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Theater Works After School Playhouse at Marley Park Elementary School (MPES)

For nine weeks beginning in early September, 26 students in grades 4 through 6 from MPES, including 11 Marley Park residents, have participated in a Theater Works After School Playhouse program of acting workshops and rehearsals.

Auditions for this new after school theater program were held in early September. Participating students in the program have learned how to take a popular book and creatively develop it into a unique script and production. They also learned through comedy skits, stylized movement, slapstick comedy, and structured improvisation.

"The kids are incredible," says Luisa Brown, Office Manager at MPES. "I am amazed at the talent we have here in Marley Park."

The final performance for family, friends and the community will be held on November 10 at 7:00 PM at MPES. You won't want to miss it.

The Marley Park Community Association partnered with MPES and Theater Works to bring this new after-school theater program to MPES students. After School Playhouse was created to promote an appreciation for the arts among young people, generating excitement, creative thinking, and using imagination.

Want to Contribute?

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For the most up-to-date community information, including events and activities, visit marleypark.net.

Giving Thanks

With fall festivities here including special holiday traditions of thanks, it's good time to stop for a moment and appreciate where we are, what we have, and to celebrate living at Marley Park.

And life as we know it in Marley Park is only possible because of you – our residents giving your time and energy to our community and supporting neighbors and friends. It is amazing how deeply Marley Park residents have embraced the spirit and vision for our community, resulting in meaningful relationships and an enhanced quality of life today and in the future.

In the spirit of the thanks, the Marley Park Community Association wanted to call attention to some of our resident leaders in 2009 (this isn't everyone, just a few, trust us). We couldn't do it without you, thank you.

- Under the leadership of Shannon Adcock, Community Cares recently hosted a military Welcome Home for Allen Jensen, filling the Heritage Pool House with warmth and celebration for Allen's service and safe return to his family and home in Marley Park.
- Community Cares also continues to welcome our newest neighbors at their Welcome Pot Luck events. In addition to yummy food and a warm welcome, these events provide new neighbors with information to get connected to their new neighborhood.
- Carrie Gauntt supports charitable efforts at Marley Park and beyond through her tireless commitment to bring dollars and awareness to the Hope Kids Foundation.
- At every event, the Community Association has a group of volunteers to help with set up and clean up. But the Haunted Heritage House for this year's Boo Bash presented some unique decorating challenges and a group of dedicated volunteers, lead by Shannon Adcock and Bill Adams, thankfully took charge.
- Valerie Jackson and other resident entrepreneurs are organizing a neighborhood boutique sale to support local, small business efforts. Look for more details on marleypark.net.



- Kudos to Grape Nutz, lead by Billy Bungert, for partnering with the Community Association on one of our most successful Out & About events yet. And of course we also need to thank Jack McSweeney for his creative efforts in designing the promotional flyer for this event. Jazz by the Pool was a hit!
- A "Behind the Scenes Thank You" to Karen Zelek and Betsy Kirschner for helping the Marley Park Community Association with a range of tasks to support our office and our programs.
- We are grateful to all of our resident club leaders that help facilitate shared interests

in our community. Special thanks to Rosalba Chan (featured in this issue) who continues to help bring neighbors and friends together in various ways, including through the Bunco Club and the Gorgeous Blooming Roses of Marley Park.

New & Improved Advertising Program in 2010

Open to resident businesses; Club Card no longer required for discounts

The Marley Park Community Association (MPCA) heard you – our residents and our merchant partners – and determined that it just doesn't make good sense to continue the Club Card Program in its current form. So we've come up with new Advertising Program that provides more positive and effective ways for residents and local businesses to connect.

In January, the MPCA will launch a new Vendor Directory on marleypark.net dedicated to our local business partners that continue to offer exclusive specials directly to Marley Park residents. This online marketplace appears like a Yellow Page ad and for a nominal, annual fee, will be managed by the MPCA in partnership with participating businesses to help ensure relevant, timely information and offers.

And here's an improvement worth noting: resident business owners are invited and encouraged to participate in this new Vendor Directory. Another improvement worth noting: this new program alleviates residents from having to carry and present their Club Card to take advantage of special offers; residents can simply print or mention the marleypark.net offer.

One other change we're making to our advertising program: to continue to support the convenient services and important social opportunities that our Marley Park Plaza commercial partners contribute to Marley Park's unique quality of life, this January the MPCA will launch a new marleypark.net space dedicated exclusively to our Marley Park Plaza commercial partners, providing residents timely information and special offers from our neighbors at the Plaza.

If you would like more information about this new, improved advertising program or if you would like to have your business included in the new Vendor Directory, please be in touch with Jessie Singer at jsinger@dmbinc.com or 623-466-8831.

- Vendor Directory Listing:
- Company listing in the Vendor Directory
 - Full-color logo or business card posted
 - Active link to company website
 - Special offers exclusive to Marley Park residents and business notes about products, hours, etc.

Community Service*		Business	
Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
\$30 / year	\$60 / year	\$40 / year	\$80 / year

*A community service organization is defined as any entity that has a not-for-profit financial structure.

Volunteer Spotlight: Rosalba Chan



Tammy R. Mandel, Neighbor

"If you want to meet people, smile and say hello." That simple philosophy has motivated Marley Park resident Rosalba Chan to make friends and become an integral part of our community. Chan and her husband, Kenny, moved to Marley Park in 2006 in order to be closer to her daughter, Mai Ling, and her grandchildren, as well as to escape the cold New Jersey winters.

As Queen of the Gorgeous Blooming Roses of Marley Park (Red Hat Society), Bunco facilitator, and an active member of Community Cares and the Marley Park Book Club, Chan knows what it means to get involved and get others excited about volunteerism. "I like the way once I help, others go out and continue to help," she said. "It's kind of ripple effect and this is why it makes it so easy for me to volunteer."

In addition to her Marley Park endeavors, Rosalba offers her time to the Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce. When not volunteering, she likes to go bargain hunting and to listen to instrumental music.

What's next for Chan? She is currently in the planning stages of the Marley Park Health and Wellness Fair, tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2010. If you see Rosalba around Marley Park, smile and say hello; you've just made a new friend.

Community Cares: Babies and Red, White, and Blue!

Shannon Adcock, Neighbor

This year, Community Cares has reached out to several families through various initiatives including the Stork Program and our first Military Welcome Home Potluck.

When we learn of a new baby born in our neighborhood, a stork sign is placed in the family's yard and volunteer meals are coordinated to help welcome everyone home. Congratulations to the following families on their newest arrival!



Samantha and Bernard O'Brien welcomed Baby Bernie
April 14 | 2 lbs, 13 oz

Thea and Alex Guido welcomed Baby Stella
April 14 | 6 lbs, 11 oz

Michelle and Eric Praskins welcomes Baby Dylan
April 16 | 7 lbs, 5 oz



Melissa and Michael Scheidt welcomed Baby Callie Hannah
June 8 | 6 lbs

Ellen, Mike, and Braden Watson welcomed Baby Brooke Elizabeth
August 12 | 7 lbs, 9oz



Al and Marcy Watson welcomed Baby Kamryn Gara
September 1 | 8 lbs, 3 oz

Casey, Tiffany, and Marley Radermacher welcomed Baby Milia Gray
September 3 | 8 lbs

The VanHorn Family welcomed Baby Hayden
March 19 | 7 lbs, 9 oz

On September 30, over fifty residents gathered at the Pool House for our first Military Welcome Home Potluck. Neighbors brought food and offered a great show of support to Alan, Telisha, and Ethan Jensen. Many wore yellow and sported "Marley Park Supports Our Troops" ribbons.

SSG Alan Jensen returned home from a year-long tour in Iraq. This was his second tour in the Middle East following a tour in Afghanistan. During his time away, several neighbors supported the Jensen family; as a "thank-you," Alan presented each of these families with an American flag that was flown in Iraq.

Special thanks to Bill and Billy Bungert, the Mosaic Park Neighborhood, Carrie Gauntt, the Smaltz Family, and the Community Association for offering their time, enthusiasm, and resources.

If you are interested in participating in any of Community Cares programs, please contact Shannon Adcock at 480.239.7175.



Meet Your Neighbors: Tennyson Family

By Charlotte Confer, Neighbor

Paul and Lauren Tennyson moved from Avondale to Surprise five months ago along with their children Caitlin, Victoria, and Spencer...and their "Wonder Dog" Buddy. The family was drawn to Marley Park – the charm of the architecture, the feeling of a neighborhood where people care about each other, and the amenities like the Heritage Club, Heritage Pool House, and plentiful parks. The Tennyson's also note that living in Marley Park allows them to live closer to work, friends, and the schools their children attend.

Both Paul and Lauren are educators in the Dysart School District. Currently Paul teaches math and is the founder and advisor to the S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Club and RoboMasters at Willow Canyon High School. Paul has also taught science and has served as a K-12 school administrator. Lauren teaches fifth grades at Ashton Ranch Elementary. Together, Paul and Lauren have a combined experience of over 50 years in classrooms in Arizona and in international schools including schools in Colombia, Greece, Saudi Arabia, and South Korea.

As teachers, the Tennyson's don't have much free time though when they do have a moment they enjoy movies, traveling, antiquing, and spending time with their kids and extended family in the Valley. As if that wasn't enough to keep them busy, Paul is an actor and singer, a collector of antiques including rare

books, and he loves to work around the house and in the yard. Lauren is an avid reader and an old-movie buff and she plans to publish her own book someday.

Paul and Lauren aren't the only accomplished ones in this dynamic family. Caitlin is a junior in the Barrett Honors College of Arizona State University majoring in bio-medical engineering; she is also President of the ASU P.B.L. business club. Victoria (Tory) is a junior at Willow Canyon High School participating in the school's theater troupe and taking classes in the rigorous IB (International Baccalaureate) program. Spencer attends 6th grade at Ashton Ranch Elementary School where he is a member of the "Morning News Team" at the Mustang Broadcasting Company.

Now that they've settled in and the school year is in full swing, the Tennyson family is looking forward to getting more involved in Marley Park. You may see them soon at the Grape Nutz, Bunco, or Gardening Club gatherings. Says Paul Tennyson, "After years of driving around Marley Park and imagining living here, we're thrilled to have finally found our own little piece of the neighborhood."



Community Round Up

Prefer to Receive Your Monthly Statements by e-mail?

The Marley Park Community Association (MPCA) now offers secure and convenient online access to your monthly assessment statements. There is no charge for this new service allowing you to view, print and email your detailed account statement online 24/7. Enroll on www.marleypark.net using the online enrollment number on the bottom, left side of your mailed statement – from the top menu options, select Community Association, then Accounting, then View and E-mail your MPCA statement.

Marley Park Expands Recycling

As of September 1, you may have noticed new recycling containers at the Heritage Club and Heritage Pool House. In partnership with the Arizona Center for the Blind, the MPCA now offers recycling of plastic and glass containers at both facilities. For your convenience, you will find recycling containers in the pool area and in the Heritage Club kitchen.



Holiday Decorations

Ghosts and goblins, turkeys and pilgrims, snowmen and festive lights – the holidays are here! The MPCA encourages fall décor from October 1 to December 1; Halloween decorations from October 1 to November 6; and holiday lights and decorations from November 26 to January 31.

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NEW childcare and babysitting directory. If you offer short- and long-term childcare or as-needed babysitting, visit this new online directory to enter and share your credentials and contact information with other Marley Park residents.

Looking for a referral or to sell that extra TV you don't need anymore? Remember the online Classifieds. We've added a few new categories, including Freecycle for any items you want to give (and get) for free (of if you prefer to sell, there is the Online Garage Sale) and Resident Referrals for recommendations for everything from local doctors to plumbers.

Upcoming Events

Be sure to check out marleypark.net for details on these and other events

Community Building Roundtable November 4 | 6 PM | Heritage Club

Please join us for a developer update and an interactive discussion about Marley Park's future success with the Community Association Team.

Theater Works Final Performance November 10 | 7 PM | Marley Park Elementary School (MPES)

Enjoy the final performance of the After School Playhouse – a nine week after-school program of acting workshops/rehearsals for accepted MPES students.

Home for the Holidays December 5 | 6 – 9 PM | Heritage Club

Celebrate the spirit of the season with neighbors and friends at this magical, annual community tradition.



'Tis the Season and New Neighbor Potluck December 10 | 6 – 7:30 PM | Heritage Club

Cook up your favorite dish to enjoy with new neighbors and old friends; hosted by Community Cares and the Marley Park Community Association.

2009 Festival of Cheer hosted by Interfaith Community Care December 12 | 10 AM – 3 PM | Peoria Sports Complex

Travel the world without leaving the Valley of the Sun – celebrate cultures, families, and holidays around the world.

Put Your Money Where Your House Is

Move into Marley Park and it quickly becomes clear just how much Marley Park Plaza (the Plaza) contributes to our unique quality of life. Providing convenient services and important social opportunities that enrich our lives, the Plaza – like the Heritage Club and Heritage Pool House – is an extension of our home.

During these extraordinarily difficult economic times, our Marley Park Plaza business partners need our support to keep their doors open. As neighboring members of our community these businesses supported Marley Park from its earliest days.

Now is the time to return the favor by spending your money where your home is. If you haven't already, shift your habits to buy local, supporting our community business partners and protecting the Plaza:

1. Do the majority of your grocery shopping at Bashas' in Marley Park Plaza. Go outside only for those things they don't carry. If it's something you use regularly, ask the staff to order those items to make everyday shopping at Bashas' work for you.
2. Invite a few friends out for a spa day at Sanity Salon and Day Spa. Or if you prefer a quick cut, stop by Great Clips.
3. Dine out at Vogue Bistro or grab a quick bite at Jack in the Box.
4. Energize your spirit with dance classes at Surprise Dance Studio. Energize your car with gas at Chevron.
5. Shop for unique baby gifts at Baby Kountry. Switch your family dentist to Martineau Family and Cosmetic Dentistry. Consider Boost Mobile for your cell phone needs.
6. Forget long lines at the post office; visit MyOffice for convenient mail services.
7. Do you banking at Mid-First Bank or Chase (inside Bashas'). Remember H & R Block this tax season. Turn to American Family Insurance for your insurance needs.