



WINDSOR SQUARE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WINDSOR SQUARE SPECIAL PLANNING DISTRICT

Let's Eat!

Vicki Hersh, Eric Miles & Barry Oleksak

Forget the chain restaurants and try some of the independent gems located in and around Windsor Square.

Aiello's

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602-279-8909

www.sonorabrewhouse.com

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5114 N. 7th St. (south of Colter Street)

602-200-0160

www.ticozofarizona.com

Latin-American

Open 11am-11pm daily, Fri.-Sat. to midnight.

Another place to run into neighbors, Ticoz is a casual restaurant and bar serving tacos, burgers, chicken, pork and seafood dishes, burritos, salads and a variety of appetizers.

Pane Bianco

4404 N. Central Ave.

602-234-2100

www.pizzeriabianco.com/pane

Sandwiches and Salads

Open 11am-3pm, Tues.-Sat.

If you can't get into Pizzeria Bianco, try lunch at Chris Bianco's other place near our neighborhood. A wood-burning oven and a limited menu of sandwiches and salads that never disappoint. Take out only, but picnic tables are available in front.

Two Hippies Beach House

501 E. Camelback Road

602-277-0399

Tacos and Burritos

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Organic ingredients and a super friendly staff offer freshly prepared fish, chicken and meat tacos and burritos and a variety of fruit drinks. Indoor seating is limited to a few stools. Take out or eat on covered and uncovered picnic tables.

Maizie's Cafe & Bistro

4750 N. Central Ave.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER A New Year in Windsor Square

Jennifer Delgado

As 2009 progresses, I tend to reflect on my life and the people and experiences that have helped shape it. I think about good friends, a loving family and my sweet little house. It is those people and that place I am most thankful for in life. I think about the first day I drove into Windsor Square and discovered such a wonderful neighborhood. I think how I felt a sense of belonging as soon as I drove down the streets and how this is the longest I've stayed in one place since I was a teenager.

Why do I like living here so much? I like living near downtown and being so close to everything. I like it that every house in our neighborhood has a distinct look and personality. No cookie-cutter tan stucco houses here.

I like the small businesses surrounding the neighborhood, and the fact that I can walk to them without fear of being mowed down by traffic. I love the mature trees that line our streets, and I love our home tours, when the neighborhood's most beautiful houses shine for the thousands of visitors who come to look at them. I like the fact that most of my neighbors have also purposely chosen this unique community, and the rest have been here for decades, providing an eclectic and friendly mix of great people.

So as I take stock of where I've been in my life, I can't help but feel glad that I drove into Windsor Square five years ago and found my perfect home.

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602-274-2828

www.maiziescafe.com

Open 11am-midnite, Mon.-Fri.; 9am-midnite, Sat.; 9am-4pm, Sun.

Maizie's Cafe & Bistro arrived in time to ride the light rail wave of popularity. This family-owned and operated eatery is located at the base of the Landmark Towers and has both inside and patio seating available. They offer an eclectic menu appropriate for lunch or dinner, including sandwiches, wraps, salads, and some interesting appetizers. They have a very respectable wine list with wide price range, and several choices available by the glass.

Lola's Tapas

800 E. Camelback Road

602-265-4519

Spanish

Open 7am-noon and 5pm-10pm, Tues.-Sat.

Naming this eatery after their daughter, Daniel and Felicia have been offering Spanish cuisine at Lola's since 2004. The flavors are fresh, simple and earthly allowing

Windsor Square Special Planning District Fiscal Year 2009-2010 voter-approved budget

Income	FY 2008-09	FY 2009-10
Dues/Donations	4,315	3,000
Home Tour	19,261	1,400
Newsletter Ads	340	300
Bank Interest	350	300
Total	\$24,266	\$5,000
Expenses		
General & Admin	1,383	1,400
Season for Sharing	250	250
Block Party	454	800
Home Tour	11,274	1,100
Newsletter	967	1,500
Website	0	1200
Maintain Public Areas	1,620	1,600
Contingency	0	1,200
Insurance	2,111	1,011
Total	\$18,059	\$10,061
Net Income (Loss)	\$6,206	(\$5,061)

Turn to p. 8 for more news about the 2009 Annual Meeting.

the ingredients of their tapas to speak. Tapas (small plates) are typically served in the late afternoon or early evening as a snack to fend off hunger, as dinner is usually served after 10pm in Spain. The fun in enjoying Tapas as dinner is a wider variety of flavors and preparations for your meal. The wine list is influenced with Latin styles — Rioja, Tempranillo and Malbec — as well as authentic cocktails ranging from Sangria, both red and white, to pomegranate martinis. Although pricey overall, the communal ambiance and flavors are worth the experience. A new outdoor patio is now open.

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Home Security

Thanks to Ellen Bilbrey of Medlock Place

By far, the most common threat to homes is burglary. According to the FBI, a burglary occurs in the United States every 15 seconds. Most home burglaries occur during the day and are committed by males under 25 years of age looking for cash, jewelry, guns, watches, laptop computers and small electronic devices that are easy to convert to cash. About 70% of burglars use force to enter a dwelling. Police only clear about 13% of all reported burglaries.

Burglars typically choose an empty home with easy access, ample cover and a good escape route. The garage and back doors provide the most cover. Burglars look in cars for keys after they enter a garage. Buy locking gas caps for your automobiles.

Door-to-door solicitors may try to break into your home if no one answers the door. **Always** call Crimestop (602-262-6151) if a solicitor seems suspicious. Don't open the door! Get a license number and vehicle description if possible.

Use high quality locks that resist tampering. A reliable deadbolt will have a beveled casing to inhibit use of channel-lock pliers to shear off lock cylinder pins. A quality door knob-in-lock set will have a 'dead latch' mechanism to prevent slipping the lock with a shim or credit card. Use a solid core or metal security door at entranceways. Install a wide-angle peephole about 58 inches above the ground on your front door.

The most common way to force entry is to kick a door open. The weakest point is the strike plate that holds the latch in place, or a glass panel. The average door strike plate is secured only by the doorjamb. Upgrade to a four-screw, heavy-duty, high security strike plate and use 3-inch wood screws that cut deep into the door frame stud. Use at least one long screw in each hinge.

Sliding glass doors are especially vulnerable. Put a dowel in the track to prevent movement. Some sliding doors

can be lifted off the tracks. You can install anti-lift devices in both the sliding and fixed portion of the door. The least expensive and easiest safeguard is to install screws halfway into the upper track of the movable glass panel to prevent it from being lifted out when closed.

Place visible decals on your windows that indicate you have an alarm system, dog, or a Block Watch/Operation Identification system. Burglars dislike alarms and barking dogs.

An open window may be inviting to a burglar. Windows should have secondary blocking devices to prevent opening them from outside. Inexpensive wooden dowels work well for horizontal sliding windows and through-the-frame pins work well for vertical sliding windows. Block windows to open no more than six inches and make sure you can't reach in to remove the blocking device or unlock any nearby door.

Good neighbors look out for each other. Get to know your closest neighbors. Invite them to your home, communicate often and establish trust. Good neighbors can report suspicious activity to the police, or to you, while you are away. Good neighbors can pick up your mail or newspapers and can check to see that all is well. Good neighbors can park in your driveway occasionally to give the appearance of occupancy while you are on vacation.

Giving a neighbor a key solves the problem of hiding one outside. Experienced burglars will find hidden keys. Requiring a service vendor to visit your neighbor to retrieve your house key will send the message that someone is alert. This practice helps deter crimes in a big way. For this to work, you must reciprocate.

Use light timers. Typically, you use them near windows with the window covering closed. The pattern of on-and-off should simulate actual occupancy. The same timers can be used to turn on radios or TVs to further enhance the illusion of occupancy.

Good exterior lighting allows you to see if someone is lurking near your door or in your driveway when you come and go. Motion lights are excellent around the house. Exterior front lighting should be on a timer to establish a routine and appearance of occupancy at all times. Leaving garage or porch lights on all day is a dead giveaway you are out of town. Security lights with motion sensors are relatively inexpensive and can replace an exterior porch or door light — just screw them into the light fixture. Some also have a heat sensor to detect body heat and can be programmed to reset after one minute.

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Rattled

Ann Roseman

I could sometimes eat a fried rat with a good relish.

Thoreau

One recent day I lifted the lid of my one toilet and saw what I thought was a toy mouse. But on closer inspection I noticed that the mouse was a living, moving, breathing creature. My mind reeled. What to do? I ended up drowning the poor creature by submerging it with the toilet brush.

It took longer than I thought and I had to keep my eyes on it throughout the process to make sure it didn't get out from under the brush and escape. I had to watch it breathe its last time, spasm and finally die. Then what? With my ancient plumbing, I dared not flush it and risk clogging the pipes. I had to figure a way to get the rat out of the toilet. My pet's pooper scooper worked just great for this purpose.

The next day the Critter Control folks were at my house. They verified that my rodent victim was a baby roof rat. The dog discovered more ratlets as they ran along the exterior foundation of the house. The Critter Control people quickly found how the rats were getting into the house: via the toilet pipe vent on the roof. They also discovered that one of the screens for the crawl space was slightly ajar. Roof rats can get into a space the size of a quarter and there was a huge gap between the soffit and the eave.

Now we're playing the waiting game for the little guys and their parents to go for the tasty treats inside the live traps that have been set.

Moral of the story: make sure your crawl space screens are intact and securely in place. Get your roof vents secured with wired-on tops. Inspect under your eaves for construction defects. We are at one advantage in our historic homes — they have fewer construction gaps compared to new homes!



Make your yard uninviting for roof rats by keeping your citrus and other fruit trees harvested and not permitting fallen fruit to remain on the ground. Do not keep or place pet or bird food outside. Roof rats also love any fresh water they can find to drink, so be aware of the dishes under your potted plants and keep them empty. I hope you can avoid the fright, expense and aggravation I had to endure.

Rattled: The sequel

A little while later, I opened my bedroom closet and was bowled over by a horrid stench that was not there mere hours ago. Searching every shoe, garment and shelf, I discovered nothing. So I called the Critter Control experts (they're great ... they give you their cell number to use anytime), who determined that I must have a dead rat or two in the attic counterparts of the bait stations that were placed in the yard.

The moral of this part of the story is: don't use bait stations until and unless you are certain there are no access points into your house. Otherwise, you may end up with rotting rats in the belfry.

Lovely addendum in the "too much information" category: it is near impossible to find dead rats in one's attic, since they usually burrow under all the insulation. According to the expert, one has to endure the smell for about a week and wait for flies to lay their eggs in the carcass. Then the maggots take care of everything but the bones, thankfully ridding the house of the odor, but leaving a house full of flies shortly thereafter.

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Alarm systems deter burglars because they increase the probability of being caught. Use alarm signs and decals. Alarm systems can monitor for fire, too, and should have an audible horn that resets automatically. If you have established and nurtured your neighborhood watch system, it is not unusual to have a neighbor greet the police, allow them inside to inspect, then secure the residence. A neighbor can also call a glass company or locksmith to repair damage.

Home safes can be as cheap as \$35. They keep children, dishonest babysitters or housekeepers from seeing important documents, and they protect jewelry. Home safes must be anchored to a floor or wall.

Operation Identification

Engrave your drivers license (*not* your social security) number or other unique identifier on TVs, stereos, computers and small appliances. List all make, model and serial numbers. Photograph your valuables in their locations at your home. This is important when filing insurance claims. Keep the list in a safety deposit box or with a relative. Keep receipts for larger items in case you need to document their value. You may wish to photocopy important documents and the contents of your wallet. You will be thankful you took these steps ifn your home is ever destroyed by fire or flood, is ransacked, or if your wallet is lost or stolen.

Report From Windsor Square Block Watch

Suzanne Dohrer

4-Corners Block Watch Meeting

The Windsor Square Board and the Block Watch joined efforts with the other three neighborhoods adjacent to Camelback Road and Central Avenue, for a 4-Corners Block Watch Meeting held Nov. 20, 2008. The meeting drew a crowd of more than 60 people, a big success for a first united meeting of the 4 neighborhoods: Medlock Place, Pierson Place, St. Francis and Windsor Square. As these neighborhoods become more active in Block Watch and other issues, more united meetings are expected.

Councilman Tom Simplot kicked off the meeting with comments and later he answered questions. His assistant, Nicky Borselli, talked with residents before the meeting. Block Watch and security issues were addressed by Community Action Officer Dave Chambers and Detective C.J. Wren of the Homeland Defense Bureau. The Light Rail and Transit Bureau presented information and slides about safety, security and rules around the Light Rail, by Sean Faux, Donna Davis and Dee Hidalgo-Coe.

Finally, leaders from each neighborhood spoke briefly about their neighborhoods. Special thanks must be extended to Valley Lutheran High School, which made its beautiful facility available for the meeting, and to the numerous neighborhood leaders who made everything fall into place. This team effort shows the vitality and strength of our united neighborhoods.



Help Stop Rising Graffiti Problem in Windsor Square

Windsor Square Block Watch members recently have noticed increased graffiti or tagging in the area. Reports to the City about graffiti were made in mid-January for several stop signs (front or back) in the neighborhood, as well as a fire hydrant and utility box on E. Medlock Drive, an irrigation well on E. Colter Street and the commercial building under construction at 111 E. Camelback Road.

This problem needs to be nipped in the bud and here is what you can do to help:

If you see graffiti in process call 9-1-1 or Crime Stop at 602-262-6151;

Report existing graffiti for removal to the Graffiti Busters at 602-495-7014 or email graffiti.busters.nsd@phoenix.gov;

If you are willing to clean and paint over graffiti, call Graffiti Busters at 602-495-0323 to get paint, reserve a sprayer, sign up for the next training class or reserve tools for a neighborhood clean-up.

Read more on the Phoenix City website about fighting graffiti at <http://phoenix.gov/NBHDPGMS/grafbust.html>. Note: the operations and activities of Graffiti Busters may be negatively impacted by the current budget crisis.

Some residents have already volunteered to clean some of the cited graffiti, but more volunteers are needed.

Thanks for being active in Windsor Square Block Watch!

If you want to be involved with Block Watch or help clean up local graffiti, contact Suzanne Dohrer at 602-234-3454 or dwlaw@prodigy.net.

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Tree Day

Ken Furtado

The rest of the country has Arbor Day. Phoenix has Tree Day.

That's what they call the annual event at which members and supporters of the Phoenix Permaculture Guild show up to claim the fruit trees, mulch and organic fertilizer they have ordered. A record number of orders — for nearly 1,000 individual trees and grape vines — was placed this year. To get the plants in the hands of their purchasers, the Guild mustered and trained a hardy group of volunteers to verify the orders, collect the money (if not prepaid), locate the trees, prune them to order and hustle them off to the customers' waiting vehicles.

This year, tree day was Saturday, Jan. 17 and I volunteered, hoping to meet a savvy gardener or two from whom I could pick up tips for maintaining my 23-tree backyard fruit orchard. The tree of liberty may need to be fed with the blood of patriots (Thomas Jefferson), but I was hoping for less gruesome advice on husbanding my trees through another long, hot summer.

Everything offered for purchase was a variety recommended for its ability to tolerate our killer summer temps. There were pears, peaches, apples, plums, apricots, pecans and several grape varieties, both red and green. Citrus of every description. Pomegranates were pretty popular too. There was even a cherry tree — a single special order that

will require the felicitous combination of the right microclimate and lots of TLC to produce that proverbial bowl of cherries in Phoenix.



One of the perks for volunteers was that they got first choice of leftovers at the end of the day. There had been two persimmon trees on the lot, and I kept an eagle-eye on them all day, hoping to take one home with me. Who's ever heard of persimmons anyway? Luck was on my side, and one of the two persimmons went unclaimed. It's happily sending out new roots in my back yard right now, and ready to burst its buds.

The Permaculture Guild is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire sustainable living through education, community involvement and creative cooperation. The Guild maintains a booth at the downtown Farmers market and conducts lots of classes and activities for the public. Learn more at www.phoenixpermaculture.org.

Thank-you to everyone who paid their Windsor Square dues in 2008. There were 97 responses to the dues solicitation letter that was sent in September, in addition to a few checks that were collected at the 2008 annual meeting. This year's dues reminder letter will arrive on your doorstep sometime this Spring.

The following residents mailed in contributions that arrived after the list that was printed in the December 2008 issue of the *Windsor Square News*.

- Chris Barnes and Kim Haverkamp
- David Beckner and Bernhard Gellner
- John Butt and Leisel Cade
- Ralph Carpenter
- Charlene Franz
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DISPOSE OF YOUR DOG'S WASTE

The hands-down, number one subject about which I get email is dog poop. People don't like finding it on their front lawn or stepping over it (sometimes, in it) on their walks through the neighborhood. If you walk your dog, please carry a bag to clean up after it. If you see a poopetrator at large, call Maricopa County Animal Care and Control at 602-506-PETS.

HAWKS IN WINDSOR SQUARE

Hawks are uncommon in downtown Phoenix, but anything we can do to encourage the presence of these predators is to our advantage, because they help control pigeon and rodent populations. The Liberty Wildlife Foundation and rehabilitation center of Scottsdale is experimenting with the use of trained, rehabilitated Harris Hawks for pigeon control. Other raptors you may see in Windsor Square are Red-Tailed Hawks and Kestrels.

BULK TRASH & HAZARDOUS WASTE

Placement for the city's next bulk trash collection begins May 16, with pickup scheduled for the week of May 25.

If you have hazardous waste to dispose of, bring it to the North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Ave., the week-end of April 23-25. The event accepts batteries, oil, paint, anti-freeze, pesticides, pool chemicals, tires, computers, household appliances (including ones that use refrigerants) and more during the hours 8am-2pm. For further information call 602-262-7251 or go to the website phoenix.gov/publicworks.

THANK-YOU, VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to the dedicated volunteers who deliver the *Windsor Square News* to your front porch or door. The past two issues were delivered by Mimi Allen, Highty Ashton, Leigh DeVoto, Suzanne Dohrer, Liz Eells, Bob Falk, Charlene Franz, Vicki Hersh, Michael Heyl, Christine Lindley, Paul Mardian, Peter Mertz, Negatu Molla, Anne Perry, Bob Shepherd, Robin Spencer, Susana Tamayo and Stan Watts.

Thanks also to the volunteers who distributed the flyers for the Annual Meeting: Mimi Allen, Mary Carson, Pat Doerschlag, Suzanne Dohrer, Betsy Long, Mike Mackey, Paul Mardian, Michele Robins, Susana Tamayo and Stan Watts.

And a final thank-you to Suzanne Dohrer and Katharine Halpin, who formed the nominating committee for the 2009-2010 Windsor Square Board of Directors.

If you would like to help distribute newsletters in the future, please call Robin Spencer at 602-277-9917.

We also need one-time volunteers to help distribute the annual dues solicitation letters at the end of April. To assist with that effort, email Ken Furtado at newsblast@windsorsquare-phoenix.org.

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOME TOUR 2010

It is time to start planning for next year's biennial Windsor Square Home Tour. If you checked the "Home Tour" box on the questionnaire you submitted with last year's dues, a board member will be calling you soon. And if you didn't check the box (or if you didn't pay your dues), the Home Tour Committee still wants your help. To volunteer, call or email any Board member. You'll find everyone's contact information on the back page.

WELCOME, JULIANA

Juliana Belle Sacks was born Feb 28, to Kathy and Brian Sacks of Orange Drive. Juliana is named after her two grandmothers.

GREENNESS IMPACTS KIDS' HEALTH

The greener your neighborhood is, the less likely your children are to be overweight. That's the conclusion reached by three groups of researchers in a two-year study that was the first of its kind. The study was conducted by researchers at the Indiana University School of Medicine, Purdue University and the University of Washington. Results were published in the December, 2008 issue of the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*.

Researchers looked at children ages 3 to 18 in densely populated areas whose residence did not change over 24 months. Higher neighborhood greenness was associated with reduced obesity in the long term. "Greenness" included all vegetation visible to satellites, not just parks. Urban vegetation improves aesthetics, reduces pollution, keeps summer temperatures cooler and makes the outdoors a more attractive place to play.

The study was funded by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. For more information, go to www.sciencedaily.com and type "greenness" in the search box.

Thanks to Mary Carson for sending this link.



ARCHITECTURAL STYLES OF WS

There are several remaining sets of notecards, designed by former Windsor Square resident Dick Kelly, showing the architectural styles of Windsor Square. Each set of 12 features six different homes, with a description of the architectural style on the back. The cards are printed in dark green on ivory stock and are \$6 per set of 12. To purchase a set, call or email Ken Furtado, 602-222-9796 or newsblast@windsorsquarephoenix.org.



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Annual WS Neighborhood Meeting Draws 35

About 35 residents attended the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Windsor Square Special Preservation District. District 4 Councilman Tom Simplot welcomed the small audience and spoke on a number of topics.

Councilman Simplot reported that the City is encouraged by light rail ridership, although it was not clear whether it was impacting bus ridership. About 30,000 people per day are riding the light rail, which is a higher number than projected. The city is considering using some of its anticipated federal stimulus funds to create a "people mover" that will carry light rail riders to airport Terminal 4.

Requests for zoning variances — including the 400-foot high-rise at the southwest corner of Central Avenue and Camelback Road — have dropped to near zero, due to the current economic crisis. There has been a concomitant drop in new construction in Phoenix of 90 percent.

Simplot, whose term expires this year and who is run-

ning for re-election, further stated that he does not support building heights taller than the existing Landmark Towers. That building, located west of Central Avenue, two blocks south of Camelback Road, is approximately 175 feet high.

Since there are no rezoning requests pending, it remains to be seen whether "I do not support" translates to "I will not support" once developers again come knocking.

After a question-and-answer session, outgoing Board President Linda Pollock highlighted the Board's accomplishments for the ending fiscal year. Suzanne Dohrer brought neighbors up to date on the activities of the re-activated WS Block Watch group and Ken Furtado spoke about the Oleander blight.

Outgoing secretary Barry Oleksak orchestrated the election of the new Board, after which Treasurer Craig Stoffel presented the budget for FY 2009-2010, which the membership then approved by voice vote.