

Notes from the President

Hello all! What's with the crazy weather!

Block Watch – There have been continued notifications of “walk-ins” and “break-ins” in our neighborhood. Please continue to call Crime Stop at 602-262-6151 for non-emergencies. This includes suspicious activity possibly leading to mail theft, as well as homeless camps in the alleys. Also, by request, we will be looking into the requirements for neighborhood Block Watch signs...more info to come. If you have any questions about the Block Watch Program, contact Jean Barnhart (1101 W. Portland St., jeankb@aol.com, (913) 484-4293).

Traffic Calming Research – Many of you noticed the data collection lines placed around Story last month. Please be aware this is not being done to place speed humps. This is a study by the City of Phoenix to see what, if anything, can be done to reduce the amount of cut through traffic and/or reduce the high-rate of speed by some travelling our streets. The Steering Committee will be holding another small group with residents and city officials to review the data collected. A town hall meeting will be held to present data and ideas. Keep an eye out for a date.

Fruit Picking – I want to apologize to those that have asked to get their fruit trees collected. In an effort to provide a helpful service, we apparently put the cart before the horse. A suggestion was made to have Franklin School students assist in picking the fruit from trees of neighbors needing help or wanting to donate the fruit. The collection of names occurred on NextDoor, however, the names are no longer accessible. We also were notified by Franklin School that, regretfully, it was too late in the year to organize a student event because of finals preparation. This comedy of errors on our part, however, does not fix the problem. If you are in a situation that fruit needs to be picked and cannot do it yourself or cannot afford to have it done, contact a Steering Committee member and we will get it taken care of. Rest assured, we already have a system in place to make this successfully happen next year.

BMO Signage on VIAD/Dial Building – BMO agreed to meet with residents and interested parties on the effects of their sign on the surrounding area. They have agreed to look into purchasing a dimmer. No word was given on when this would happen or how low they would dim the sign. More to come.

Story TNR Program – Thank you to all that have made this program such a success in Story. Those efforts, along with the volunteer team, have received an overwhelming response that has exceeded expectations. Many of you that have called to have feral cats picked up have also generously funded sterilizations at the reduced rate our Team was able to get. That has allowed us to trap more and identify others that are in the que. The Steering Committee voted to fund another quarter so make sure to take advantage of the program. If you'd like to help with time or donations, contact the team or any Steering Committee member.

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

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