

Marley Park Matters

By Neighbors, For Neighbors

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11th Annual Star-Spangled Celebration

By Jaime Lyn Gonzales

There is something quintessentially patriotic about the summer that brings us back to everything good and simple about our good ol' U.S. of A. Life in Marley Park is no exception as we splash around cool pools, sip sun tea on the front porch and celebrate the annual Star-Spangled Celebration with neighbors. These hometown festivities will once again be filled with patriotic spirit and community traditions that you won't want to miss.



NEW

Decorate Your Wheels Party

Sunday, July 2 | 2-4 PM

Heritage Pool House Multipurpose Room

Grab your bike, scooter, stroller, wagon or golf cart and head over to the Heritage Pool House for a party to deck out your wheels in red, white and blue before the Patriotic Parade on July 4. Decorations and light refreshments provided. \$5 per person; advanced registration required on marleypark.com. (Can't make the party and want to be in the parade? No problem! Parade is open to all Marley Park residents.)

Tuesday, July 4

Patriotic Parade

8:30 Parade Line-up

Marley Park (153rd Ave & Valentine St)

9 AM Parade Starts

Spectators gather along Valentine St. & Founders Park Blvd.

Come one, come all and gather with family, friends and neighbors in this annual resident-inspired tradition. You and your choice of wheels - bike, stroller, golf cart or even an antique car - are invited to participate in the parade or sit back and cheer on your neighbors from the crowd.

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Update on Proposed Apartment Complex Status

By Robin McDaniel

Christopher Todd Properties has submitted plans to the City of Surprise for the apartment home complex they propose to build on Parcel 10 (behind Marley Park Elementary School); the plans are currently being reviewed. The Committee to Protect Marley Vision has examined the submitted plans and found significant areas where they feel the developer failed to meet the design requirements and guidelines of the Marley Park PAD.

In mid-April the Committee met with Dan Kelly (from DMB) and Todd Hornback (from DMB/Marley Park Community Association, Inc.) to discuss their findings. DMB had not, at that time, seen the proposed plan but reaffirmed their commitment that any future development meets the design requirements of the Marley Park PAD. The MPCA also indicated that they were working to ensure that the proposed apartment complex was subject to the existing Marley Park standards of maintenance and would comply with the major requirements of the governing documents. They also discussed a "per door" pro-rated monthly MPCA fee since apartment complex residents would be using the neighborhood parks. The fee would be pro-rated since they would have no key fobs and therefore no access to the Pool House or the Heritage Club.

On Tuesday, May 8th, members of The Committee to Protect Marley Vision (Jon O'Leary, Robin McDaniel and Robert Fitzgerald) attended a meeting with Surprise Mayor Sharon Wolcott, Vice Mayor/City Council Member Todd Tande, Assistant City Manager Nicole Lance, Community Development Director Eric Fitzer and other City of Surprise staff members. They presented the mayor with copies of petitions (signed by over 1000 people) expressing concern regarding Christopher Todd Properties' proposed apartment home complex.

They also submitted a letter from the Committee that outlined areas where the proposed plan does not meet the design requirements and guidelines of the Marley Park PAD. They discussed each of the points in the letter at length and illustrated

via graphics how the proposed complex does not fit and flow with the surrounding neighborhoods. They also discussed the traffic issues Marley Park is experiencing and the future impact of the ongoing construction in the area. The Committee again requested the city conduct a traffic study and examines the traffic using the Safe Routes to School Program Guidelines. Eric Fitzer confirmed that the City of Surprise had received federal funding to create a Safe Routes to School action plan for additional Surprise schools. Marley Park Elementary had been moved to the top of the list. Thank you to all the residents who have written to city officials regarding the traffic issue, and special thanks to the Board of the Marley Park PTA for their letter as well.

Mayor Wolcott was sympathetic to the residents' concerns, thankful for the detailed information on the design deficiencies of the plan and truly impressed by the community engagement that exists in Marley Park. (She was not alone. One attendee commented that in his 10 year career he had never seen such community engagement.) As of May 8th the city had received over 110 letters from concerned residents. Thank you for taking the time to let your voices be heard.

In response Matt Keating, Vice Chair of the Surprise Planning & Zoning Commission has taken the unusual step of requesting that a public "work session" be scheduled in advance of the session where the plan (which will have been revised after receiving a list of requirements and recommendations from the city) will be voted on. This will give the Committee and residents a chance to voice their concerns with the plan directly to the Planning & Zoning Commission and the developer before it goes to the Commission for a final vote.

To read the letter given to Mayor Wolcott, for more information on where the proposed apartment home complex is in the approval process and to find the dates and times of upcoming community meetings please visit the Committee to Protect Marley Vision website at www.protectmarleyvisions.com or contact them at protectmarleyvisions@gmail.com.

Purchase your VCP paver now!

Purchasing a Veterans Commemorative Plaza (VCP) paver is available on-line using a credit card. Go to www.marleypark.com/vcp and click the 'Purchase Paver or Donate' button. Note: When prompted, click the green 'Tickets' button. If you want to purchase the paver by check, click the "Printable Form" link and follow the instructions.

The VCP is open to the public at large to purchase a paver. An engraved paver for the VCP is a perfect gift for any occasion.

For more information, go to the www.marleypark.com/vcp website. You can also contact Bill Adams, billandespy@cox.net, 623-444-9877.

Star-Spangled Celebration

Tuesday, July 4

Patriotic Pancake Breakfast

Heritage Club | 7:30 – 10 AM

Stop on by and enjoy the annual, tasty breakfast hosted by Boy Scout Troop 194. A \$5 minimum donation is suggested to help support the local Boy Scouts.

Patriotic Pool Party

10 AM – 1 PM | Heritage Pool House

Bring your appetites, swimsuits and your dancing feet for this patriotic celebration like no other. Feast on an all-American BBQ meal and enjoy DJ music, adult and kids games and a water fun zone with waterslides and obstacle course. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and relax with friends in and around our community pools. Advanced registration



required on marleypark.com through Monday, June 26. \$9 per person; children under 3 years are free.

Please note the Heritage Pool House will be closed on July 4 starting at 6 AM for event preparation. Pre-registered event attendees may check-in at 10 AM. Pool House will reopen to all residents at 2 PM the same day.

City of Surprise 34th Annual Fourth of July Celebration

4:30 PM Gates Open | 5:30 PM Game Starts
Approx. 8:30 PM Fireworks

Surprise Stadium
15850 N. Bullard Ave.

Enjoy a Rookie League baseball game summer matchup featuring the Kansas City Royals v. Texas Rangers, in-game contests and prize giveaways. Fireworks start after the game. Concessions available for purchase; stadium food and beverage policies apply. Free admission with a canned food donation. For more information call the City of Surprise at (623) 222.2000.

What To Do With The Kids This Summer?

By Vicki Deluzio

Summers in Arizona can be super hot! Luckily, the Phoenix Area is full of great fun for kids and adults (and a lot of it is free!)

Splash pads- Right in Marley Park we have three-One at the Heritage Pool, one at Mosaic Park on the corner of Alexandria Way and 151st, and one right by Marley Park Elementary School. Surprise also has two other splash pads. One is in Surprise Farms at 175th and Surprise Farms Loop South and the other in Veramonte-140th and Corrine Drive.

The Children's Museum of Phoenix has first Friday nights of each month free from 5-9pm! The I.D.E.A. Museum in Mesa, Desert Caballeros Museum in Wickenburg, The Musical Instrument Museum in Phoenix, Arizona Science Center in Phoenix, and Halle Heart Museum in Tempe all have great activities for the whole family.

Indoor play places are also wonderful to run off some energy! The new Luv 2 Play in Surprise is fun for the whole family! Also in nearby Peoria is Jumper's Jungle, Pump it Up and Sky Zone. Jubeelieve in Avondale is great for kids 5 and



under and is a great place to meet up with your mom groups.

If you are looking for free activities, there are plenty of opportunities to get out of the house and enjoy local entertainment! The White Tank Library and Northwest Regional Library both have story times, play dates and magic shows along with teen classes. Westgate has character evenings every Wednesday by the splash pad. Arrowhead Mall will be having their National Geographic Kids Programs on Tuesdays starting in June.

Welcome Committee Volunteers Needed

Part of what makes Marley Park so special is the warm welcome we give our new residents. The Welcome Committee is resident-run and in need of volunteers in the Arbor, Bumblebee, Strata, Storybook, Legacy and Windrose Park neighborhoods. It takes only a few minutes of time to send out an email or drop off a welcome gift but it can make a huge difference in helping a new neighbor feel at home and part of our community! If you can help out, please send an email to Robin McDaniel at marleyparkwelcome@gmail.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.

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

Upcoming Events In Marley Park

By Bill Adams

❖ July Events

11th Annual Star-Spangled Celebration:

• **July 2**
*Decorate Your Wheels Party**
Heritage Pool House, 2- 4 pm

• **July 4**
Patriotic Pancake Breakfast
Heritage Club, 7:30 - 10:00 am

Patriotic Parade
Marley Park Neighborhood Park
9:00 am

*Patriotic Pool Party**
Heritage Pool House 10 am-1 pm

• **July 20**
3rd Thursday | 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Heritage Pool House

❖ August Events

• **August 3**
First day of school
Please be careful when driving
throughout the entire school year.

• **August 13**
*Volunteer Opportunity:
Feed the Homeless**
8:00 am- 1:00 pm,
St. Vincent de Paul.

• **August 17**
3rd Thursday | 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Heritage Pool House

• **August 21**
*MPCA 3rd Quarter Board of
Directors Meeting*
6:00 pm | Heritage Club

*Visit marleypark.com/resident-calendar for
more information on all events*

*To ensure a healthy and safe environment, the Heritage Pool House will
be closed the first, third and fifth Wednesdays of the month through the
summer for required cleaning and regular maintenance.*

* Indicates advanced registration required.

Kids Corner

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST THIS SUMMER?



Chandler is a 7th grader at Marley Park. He is most looking forward to this summer is his cruise vacation, the Marley Park pool and playing video games.



Richie is a 7th grader at Marley Park Elementary. He is looking forward to going outside, playing video games and sleepovers with friends!



Adrian is a 2nd grader at Marley Park Elementary. He is looking forward to "going camping, swimming at lake pleasant, riding my scooter and playing with friends!"



Bash is a 3rd grader at Marley Park. He is looking forward to "Playing a lot of video games.... and oh yeah! Summer camp! Summer camp!"