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President's Letter

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Hoping this finds you all well and finally able to catch your collective breath after a hectic but joyous holiday season. The Board and I are looking forward to a busy 2024 and look back on 2023 with mixed feelings. On the one hand, we celebrate the reinvigoration of the WS Kids Club under the leadership of Andrea Stone and her committed and tireless band of volunteers. Does it get any better than live music and sharing a drink with neighbors with kids running around all over the place? On the other hand, the commencement of demolition on 7th Street and Colter reminds us of our defeat at the hands of Sal DiCiccio in the Zola case, which after months of work was approved without any changes requested by multiple neighborhood groups including Windsor Square. But I guess that's the way life is: gotta take the good with the bad.

We have much to do in 2024. Despite the heroic efforts of the Home Tour Committee, we determined moving ahead with Home Tour 2024 was not feasible due to an insufficient number of homes to showcase. Putting on a Home Tour is an incredible amount of work, and the Board will have to closely examine whether the lack of participation was just a coincidental blip or whether our Home Tour is a concept that has run its course. The proposed Colter Street improvements will be front and center, and the Board will continue to lean in to ensuring that the City of Phoenix is responsive to our concerns. And we intend to match the Kids Club successes with equally successful events for our adult residents, starting with the Spring Block Party in March led by Steve Postma and Tim Turner.

Your Board is eager to shepherd Windsor Square through the coming months, ever confident that we will continue to foster a vibrant neighborhood with engaged residents who have lots of fun together! We are all so blessed to live in Windsor Square and whether it be through fellowship or shared challenges, I truly hope that 2024 brings us all closer together.

Mike

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Windsor Square Real Estate Transaction Update								
2023 Sold								
Address	Price	Size (sf)	Per S/F	Year Built	Вι	ıyer	Closing Date	
427 East Oregon	\$550,000	1,120	\$491	1949	Lindsay Williams		02/12/23	
230 East Orange	\$726,000	1,708	\$425	1948	Abby Jones & Chadwick Savage		03/20/23	
344 East Pasadena	\$675,000	1,782	\$379	1945	Whitney Giller		04/10/23	
5130 North 6th St.	\$1,065,000	3,271	\$326	1974	Jeff & Trisha Fleischer		05/10/23	
317 East Pasadena	\$998,000	2,003	\$498	1948	Matt & Jennifer Farrell		05/12/23	
337 East Medlock	\$1,250,000	1,693	\$738	1947	Lateral 20 LLC		07/25/23	
44 East Medlock	\$1,100,000	2,080	\$529	1940	Michael Juker & Michelle Young		08/14/23	
309 East Medlock	\$910,000	1,992	\$457	1963	David & Susan Moore		10/10/23	
50 East Medlock	\$570,000	1,351	\$422	1949	Brett & Lindsey Hunt		11/28/23	
Average Closing Pric	es per sq ft:	2023 - \$466	2022	- \$454	2021 - \$344	2020 - \$307	2019 - \$283	
Pending & For Sale								
Address	Price	Size (sf)	Per S/F	Year Built	Sta	atus		
601 East Oregon	\$580,000	1,032	\$562	1949	For Sale			
5033 North 6th Street	\$1,850,000	3,851	\$480	1938	For Sale			

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Announcements & Events



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Windsor Square Historic District Annual Meeting is set for March 5.

It will be held at The Grid at 5227 North 7th Street, starting promptly at 7pm. Your presence is appreciated.

Home Tour Rescheduled

After careful consideration by the Home Tour Committee, the determination was made to reschedule the 2024 Windsor Square Home Tour. Many factors contributed to this decision, but the primary one was not meeting the target number of homes/gardens deemed necessary for a successful tour. With the impact of COVID and the shift to a Fall tour in 2022, the committee is working to revert to a Spring tour with the date to be announced soon. Support appears to remain strong among residents favoring the continuation of this significant event which is not only our single largest source of revenue for the neighborhood district but also showcases some of what we all know and love about Windsor Square. Anyone interested in adding their home to the next home tour roster and/or volunteering may contact Mary Stoffel at mstoffel4@icloud.com.

The Henry is "Coming Soon"

to the Applebee's pad at Camelback and Central. The Henry is one of local restauranteur Sam Fox's most successful concepts, with locations currently in AZ (44th & Camelback), CA, FL, TN and TX. We estimate Spring/Summer 2025 as a possible target opening date. The Henry will be another great area dining option as it offers a terrific menu and a neighborhood feel. More as plans develop....

Past Events

HOLIDAY HAYRIDE

BIG thanks to Brent & Lindsay Hunt for organizing this fun family activity and for providing the flatbed and hay.

A BIG time was had by all!



FRONT PORCH CONCERT

On November 9th, renowned local artist Joel Dalton (www.joeldalton.com) shared his acoustic guitar talents to the delight of Windsor Square residents of all ages. Big thanks to our Windsor Square Kids Committee for organizing a great evening of music, pizza and neighborly visiting. These dedicated committee members are already planning ways to build on the success of this event, so stay tuned!



Upcoming Events

Windsor Square BLOCK PARTY & BAKE OFF Returns Sunday, March 10 from 1pm – 4pm.

About the BAKE OFF: Calling all bakers, young and not so young. Enter your prized family recipe or a yummy favorite to win first, second and third place prizes. Bring your entry to the special BAKE OFF table at 1pm where five independent and hungry judges will sample your submission to crown this year's winners. Delicious leftovers will be shared with the block party attendees. Contact the Block Party Team at beth@allseasongrowers.com with any questions.



April 21 Kid's Club Community Event CHILDREN'S BOOK EXCHANGE

Alyse Dehn and Carly Caniglia will be gathering gently used/new books for a book exchange among toddler to preteen kids. Neighbors should plan to drop off book donations from April 13 -20 at 420 E. Oregon. The book exchange among Windsor Square kids will be held on April 21 at 420 E. Oregon from 9am – 12pm. Fostering a love of reading among our kids is vital, and your kids can find new treasures for their library at the book exchange! Any unclaimed books will be donated to a yet to be named school/charity. Contact Alyse (alysedehn@gmail.com) for more information and to volunteer to help with this event.

Don't miss the FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT at the football on Medlock March 23, 6:45pm start!



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NOTABLE AREA NEWS

City Proposes Changes to Colter Street

As many of you know, the City of Phoenix Streets and Transportation Department has commenced a project whose stated goal is to promote safer pedestrian and bicyclist use along Colter Street from 18th Street to 15th Avenue. As part of what has been predictably (if unimaginatively) named The Colter Street Improvement Project, the City has tentatively proposed installing Bike HAWK signals at 7th Street and Central, affixing decals to the street (called "sharrows") to encourage motorists to share the road with bicyclists, and installing sidewalks on both sides of Colter in the Windsor Square section of the project.

Based on the Board's canvassing of Colter residents, it appears that residents are generally in favor of the signals and sharrows, but are almost unanimously against the sidewalk concept, where the sidewalks would be installed on the outside of the current rolled curbs (in residents' yards) and which would thus result in destruction of numerous mature trees and landscape improvements. The Board has had numerous conversations and meetings with City officials, including Michael Peterson-Incovaia from Laura Pastor's office, expressing our concerns. As we are somewhat early in the City approval process, we are optimistic that the City will take our views substantially into account as it continues to solicit feedback from the most impacted neighborhood stakeholders and prior to moving further forward. The Board will continue to provide updates throughout this process and in the meantime, please reach out to wshdpresident@gmail.com with any questions or comments.

One Camelback Update

This stalled project faces yet more uphill challenges. The property was recently sold to the lender Delphi Financial in a credit bid, which is a purchase for the debt amount as there were no other bidders. We will share more about the disposition of the project as we continue to monitor its status.

Former Zola Apartment Site Update

If you've driven out of WS on the east side of the neighborhood, you've no doubt noticed that demolition has begun on the northeast corner of Colter and 7th Street. A lot has happened on the property since Sal DiCiccio ignored Windsor Square requests related to the site plan/elevations and spearheaded City Council approval of the proposed apartments on the site. Following that approval, the developer, ZOM Living, elected not to close escrow on the site. Exeter, a multi-family developer from Minnesota, subsequently made a deal with the current owner (the Earnhardt family) to purchase the property and that escrow is still ongoing. As part of the conditions of the proposed purchase, Exeter agreed to fund the demolition of the existing improvements, hence the current demo. Exeter is working to obtain final construction approvals and expects to get these approvals and close escrow on the site toward the end of 2024. They would plan to begin vertical construction shortly thereafter (interest rates and consumer demand permitting). Given the speed at which the demolition is proceeding, there will likely be a hiatus between completion of the demo and commencement of construction of the building.

Additionally, there are plans in discussion to add a pedestrian crosswalk light at the 7th Street and Colter intersection. Your board continues to monitor these projects and will provide ongoing updates.



MILESTONES

This new section is being added to the newsletter to help us better support and enjoy each other. Apologies to anyone whose information is not included by the time this issue went to press because gathering this information from across the neighborhood is challenging. Going forward, please send milestone information to any Board member or meg.smeck@gmail.com.

CONDOLENCES

Pasadena resident for 50+ years, Linda Myers, January 26,2024 Medlock resident, Cindy Butler, Fall 2023

BIRTHS

none known at press time

PET NEWS



Phoenix city code allows homeowners to have up to 20 hens per half acre with the caveat that no roosters are allowed. Two Windsor Square neighbors have taken the urban poultry craze to heart:

Nick and Susanna Wearnes on Pasadena decided to add chickens to their family not only for the fresh eggs but to help their kids, Paisley and Koa, learn the responsibility of animal care and to have *funky* creatures as pet pals. They currently have 7 hens with special names in a backyard DIY coop below a tree house for the kids. Egg production is increasing as the weather warms and the days get longer but chicken fun is a year-round activity for the Wearnes.

Colter residents Mary and Craig Stoffel began raising chickens during COVID, motivated partly as a distraction after losing their beloved golden retriever of 12

years. Craig designed and built the coop, incorporating a mid-century modern butterfly roof. They actually got their chicks by mail order and picked them up at the post office! Recent close calls and loses from predators have them adding an enclosed chicken run so "the girls" can safely roam. Mary shared, "It's an eggcellent hobby that brings exercise, relaxation and fresh eggs!" They enjoy lots of time in their yard, gardening and watching the chickens."





GARDENING



Yards, patios, balconies and window boxes offer infinite possibilities for gardeners. Whether you want to grow to harvest produce, herbs or flowers, there is some planting almost everyone can manage, especially in the Spring and Fall. Container gardening can beautify your home and provide hours of enjoyment. Now is the time to prep the soil, select your seeds and transplants and get ready for planting as the weather warms.

Medlock residents Sally and Jerome Stefferud share a passion for gardening that started for Sally many years ago. Although Sally was first introduced to gardening through her grandmother "who could grow anything," it was Jerome's invitation to "watch" one of his plants while they were in graduate school that began the lifelong love of gardening they enjoy. Now, Jerome tends the pots out front and Sally takes the lead in the backvard where they have extensive containers, succulent beds, vegetable and herb planters, and composting. Sally shared that gardening really became "her life" after retirement. Their devotion to AZ gardening is clear from the abundance of plants in their yard, the hours they devote to gardening, and the pleasure they derive from this shared interest.



WHY I LOVE WINDSOR SQUARE

Meet 6th St. residents Susan and Joe Groff. Susan shared one of the best things about Windsor Square was "how walkable it is." A Windsor Square resident for over 30 years, Susan and Joe share their citrus in a crate in front of their home that is free for the taking. Susan is also the unsung hero who has quietly decorated our Windsor Square monument signs for years with bunting and patriotic flair for July 4th and Veterans Day.



WINDSOR SQUARE

REAL ESTATE IS HEATING UP

Hi neighbors! Steve Caniglia here. For those of you new to Windsor Square, welcome! My wife, Carly and I have been residents of this amazing community since 2012, and we couldn't imagine living anywhere else.

If you've been thinking about selling your home this winter, the market in Windsor Square is beginning to see a lot of buyer interest and activity again.

If you'd like to know more or just have general questions about the North Central Phoenix market, please don't hesitate to reach out. My colleagues and I would be happy to assist you.





Top L to R: Nicole Kurtz, Samantha Chiles, Gwen Arroyo. Bottom L to R: Erik Jensen, Shelley Caniglia, Steve Caniglia.

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Huss Brewing	10%	Windsor	10%
Joy Ride	10%	Zooks	10%
Lather	10% Ask about private parties		

New(ish)Area Restaurant:

Formerly Los Sombreros location, **Copper & Sage** at 322 E. Camelback Road offers traditional Southern dishes and innovative creations by Chef Evon Profitt. **Blue Stave** is their "exclusive speakeasy situated across the patio for late night sips and a vintage vibe." With the recent closure of Southern Rail at 3rd Ave and Camelback, it is nice to still have a southern menu nearby.



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