

## Notes from the President

Hello FQ Story! Halloween is almost upon us again. I see the question pop up a lot so I'll share our plan. I'm limiting this year's event to three Costco bags. That seemed to work well since last year's kiddos numbered in the 600 range on our block on Culver. That left me with a few pieces of candy for my "hard work".

**Ice Cream Social** – Our third association sponsored event of the year is the Ice Cream Social, going on this month so check the date and time. The location has changed to 916 W. Lynwood due to some construction starting at 933. Thanks to Bob & Terri Briggs for hosting us this year at such short notice. This won't affect the parade so the meeting place will be the same.

**FAA Update** – We won!! In case you haven't heard, a three-judge panel for the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the City of Phoenix and the Historic Neighborhoods in our lawsuit against the FAA flight path changes. See the article by Steve Dreiseszun inside this newsletter. I'd like to express deep thanks, on behalf of F.Q. Story, to Steve, Ginger Mattox and all those from our and other neighborhoods that worked to learn about this issue and helped to bring the successful judgement.

**Environmental** – Alon Petroleum had their monthly/annual facilities inspection last month from Maricopa County. We've been told the outcome far exceeded the county standards resulting in removing the requirement for monthly inspections. Also, a scheduled upgrade to the plants filtration system is scheduled soon and as a result, some gas releases could occur. Other gas releases occurring as of late, are related to City workers replacing man hole sewer collars. As the pavement degrades over time around the collar, vapors are released into the air. There will be a lot of construction along 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and along McDowell while these and other improvements continue to take place. And, finally, City workers are confirming that due to excessively eroded lines coming from homes in our and other neighborhoods, it is likely that rats have gained access to the sewer system. This could affect many more homes and makes eradication much more difficult. Please try to maintain your lines and do your part in keeping this problem to a minimum.

**Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department** – Lisa Huggins-Hubbard talked to us about ongoing issues within Story and Phoenix. Phoenix's sign ordinance requires only permitted signs to be posted in public right-of-ways, except for certain instances such as political or temporary yard sale signs. So, feel free to report any "We buy Diabetes testing strips" or "We buy houses for cash" signs that are zip tied on poles to NSD. Also discussed was the Graffiti Free Phoenix program that works to quickly remove graffiti in the city. This has been a positive deterrent due to the turnaround time on fixing the problem. Finally, NSD talked about its new Phoenix at Your Service (PAYS) website ([phoenix.gov/atyourservice](http://phoenix.gov/atyourservice)). It's a one stop for City of Phoenix service requests or reports to report anything and everything. With that being said, it's always best to contact neighbors first before reporting them to the city. These citations are not cheap.

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