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Our fall/winter season is finally here and these crisp mornings are so wonderful. Please read the heartfelt letter on page 3 we received from someone who does not live within the NCPHA boundaries, but clearly loves our beautiful North Central Avenue. It eloquently expresses how most of us feel about our neighborhood. This is the season of giving and we are so truly grateful and thankful for your support in keeping the charm and character of North Central.

With the holidays around the corner, the NCPHA wants to ensure the safety of all our residents. I've been conducting a personal experiment where I am consistently driving the speed limit. I understand how that can be difficult sometimes if you are late for a meeting or picking up children from school. However, it is shocking how many people are driving at excessive speeds throughout our neighborhood. The vehicular and vehicular/pedestrian accident rates have increased substantially in our City. The City's proposed safety initiative to re-stripe N. Central Ave did not occur, therefore, it is up to us to make significant changes to our driving habits. Hearing stories of people driving 70 to 100 mph on Camelback or Northern sickens me. The NCPHA would like to start a grassroots effort to encourage all drivers to **SLOW DOWN**.



I challenge you to drive the speed limit. On our cherished North Central Avenue, the speed limit is 35 MPH. However, the average rate is much higher. If we all drive the speed limit, it will really help others to slow down. Granted you may get a few hand gestures, but a fatality is a horrible alternative.

The City of Phoenix is getting ready to launch a city-wide Road Safety Action Plan. As a conscientious and caring community, let's get a head start on this and encourage all our friends and neighbors to slow down and drive safely. If you are interested in serving on a neighborhood road safety committee, please contact us at info@ncpha.org.

Thank you and keep safe out there. May your holidays be full of warmth and cheer.

Overheight Walls in North Central

North Central is a unique neighborhood and a point of pride for our City. Being able to see front door wreaths, holiday decorations, beautiful gardens and each home's unique architecture is a sign of a warm and welcoming community. Lately, however, there has been an uptick in requests for over-height walls. Currently, in our residentially zoned area, side and rear walls (if any) can be a maximum height of 6 feet per the City of Phoenix*.



Adding privacy or more sound screening is typically done with trees, shrubs and other landscape materials. We want to live in an area where there is more green than concrete.

For the construction of any size wall, you are required to file a building permit with the City of Phoenix. If you live on a corner, be aware of the important and critical visibility triangle requirements so you are not obstructing the view for vehicles and pedestrians. And remember, the wall(s) must be inside your property lines.

The Board of the North Central Phoenix Homeowners Association recently voted to oppose any variance request for walls over 6 feet in height. Walling in our community will only serve to hurt the character that we have carefully protected over the decades. What we would suggest is that you consider using landscaping material to create your borders and help reduce the heat factor in our area. For wall height violations, please contact Neighborhood Services at www.phoenix.gov/nsd.

*If you live on Central Ave, the wall requirements are specified by the North Central Ave Special Planning District.

City of Phoenix's Road Safety Action Plan

The City of Phoenix is launching a Road Safety Action Plan to help reduce the increasing number of accidents and fatalities. Currently, Phoenix has the worst large city fatality rate reaching a 4.4% rate increase every year, while the population of Phoenix is growing at 1.5% per year.

Last year, we had 30,376 crashes; that's 85 crashes per day with 2 serious injuries per day and one fatality every other day. This should not be acceptable to anyone living, driving, walking or biking in our city. Here are some sobering statistics: Of the fatal crashes, 46% are pedestrians, cars 34%, motorcycles 15% and bicycles 4%.

Unfortunately, the North Central Corridor has all the attributes of the mounting crash data. 46% of all fatal crashes, 24% are younger drivers (all the schools nearby), 43% occur at intersections and 57% occur in the City's corridors.



What can you do? Every time you get into your vehicle, please make sure you are not impaired (intoxicated, tired, angry), distracted (texting, talking, eating) and please **DRIVE THE SPEED LIMIT**. Slow down in school zones, any areas where there are pedestrians (The Murphy Bridle Path), and in intersections especially. Do not run red lights because you are in a hurry. We each must take responsibility for our driving/biking/walking behavior and until we do, the crash statistics will continue to rise.

Let's make a neighborhood effort to ***SLOW DOWN NORTH CENTRAL*** and keep our residents safe and alive. The City of Phoenix is soliciting input from residents about this growing problem. You can participate by providing feedback at: www.phoenix.gov/roadsafety or email RoadSafety@phoenix.gov

Police Holiday Safety Tips

Four tips to protect your packages:

- Have your package delivered when someone is home or to your work
- Ask your neighbor to pick up delivered packages
- Track your package so you know when to expect delivery
- Use Security Cameras

How to Grinch-proof your Holiday Light Display

- Turn off your light display at night
- Install Security Cameras
- Bring in valuable items at night
- Consider posting a "NO SOLICITING" sign that is visible to anyone approaching your door
- Register your home camera system with Phoenix Police virtual block watch by texting "Join Today" at 555-888

Barking Dogs

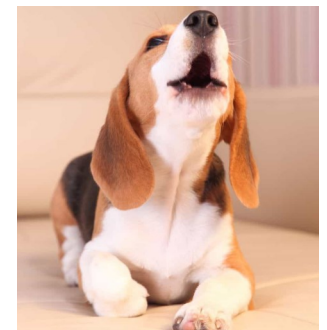
If you live near someone whose dog(s) constantly bark all day, it is very frustrating, annoying and disruptive. Since many people are still working remotely, excessive background barking is detrimental to your work environment and your quiet enjoyment of your property. Unfortunately, it's not the dog(s) fault and responsible pet owners can, if willing, find solutions to minimize excessive barking. Getting your dog to bark less will take time, work, practice, and consistency. It won't happen overnight, but with proper techniques and time, you can see progress.

The City of Phoenix has a Barking Dog Ordinance that states:

A. No person shall keep a dog within the City limits which is in the habit of barking or howling or disturbing the peace and quiet of any person within the City.

B. A person who violates this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor, however, the City Prosecutor may authorize the filing of certain cases or classes of cases as civil violations unless the person has previously been found responsible or guilty of violating this section.

For more information please link to <https://www.phoenix.gov/law/prosecutor/barking-dogs/information-for-the-complainant>. This page provides tips and other helpful information and resources to people who are disturbed or negatively affected by barking dogs. If you have already reached out to the dog(s) owner and expressed concern about the nuisance and it continues, here are some additional resources for you: **Barking Dog Hotline:** 602-262-6466 **Arizona Humane Society:** 602-997-7585



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Trees and North Central

Did you know that North Central Avenue is a nationally designated historical streetscape? And we believe it's the only one of its kind in the entire state. Both the ash trees in the City's right of way and the olive trees on private property are historically protected. The ash trees were planted in 1972 and many remain today. Last year, due to your generosity 55 new ash trees were planted where many had been removed or diseased. Another 35 trees will be planted this season to increase the shade canopy in our beautiful neighborhood.



The olive trees are over 100 years old and for the most part, nearly all of them remain. These are the original trees planted by W.J. Murphy when the Orangewood subdivision was platted in 1895. However, if you reside on Central Avenue and are missing your olive trees, please let us know. Now that nearly all of the ash trees are being replaced, wouldn't it be wonderful to get all the olives back too? For every dollar you spend on an olive tree, you get \$2.50 back in return to the environment. They are a great tree to reduce our carbon footprint.

The City requires any new olive tree to be non-fruit bearing too. So please take care of your existing olive trees and do not cut them down. If for some reason they are failing or diseased, please replace with another non-fruit bearing olive tree. Let's Keep North Central Green.

From the Heart

We recently received this letter with a generous donation:



"Even though I don't live within your boundaries, Central Avenue has been a blessing to me all the years that I've lived near it and driven on it. The cool shade in the summer, the golden leaves in autumn, the friendly, homey lights at Christmas ~ all these have created a comforting sense of place, an oasis of beauty that calms, inspires and refreshes the soul. Please accept this donation as a token appreciation for all that the North Central neighborhood has meant to me and my family through the years."

Healthy Giving

Our community is a generous one, and we encourage you to be a Healthy Giver this holiday. Experts will tell you that one-off donations, such as giving cash or a meal to someone on the street corner does not help the individual or the community. Actually, these kinds of donations have negative, unintended consequences.

In an effort to encourage best practices to help with the complex problem of homelessness and panhandling, we ask you to make donations to trusted organization and service providers over the holidays. Locally, we are fortunately to have the Healthy Giving Council (<https://www.givesmartaz.org>) who are working on positively impacting the lives of those in need. Please join the NCPHA and commit to being a Healthy Giving Neighborhood.

Turkey Drive

Thanks to your generous donations, the NCPHA donated over \$800 worth of turkeys to our local Desert Horizon Police Department for the St. Mary's Food Bank.



Health and Safety ADEQ Site Information

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has four active ground water cleanup projects within, or adjacent, to the NCPHA boundaries. 7 Ave and Bethany, Central and Camelback, 7th Street and Missouri, and 16th Street and Camelback. The adeq.gov websites below will provide maps showing the direction and perimeters of the underground plumes. The websites are a wealth of information and the ADEQ staff are very knowledgeable and extremely helpful.

ADEQ has provided the following information for each of the sites: Types of contamination, depths of the groundwater, if any drinking water and SRP irrigation wells are involved, future cleanup schedule projections, and some individual notes for the sites. The plume maps are available at the websites.

7th Ave and Bethany Home Rd: (azdeq.gov/7th-bethany) **Central and Camelback:** (azdeq.gov/central-camelback)
7th St and Missouri: (azdeq.gov/7th-missouri) **16th St and Camelback Rd:** (azdeq.gov/16th-camelback)

Important Contact Information

Mayor Kate Gallego
602-262-7111
Mayor.gallego@phoenix.gov

Sal DiCiccio, District 6
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Council.district.6@phoenix.gov

Debra Stark, District 3
602-262-7441
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Crime Stop (Non-emergency calls)
602-262-6151

Phoenix C.A.R.E.S
602-262-6251

Neighborhood Services
602-534-4444

Graffiti Removal
602-534-4444

Blight or Zoning Violations
602-262-7844

Animal Control
602-506-7387

TRAFFIC COMPLAINT HOTLINE
602-534-SPEED (7733)

Traffic concerns can also be emailed to:
traffic.complaints@phoenix.gov



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HELP SUPPORT THE NCPHA

All residents living within the boundaries of the NCPHA,* are part of a beautiful, safe and dynamic community. The NCPHA is a volunteer organization that works tirelessly to maintain the residential zoning, fight inappropriate commercial development and ensure the safety of the community. We depend on your generous support to do this.

*Northern side of Missouri to the southern side of Northern; the east side of 7th Avenue to the west side of 7th Street

Here's how you can help:

Go online to ncpha.org and click the SUPPORT tab on the homepage. This will take you to PayPal.

Fill out the information below ,make sure your check is payable to the NCPHA and mail to:

NCPHA
24 W. Camelback Rd #A560
Phoenix, Arizona 85013-1520



Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Amount of Dues (min of \$40.00) _____

Other Donation (Beautify North Central, Healthy Giving) _____