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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As I took down our Christmas decorations (later in January than I would have liked, earlier than Jill would have liked), I got really excited about the new year in Windsor Square. While our neighborhood is made up of homes and streets, we are defined by the people who live here. The strength of our community comes from engaged, thoughtful neighbors who care about one another and about the long-term health of our community. Our upcoming Home Tour is the showcase of our collective commitment to make and keep Windsor Square a lovely place to live.

Moving forward, we will continue to face decisions about growth, maintenance, and change. These conversations are not always easy, but they are necessary. While it is natural to be protective of what makes Windsor Square special, I encourage all of us to approach these discussions with an open mind. A reflexive "not in our backyard" response can sometimes prevent improvements that benefit the community as a whole or address broader needs we all share.

Progress and preservation are not opposites. With respectful dialogue and a willingness to consider perspectives beyond our own front doors, we can make thoughtful choices that strengthen Windsor Square for current residents and future neighbors alike.

Thank you for your continued involvement, civility, and commitment. I look forward to a productive and positive year together.

Sincerely,



Mike Freret

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PS: Don't forget to pay your 2026 dues!!!!

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Emergency: 911

Silent Witness: 602-948-6377

Neighborhood Services: 602-262-7344

Graffiti Busters: 602-495-7014

Grocery Cart Pick-up: 602-278-7587

Illegal Dumping: 602-262-7251

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Zoning Enforcement: 602-262-7844

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Dates: Monday, March 2 - Monday, March 16

Drop-off Location: 5132 N 2nd St.

Most Needed Items: Shampoo, Conditioner, Baby Wipes, Kleenex, Trash Bags, Bedding, Deodorant, Kids Toothbrushes



IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Windsor Square Real Estate Transaction Update

2025 Homes Sold

| Address | Price | Size (sf) | Per S/F | Year Built | Buyer | Closing Date |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------|---------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 5319 North 2nd St. | \$1,375,000 | 3,500 | \$393 | 2016 | Tyrus Bowman & Shama Thathi | 01/30/25 |
| 232 East Colter | \$820,000 | 2,635 | \$311 | 1947 | Mary Foster Trust | 02/28/25 |
| 650 East Colter | \$1,200,000 | 2,877 | \$417 | 2017 | Domenic Tatro | 03/01/25 |
| 232 East Orange | \$1,221,000 | 1,653 | \$739 | 1949 | Kyle Turner | 05/22/25 |
| 210 East Georgia | \$2,375,000 | 4,627 | \$513 | 2023 | Ryan & Angela Anderson | 05/23/25 |
| 231 East Medlock | \$845,000 | 1,910 | \$442 | 1947 | Gold Coast Projects, LLC | 06/14/25 |
| 302 East Orange | \$667,000 | 1,056 | \$632 | 1955 | Jason Kahn & Charity Khan | 07/28/25 |
| 317 East Orange | \$905,000 | 1,995 | \$454 | 1945 | Kaitlin & Brian Sacks | 08/09/25 |
| 600 East Colter | \$1,350,000 | 2,841 | \$475 | 2016 | Allison Tompeck & Cameron Enriquez | 12/09/25 |
| 219 East Oregon | \$1,425,000 | 2,883 | \$494 | 1945 | Jennifer Goettl | 12/12/25 |
| 330 East Medlock | \$665,000 | 1,225 | \$543 | 1945 | James & George Monzures | 01/10/26 |

Average Closing Prices: 2025 - \$469 2024 - \$478 2023 - \$466 2022 - \$454 2021 - \$344 2020 - \$307

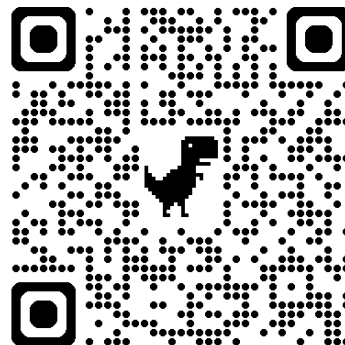
Pending & For Sale

| Address | Price | Size (sf) | Per S/F | Year Built | Status |
|------------------|-------------|-----------|---------|------------|----------|
| 215 East Orange | \$1,299,000 | 2,029 | \$640 | 1942 | Pending |
| 327 East Medlock | \$699,000 | 1,451 | \$482 | 1950 | Pending |
| 520 East Orange | \$1,950,000 | 3,116 | \$626 | 1929 | For Sale |

WINDSOR SQUARE DUES DRIVE

It's time to pay your 2026 Windsor Square Dues of \$150 per household. These necessary funds provide neighborhood security, zoning, planning and other use changes, annual W Sq social events, landscaping and sign maintenance, tree trimming and more. As a resident of W Sq, many benefits accrue to you from annual dues, yet 65% of our residents have yet to pay their dues to date. Please do your part and support this voluntary drive to preserve and protect our terrific neighborhood. **Dues can be paid online via website, QR Code, or a check can be mailed to:**

**Windsor Square Historic District
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Neighbors who pay their dues receive **TWO 2026 Windsor Square Advantage Cards** entitling you to discounts at a wide variety of nearby restaurants and merchants (check the website for the list) as well as identifies you as a Supporter of Windsor Square.

HERE COMES THE 2026 WINDSOR SQUARE HOME TOUR

March 29th, 2026 will be here before we blink.

We are so appreciative of our neighbors who are sharing their homes and volunteering on the planning committee! Tickets are on sale now!

\$25 online, \$30 Day-of Purchases

Scan here to purchase tickets: or if you would like to help!



HOME TOUR VOLUNTEERS: HOW YOU CAN HELP!

We have lots of options to volunteer!

Two-hour time slots on both Saturday and Sunday. Use the Signup Genius link above to add your name or call/text Mary Stoffel at 602-317-0592.

If you have questions - we are hosting a morning “Coffee Talk” on Saturday February 28th 7:30-9:30am at Medlock and 2nd.

Stop by and chat about ways you can help, and have a coffee and bagel bite on us!

Setup Crew for Saturday Night Social

Help arrange tables/chairs and decor on Saturday morning to prep for the Saturday Night Social.

Kid's Activity for Saturday Night Social

Help plan and monitor the kid activity for Saturday night.

Cleanup Crew for Saturday Night Social

Help clean up after the Saturday Night Social; Ready/secure the venue for Sunday's Home Tour.

Vendor Booth Helper

Support the vendor coordinator and vendors during the home tour. Saturday morning - help measure/mark vendor spaces on Orange. Sunday - support and direct vendors as they arrive to set up in the morning.

Beer Garden Bouncer

Check ID's and hand out wrist bands for entry into beer garden.

Ticket Booth

Man the ticket booth, assist with cash and electronic sales.

Setup Crew - Sunday Street Fair

Help set up the tables/chairs/décor per site plan guidelines.

Cleanup Crew - Sunday Street Fair

Help stack away tables/chairs, remove trash and clean up after the tour.

Logistics Support

Assist with Signs, Trash/Recycling along the route. Monitor and empty receptacles as needed!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Together, we will make Home Tour 2026 incredible!



Help out with
decorating, set-up,
tickets, vendors, swag,
clean up and more!
Multiple time slots on
Sat. or Sun. **Sign Up Here:**



Why the Windsor Square Historic District Home Tour Matters... to Me.

By Mary Stoffel, Home Tour Committee Co-Chair

I sure hope you all have heard by now that our biennial Windsor Square Historic District Home Tour is under 2 months away on **Sunday, March 29th**. It takes so much planning, time and effort by a lot of volunteer neighbors to make it come to life, and I thought it would be helpful to pause and reflect on why it matters -- to me, and by proximity, to you as well!

Inspiration

My first historic district home tour experience was when I helped as a “in-home volunteer” at my brother and sister-in-law’s house here in Windsor Square many years ago. Joe and Susie Groff’s home on 6th street is a jewel with such a story to tell. It was fun sharing this beautiful home and the stories it kept within its walls with the attendees who wandered through. They came to get a glimpse of the past, and see something that stood out from the track homes in the suburbs. They came to be inspired, and indeed they were. I too was inspired as it sparked in me a wish, a vision, and ultimately a reality of living in a beautiful home in a truly unique neighborhood. And guess what, I even had my home on the tour in 2020. So the home tour matters to me because...I want to pay it forward, the inspiration that sparked my journey to where I am now.

Community

It is common to move into a neighborhood and never really know most of the people who live nearby. Windsor Square, not so much... Why is that? Perhaps it’s the walkable location of the neighborhood, encouraging neighbors to get out of their home to run a quick errand or walk the dog. Or maybe it’s the fun neighborhood get-togethers that keep us connected -- hayrides, ice cream socials, adult party night, etc. But I would assert that the collaboration, connections and friendships made as a result of hosting a neighborhood home tour are the super glue that bind this community more than anything. It’s a common purpose we choose to undertake, expending tireless energy to get it over the finish line and to showcase this special place that we hold so dear. The home tour matters to me, because it binds this community of which I am a part.

Bragging Rights

Let’s face it, we live in the best neighborhood in the Valley. Why not show it off! Sharing our special secret with attendees only makes our neighborhood more special and more desirable. Since word has gotten out, we have gained some amazing restaurants within walking distance plus easy access to the light rail to downtown, the airport, Tempe (Go Devils), and more. As the Camelback and Central hub developed, so came cute boutiques and shops. And with all these perks, then came the super awesome property values! The home tour matters to me because our neighborhood has only gotten better since I arrived here 22 years ago, and showing it off every couple of years keeps that momentum strong!

So, if anyone one asks me: Why is the home tour important? Why should I care about it as a Windsor Square resident? or Why should I volunteer and help in the effort? three things come to mind: Inspiration, Community and Bragging Rights.

See you at the 2026 Home Tour!



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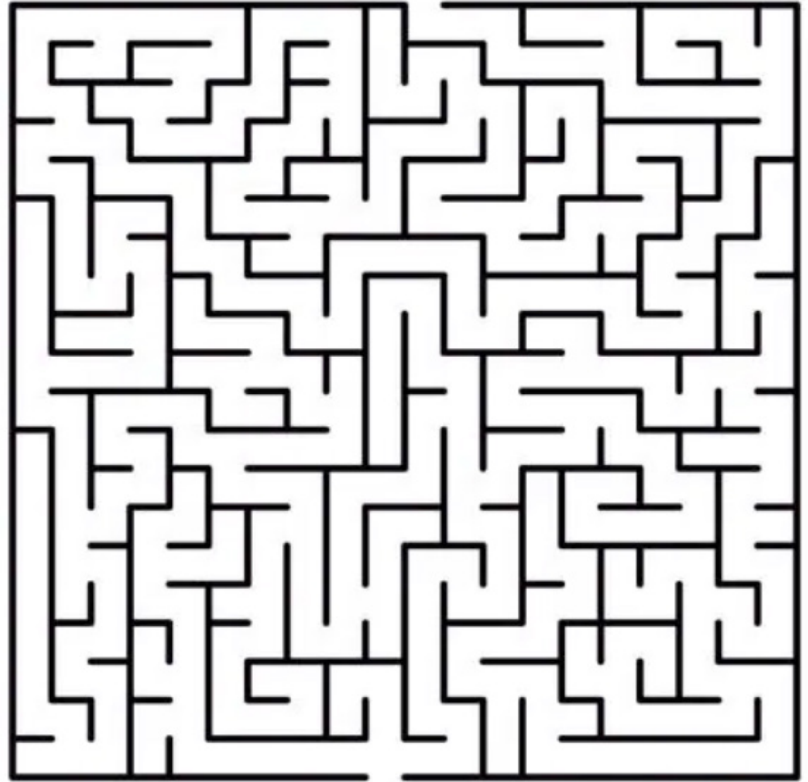
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KID'S CORNER

Our terrific Kids Committee lead, Kelly Climo, is always in need of volunteers to assist with neighborhood activities for our kiddos. Our roster of activities for young W Sq residents is rich, including the Tour de Windsor bike rally, book drives, movie nights, ice cream socials, hayrides, and more. This committee is always open to great new ideas and welcomes all volunteers to help provide a fun mix of activities throughout the year. **Please contact Kelly at kellylewis11@gmail.com for more information or better yet, to let her know how you plan to help in 2026!**



SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGISTRY

In September 2023, Phoenix City Council approved an amendment to the Short-Term Rental (STR) Ordinance, which altered the existing ordinance from a registration requirement to a permitting requirement and went into effect on November 6, 2023.

Summary of Changes:

- All STR properties such as AirBnB, VRBO, Craigslist rentals, and PadSplit must obtain a STR permit from the Planning & Development Department.
- Notices must be provided to abutting neighbors.
- Enhanced civil penalties.

Notice

The owner/representative is required to send a Notice of Intent via Certified Mail to any abutting neighbors. *(NOTE: If the short-term rental is located in a single-family home, properties on either side and front and back/across the street/behind the property must be notified.)*

Enforcement Agency

The Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) is the lead enforcement agency for short-term rentals through the code compliance process. The department is responsible for investigating unpermitted STRs, verifying STR violations and issuing Notice of Ordinance Violations where applicable.

For more information or to file a complaint, contact the NSD or send an email to blight@phoenix.gov.

PAST EVENTS : DECEMBER HAYRIDE

Thanks to the Hunt family for once again providing the fun, holiday hayride for Windsor Square families. With warm drinks and snacks on their Medlock front porch served before or after making a neighborhood loop, riders climbed aboard the festively lighted trailer to cozy up on haybales for a spin around the neighborhood. How lucky are we to have such a unique and fun tradition within our community! Thanks also to all our neighbors who joined in the fun.





MEET YOUR WINDSOR SQUARE NEIGHBORS

Meet **Raya Olson**, a 13-year-old student athlete whose dedication, talent, and positive spirit truly stand out. Raya has played soccer for many years and currently competes on the 2013 Utah Royals FC-AZ ECNL team, one of the top youth soccer platforms in the country. The ECNL (Elite Clubs National League) provides a highly competitive environment focused on advanced training, elite competition, and long-term player development. Raya's team practices multiple times each week and frequently travels out of state to compete against top programs. Most recently, their hard work paid off with a championship win at a Las Vegas tournament.

Balancing competitive athletics with academics, Raya is also a strong student at Madison Traditional Academy. During the winter season, she represented her school on the varsity basketball team, and in the fall, she competed in cross country as a school sport alongside her brother, Anders. Both siblings qualified for the conference finals - Raya placed 2nd overall in the conference and earned 1st place for her school, while Anders placed 7th in the conference and also took 1st place for the school, making it a proud achievement for their family. Being a multi-sport athlete has helped Raya develop endurance, agility, resilience, and mental toughness, all of which translate directly to her performance on the soccer field, her true passion.

Beyond her accomplishments, Raya's story includes a quiet strength. At just 18 months old, she underwent open-heart surgery to repair a heart condition, and the scar she carries serves as a gentle reminder to live life with passion and purpose. Above a picture of a soccer player in her room hangs a sign that reads, "When your legs get tired, play with your heart." For Raya, this message is deeply personal, reflecting not only how she plays the game she loves, but how she approaches life itself. Known for being kind, determined, smart, and blessed with a great sense of humor, Raya enjoys spending time with her family, best friend - and neighbor - Annie, snuggling with her dog Mochi, and playing pickleball, volleyball, and flag football. Looking ahead, she has her sights set on attending and playing sports at Xavier College Preparatory or Sunnyslope High School.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

One Camelback Update

As reported in December by *AZ Foothills Magazine*, new owner Kinella Capital has stepped in to actively move the project out of limbo and into completion. Kinella acquired the property through a trustee sale and is focusing on the strength of the intersection, the neighborhood, and the long-term potential of a true Uptown landmark. Kinella's founder and CEO TK Stratton and his team are responsible for aligning the design, construction, engineering, capital, and operations to finally bring the project to completion. With ownership clarified and construction back on track, Kinella is now working through final schedules, completing remaining scopes of work, and preparing for phased occupancy. Visible progress is expected over the coming year, a welcome change for residents and commuters who have watched the building sit idle for far too long.

Neighborhood patrols

Meet Officer Lozoya, the off-duty Phoenix Police officer who periodically patrols Windsor Square. He is very accessible to neighbors as he patrols. Make



the effort to meet him when you see him in the neighborhood. Supported by our annual dues, these security patrols are an important value-add to our neighborhood.

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NEIGHBORHOOD VINTAGE TRAVEL TRAILERS

(See photos on cover)

“Effie” — Our 1960 Friendship Vacationaire by Mitra Khazai

Meet Effie, our beloved 1960 Friendship Vacationaire “canned ham” trailer, proudly built in Friendship, Wisconsin. She’s a true icon of mid-century American road travel. Compact yet remarkably well-designed, Effie captures the charm, practicality, and craftsmanship that made Friendship trailers so special. We named her Effie as a nod to Friendship Vacationaire (FV), and she carries a little extra meaning for us: we purchased her from a dear friend and former Windsor Square resident.

Inside, Effie is finished in warm honey birch, giving the space a timeless, inviting glow. She comes with a vintage stove/oven and icebox, a permanent bed, and two built-in closets, surprisingly luxurious features for a trailer of her size and era. The original dinette can also convert into a bed, offering flexible sleeping arrangements. One of Effie’s most clever design features is her headroom. The dropped floor maximizes standing space in the central area, allowing even someone over 6 feet tall to move around comfortably, proof of the thoughtful engineering that went into these trailers.

We’ve updated her electrical system for modern adventures: Effie can be powered by solar panels, a car battery while driving, or a standard electric hookup at a campsite. This makes her versatile and ready for everything from weekend getaways to cross-country trips. Friendship trailers were known for their efficient layouts, solid construction, and classic “canned ham” shape. Effie embodies all of that, offering a compact yet surprisingly comfortable home on wheels. She’s more than a trailer, she’s a piece of shared history. We continue to preserve her so we can continue to carry stories on the road for years to come.

We bought the trailer in August 2022, but we had to have some significant work on her axle. Since then, we’ve taken her to the San Juan Mountains in Colorado, Flagstaff, Sedona (twice) and Tucson area several times. Best trip was Sedona in a crazy Labor Day rainstorm, so much

more fun sleeping in a cozy, dry trailer than a wet tent, plus we gathered so many blackberries we were able to make jam! Mileage? Maybe a bit over 2,000. We are just recently empty nesters, so fingers crossed, we will get her out more in the future. We have a little family cabin in northwest Ontario (my husband’s family’s cabin), so she has to compete with that in the summer! But, we also use her as a guest bedroom during the holidays!

The Genter’s Camper by Will Genter

Will and Constance Genter acquired their 1961 Robin Hood Cadet Coach Trailer Camper in 2018 after Constance, who had envisioned launching a mobile coffee business in a vintage mid-century modern trailer, discovered it for sale in the Phoenix area. She towed it home to Windsor Square and parked it in the driveway. Ultimately, the coffee business idea was eventually set aside due to changed plans, but the camper nonetheless remained and became something of a conversation piece in the neighborhood, especially during the holiday season when it was decorated with vintage ceramic holiday lights. Will, who had not expected to do any work at all on the trailer, was drawn into the world of vintage trailer restoration during the COVID-19 pandemic, spending untold hours researching and becoming inspired by others’ projects online. “Some of these trailers were amazing, especially the ones that were true to their mid-century roots,” he said. After retiring in July 2023, Will finally had the time to restore their trailer in earnest. While conducting an initial assessment of the trailer, Will discovered some water damage inside the walls. “After I saw the damage, rather than just remodel the trailer I decided to completely rebuild and restore it to the original specs, just as it might have looked as it rolled off of the Robin Hood factory floor in Seattle in 1961.” He disassembled the entire structure down to its metal chassis, carefully documenting each step with hundreds of photographs and videos to ensure accuracy and authenticity in the rebuild. “Building these trailers is completely different than residential construction,

so it was essential to understand exactly how it was built so I could replicate and improve on it,” he said. “The most unexpected and best thing about restoring the trailer in our driveway was meeting our neighbors in Windsor Square. Almost everyone walking by would stop and ask questions about what I was doing and how much they had enjoyed seeing our trailer lit up for Christmas. Many even volunteered to help if I needed it! It really reinforced to us what a special community Windsor Square is and what wonderful neighbors we have. And maybe I’ll even have it ready for Christmas this year!”

“Gloria” by Beth Postma

Steve and Beth Postma purchased the 24 foot, 1960, Avion travel trailer from Utah on Ebay for \$4,200 in November 2019. While the final phases of the auction were taking place, they drank a bottle of Gloria Ferrer sparkling wine and decided on the name Gloria for their new purchase. They parked her in their backyard at 248 E Orange Drive and embarked upon a complete renovation. The Avion is very similar to Airstream, built out of aluminum, with light-weight birch wood paneling throughout. This model has a full bathroom with toilet, shower and sink. The kitchen has an additional sink, gas stove/oven and refrigerator. During the renovation, all the electrical, plumbing and flooring was upgraded and replaced but all original fixtures, paneling, cabinets and shower were reused and refurbished. There were a couple major upgrades; the electrical system with back up batteries were installed. Also, new and improved toilet and refrigerator that runs on battery power or propane were installed. August of 2020, the Postma’s drove Gloria the 560 mile voyage to their summer property in the mountains of Taos, New Mexico. She has provided them with a cozy place to reside while building their adobe and now is used as a summer guest house. The Postma’s were lucky to have lots of help from neighbors during the process of renovating the trailer. It wouldn’t be as special without their help and also the neighbors who continue to enjoy Gloria when they visit New Mexico where she is a source of pride and joy for all.

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Steve Caniglia

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VERMIN IN OUR MIDST

By Ken Furtado

Tennyson claimed that in the Spring, a young man's fancy turns to love. That applies equally to some vermin that reside in our neighborhood. We won't rid ourselves of them, but we can reduce their numbers and safeguard ourselves against the health risks they pose.

Please meet the Africanized honey bee, the roof rat, and the mosquito.

Bee-ware

Two years ago, when a hive took up residence near me, the bees attacked me and the workers who were cutting my lawn. They buzzed and swarmed angrily for hours.

If you call the City or the County to report bees, they will assume the bees are Africanized and they will kill them. It's a zero-tolerance approach. That's unfortunate, because U.S. bee populations are at historic lows. The lack of bees costs millions of dollars every year to farmers who depend on bee populations to pollinate their crops and orchards.

Bottom line here: if the bees are peaceable, leave them alone. They might be gone in a day. Or use the internet to locate a no-kill bee relocation service.

Rodent Rage

Roof rats are common, and their appetites are diverse. One neighbor observed a rat munching her *Pyracantha*. Another one ate the electrical cable to my dishwasher. No one wants them, but at least in Maricopa County they are not

disease vectors.

These rats live most of their lives off the ground. They can jump four feet horizontally and two feet up. An adult rat can pass through a hole the size of a quarter.

The best control is to maintain a home and yard that is hostile to them. Plug, or cover with grating, vents and openings in your home, particular around the eaves and roof. Trim trees so there is at least three feet between a tree and any building. If you have fruit trees, pick up fallen fruit; thin or remove mature fruit. Don't leave pet food or bird seed outside.

If you have rats, you have the option to trap or poison them. Or hire a person who is licensed to do that. Cats are not a reliable means of rat control. Ultrasonic and electromagnetic rodent devices rarely work as promised, and they may cause hearing problems in pets. It is an urban myth that Coca-Cola is fatal to rats. If you use poison or "bait" follow the directions and remember: poisons have unwanted side-effects on pets, children and the environment. Poisons do not kill instantly; the rat goes off to die elsewhere. If another animal eats the rat or if it simply decays, that poison spreads elsewhere.

Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes pose serious threats to humans because they can transmit West Nile Virus. The population most vulnerable to health consequences is adults over 50. Peak mosquito activity times are dawn and dusk, when evening

temperatures remain above 65°. When outdoors, protect yourself by minimizing exposed skin and by spraying your skin and clothing with a product containing DEET. To control breeding, the most important thing is not to leave ANY standing water (chemically balanced pools and hot tubs are OK) in your yard and not let pet excrement stay on the ground. If you have an outdoor water dish for your pet, change the water daily. Be on the lookout for watering cans, empty planters, gutters, discarded tires, evaporative cooler drain pans and the like, which may hold water. Mosquitoes can breed in tiny amounts of water; four or five days is enough for a reproductive cycle.

If you have an irrigation standbox on your property, check if it retains water after an irrigation delivery. Treat with Mosquito Dunks®, which look like 2-inch donuts. Throw 1/4 of a dunk in the standbox. If the box has a permanent mesh cover, crumble the dunk and sprinkle it over the mesh. Or drizzle mineral oil onto the water. It will last long enough to prevent reproduction, then biodegrade harmlessly.

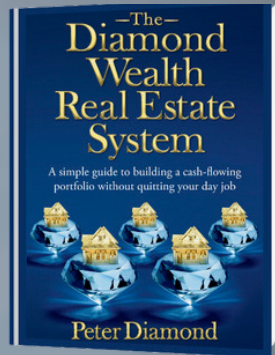
It is not recommended to use Drano, Clorox or other chemicals in an irrigation standbox; they may contaminate your neighbor's yard or pet the next time irrigation arrives.

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Peter Diamond

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