

Marley Park Matters

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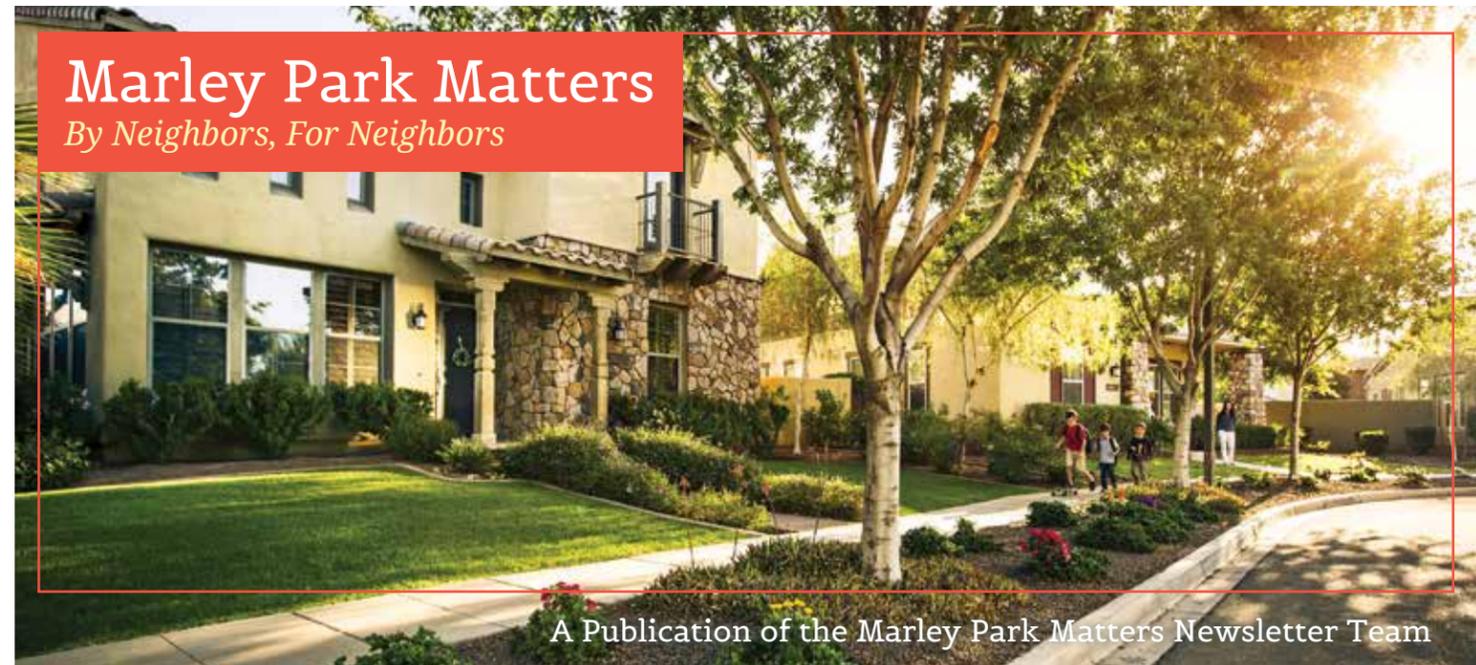
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Marley Park Matters is published once a quarter on the first of March, June, September, and December. The newsletter team is in need of neighbors to join our group and/or write articles for our upcoming issues, but it is not necessary to join the newsletter team if you just want to write an article. We strive to have a variety of neighbors writing about many different topics in order to showcase all of the different aspects of Marley Park. Please contact Angela Kirschner for more information at angelakirschner5@gmail.com.

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Upcoming Events

- ❖ June 20 Dive-In Movie, Heritage Pool House
- ❖ July 4 Patriotic Pancake Breakfast, Heritage Club
- ❖ July 4 Patriotic Parade. *Note:* This year the parade will be conducted at 9:00 AM.
- ❖ July 4 Veterans Commemorative Plaza Dedication Ceremony, approximately 9:15 AM (after the completion of the Patriotic Parade).
- ❖ July 4 Star-Spangled Celebration, 5:30 - 8:30 PM, Heritage Pool House.
- ❖ July 18 Dive-In Movie, Heritage Pool House
- ❖ August 6 First day of school for Marley Park Elementary School. Be careful when driving throughout the entire school year.
- ❖ August 15 Dive-In Movie, Heritage Pool House
- ❖ August 25 Marley Park Community Association 3rd Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 PM, Heritage Club.
- ❖ August 26 Maricopa County Elections, 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Heritage Club

Classes and Programs

- ❖ **Classes offered here in Marley Park!**
- Aqua-Tots Swim School
- 'Come What May' Yoga
- Summer Pilates Mat Class

*For more information about events, classes and programs please visit www.marleypark.net or e-mail engagement@marleypark.com

Marley Park Kids Korner

Ahhh... Summertime is here!

By Colin Zimmerman



2013 Patriotic Parade

School is out and the good times can begin! Before you know it we will be celebrating 4th of July. This is one of my favorite times of the year in Marley Park. There are so many things going on this special day in the community. The parade, the pool party, the music and most important, the food! During this fantastic celebration many events take action and one of my favorites is the watermelon eating contest. So refreshing! The parade is always fun because my brother, sister and friends all decorate our bikes and scooters. We drive them to the pool house where all the fun begins! There are so many fun games ,oh and let's not forget the pie contest. Every year the event gets better and better so I hope to see you there! Happy Summer!

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Honor a Veteran and support the Veterans Commemorative Plaza in Marley Park by purchasing a paver. Contact Bill Adams: billandespy@cox.net

Marley Park Eighth Annual Star-Spangled Celebration Festivities

The annual Fourth of July Marley Park celebratory events will be here before we know it! Please read below for a list of each event you and your family can look forward to attending!

Friday, July 4

PATRIOTIC PANCAKE BREAKFAST
7:30 - 10:30 a.m. | Heritage Club

Enjoy our annual Pancake Breakfast hosted by Cub Scout Pack 712. Donations will be accepted to help support the local Cub Scouts.

PATRIOTIC PARADE
9:00 a.m. | Marley Park (153rd & Valentine area)

Come one, come all in your decorated "choice of wheels": a bike, golf cart, or even an antique classic car. Everyone is welcome! Gather with family, friends and neighbors along the park

to wave flags and watch one of Marley Park's special, resident-driven annual traditions.

Parade line up begins at 8:30 a.m.; parade starts at 9:00 a.m. at the northwest corner of the Marley Park neighborhood. Please park at the Heritage Club and make your way to the parade start. The parade ends at the Veterans Commemorative Plaza (VCP), where a Dedication Ceremony will take place for the VCP.

RSVP is requested for the Parade: visit marleypark.net. For questions, please contact Bill Adams at (623) 444 9877.

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Marley Park Celebrates Volunteers!

The 2014 Marley Park 8th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch was held on Saturday, April 12th on the Heritage Club patio. We enjoyed music provided by Uvon Brooks Quartet featuring jazz, blues and oldies and delicious

food provided by Sunsational Coffee. The event was well attended by over 50 neighbors! The winners in each category were as follows:

Volunteer of the Year –
Billy Bungert

Youth – Lauren Perry, Kim Adversario & Kay Adversario

Behind the Scenes –
Graig & Jessica Giuliani, & John Leo

Honorable Mention –
Jack McSweeney



MPCA Welcomes Resident Bill Adams to the Board of Directors

Marley Park recently achieved an important milestone in its 14-year history with the election of Bill Adams to the Marley Park Community Association (MPCA) board of directors (Marley Park bylaws dictate the election of a resident to the Board when 25 percent of the 3,700 homes planned for the community transition to owners). Adams is the first resident elected to serve on the board, marking the beginning of resident leadership in community governance. Previously, representatives on the three-member board were appointed by Marley Park developer DMB. Congratulations to our well deserving, hard working, volunteer and resident Bill Adams!

Meet your Neighbor

By Jennifer Zimmerman



The Kirschner family

It is with great pleasure for me to introduce The Kirschner family. You may know Angela, as she is our devoted Marley Park Matters editor. Bill and Angela moved to Marley Park in May of 2006 from the Desert Ridge area. They had only lived in Phoenix for two years and missed the green grass and trees they grew up with in Michigan. A chance visit to Surprise for a restaurant opening in 2005 led to the discovery of Marley Park. They just knew it would have the Michigan feel they were craving!

Bill is a corporate loan officer for National Bank of Arizona, and Angela, previously a schoolteacher, now enjoys being a stay at home mom. Time permitting, Angela makes author visits to schools and reads their children's book, Marshal Explores Arizona, a beautiful children's book full of interesting Arizona facts and history.

Since moving to Marley Park, Bill and Angela have had three wonderful children, Will 6 years, Elise 2 years, and Katie 9 months. They feel it has been such a wonderful community in which to start their family and raise their children. They were the first family in the neighborhood to display the Marley Park stork and enjoy the amazing meals provided by Community Cares. They feel so fortunate and blessed to have a neighborly, friendly, and genuine community that takes care of one another.

When I asked the Kirschners what makes Marley Park so special they responded with, "It is the people, the traditions and the memories we have made here." They love attending the holiday celebrations and have a hard time picking a favorite! Recently, Will has been talking about the float he wants to put together for the Star Spangled Parade, and Elise is getting excited for the upcoming pool party! And as for Katie, well I am sure she will enjoy the Pawstume Parade come October as both her brother and sister love seeing the doggies in their creative costumes.

A favorite pastime for the Kirschner family is walking around the neighborhood. You will often see them walking up to Basha's, to parks, and exercising their two dogs: Toby and Cooper. Their children enjoy "park journeys" and visiting numerous parks in a single outing. So, next time you are out and about at the neighborhood parks, there is a good chance you will see the Kirschner family, and if you find yourself in the children's section at Barnes and Noble, look for their book Marshal Explores Arizona!

Welcome our new Heritage Campus Representative:

Susanna Vaillancourt

Hello! My name is Susanna. I have been married for 17 years to my wonderful husband who let me drag him to the desert. I also have two little boys to keep me busy. My husband and I ran a successful inspection business for over 11 years before relocating to Arizona. After living 20 plus years in the cloudy, drizzly Washington State weather, every day waking up in sunny Arizona still feels like paradise. Since arriving, I have decided to go back to school to obtain my degree in business. Working at Marley Park allows me the flexibility to pursue my degree and enjoy meeting so many lovely neighbors.



Susanna Vaillancourt with her family

Small Business Spotlight:

Apollo Productions DJ Entertainment

You might say Mike Torres is "musically inclined." He plays the trumpet, guitar and piano along with several other instruments, he is the Band Director at a local high school AND he owns Apollo Productions DJ Entertainment which provides entertainment services for weddings, corporate events, graduation parties, school dances, quinceañeras and any other event that requires quality entertainment at an affordable price.

Mike is an Arizona native who obtained his degree in Music Education from California State University, Chico State. He met his wife, Sarah, in California and the two of them moved back to Arizona, eventually settling in Marley Park a few years ago with their two young children. Mike and Sarah love Marley Park because of the sense of community and safety it provides. When he's not playing, directing or mixing music, Mike loves spending time with his family which includes taking the kids to tennis, t-ball, swimming and dance along with the occasional date night with Sarah.



Marley Park resident and owner of Apollo Productions, Mike Torres

If you'd like to hear Mike in action, you can catch him every other Friday night at Brookside II here in Surprise. If you're planning a block party, be sure to contact Mike as he's been known to provide his services free of charge for Marley Park Neighborhood Block Parties. If you've got an event coming up and need an amazing DJ to coordinate the event, be sure to contact Mike at (623) 476 7164 or visit ApolloDJ.com to view his affordable prices and menu of services which includes providing live musicians, up-lighting packages and custom monogram lights, to name a few. Be sure to ask him about the Marley Park Discount!

Star-Spangled Celebration Festivities

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VCP DEDICATION CEREMONY

9:15 a.m.

Veterans Commemorative Plaza
(southeast corner of Founders Park
Boulevard and West Pershing Street)

Following the Dedication Ceremony, we invite you to enjoy the Pancake Breakfast, hosted by the Cub Scouts at the Heritage Club.

POOL PARTY

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Heritage Pool House (Event Check-in/
Gates Open at 5:30 p.m.)

Bring your appetites, swimsuits and your dancing feet for our eighth annual Star-Spangled Celebration Pool Party - a community celebration like no other. Feast on an all-American BBQ meal, provided by Fire-Up Freedom. Enjoy DJ music, water games and bounce-house waterslides. Relax and chat with friends in and around our community pools. Advance registration required on marleypark.net: \$5/person through Monday, June 23; and \$10/person from Tuesday, June 24 through Friday, July 4. Children 2 and younger, FREE. Limited to 4 guests per household at \$10 per person. Volunteers FREE w/ min 2 hours volunteer assistance.

To thank members of the military, all service members (current and former), will receive a complimentary entry to the Star-Spangled Celebration Pool Party. Military members only, please contact Karen Zelek at (623) 466 8832 or Rosalba Chan at (623) 466 8831 with the MPCA Programs Team to separately RSVP for the Pool Party.

Additional information available on www.marleypark.net.