

Whitton District Compass News

Fall Edition 2016



**September 27th
630pm**
Next neighborhood meeting is at Longview Elementary school library (main entrance) 1209 E. Indian School Rd. (off of 12th St.)

City LEDs *A collective community voice in support of 2700K and the City's stance*

The City of Phoenix is embarking on full conversion of its 90,000 streetlights to LEDs. High pressured sodium (HPS) lights will soon be obsolete as energy efficient LEDs increasingly become the norm for urban areas. But a growing number of Phoenix residents are vocalizing health and safety concerns of certain LEDs.

Come October, Phoenix city council will make a definitive decision on LED lighting for our parks and streets. Part of their decision will include an LEDs' kelvin (K) level.

Kelvin is the measurement of a light's color temperature ranging from warm to cool colored. That is, a 2700K light is warmer white colored whereas 4000K is cooler almost bluer white.

This is not to be confused with *lumens*. Lumens is the measurement of a light's brightness. A 2700K and 4000K can have equal lumens.

Find all this confusing? You're not alone.

The City of Phoenix appears befuddled on lighting basics. They labeled kelvin "Calvin" in a street board meeting, misrepresented kelvin levels to city council, and the mayor forgot "kelvin" at a public coffee talk when he appeared to brush aside a citizen's concerns of already installed 4000K LEDs.

Surprising, the City's Chief Sustainability Officer Mark Hartman recently skewed the difference between the Moon's kelvin

and LED kelvin, which have drastic differences in spectrum readings.

With the City, lighting essentials are on the back burner.

So, can they have their ducks in a row *come October*? Some Phoenicians aren't convinced the City will.

Arguably, because the City didn't get it the first time around.

Phoenix began installing cool colored 4000K LED streetlights in 2014, but a surge in complaints of harsh glare calling them "zombie lights" and "institutional" summoned city council to re-evaluate LEDs for a more suitable kelvin level.

In response, the City Streets and Parks Departments conducted a request for proposal (RFP)

which allowed lighting manufacturers to bid possible costs for 2700K, 3000K, 3500K and 4000K LEDs.

But 2700K just recently made the list of kelvin options.

After a compelling argument for 2700K by a citizen, city council revised the bidding process in March to include 2700K. However, city staff ignored a council member's request to install real-life samples of all LED kelvin types. Councilwoman Pastor believes the public would benefit from tangible observations of LED kelvin levels.

Favoring General Electric (GE) over public understanding is a growing con-

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2016 Association
Calendar
At-A-Glance

September
General Meeting, 27th
@630pm

October
Neighborhood Clean-up, 15th
@900am

Halloween Bike Crawl, 28th
@630pm

November
Keep Phoenix Beautiful Day, 5th
at Longview Elementary

General Meeting, 29th
@630pm

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THE NITTY GRITTY FROM THE PRESIDENT

Nicole Rodriguez

Neighborhood Clean-up - We've had 3 neighborhood clean-ups so far this year. For the last clean-up, Schreiner's donated free lunches and drinks to volunteers. Neighbor Jhenifer Shipe brewed amazing coffee and Dell Foster made sure we had tunes to jam out to. Upcoming clean-up will be much the same with the addition of breakfast for volunteers.

Block Watch Group - A few neighbors recently took the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP) block watch training. This training is highly recommended to become involved in a block watch. At the next meeting, there will be information on the next PNP training held on Nov 5th.

Newsletter Designer/Editor/Articles - NEW DESIGNER NEEDED - Whitton District is looking for a NEW newsletter designer and is always looking for community related newsletter articles and writings from residents. Poetry is also welcome! Any interested editors too? For more information, please email Nicole at whittondistrict@gmail.com

Alley Lights - In the past Block watch grants have funded our 31 alley lights in the past, but current block watch grant requirements will not cover the costs to fund future alley lights fully. We have about 12 months of grant funding left for alley lighting. For those who want to continue providing power to an alley light nearby, APS added people can add alley light to monthly electric bill and to continue lighting, you'd need to secure permission from your alley neighbors affected. (As most power poles sit close to the property line, that means the 3 neighbors whose lots touch the corner of your lot that the power pole sits on). You could also hit those neighbors to help with the cost – but APS needs to put the entire \$10.28 on one person's bill.

If one of those neighbors wants to have his backyard screened from the light APS can install a shield on the light for about \$75.00.

For more info, or to order, call Rick Benevides at APS, 602-371-7263, or give me a holler at 602-695-3337.

Message from Mountain View Police Precinct

We, the officers and supervisors of the Community

Action Office and Neighborhood Enforcement Team at the Mountain View Precinct, hope everyone's summer has been a good one. With the close of summer and our children heading back to school we wanted to provide you with some updates on events in and around your neighborhood.

In the summer edition of your newsletter, we told you about two problem residences that were being addressed by Detective Westfall, Officer Stevens, Sgt Garza and her Neighborhood Enforcement Team. Here is an update to one of the major problem locations. In June, Detective Westfall, the Abatement Detective for the Mountain View Precinct was contacted by residents in the Whitton district about a possible drug house near 10th St and Fairmount. Detective Westfall coordinated with the Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET) to address the problem address. Sgt Garza and her NET team, in the course of two weeks, made 6 felony arrests, seized 4.25 grams of heroin, 12 grams of marijuana, 4 digital scales and a drug sales ledger from this location. Detective Westfall was able to locate the owner of the home, have the tenants evicted and the home placed for sale. This is a great example of community based problem solving in partnership with your police department. We would like to thank the residents of the Whitton District for bringing this to our attention and taking ownership of your neighborhood.

We would also like to thank everyone that came out to the McDonald's at 926 E Indian School Road for the latest installment of "Coffee with a Cop" on September 7th. We had a great turnout and it was nice to be able to talk with many of you and address a number of concerns. We would also like to thank the ownership and management of this McDonald's for hosting the event. They are certainly going to be a great partner for the neighborhood. We will be scheduling a few more events like this in the area.

Finally, there are a number of community events being hosted by the Phoenix Police Department and Mountain View Precinct in the upcoming weeks. A few to remember are the **G.A.I.N. kickoff event on October 1st at Metrocenter Mall from 10:00 A.M. until noon**. The actual G.A.I.N. day is October 15th, 2016. The Mountain View Precinct Community Programs Coordinator, Officer Mary Roestenberg, has also been working tirelessly to coordinate the 5th annual Halloween Festival. This festival will be held on Thursday October 27th, 2016 from 5:30 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. at the Mountain View Precinct.

As always, if you are having issues or neighborhood concerns that the Police Department can assist with don't hesitate to reach out to Officer Stevens at 602-495-2324 or by email at Aaron.Stevens@phoenix.gov



3601 N. 7TH ST.



cern.

The only City models installed seem are GE's 3000K and 4000K LEDs along Pecan Road between 20th and 23rd Avenues and at Mountain View Park in Sunnyslope. This has some questioning if the City chose a lighting manufacturer prior to council and public review of the bidding process.

The public may not have big name corporations backing them, but with names like Harvard and Oxford, they have the smarts of academic research and intelligence lending a formidable foundation to their cause for lower kelvin in LEDs.

With this, pro-2700K folks can appreciate the mounting research and evidence of health implications exponentially exacerbated by cooler colored LEDs as opposed to warmer colored ones.

This is because the human eye is most sensitive to blue wavelength of light, which is emitted more with higher kelvin level LEDs. When our eyes sense blue light, the hormone melatonin is suppressed, which our bodies naturally produce when it becomes dark.

Melatonin, a vital hormone, is known as a cancer fighting hormone and necessary in the production of serotonin – a hormone that helps combat depression.

Study after study that found health issues correlated to melatonin suppression range from breast and prostate cancer to insomnia, obesity, and depression.

But if criminals scare some more than potential health effects, 2700K is invariably congruent with Phoenix Police's

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) guidelines. Both glare and dark shadows are bad according to CPTED and 2700K is lowest in both.

The higher the kelvin level, the more glare pedestrians and drivers experience as well as higher contrast between light and dark spaces making it more difficult for the eye to quickly and easily adjust to surrounding dark spots.

A 2700K LED reduces glare and dark shadows. And also has proven good color rendition of objects.

All fingers point toward 2700K LEDs. But is the City blind on the matter?

Phoenicians should hope city staff and elected official get a grip on LED basics and make an educated determination. Unless Phoenix wants to be another Davis, California – a city that installed higher kelvin bulbs only later to adopt 2700K after widespread complaints.

Public input is crucial and won't be easily ignored. Because come October, things can get pretty spooky.

written by Nicole Rodriguez

Nicole has experience in social and scientific research and holds degrees in Natural Resources and National Security Issues. Following receiving neighbor complaints of 4000K LED glare issues, she has been attending and speaking at city board and neighborhood meetings on the topic of LEDs.

For more information on related to this topic, visit the *Effective Lighting* webpage at www.whittondistrict.com



Our Neighborhood Community Action Officer (CAO)

A community action officer (CAO) helps a community handle non-emergency re-occurring suspicious and crime related activities for a neighborhood.

A CAO has several communities they work with at any given time and are often assigned to special events which takes them away from their CAO duties. Reach out to our CAO via email or phone. Be as descriptive as possible when communicating suspicious activity. Never put yourself in harms way to obtain better information for the police.

Officer Stevens has served as our CAO since November 2014. He is a native from Wyoming and has been with the Phoenix Police Department for 12 yrs.

Contact and notify Officer Stevens of any recurring non-emergency neighborhood issues. Examples of issues neighbors have shared with him in the past have dealt with on-going issues of speeding, amplified music, and suspicious activity. Please don't hesitate.

Contact Info:

EMAIL: aaron.stevens@phoenix.gov

CELL: (602) 361-0043

Oficial Stevens ha servido como nuestro CAO desde noviembre de 2014. Él es oriundo de Wyoming y lleva 12 años contacto con el Departamento de policía de Phoenix.

Notificar al oficial Stevens de problemas recurrentes de barrio no es de emergencia. Ejemplos de problemas de vecinos han compartido con él en el pasado se han ocupado con cuestiones en curso de exceso de velocidad, amplificado música y actividades sospechosas. No dude.

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WHERE?

Longview Rec Center
4040 N 14th St, Phoenix, AZ 85014

WHEN?

Tuesdays, 3:30-5:00pm

Session 1: September 6-October 11

Session 2: October 25-December 6

AGES?

13-17

TEACHING ARTIST

Edgar Fernandez

COST?

Free With \$5 rec pass

THE RAG COLLECTION

The Rag Collection is a local non-profit arts organization that loves to connect youth to free art resources, artists, and places to explore, create, discover, and express their voice and story through the arts!

We believe youth today need more space to understand the value of their voice in their community and how to get involved through their own creative talents. We have been working with schools, shelters, and neighborhoods since 2011.

We are excited to partner with Whitton District Neighborhood Association to provide a Raise Your Voice Painting Club at Longview Rec Center for teens (age 13-17) to invite youth to speak up and create within their community.

Noel D'Avy
Program Director
noel@theragcollection.org



WHAT IS YOUR STORY? TEACHING ARTIST EDGAR FERNANDEZ

"I began creating art at a very early age. I was in Kindergarten when I really began to pay close attention to the Folk art and illustrations from children's books. I also had an older cousin in Michigan who helped me enjoy the process involved in creating art. Additionally, during my visits in Mexico, I had plenty of family members that drew cartoon characters and inspired me to draw. At the young age of five was when I remember the artist within me beginning to bring my imagination to life through art."

WHY DO YOU CREATE?

The passion that resonates from the heart is creating Art, and my soul's mission is to enrich the university with my Art. My intentional themes come from an intuitive state of pure creativity. My art is influenced from ancestral wisdom, personal soul experiences and the legacy I work towards every day. The materials and mediums I use are unique to each creation. Furthermore, themes and environment around me at the moment play essential roles. The style of my techniques are based in spiritual awareness with a unique twist of contemporary indigenous art. My focus is to share his artistic gift through each of his creations, which will give every viewer a seed of inspiration within themselves.

WHY DO YOU LIKE TO TEACH ART?

Art is my passion and a direct channel to my highest joy and being able to share my gift is a blessing. I enjoy teaching art because it allows me to express my talents to students with intentions to inspire them to develop their best potential selves. Even further I enjoy teaching others to express their voice through not only the arts but in any form that involves creativity. The act of giving back to the community gives me strength to new works to share with my students.



Know Your Neighbor: **Neighborhood Spotlight**

About Tiffany Hernandez

interview by Alex Acevedo

1. What attracted you to the neighborhood?

My fiancé and I decided it was time to start house shopping and discussed neighborhoods that fit our lifestyle. We really enjoy the number of diverse, locally owned restaurants that are within biking distance. There's a mix of older, charming homes and interesting modern homes. The neighborhood has a great vibe to it.

2. What hobbies do you enjoy doing in your free time?

The one and only hobby I have right now is playing with and taking care of our animals. We have 5 rescue animals and they keep me busy! We spend most of our time at the local dog parks. Wave "hi" to our pups Elliot, Margo or Stella if you see them in the front yard.

3. If you could share a meal with four individuals, living or dead, who would they be and why?

Tina Fey, Sarah Silverman, Ilana Glazer and Abbi Jacobson. They're all female comedians. I'm usually the one cracking jokes so I'd like to have the tables turned. I have no doubt I would be laughing over my chicken piccata the whole time.

4. How many pairs of shoes do you own?

Own: 20 In use: 2

5. If you had to describe yourself as an animal, which one would it be and why??

A sloth. It takes me forever to do anything so I usually take extra measures to give myself lots of time.



Photo by Jenny Acevedo

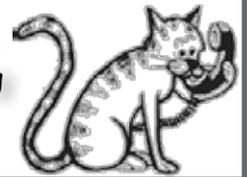
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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergencies Only	9-1-1
Non-emergencies ~ CRIME STOP	262-6151
Mountain View Precinct	495-5007
Officer Aaron Stevens (CAO)	361-0043
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Mayor Greg Stanton	262-7111
Councilwoman Laura Pastor	262-7447
Neighborhood Services	262-7344
Longview Community Rec Center	534-6570
Abandoned Vehicles	262-6151
Barking Dogs	262-6151
Clogged Street Drain	262-6441
Dead animal	262-6791
Graffiti Busters	495-7014
Illegal Dumping	262-7251
Roaming Dogs	506-7387
Zoning Violations	262-7844
Maricopa Co. Animal Care & Control	506-7387
Animal Cruelty/AZ Humane Society	997-7585



A Little Free Library Near you!



Seen me around? I'm a cute Little Free Library on Indianola Avenue. Donate a book and take a book. I thrive off of community giving. Bottom compartment is for kid and youth books.

Community Calendar

SEPT 2016

Sept 27th - Whitton District Neighborhood meeting - 630PM at Longview Elementary School Library through the main entrance, 1209 E. Indian School Rd. Phoenix Police Detective Westfall will talk on property abatement; discuss the Longview Elem. community garden; Rag Collection will present on the Raise Your Voice Mural Art Painting Classes.



OCT 2016

Oct 15th - **Neighborhood Clean-up** - 9AM-11AM at 8th St & Whitton Ave. Come ready to get dirty! Look for a large blue pop-up canopy and tool trailer.

Oct 27th - **Halloween Festival** - 5:30PM-8:30PM at Mtn View Police Precinct, 2075 E. Maryland Ave. An awesome event for the kids! Come dressed in costume.

Oct 28th - **Bike Crawl Halloween Themed** - 630PM at 8th St & Whitton Avenue. Family friendly! The neighborhood bike crawl is open to anyone. We will bike crawl through the neighborhood to neighbors hosting front yard parties.



NOV 2016

Nov 5th - **Keep Phoenix Beautiful Day** - 8:00AM - noon at Longview Elementary School. Volunteers will be breaking ground and working on the community/student vegetable garden. More details to come. To sign up, email at whittondistrict.com or attend Sept 27th neighborhood meeting to sign-up there.

Nov 29th - **Whitton District Neighborhood Meeting** - 630PM at Longview Elementary School Library through the main entrance, 1209 E. Indian School Rd.





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