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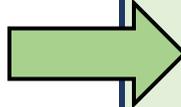
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Important Dates

Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 12th at
NEW TIME 6:30 PM

Bingo
Sunday, March 10th & 24th
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

PNP Road Trip Training
Wednesday, March 27th
8:00 AM - Noon

March



2019

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Contacts: If you need assistance with any issue regarding Northtown, our board members are available to assist you.

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- Sheila Ruling, Vice President (2021)*** **602-494-9979**
- Diane Guillaume, Secretary (2019)*** **623-255-8732**
- Joni Zarko, Treasurer (2019)*** **602-482-2968**
- Julie Cicero, Architectural Control (2021)*** **480-584-1568**
- Frank Vance, Roads and Grounds (2020)*** **602-265-3393**
- Pam Shirvinski, Pool Director (2020)*** **480-516-1711**

Special Committees:

- Sharon Dreyer – Compliance Manager 602-481-5569
- Stephanie Shink – Social Manager 602-689-1786
- Doug Snyder – Roads & Grounds Assistant 602-923-9892

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- Bob Carver, Street Lighting 602-787-0016
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- Sheila Ruling, Clubhouse Event Coordinator 602-494-9979

* Denotes Term end.

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Emergency Numbers:	
Police, Fire, Medical Emergency	911
Crime Stop	262-6151
Animal Control	506-7387
Poison Control	253-3334
Power Outage: APS	371-7171

2019 HOA Assessment Amounts:	
Annual	\$540.00
Semi Annual	\$270.00
Quarterly	\$135.00
Monthly	\$ 45.00

Don't forget, all HOA dues are to be sent to Osselaer, not the HOA office. If you did not receive a packet from Osselaer with payment book, please call them at 602-277-4418.

Osselaer's address is: PO Box 61475, Phoenix, AZ 85082

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Newsletter Staff:

- Editors Beverly Bernal, Stephanie Shink, Naomi McCarthy
- Publishers, Kathleen Brezina, Stephanie Shink

"LETTERS TO THE EDITOR"

I would like to thank the Board for taking care so quickly of my request: a brand new and shiny STOP sign at the end of Gretta Place (North side) and 22nd street. Now I feel at ease knowing that any visitors or contractors that come to our little cul-de-sac will stop and avoid a fender bender with oncoming traffic on 22nd street. I appreciate the fast response.

Also, a quick suggestion: I attend the meetings as often as I can and unfortunately miss all of the morning/afternoon activities because of my job. When I can be there, I do not know who is who on the Board so I would like to suggest that they wear a name tag along with their position on the board. Nothing fancy, just a generic tag with the name typed or even hand written. I believe this would be helpful other people too.

Thank you!

Simone Boutros
Lot 211C

From the editor: The above, "*Letters to the Editor*", Editorials are strictly the opinion of the person(s) submitting the article(s). It in no way reflects the official views, records, or decisions of the Northtown Homeowners' Association, its Board of Directors, and/or the newsletter staff.

Board Highlights

The Northtown HOA February Board Meeting was officiated by Diane Hoverstein, President and all Board members were in attendance.

The following topics were discussed:

- ❖ Completion of the Clubhouse lighting project with all new LED system.
- ❖ Pool project update by Pool Manager, Pam Shrivinski.
- ❖ Vice President, Sheila Ruling, presented new tenant and owner forms, and requested all residents to complete an emergency contact form.
- ❖ Roads and Grounds report from Frank Vance and Doug Snyder entailed bids on removal of a large tree near the 6 plex area and landscape maintenance contractor bids.
- ❖ An Architectural Control report was given by Julie Cicero. A vote was taken and affirmative on proceeding with a Clubhouse interior painting project to achieve an acceptable state of maintenance.
- ❖ President, Diane Hoverson, issued a request for volunteers to help paint the outdoor benches (we have the supplies).

Committees

Vice President/Clubhouse Event Coordinator: Sheila Ruling 602-494-9979

First, I want to thank you for the Board of Director votes and ask for your patience as I learn CC&R's, By Laws, and Robert's Rules. Now on to business. I have updated the format of some of Northtown forms making them more user friendly.

The Clubhouse Reservation Form must be submitted when a resident is hosting any event. Clubhouse rules and cleaning requirements are on the back side of the form. This will avoid double bookings and ensure correct fees are collected to offset clubhouse expenses.

The Tenant Registration Form and the Affirmation of Residency and Age Compliance Form must be submitted by property owners who rent/lease the home. This is a census requirement. Please complete these as soon as possible for existing and new tenants and submit to the office. Our records need to be up to date!

The Emergency Contact Form is not mandatory but may be very helpful if ever needed. Your neighbors may know your kids but not have last names or phone numbers. You could have a medical emergency, or be out of town when a water pipe leaks or there is a break-in. Let us know if there are pets in the home. Part-time residents should also provide ongoing contact information. **The form on the following page is for your use.**

Northtown Forms are on-line and in the Forms notebook on the Clubhouse wall. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with them.

Roads and Grounds: Frank Vance 602-265-3393

March greetings from Roads and Grounds

It looks like we have a relatively quiet month ahead of us. The especially chilly weather is behind us and things will start to warm up a bit. Flowers bloom in the desert and the citrus starts to fall off the trees. The latter is particularly good news if you happen to be a roof rat because that means there is plenty of food to support a thriving family. Good news for the rats but not for us. Most of us would rather that the rats thrive somewhere else. With this in mind, please remember to pick up any fruit that falls from your trees. If you aren't going to use your citrus, you could remove it from your trees as well. Other ways to keep the rat population down include keeping the lids on your trash containers closed and not leaving pet food on the patio for your dogs and cats.

Overall, things are going smoothly at this time. If anyone has a question about a landscape issue in our common areas, please let us know and we will address it.

Pool Director: Pam Shirvinski 480-516-1711

The permits have been issued February 4 and work will start as weather permits.



COMMUNITY INTERESTS:

(This section of the Newsletter relates to Resident Organizations / Clubs / General information and is not "Official Association Business.")



THE VALENTINES DANCE:

Thanks to all who attended! If you did not attend, you missed a fun event! Everyone was on the dance floor! The DJ had to cancel at the last minute but Diane, ever resourceful, went one better and found a live band on the Saturday morning! A large bottle of Jack Daniels was donated as a door prize for all ticket holders, and the winner was Peter Amato. A couple of additional donations were received to offset the cost of the band, a gesture much appreciated by the Social Committee.



CAT CONTEST:

Could you use a \$25 gift card? We know that there are a lot of kitties in Northtown, so please bring you photos and post them to the Clubhouse bulletin board. We need at least 12 photos to validate the contest. Winners to be announced at the March 12th Board Meeting.



"When many hands work together, big things can get done". We need 6 volunteers to paint the 6 outside benches. The Board will also provide lunch. Please call Diane 602-743-9400.

I am looking for someone to do some simple typing for me. If you are interested, please contact me at jacey3@cox.net.

Joann Cellers, 2101 E Tierra Buena Ln, Unit #9
Lot #209J





BINGO

Come be a Winner! Sundays, March 10th and 24th from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM at Northtown Clubhouse. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the fun! Lots of prizes, 50/50 Raffle and more. Bingo cards will be three for \$5 or \$2 each. Your participation means we will be able to continue Bingo. We need volunteers to help with this event. Please call Stephanie at 602-689-1786 to let her know how you can help.

NORTHTOWN COMMUNITY BLOCK WATCH/PNP: Joann Cellers, Director 602-482-6112
We have had a few minor incidents in Northtown over the past month but nothing serious. If you see someone or something who does not belong in Northtown, call 911. If the incident is to report something that has happened earlier, and the party is gone, then call Crime Stop -602-262-6151. I appreciate you letting me know what has happened after it has been resolved.

Watch your mail as you will soon be getting an invitation to the Phoenix Police Appreciation Lunch if you have had at least 50 hours reported this last year. It will be in April, and I will be letting you know when and where. This is a great event, but you do need to make reservations. I will not be making them for you this year, so it will be up to you to make your own this year. Please notify me if you make a reservation and the name of any guest.

In March there will be a Coffee with the Chief, Jeri Williams. Her talk last year was really great, and I hope you can make plans to attend. It will be held on Tuesday, March 26th at 8:00 AM at Saint Jerome Catholic Church at 10815 N. 35th Ave. Her talks are fantastic, and I think you will find it well worth the trip. There will still be regular "Coffee with the Cops" get togethers monthly. I would like to see more of you attend these.

You are all welcome to attend the Black Mountain Community Alliance meetings. The next one is March 13th at the Deer Valley Community Center, 2001 W. Wahalla. This is just before you get to the 101 if you are going North on 19th Ave. They always have great speakers and many of the Black Mountain Officers in attendance.

Now the good news - Officer Brian Kornegay is going to do one of his PNP Road Trip training classes for Northtown residents and anyone else who wants to come. It will be held at the Northtown Clubhouse on March 27th, 8 AM - 12:00 noon. This is a very interesting and informative class, and you will receive a PNP T-shirt and your PNP badge. I hope several of you will come to this class. Keep up the good patrolling and be ready to report your January, February, and March hours at our April quarterly meeting on April 8th at 6:30 PM at the Clubhouse.

More good news. Northtown residents did a great job in making cookies for the three fire stations. We had enough to keep them eating them for some time. Thanks so much. There are pictures on Face Book.

Community signs - Have you noticed the signs down by the Clubhouse when there is an event? These signs were purchased by the PNP group with the grant money we received. Anyone who needs to use them for an event at the Clubhouse may do so by contacting Bob Carver. When you are finished with your event, the signs must be returned to him immediately as he may need them the next day. Hope you take advantage of them.

KOFFEE KLATCH: PEGGY PENNINGTON, PRESIDENT 602-317-2562

A BIG THANK YOU to all the Northtown Community residents who made "Cookies for Firemen" a huge success. The three local Fire Stations who received the cookies were very appreciative. A special THANK YOU to the Koffee Klatch members who went out of their way to help coordinate this project, package the cookies and deliver them.

Koffee Klatch is going to be celebrating monthly Birthdays with just cake and ice cream. This will still be the first Thursday of each month. Lunch will no longer be provided. Every Thursday will be Brown Bag. This is effective March 7th, 2019. As most of you know, we are sometimes pleasantly surprised when a Koffee Klatch member brings something they have made and think we all might like to try. Koffee Klatch is about sharing. Whether it's ideas, helping our Community, supporting one another or just enjoying a laugh, we are all blessed to have each other. Hope to see you all on Thursday!!

QIGONG is good for physical health, balances the emotions and elevates the spirit. AND, IT'S FREE! So join us at the Clubhouse at 10 AM every Friday. Newcomers are always welcome. Give me a call if you have any questions. 1-520-319-0506
Kathleen Brezina
Lot #188

ATTENTION: NORTHTOWN BOWLERS

Looking to have some fun? Maybe get a little exercise? If you're interested, please let me know.

Peggy Pennington, Lot #221
602-317-2562



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

NORTHTOWN TRANSPORTATION

I can offer my time to transport Northtown neighbors to and from the grocery store, doctors' appointments, to the polls to vote, etc. (free of charge). I cannot do airport runs. Give me a call if you need a lift, or maybe two or three would like to go grocery shopping at the same time. If I don't answer, leave a message and I'll get right back to you. See you soon.

Ann Harper, Lot #93 480-652-6002



Liz McNamara's church, The Shelter, has a "Community Service" program where several members come to Northtown the first Saturday of every month to help neighbors in need with yard or household chores. Call Liz at 602-971-3893 mid-month, and she will see that your name gets on the list for the next first Saturday. They can only help 4 -5 homeowners each visit, depending on the jobs, so First Come - First Served.



Attention all Dog Walkers

It's the law!! Pick up after your dog, take it home and put it in your **own** trash barrel (not at the Clubhouse). Poop not picked up is a health hazard to you and your dog. Please be a responsible pet owner. There are still **MANY** sightings of stray poop being reported. We don't want **POOP** taking over our world.



Reminder: Please heed the speed limit in Northtown. . . 20 MPH. No more - no less.

*To all those with broken bones and injuries and
those with wheezes and sneezes . . .
Get Well Soon, We Miss You!*



*happy
Birthday*

To all those born in March!



Northtown Organizations and Clubs:

Northtown has several organizations and clubs **open to all residents** that operate within the boundaries of Northtown, but are not an official part of Northtown Homeowners' Association. They are as follows:

KOFFEE KLATCH:

Meetings are held every Thursday at noon in the Northtown Clubhouse. This group is open to **all women in the Northtown community**. We share our life experiences and are always looking for ways to improve ourselves and our neighborhood. We collect non-perishable food items for St. Vincent DePaul Society. During the holidays, we contribute to various charities. We host guest speakers, and frequently, Black Mountain Police Precinct officers visit to keep us informed on ways to keep our community safe. The first Thursday of each month, we celebrate Birthdays for that month. Meetings are Brown Bag (bring your own lunch). Dues are \$ 1.00 per meeting.

NORTHTOWN COMMUNITY BLOCKWATCH/Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP)

This group is registered with the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Organization - ID# 1323. Block Watch/PNP members patrol Northtown to be the "eyes and ears" for the Black Mountain Police Precinct. This group started in 2001 and has continued patrolling, applying for grants to buy safety and security items such as motion detector lights, dusk to dawn lights, and more. These are yours for the asking when available. For more information, or to be trained to follow the BW/PNP guidelines, please contact Joann Cellers at 602-482-6112 or e-mail jacey3@cox.net.

QIGONG:

Qigong is slow and gentle movement combined with conscious breathing. There are both seated and standing exercises. We meet Friday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Clubhouse. These lessons are taught by Kathleen Brezina who is a Certified Qigong Instructor. There is no charge.

CARDS AND GAMES:

Several different groups have regular cribbage, poker (nickel, dime, and quarter), Pokeno (pennies/nickels) & LRC (quarters) games. See the calendar on the back of the newsletter or on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse (near the kitchen).

SUNSHINE CLUB:

The Sunshine Club sends cards, offers assistance during a time of illness and acts as a Welcome Wagon for new neighbors. The Sunshine Club collects cans to recycle for cash, which is used for postage, cards, etc. Please donate cans in the collection container at the Clubhouse. If you are in need of their services, or would like to help, contact Kitty Cordasco 602-569-5266.





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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

2202 E. WALTANN LANE • PHOENIX, AZ 85022

Date: _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION SHEET

Please take a moment to complete this sheet and return it to the Clubhouse office. This information will be used only in the event of an emergency and will be kept confidential.

YOUR NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

LOT#: _____

PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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EMERGENCY CONTACT:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_