



North Central Phoenix

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Protecting North Central for Over 45 Years

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Greetings from the President, Mary Crozier

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North Central is one of the most beautiful and sought after neighborhoods in the Valley. Why has our neighborhood retained its character, charm and history in spite of our city's growth? In recently reviewing nearly 50 years of minutes and newsletters from the NCPHA, the credit falls on the shoulders of all those volunteers and concerned citizens who love living here. The North Central Phoenix Homeowners Association is a group of neighbors who care. Our purpose is to maintain and enhance the residential nature of the neighborhood, to protect the value of our homes and the quality of neighborhood living. This is not an easy task in the center of an ever expanding city. The NCPHA has been very successful in the past due to the active support of neighborhood residents. The effectiveness of the NCPHA depends on the commitment of individual neighbors. When we have put out the call for you to support or oppose a zoning case, you have written letters, sent an email or made a phone call. Now, more than ever, with the drawbacks to virtual meetings, your active support is critical. Whether you are a new neighbor or a current North Central resident, please be an active member of our property owner group.



What can you do to help?

- Please make sure you are on our email distribution list. This can be accomplished by going to our website www.ncpha.org and signing up.
- **Please pay your annual dues.** See the article inside this newsletter as to why this is SO important;
- **Keep your eyes open.** If you hear about a potential zoning issue or have a neighborhood concern, email us at info@ncpha.org;
- **Do your part to keep North Central lovely.** See trash? Please pick it up. Maintain your home and property. Please remember that you are responsible for the area from your home to the street too.
- **Volunteer.** We are always looking for new Board members or subcommittee volunteers
- **Be a good neighbor.** Wave, smile and say a kind word. Look after your elderly neighbors who need additional help. Kindness and compassion are needed now more than ever during these challenging times.

NCPHA Accomplishments

NCPHA Board members have spent countless volunteer hours during this past year attending virtual City meetings, making calls, writing letters and sending emails. Our goal is to assure that "Preserving our Neighborhood" is more than just a slogan.

Here are some of the projects we've tackled this year:

- Proposed 65' monopine at 301 E. Bethany Home Road. Applicant withdrew and is modifying existing equipment
- Worked with a developer to reduce density of new housing from 22 per acre to 4.5 single family homes per acre on 3 parcels on 110-130 W. Northern Ave.
- Worked on a compromise to fence design at 250 W. Bethany Home Road
- Donated funds with our residents help to replace 40 ash trees on N. Central Ave.

To see more of our accomplishments please visit ncpha.org



What's New at the Desert Horizon Precinct

In June of this year, the precinct welcomed a new Commander, Charmane Osborn, a 22-year veteran of the Phoenix Police Department. Prior to taking the helm at DHP, Commander Osborn was a Lt. assigned to the Community Engagement Bureau. Recently we had the opportunity to interview Commander Osborn.

Most of the challenges the commander and the precinct face are related to COVID. Specifically, coverage of officers and staff that test positive, as well as following the safety procedures on patrols. "Many people have difficulty hearing an officer speaking to them because of the mask...once they remove it to be easily heard, well then they are exposed."

While the current environment takes a toll on the morale of the department, there is a great deal of support from the Back the Blue organizations and the general public. In fact, several people have come forward to thank the Commander and to express gratitude for what the police do to keep us safe.

We asked Commander Osborn what important information she like to share with our community. Here is her response:

- As always be vigilant in being aware of your surroundings, "*see something say something*"
- The first half of 2020 shows a dramatic rise in violent crime, drop in property crime**
 - * Homicides and Aggravated Assaults are up 25% (large percent of assaults have been with a deadly weapon)
 - * Domestic Violence deaths up 180%
- Taking a proactive approach to the short-term rental/party houses with a weekend two-person unit on patrol for the known units and responding to the "loud party calls"
- With the holidays here, lock your doors, both home and car.
 - * Make sure your garage door is closed
 - * Bring packages in as soon as possible



Your Desert Horizon Precinct serving the community

Desert Horizon Police Precinct Personnel

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**To read the entire article:

www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/police/1438

Show Your Support of the Phoenix Police Department

One of the NCPHA's 2020 accomplishments was the support of **Operation: Blue Ribbon**



Operation: Blue Ribbon is a grassroots effort driven by volunteers for the purpose of citizens, neighborhoods and businesses to provide a visual support for our Phoenix Police Officers, by tying a blue ribbon around a tree in a yard, lamppost, mailbox, or an entrance to a business. This August, NCPHA board members and residents placed hundreds of blue ribbons on Central Avenue, between Bethany Home Road to Northern. As officers are on patrol, they see the ribbons and, hopefully, this will send a message of public support and help to boost their morale.

Operation: Blue Ribbon is not a political statement or effort. Our mission is to help organize community members — to show support for the men and women who serve and protect us — and unify neighborhoods with their precincts, Commanders and Community Action Officers. For a more detailed report on how the NCPHA and the Phoenix Police Department work together, check out the NCPHA's website and the article on Supporting Operation Blue Ribbon.

For further information, please email us at blueopsPHX@gmail.com.

If one officer has a better day because of a blue ribbon, then we've had a better day.

Tree Excitement

It is not often that your actions can affect future generations, but with your help and generosity with tree donations has been overwhelming. Earlier this year, we were able to give the City of Phoenix enough money to purchase, plant and maintain 40 new ash trees. Yes! 40!! In addition, the City made the commitment to look at the tree health on both sides of Central Avenue from Bethany Home to the Arizona Canal. As you know, these ash trees, in addition to the olive trees, are historically protected. We worked with the City's Parks and Recreation and arborists to determine which trees needed attention and replacement. Over the last several weeks, City crews have been trimming and planting. Collectively between your donations and the City's help, 55 new trees are being planted from Bethany Home Northern.

This gift from our neighborhood will shade generations to come.



We will continue our Beautify North Central and tree fund. We just finished up the hottest summer on record and would imagine that has created additional stress on our existing trees. Just a reminder that the cost of purchasing, planting and maintaining a 24" box ash tree is now \$350.00. If you'd like to contribute to this project, please indicate that your donation is for trees or Beautify North Central. Thank you SO much for your continued support!

How You Can Help

In the NCPHA boundaries, we have approximately 2500 property parcels. If everyone paid an annual dues, we would have sufficient funds to do incredible things for our neighborhood. Unfortunately, that is not the case. Last year, we received approximately 300 donations. Currently our annual dues are \$25.00. We recently read the minutes of a board meeting in 1977 where our annual dues were \$25.00. Over the years, there have been slight reiterations of this, but it is time to increase our dues.

The Board of the NCPHA voted to increase our 2021 annual dues to \$40.00 at our November meeting. Can you imagine how many more wonderful things we could do for our community if all of our residents paid annual dues? Most of our work is volunteerism which is completely free because of the vast experience our board has on residential zoning issues. However, we do need to hire professionals occasionally. A small retainer for a lawyer can often wipe out our funds. Unfortunately, this year, the NCPHA was subpoenaed and we needed to hire a litigator, even though we were never named in a lawsuit. When these things happen, our budget takes a big hit.

The annual dues cover the following:

1. The costs of running our website;
2. Office supplies;
3. Any areas that are not wholly covered by the City of Phoenix neighborhood grant (i.e. board insurance, meeting expenses). We have separate funds for Beautifying North Central, the Tree Replacement program, and the City of Phoenix neighborhood block watch grant.

So please, ANY contribution towards annual dues is certainly appreciated. Your small contribution goes a long way to keeping North Central the place you want to live. If you have already paid your dues for 2021, thank you. If you have never paid dues, please consider paying at least the minimum of \$40.00. The back of the newsletter provides instructions on how you can pay online or where to mail your check. Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

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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

Anyone who lives within the NCPHA boundaries* is considered a member of our volunteer organization. We ask that each property owner pay a **minimum of \$40.00 for annual dues (January ~ December)**. The fees are necessary to maintain the residential zoning and fight inappropriate commercial development, therefore we appreciate any amount of generous support. For updates on zoning cases in our neighborhood, please visit www.ncpha.org

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

Two ways to pay:

Go online to www.ncpha.org and click the **PAY DUES** tab on the Home page which will take you to PayPal. Fill out the information below and **mail your check, payable to NCPHA** to:

NCPHA
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Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Amount of Dues (min of \$40.00) _____

Other Donation (Beautify North Central, Healthy Giving) _____