

Marley Park Matters

By Neighbors, For Neighbors



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Happy 10th Anniversary Marley Park!

by Jennea Bono

Ten years ago the country watched the Chicago White Sox win the World Series for the first time in 88 years, said a final goodbye to Tonight Show legend Johnny Carson, and began to be entertained by the newly launched YouTube. Right here in Surprise we saw the birth of a community much more like those of the 1950s than the modern-day suburbs of a big city.

Marley Park was born out of the idea that a neighborhood should be more than just streets with houses where people come and go but never interact. Marley Park was to be a community—a place where neighbors would be friends, kids would be seen playing outside at the park, and community celebrations would create lifetime memories.

Marley Park is 10 years old this year and to celebrate, residents past and present are invited to the Marley Park 10th Anniversary Celebration. Join us at the Heritage Club from 1-4 p.m. September 20 for a good old-fashioned country barbecue picnic.

The festivities will include fun for the whole family, adults and kids alike. Wear your favorite country outfit for a chance to be named best dressed. Grab your partner and show off your country dance moves. Don't know any? No problem. We'll have an instructor on-site to teach you.

And what country barbecue would be complete without a children's mechanical bull? Or a pie-eating contest?



Help us make another memory we'll enjoy for a lifetime. Come celebrate the place we're proud to call home—Marley Park.



Current Marley Park residents can register on www.MarleyPark.net; former residents can register by calling Karen Zelek at (623) 466-8832 or Rosalba Chan at (623) 466-8831. The cost is \$10 per person through Sept. 13. But don't wait; registration is limited.

Marley Barley Beer Club

by Jes Giuliani

The Marley Barley Beer Club is focused on two things... people and beer. We are a collective group of friendly neighbors that meet once a month to drink beer and hang out. Our gatherings range from casual meetings at the Heritage Club on the third Saturday of each month to slightly more unusual events like our annual Porch Crawl!

Each month, we strive to have some sort of theme. The basic premise is that you bring a six pack to drink as well as an appetizer, snack, or dessert to share. We throw all of the beers together in coolers, this way, we can sample many different types of beers.

We encourage any and all neighbors, new and old, to stop by. Bring friends... the more the merrier! Lastly, don't fret if you don't drink beer as all are welcome here.

Check out the Marley Barley Facebook page for current upcoming events.

Cheers!

Meet Your Neighbors – The Baer Family

by Daniella Hauptmann



Carin, Samantha, Sidney and Jay

Meet the Baer Family who moved here in July 2013 from Westerville, Ohio.

Carin and Jay Baer live in Mosaic Park with their two daughters, Samantha (11), and Sidney (almost 10), along with a Double Doodle named Kramer and a goldfish named Cookie.

Jay and Carin grew up in Buffalo, New York. Jay is a Senior Vice President of Sales with Bank of America. He also volunteers his time to a Children's Clinic in downtown Phoenix. Carin is grateful to be a stay at home mom who volunteers most days at Marley Park Elementary. She is also a talented face painter who runs a small face painting and henna business in her free time. If you were lucky, Carin painted your child's face at the Mosaic or Hourglass block party for the last two years!

Samantha and Sidney attend Marley Park Elementary School and enjoy playing volleyball. Samantha has played for Surprise Volleyball Academy (SVA) for the past 2 years. Sidney is looking forward to trying out for SVA this year. One of the girls' favorite things to do is meet friends near their homes and explore the different parks.

The Baer's favorite Marley Park traditions are the luminaries on Christmas Eve, the flags along Sweetwater on the 4th, and their street's amazing Halloween potluck (Thanks to Bill & Billy Bungert). The Baer family finds Marley Park special because of the people. Carin said, "The parks and pools are great and so are the planned events, but without the community to keep them going, respecting each other and what we have here, it wouldn't be nearly as special!"

A New School is in Town!

by Amy Buycks



Legacy Traditional School opened its doors for the 2015-16 school year

There is a new school in town for the 2015-2016 school year, Legacy Traditional School - Surprise. The school is located just east of Bullard Ave on Sweetwater Ave. and was founded in 2007. Legacy believes in the back-to-basic approach along with structured classrooms, homework, uniforms, and students accountable for their choices and behavior.

Example curriculum for an elementary student consists of Citizenship, Computer, Grammar, Hand Writing, Reading, Mathematics, Music, PE, Science and Social Studies. Starting in the third grade through the sixth grade, students must pick music or a fitness program track.

The Athlos Fitness program introduces and creates foundations of overall athleticism in a fun, positive, and a physically invigorating environment. The Mozart Performing Arts program gives students the opportunity to take the following: classical piano, instrumental music (band/orchestra), music theory and history, and general music with a vocal emphasis.

Legacy's philosophy is that every child deserves a quality education, and every child has the potential to succeed in school and life. Most importantly they are avid proponents of parents, staff, and student working together as partners to assist in students' educational success.

Get Ready To Explore Our Parks!

by Molly Davis

The weather is cooling down, and it is the season to enjoy our amazing neighborhood parks. Each park has a unique theme and creative design. Go on an adventure. Try to find the places that you can take part in the activities listed below.

- Find the park where you can you pick sugar snap peas and basil.
- Where can you be a part of a human sundial, and see the phases of the moon?
- Where can you be an archaeologist and dig for dinosaur bones?
- Where can you climb into the air on an enormous climbing web?
- Which park has a sunken ship surrounded by a "blue sea"?
- Which park has north, south, east and west marked on the ground?
- In which park can you pretend you are climbing the walls of a canyon?
- Which park has an orange grove full of delicious oranges in December?



Calling all WRITERS!
WE NEED YOU!

Do you enjoy writing short pieces? The newsletter team is always looking for volunteers to write articles. There is never a commitment to write more than one article but if you enjoy it, the team would love to have you! Please email the Editor, Daniella Hauptmann, if you are interested. Daniella@westusa.com or call (480) 287-2559.

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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 in 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

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

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Sept. 16** Community Chat with Bill Adams, 6:30 PM, Heritage Pool House.
- ❖ **Sept. 20** Marley Park 10th Anniversary Celebration, 1:00-4:00 PM, Heritage Club.
- ❖ **Sept. 26** Heartbeats for Trenton Blood Drive, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, Heritage Club
- ❖ **Oct. 8-16** Fall Break, Legacy Traditional School
- ❖ **Oct. 12-16** Fall Break, Marley Park Elementary School.
- ❖ **Oct. 12** Homestead Harvest Festival 'Boo Bash' Decorating, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Heritage Club.
- ❖ **Oct. 24** Homestead Harvest Festival to include – Pawstume Parade 9:30 AM, Pumpkin Carving 10:30 AM - 12 PM and Boo Bash 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM, Heritage Club.
- ❖ **Oct. 26** MPCA 4th Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 PM, Heritage Club.
- ❖ **Nov. 7** Marley Park Community Garage Sale, 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM, individual homes. Donate your unsold items to the adopted charity at the Heritage Club parking lot after the Garage Sale.
- ❖ **Nov. 8** Celebration of Home New Neighbor Welcome Brunch, 11:00 AM, Heritage Club. Contact Bill Adams, billandespy@cox.net, (623) 444-9877.
- ❖ **Nov. 26** 6th Annual Marley Park Thanksgiving Dinner, TBD, Heritage Club.

For more information on events above please go to www.marleypark.net

Kids' Corner

by Sidney Baer

What are you looking forward to most about returning to school?



"I'm excited about learning math and seeing my friends."

-ADDISON MORALES, 4th Grade



"I look forward to going back to school so I can meet my new classmates."

-KYLIE VANDRIEL, 7th Grade



"I most look forward to meeting new friends and seeing old friends ... and getting a new desk!"

-PAIGE SCHMELLA, 4th Grade



"I most look forward to seeing my friends, but this year I'm excited to meet the new Cambridge students that join our school and to switch classes."

-SAM BAER (R) 6th grade, with her sister SIDNEY.

It's official; going back to school is all about seeing your friends!