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A message from the Board President,

Ken Jarmow

Friends and neighbors, it has been a long, hot summer but I want to extend a warm welcome to all new Parke Tempe homeowners! Our Newsletter is full of helpful information for residents. With all the attention to green living, we included some helpful tips to reduce your energy consumption and, of course, helpful phone number for you to clip and save.

The Annual Meeting will be held on September 11 at 7:00. If you have any questions or comments about the association, come to the meeting! We hope to see you there to give input. As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions for the newsletter, please email them to pthoa@parketempe.net.

Community Association for Parke Tempe 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

This shall serve as formal notice of the 2008 annual meeting for the Community Association For Parke Tempe. The meeting will be September 11, 2008 at the Tempe Police Substation – 8201 S. Hardy Dr., Tempe. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 PM.

Enclosed is an Absentee Ballot for those who cannot attend the meeting. Please see the enclosed Ballot for instructions and mailing address.

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ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

Parke Tempe is managed by Both Ruth and Laurie Roberts of L & B Association Consultants.
PHONE: 480-987-0197 Call with any questions or concerns.

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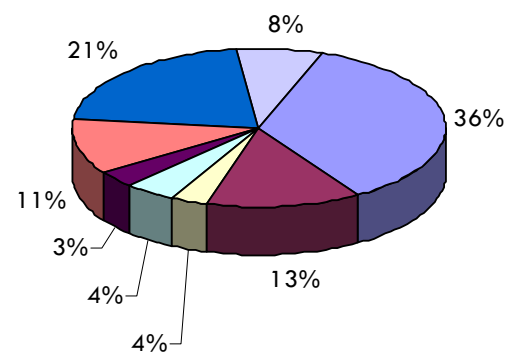


Police (non-emergency)	480-350-8311	Qwest	800-491-0118
Poison Control	602-253-3334	Cox Communications	623-594-1000
SRP Electric	602-236-8888	Graffiti Hotline	480-350-8384
Southwest Gas	800-873-2440	Stray animal hotline	602-506-7387
		City of Tempe Complaints	480-966-6211

**all numbers were accurate as of the printing of this newsletter*

INCOME THROUGH JUNE 2008		
Total Income	\$44,923.00	100%
EXPENSES THROUGH JUNE 2008		
LANDSCAPER	\$16,920.00	36%
MANAGEMENT	\$6,300.00	13%
WATER	\$1,683.00	4%
ELECTRICITY	\$2,105.00	4%
ADMIN.	\$1,549.00	3%
TREE TRIMMING	\$5,400.00	11%
CURBING	\$10,049.00	21%
MISC. GROUNDS	\$3,585.00	8%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$47,591.00	100%
NET INCOME/LOSS	-\$2,668.00	-6%

Parke Tempe Expenses



Keep your furry friends safe!

There have been a number of comments made about dogs and cats running loose throughout the neighborhood. Please note that the Tempe leash law applies to our community. Keeping your pet on a leash keeps them safe and keeps residents safe. Please be a responsible pet owner!



ANNUAL MEETING

September 11, 2008
7:00 pm
Tempe Police Substation
8201 S. Hardy Drive
Tempe



City of Tempe Grant Status

Parke Tempe applied for another grant from the City of Tempe to continue the installation of curbing and granite along the walls in the greenbelts.



AUGUST

"August rushes by like desert rain-fall,
A flood of frenzied upheaval,
Expected,
But still catching me unprepared.
Like a matchflame
Bursting on the scene,
Heat and haze of crimson sunsets.
Like a dream
Of moon and dark barely recalled,
A moment,
Shadows caught in a blink.
Like a quick kiss;
One wishes for more
But it suddenly turns to leave,
Dragging summer away."



- Elizabeth Maua Taylor

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Living well... Living green!

According to the City of Tempe, **every ton** of recycled paper saves 17 trees, saves 4,100 kWh of energy, saves 7,000 gallons of water, reduces air pollution by 60 pounds, saves 3 cubic yards of landfill. Recycling is important to reduce waste and conserve natural resources. By recycling materials, the amount of refuse that is disposed of in landfills is reduced and waste materials are recycled into products with value. Tempe's curbside recycling program enables residents to recycle various types of paper, glass, aluminum, cardboard, steel cans, and plastics.



Find a list of recyclable materials here:

<http://www.tempe.gov/recycling/images/recyclebluecanflyerweb.pdf>

The Arizona Department of Water Resources publishes extensive lists of native, drought-tolerant and low water-use plants, trees and shrubs. The lists are custom-drawn for a variety of elevations in Arizona, including the desert valleys of the Phoenix metro area! Check it out here:

http://www.azwater.gov/dwr/Content/Find_by_Program/Drought_and_Conservation/LowWaterPlantLists/default.htm

Sometimes it doesn't look like we have a water shortage (especially in the monsoon!), but water conservation is always important. Check out these tips for easy things you can do to reduce the waste of this precious resource.

- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing.
- Time your shower to keep it under 5 minutes. You'll save up to 1000 gallons a month.
- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save 4 gallons a minute or 200 gallons a week for a family of four.
- Always water during the early morning hours, when temperatures are cooler, to minimize evaporation.
- Don't water your lawn on windy days. After all, sidewalks and driveways don't need water.

Energy savings start with you! To save precious electricity (and reduce your summertime electric bill) follow some of these simple tips!

- Don't use the oven. Use a microwave oven, or use a barbecue grill.
- Use a slow cooker to prepare one dish meals without adding heat to the house.
- Turn water heaters thermostat down to 120 or 115.
- Don't use the drying function in your dishwasher. Let the dishes air-dry.
- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes. Dry your clothes on hangars or outside.

Our wet Arizona desert!



"Monsoon", from the Arabic "mausim" meaning "season" or "wind shift", defines a wind that changes direction with the seasons. The monsoon is caused by a combination of heat and moisture. In the past, it was accepted that Arizona is said to be in "monsoon" when we have had more than three consecutive days of dew points above 55 degrees. In order to avoid the guesswork, June 15 is the first day of monsoon, and September 30 is the last day. Did you know that monsoon thunderstorms normally occur in July and August? The temperature is usually around 105 degrees during monsoon thunderstorms. As good neighbors, check your yards after a monsoon—make sure nothing has blown down into others' yards!

Wettest monsoon season on record: 9.56 inches in 1984.

Driest monsoon on record: 0.35 inches in 1924.

(source: National Weather Service website: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/twc/monsoon/monsoon_phx.php)

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