, helped to source supplies and repair boxes, Lisa MacCollum (Glenrosa) designed the stencils and touched up the paint and Patti Karnes (9th Ave) did an outstanding job of organizing and planning, making sure everyone had supplies and knew where to go. Thanks, especially, to all the neighbors who turned out to help! We had a huge turnout and Cities of Service was really impressed – we live in a great place!



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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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