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I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. Our North Central neighborhood is one of the oldest in our City. The Orangewood subdivision was platted in 1895 by William J. Murphy. This two-square mile area bounded by what are now Northern Avenue and Bethany Home Road between 7th Avenue and 7th Street was to create a suburb of Phoenix “wherein might be established rural homes at an easy distance from the city.” Murphy believed that the large lot size would attract those who would utilize them to build estate homes surrounded by citrus groves. Originally, the subdivision was divided into 20-acre lots with Central Avenue being its principal roadway. A great deal has changed in the last 125 years.



However, North Central still has the rural agricultural feel with our tree canopy, rolling lawns and a few remaining historical estates. I love walking down one of our many streets that isn't cluttered with walls and barriers or closed off subdivisions. However, unless we are constantly vigilant, North Central could easily become just another sprawling cookie-cutter subdivision.

During the recent quarantine, many residents and their families enjoyed the Murphy Bridle Path. In 1948, this horse path was officially named by the Arizona Horse Lovers Club as “Murphy’s Maricopa Bridle Path.” And here, nearly 80 years later, I find it joyful to see children on bicycles and families walking. Our North Central neighborhood is truly one of a kind and every day I feel so fortunate to be part of this lovely community.

Our tree canopy keeps our temperatures lower than the rest of the City. However, we cannot take our trees for granted. The ash trees, which sit in the public right-of-way on either side of Central Avenue, were planted in the 1970s. Pollution, automobile traffic, changing temperatures and less rain, are creating stressful conditions for our trees. The city’s arborists are evaluating the long term strategy to help these trees survive, or be replaced. See the article on page 3 to learn more about what you can do to help maintain and protect the Murphy Bridle Path and our precious trees.

After our last newsletter, your donations for new trees was astounding! We raised enough to donate over 30 new trees to the City for new trees in our Beautify North Central initiative. Unfortunately, due to the virus, the planting has been postponed until the fall.

We know that this may be a financial challenging year for you, but if you are able, please donate to the NCPHA. Our organization does many good deeds for North Central~~from protecting our residential zoning to tree health to focusing on public safety. There are many ways to make a difference in our neighborhood. Wishing you and yours a wonderful summer. Be safe out there!



Phoenix Police Honoring Healthcare

What a great way to say thank you to our healthcare workers during police week/international thank a nurse day!

Officers from the Desert Horizon Precinct handed out over 200 carnations to John C. Lincoln employees as they arrived for their shift.

It was a great honor and show of support to all those who have been working tirelessly to keep our community healthy



From left to right: Officer Titus, Commander Smith, Sgt. Reaume, Officer Maze, Officer Squier, North Central CAO, Officer Morgan, Officer Heil, Officer Lozoya.

Desert Horizon Police Precinct Personnel

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Virtual Block Watch

Virtual Block Watch is one of the Phoenix Police Department's contemporary crime prevention and investigation tools that demonstrates the effectiveness of partnerships between police and the community. If you have a security camera or Ring video device, you can register this with the police department. Your security device could provide vital information in an investigation.



Joining this program not only helps deter crime, but assists the Department in its overall crime prevention strategy in your neighborhood. Protect yourself, your family and your community by registering with Virtual Block Watch.

Registration is simple and takes about 10 minutes. There is no cost and your information is confidential.

Register at <https://www.phoenix.gov/police/virtualblockwatch-form>

North Central Parents

North Central Parents is a new Google Group for families to share ideas, recommend services, and support local businesses. It's meant to connect our strong North Central neighborhood and keep it safe.

During our Stay at Home orders, this group created and shared a sweet Bear Hunt activity for our kids in North Central to find while out on their walks. Neighbors from all over our area joined in on the fun and you can still spot some today.



To join the group, please contact the group's moderator directly at: northcentralparents@gmail.com

Tree Update

We love our North Central trees and the historic Murphy Bridle Path. As you know, some of the ash trees, planted in the 1970s are showing signs of stress and deterioration. Now more than ever, we will need donations to replenish and maintain these trees. A donation of \$350 will buy, plant and maintain a new tree.

We deeply thank the North Central Realtors Home Tour for their incredibly generous donation of \$5,000 to our Beautify North Central tree replacement program. Since the City has a limited budget (now even more so with the pandemic), to replace trees in our neighborhood, we rely heavily on donations made by residents and businesses.

The NCPHA recently met with multiple departments at the City of Phoenix to discuss a long term strategy on how to save and protect our trees.

Here is what you can do to help:

1. Please make a tree donation (see back page)
2. If you live along the Murphy Bridle Path or the west side of Central Ave:
 - **PLEASE** make sure your irrigation/watering system is **NOT** overflowing onto the Bridle Path. The damage and erosion to the Bridle Path negatively affects the trees and may be a safety issue for pedestrians.
 - Please make sure your landscaping crews **DO NOT USE** a blower on the path. The blower, not only adds dust and pollutants to the air, but also causes erosion of the decomposed granite on the path.
 - If a new tree has been planted in front of your property, please keep an eye on it. If you see any causes for concern, please email us at info@ncpha.org.
 - Please maintain the area between your property line and the street. Do not leave yard debris or tree limbs discarded there. You are responsible to maintain this area so please keep it clean.
3. There is **NO PARKING** on the Murphy Bridle Path or the west side of Central Ave. Parking cars on the path also causes stress for the trees and a big safety hazard for pedestrians and moving vehicles.
4. Please remember that the Murphy Bridle Path is a **PUBLIC PARK**. Please remove your animal waste and dispose of it properly in the designated bins.

Summer Safety

Summer is here in Arizona and it's important to be prepared and stay cool. Here are some tips to beat the heat!

If you're looking to enjoy the great outdoors, make sure to go hiking early, before it heats up. Bring plenty of water and stay on designated trails. Sunscreen and water are a must when going outside, and it never hurts to bring a hat and sunglasses. Remember, when it is over 100 degrees, all Phoenix trails are closed to pets.

The desert can get pretty hot, especially during the summer, so it's important to know your rights as a renter. Phoenix law requires landlords to maintain 82 degrees or cooler for units with air conditioning, or 86 degrees for evaporative coolers, so don't sweat it if you don't have to!

For more tips check out Phoenix.gov/Summer.



From left to right: Samantha Hirsch, Sam Miller, and Rick Ramella

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911

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

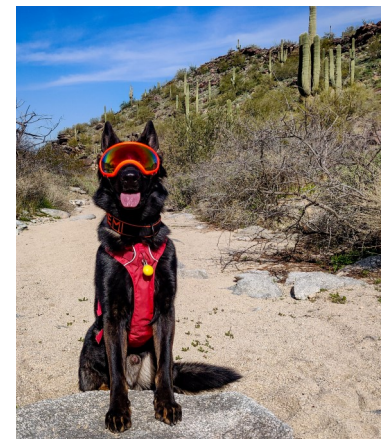
Poison Control Center
1-800-222-1222

Animal Control
602-506-7387

Silent Witness
480-WITNESS
(480-948-6377)

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 \$25.00 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 \$25.00) _____

Other Donation (Beautify North Central, Healthy Giving) _____