



Encanto Citizens Association, Inc.

THIS PLACE MATTERS

The theme "THIS PLACE MATTERS" is designated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation for the celebration of Preservation Month, May 1-31.

The Encanto-Palmcroft Historic District is significant in the City of Phoenix because it was the only early 20th Century area in the city modeled on the City Beautiful movement in the waning years of that movement. It is also significant to the early history of Arizona for the same reason. These two subdivisions: Encanto on the north side of Palm Lane and Palmcroft, on the south side of Palm, were plotted only 15 years after Arizona became a state, by a brilliant, early surveyor, Harry E. Jones.

Phoenix is under consideration for the National Trust's 2012 National Preservation Conference. The Encanto Citizens Association wrote a letter in support of the Greater Phoenix Convention and Visitors Bureau proposal to host the Conference in 2012, Arizona's centennial year. A decision will be made by the Trust in October.

Cognizant of that fact and knowing that Phoenix is under severe budget constraints and cutbacks for the foreseeable future, we are suggesting to each neighbor that we, as individuals, do as much as we can to support our city by:

- Picking up trash and other debris in the streets and near the Park and depositing it in containers, as street sweeping may be curtailed.
- Maintaining the alleys as clean as possible.
- Painting over graffiti wherever you find it near our neighborhood, i.e., if it is on one's fence or garage, and as soon as it is spotted. Call Graffiti Busters Hotline, 602-495-7014, if it is on City property or the telephone company for graffiti on its connection boxes.
- Residential palm tree trimming has been eliminated by Phoenix; therefore it is now up to the homeowner to maintain the palm trees in the parkways.
- Looking after your neighbor's home as if it were your own, being the eyes and ears of the police.
- Keeping your pet leashed at all times outside of your own yard and picking up after your pets.

Both locally and nationally, "THIS PLACE MATTERS".

RESOURCES

Board member and long-time resident, GAIL CLAYTON, R.N., has volunteered to consult with any neighbor who may have been burglarized. This is a complimentary offer she is originating as a service to our community. Gail understands the concerns and need to talk about lost possessions, methods of prevention and the violation of personal space. She has expressed that even though the incident happened several weeks ago, each day is a constant reminder. Contact info: 602-420-9404 or 1608 Palmcroft Way SW.

NEIGHBORHOOD HELP NETWORK

Several residents are interested in organizing a neighborhood-wide HELP network. The purpose is to help residents who live alone who may need assistance from time to time. Examples include:

- a. A ride to the airport, doctor's office or to pick up an automobile.
- b. Or any other type of assistance where a neighbor's help is needed.

We are having a potluck at the Crane home, 917 W. Palm Lane, on Sunday, May 18, at 1 p.m. If you will attend please call NANCY SLOAN at 602-390-3477 or DAWN RISK at dmrisk@cox.net to RSVP or to let us know if you cannot attend but have an interest in this project.

Maricopa County Vector Control – 602-506-0700 to report untended "green pools" and other mosquito breeding grounds. They will give you a case number.

Maricopa County Air Quality Control Hotline – 602-372-2703 Rule 310.01, section 302.5

This section concerns open areas or vacant lots which have a disturbed area larger than 0.5 acre. If such areas remain unused and undeveloped for more than 15 days then the owner/operator must use a control measure to help limit the emission of dust from the area.

- District 7 Councilman Michael Nowakowski will hold open office hours on Tuesday, May 13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Encanto Park Clubhouse, 2605 N 15th Avenue.