

Notes from the President

Hello FQ Story. It's getting warmer and there's lots going on around the neighborhood. Check NextDoor for discussions on Cool Street Surfacing, the 11th Ave Bridge Mural Project and much more.

Block Watch – Our CAO Ben Harris briefed us at our last meeting, the biggest problem in our neighborhood continues to be theft of items in cars. Notice I didn't say car break in. Mesa PD recently wrote an article on the subject of Car Hopping, a group of two to five individuals quickly make their way down a street, checking car doors with a vehicle trailing behind for a quick get-a-way. I have seen evidence of this here in F.Q. Story on a neighbor's security system, as well as single thieves. Bottom line, lock your cars.

Resident Permit Parking – The affected resident meeting held April 11th at Franklin Fire and Police High School, I felt, went extremely well. There were several great questions that added to the discussion on the process required to get a block parking permit. It's not an all or none thing so your opinion matters. Some block points of contact were made for the included areas, so you should be hearing from someone soon. If you don't, your block may still need a point of contact to distribute the petition. If you'd like to participate as one, contact **Tom Thorpe**, City of Phoenix Streets & Transportation Dept., at thomas.thorpe@phoenix.gov or (602) 495-6769.

USPS Informed Delivery – Ever wish you could know for sure if that check you've been waiting for would be delivered in the mail today? Or when Aunt Tina's birthday present she mailed a few days ago will show up? Sign up for the US Postal Service's Informed Delivery notifications (<https://informeddelivery.usps.com>). Just fill in your address, setup an account and answer a few questions to verify your identity. It's **free** and gives you the peace of mind to know when important mail is coming.

11th Ave Bridge – Neighborhood beautification is always at the top of our list for FQ Story. Whether it's landscaping or monuments, cleaning up alleys, or helping with graffiti busting, we all want our 'hood to look great. A project that's been in the works for several years is to place a mural on the North and South sides of the 11th Ave pedestrian bridge. We are in the initial stages so look for more info on NextDoor and future StoryTimes.

Spring Picnic & Elections – Thank you to all that came out to enjoy the great weather, quieter skies, and awesome food and entertainment. We have many returning to serve on the Steering Committee and a few new faces.

As always, please contact me if there's anything I can help with.
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