

# Marley Park Matters

*By Neighbors, For Neighbors*

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## *Marley Park's Unique Irrigation System*

by Ray Fellows - Marley Park Landscape and Facilities Superintendent

Have you ever wondered how our acres of trees, grass and plants receive water around Marley Park? Well here is your answer!

Back when Marley Park was initially being designed, the developer had two options for an irrigation system. They could design a typical common-area irrigation system with numerous municipal water meters; or design a system that could take advantage of water rights associated with the farmland that is now Marley Park. The non-municipal system would cost considerably more to construct but would provide huge savings for the community annually. Fortunately, the developer chose to utilize existing water rights.

So what is in place instead of municipal meters? Marley Park has a storage tank, a groundwater well that discharges into the storage tank and pump station that discharges into the storage tank. That water is delivered via open ditch from the Maricopa Water District (MWD) and a second pump station that sends water from the tank out to the common areas.

Many factors are involved when calculating the actual cost of water, such as electricity



and system maintenance. However, making a comparison between water rates charged by the City of Surprise and MWD is very interesting:

- City of Surprise: One 2" meter, \$3.69 per 1000 gallons plus \$120.41 monthly base fee.
- MWD: about \$0.13 per 1000 gallons, no other fees.

If meters were used there would be about twenty-five municipal meters throughout the community. There were 89.5 million gallons of water used for irrigation in 2015 and below are figures in comparing the cost to purchase the water:

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## Marley Park Star-Spangled Celebration

Saturday, July 2

- Patriotic Pancake Breakfast, hosted by Boy Scout Troop #194 – 7:30 to 10 AM Heritage Club
- Patriotic Parade, 9 AM -153rd Ave. & Valentine St. Area
- Star -Spangled Celebration Pool Party, 5:30 - 8:30 PM Heritage Pool

Please check the Marley Park website for more information and to RSVP.

## Pool Safety

The weather is warming up so the 'pool season' is upon us. Just a few reminders about Pool House usage and safety:

- Guests limited to four (4) per household
- No glass
- No smoking, including e-cigarettes
- Children under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult
- No lifeguard on duty – please watch your children
- No bicycles, scooters, and skateboards are allowed in the pool area
- Please move furniture back the way you found it
- No eating or drinking in the pool or within 4-feet of the water

## Meet Your Neighbors – Kim LeBlank

By Robin McDaniel

Kim LeBlank literally waited years to buy a home in Marley Park. She loved the architecture of the homes, the beautiful parks, the pool and, most of all, the feeling of community that thrives in Marley Park. In June 2015 the dream finally came true when her family purchased their new home in Veranda Park. Kim, her husband, Jeremy, and children Riley, Jeremy, and Jameson (and dogs Dusty, Zoe, and Charlie) have spent the past year getting to know their new home, enjoying meeting other families at the park, attending the Easter Egg Hunt along with the food truck and music events.



Originally from Staten Island, New York, Kim is a stay-at-home mom and part-time student. Kim is a Special Education teacher pursuing her second Master's degree specializing in Autism Spectrum Disorders. She loves meeting her neighbors!

So, is living in Marley Park everything she dreamed of all those years? Yes! Kim says, "I've lived in many other places before and in many other states. Marley Park is the only place I've lived where there is a real sense of pride and caring about our community. Where else is there an opportunity to sign up to help a new mom with meals while she's recovering or to help participate in a neighborhood block party? I can't think of anywhere else I would want to call home!"

## Club Corner – Boy Scouts

By Chad Larkin

Troop 194 meets Tuesday nights at 7 pm at the Heritage Club. Contact Chad Larkin at [Aztroop194@gmail.com](mailto:Aztroop194@gmail.com) or visit [surprise0194.mytroop.us](http://surprise0194.mytroop.us)

On July 15, 2016, there will be an event recognizing those scouts who achieved the rank of Eagle in 2015. Marley Park's own Troop 194 had four scouts who earned this rank in 2015. In order to earn the rank of Eagle scouts one must complete several requirements, which include:

- Earn 21 merit badges including First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Nation and World, Cooking, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Camping, and Family Life.
- Serve in a role of responsibility in the Troop for at least six months.
- Plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any



religious institution, any school, or your community.

The scouts from Troop 194 who are being recognized are:

- **Jacob Beach** – Organized and led a clothing drive for the homeless in Phoenix
- **James Smith** – Organized and led a campsite recovery project in the Tonto National Forest
- **Harrison Flatt** – Organized and led the construction of picnic area at Imagine Rosefield
- **David Sword** – Organized and led the assembly and delivery of lock down buckets for The Odyssey Preparatory Academy

## Everything You Wanted to Know About Hosting a Party at a Marley Park Facility

By Karen Zelek

Marley Park has some great amenities available for residents to reserve for their private events. Whether it's a wedding, birthday party, baby shower or family get-together in your backyard, look no further than [marleypark.com](http://marleypark.com) to reserve the amenities you need.

Check out these amenities, which are available only for the use of Marley Park residents and community partners.



### HERITAGE CLUB KEEPING ROOM

\$10 per hour – 2 hour min.

With a large conference table and 12 surrounding chairs, it's a great place for a meeting or small gathering. Complimentary wireless Internet, local phone line and flat screen television with cable and an HDMI connection is available for your use.

### HERITAGE CLUB MAIN PARLOR & BACK LAWN

\$50 per hour non-wedding rate and  
\$200 per hour wedding rate – 2 hour min. for each

A wonderful venue for almost any occasion. Inside, it includes a full commercial kitchen complete with refrigerator and freezer,

## Irrigation System – Continued from Cover

City of Surprise: Base fees \$36,123.00;  
Annual Cost of water \$330,255.00 equals  
\$366,378.00  
MWD: \$11,535.00.

Additional savings are realized because Marley Park utilizes a weather based irrigation control system. Based on weather data, the computer calculates how much moisture the plants lost during the day, then waters just enough

to replace what was lost.

Have you ever noticed water standing in Plaza Park? This happens when all of the water coming down the MWD ditch could not be pumped into the tank. This has been caused by a pump malfunction, but most times a farmer up stream did not take all of his water order. We try to pump as much of the "free" water as we can, but the pumps max out at 1700gpm.



2 microwaves, ice maker, stove and warming oven; seating for 60, Wi-Fi and a retractable projector screen. And have you ever seen a more beautiful back lawn? A tree-lined yard and surrounding bushes provide year round color. A fully lighted gazebo is a great space for weddings, dancing or just music. The patio has 9 tables and 36 chairs along with two sofas and three loveseats. A large commercial grill and wet bar with sink are surrounded by a gorgeous granite bar with 7 barstools for additional seating.

### HERITAGE POOL HOUSE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

\$200 per hour – available Saturday and Sunday 10am – 2pm only

The Heritage Pool House is a hot spot for residents to gather with neighbors and friends. From playing cards, to family picnics, to birthday parties, this space accommodates most informal get-togethers. Included with room reservation, you and your guests (a maximum total of 30 people) are allowed access to the pool, tables, chairs, and prep kitchen.

### BLOCK PARTY TRAILER: FREE

It's a must for your next block party or family backyard get-together. And the best part about it - it's absolutely free! We just ask that you add an item to keep the party going when you return it. The trailer includes 40 chairs, 6 tables, 2 pop-up canopies, coolers, games and many other party needs.



To reserve any of these amenities, log in to [marleypark.com](http://marleypark.com) and go to [My Community > Facility Reservations](#). If you have questions, email the Marley Park Engagement Team at [engagement@marleypark.com](mailto:engagement@marleypark.com).

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*Marley Park Matters* is published once a quarter on the first of March, June, September and December. The purpose is to encourage community engagement by showcasing Marley Park events, organizations, partners and neighbors. The newsletter team is need of neighbors to join our group and/or write articles for upcoming issues. It is not necessary to join the newsletter team if you want to write one or more articles. We strive to have a variety of neighbors writing about different topics. Please contact Daniella Hauptmann for more information at [Daniella@westusa.com](mailto:Daniella@westusa.com)

Thank you to the Marley Park Community Association, Inc. (MPCA) for print support.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ **June 17** Dive-In Movie, Heritage Pool House - after sunset.
- ❖ **July 2** Patriotic Pancake Breakfast  
Heritage Club, 7:30 - 10:00 AM.
- ❖ **July 2** Patriotic Parade  
Marley Park Neighborhood Park, 9:00 AM.
- ❖ **July 2** Star-Spangled Celebration  
Heritage Pool House, 5:30 - 8:30 PM.
- ❖ **July 15** Dive-In Movie, Heritage Pool House - after sunset.
- ❖ **July 31** Feed the Homeless -  
St. Vincent de Paul, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
To volunteer for this event you must contact Billy Bungert at [bungert@cox.net](mailto:bungert@cox.net) or Karen Zelek at [karen.zelek@marleypark.com](mailto:karen.zelek@marleypark.com).
- ❖ **Aug. 1** First day of school for Legacy Traditional School.
- ❖ **Aug. 3** First day of school for Marley Park Elementary School. Be careful when driving throughout the entire school year.
- ❖ **Aug. 14** Celebration of Home New Neighbor Welcome Brunch, 11:00AM, Heritage Club.
- ❖ **Aug. 15** MPCA 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Heritage Club, 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Aug. 19** Dive-In Movie, Heritage Pool House - after sunset.
- ❖ **Aug. 19** Bingo for a Cause, 6:30 PM, Riverboat Bingo, 18300 W. Bell Rd., Surprise. Come out and have fun while supporting charitable organizations.
- ❖ **Aug. 28** Feed the Homeless -  
St. Vincent de Paul, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM.

*For more information on events above please go to [www.marleypark.com](http://www.marleypark.com)*

## Kids' Corner

by Colin

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARK AND WHY?



**Milania Hauptmann** Age 6

"I like Boat Park (Wisdom Park) because I like climbing the boat thing."

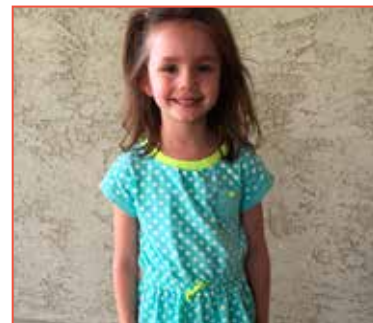
**Paris Hauptmann** Age 4

"I like the No Way José Park (Mosaic Park) because it has spinny things and ropes to climb. I like Bumblebee park too because I can ride the bumblebees."



**Bridget** Age 7

"I like the red park (Founders Park) because we play super soakers there."



**Claire** Age 5

"I like the red park (Founders Park) because of the obstacles"