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Welcoming Mattamy Homes to the Neighborhood

Tracy Simmons, Director of Marketing

Mattamy Homes will soon be introducing five new home plans to Marley Park, planned for spring of 2011. A recent addition to the Valley's national homebuilder line-up, Mattamy Homes hails from Canada, originally, where they are the largest and most active new homebuilder. They expanded into the U.S. in 2003 and are headquartered in Winter Park, Florida.



These lovely, new single-family homes will reflect the charm and character unique to Marley Park with designs that offer three and four bedrooms with two and three baths and two-car garages. They will range from 1,521 to 2,501 square feet and are priced from the low \$100s. "Our Marley Park floorplans, based on a survey of homebuyer preferences, are very open with interesting features that maximize living spaces," said Carolyn Morrison, Mattamy Homes' Vice President of Operations. They plan to build 42 low-maintenance homes ideal for a variety of families.

For more information on Mattamy Homes, visit www.mattamyhomes.com.

Sabedra Girls Improve Hideaway for MP Youth

Julianna Sabedra, Neighbor with the MPCA

The Heritage Club serves our community, providing much needed gathering space for residents of all ages, including Marley Park's youth.

With the goal of making the Hideaway Room a more welcoming and comfortable place for Marley Park's youth to gather, the Marley Park Community Association called on a few helpers to get the job done: Julianna Sabedra and her sister Victoria.

After brainstorming ways for the Hideaway Room to better fit the needs of Marley Park's youth, Julianna and Victoria sprang into action with their creative ideas and a little bit of sweat equity too.

Hi, I'm Julianna Sabedra and I'm one of the youth Community Association helpers. My sister and I help out with the Hideaway Room by planning, cleaning, and picking out new items and setting them up. It was a lot of hard work to remove the old stuff and put in new furniture and to think about what new items to get.

Come check out the changes and see what news things have been updated. There are lots of new books, crayons, games, and even a foosball table. Hope to see you soon!



Living a Healthy Life at Marley Park

In support of one of Marley Park's core values, health and wellness, we are partnering with the West Valley Biggest Loser and invite you to join our very own Marley Park program. The Biggest Loser program will run from January 24 - April 14 and will culminate at our newest signature event, Live Healthy: Live Well. (mark your calendars for April 16!).



Interested in participating in Marley Park's program of West Valley Biggest Loser?

When: January 24 - April 14

How Much: \$199/mo (special discount for residents)
lmartin@sedonapalms.com | 1-800-772-1450

Neighborhood News Needs You!

Got a story idea? Want to write an article? Or share a photo of our community? If you want to contribute to Neighborhood News, please contact Kate Ellingson (kellingson@dmbinc.com) at the Marley Park Community Association, Inc. (MPCA).

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

Join us on Facebook. Become a fan of the MPCA to engage with neighbors. Share ideas and images of life in Marley Park.

Exceptional Resident Engagement in 2010 by Marley Park Community Association

Our community is extraordinary in so many ways. One of the most remarkable attributes of Marley Park is the spirit and commitment of our residents to our community's unique and shared vision – a vision that calls for exceptional resident engagement.

Over the years, each of us has made a contribution or two (or three or four...) in making Marley Park a special place to live. In fact, resident participation, including volunteer service, has climbed steadily in our community, increasing to an accelerated pace in the past 12 months.

Together in 2010, we have taken great care to create and shape the special community traditions that enhance quality of life for Marley Park neighbors today and in the future. The evidence of our success is clear considering resident engagement in two new leadership programs, Marley Park Leadership and the Events Committee, and considering resident participation in community events, such as our most recent signature celebration, the Homestead Harvest Festival.



- > Almost 600 people (over 130 families) participated in the Homestead Harvest Festival.
- > 45 residents volunteered their time and energy to make the festivities such a success.
- > 40 residents participated in the FIRST annual chili cooking contest and 15 residents participated in the pumpkin carving contest – contests organized and run by resident leaders.

So as 2010 comes to a close, let's continue to honor each other and to cherish our special community, where together, we remain committed to making Marley Park an incredible place to live.

Homestead Harvest Festival - A Charming Tradition

Jessie Singer, Community Programs Specialist

In the last week of October, Marley Park's Homestead Harvest Festival delivered several days of fall fun for residents. The Festival line up: a family friendly, freaky flick (say that six times fast!), pumpkin carving contest, chili cooking contest (read more on this new, community tradition below)...and of course the annual celebrations in costume, the Boo Bash and Pawstume Parade (Marley Park resident's furry friends like to dress up too!).



The Marley Park Community Association is incredibly proud of these special signature events and community traditions that we are building together. We had almost 600 people (over 130 families) participate in the Homestead Harvest Festival. We also had 45 resident volunteers donate their time and energy to make the festivities a success – from decorating the Heritage Club for the Boo Bash, to running the movie projector for the Freaky Flick, to unloading pumpkins for carving, to securing sponsorships for the Pawstume Contest winners...thank you volunteers!

Year-after-year, our community's signature events like Homestead Harvest Festival remain a key component of the unique social fabric of Marley Park. And year after year, these events get better and better as the Marley Park Community Association works together with residents to create special experiences and to build an active and caring community.

Resident Chili Cook-Off – A Hot Bowl of Success

Andrea Vanderhule, Neighbor

String lights, cotton candy and hot dogs, haunted house and costumes – each of these made this year's Boo Bash a memory that most of our children will remember with joy and excitement for years to come. And while it is important for our kids to have fun, it's also high on my priority list that I have a good time. That's why this year's Boo Bash was exceptionally great!

Thinking of a fun and engaging activity for everyone in the community, my husband suggested a Chili Cook-Off. So, I got the ball rolling. And I must say, it was so much fun getting responses from Marley Park residents accepting the Cook-Off challenge!

The night of the Boo Bash, we had 40 pots of chili with their makers servin' it up hot. And man, it was HOT! But the heat didn't stop residents from tasting the chili. It was great to see everyone eating, comparing, mingling, and communing together. That is what this whole community thing is about!

Thank you Marley Park for making this one of those memorable times that we will carry with us in life! My family - Troy, Andrea, Elijah, Judge, Evangelista, & Magnus Vanderhule – celebrated our 1 year anniversary in October, and we hope there will be many more!

Inaugural Equinox Event

Jen McSweeney, Neighbor

Picture this: a surprisingly cooler September evening on the Heritage Club lawn; twinkling bistro lights surrounding a long table covered in white paper and flickering candles; and guests dressed all in white and bibs adorned with large crabs.

As the servers approach, they unload a New England style chicken and shrimp boil right onto the table! Laughter and cheers ensue as the crowd begins eating with their hands right off of the table. Conversations are flowing as new friendships are forming and old friends are enjoying some quality time together. In the background live music is playing creating an unforgettable ambiance.

While Marley Park offers an abundance of family events, a few of us thought that the adults were in need of an evening affair. The Marley Park Events Group – a group of residents working in partnership with the Community Association to plan and organize new, resident-run events – hopes that this unique event would appeal to our community's adult generations and become a lasting tradition.

So far, so good: Spring Equinox 2011, stay tuned...



Park Profile: Experience Hourglass Park

Scott Rowan, Assistant Community Operations Manager

When walking through Marley Park, it is easy to tell how much thought has gone into providing the community multiple areas where neighbors can gather to create cherished memories. This is apparent when you pass by the Heritage Pool House on the weekends or when you see the community gather at a signature event. But it is the day-to-day interactions that make Marley Park so unique, and many of those moments happen in our 14 parks.

As 2010 is nearing a close and we look ahead to 2011, it seemed fitting to highlight a park that showcases time: Hourglass Park.

Each of our community parks has an intentional design, and the intent of Hourglass Park was to create a passive location for neighbors to pause, play, and learn. At Hourglass Park children can celebrate their imagination as they run through the hourglass shaped lawn, pretending to be the "sands of time". At Hourglass Park, visitors can also celebrate learning about the science of time – the seasons, moon phases, and calendars are featured on the human sundial.

It is wonderful to see our community's parks mature and become great gathering places for each unique neighborhood. As 2011 approaches, take a moment to reflect on all the happy memories you've had this year in Marley Park, and look ahead to many more!

Finding Hourglass Park: Hourglass Park is located East of North 152nd Avenue between West Aster Drive and West Windrose Drive.



Meet Your Neighbor: Banner Del E. Webb Medical Center

Linda Tyler, Director, Public Relations, Banner Del E. Webb

Marley Park is fortunate to have a great neighbor and health partner in Banner Del E. Webb Medical Center. Located just up the road on Meeker Boulevard, Banner shares the common health and wellness goals of the community. With services that meet a wide range of health and wellness needs for today's young families, Banner Del E. Webb provides convenient support for Marley Park resident's diverse healthcare needs.

Among the many services provided by the award-winning, 404-bed hospital is cardiovascular, orthopedics, and behavioral health services. Advanced diagnostics, innovative treatments and educational outreach also play a vital role in the care Banner provides to the community.

Additionally, the hospital's Louisa Kellam Center for Women's Health provides patient-centered care for every stage of life. Since opening in 2002, the Louisa Kellam Center's Nesting Place Obstetrical Suites has delivered more than 15,000

babies. Education and support are the foundation of the care provided to help parents know what to expect - from preparing for the birth of a new baby to classes for honing parenting skills.

"We've thought of everything to create a home away from home for expectant moms," said Karon Ford, director of Women and Infant Services. "Overall, our care philosophy is focused on ensuring that every family leaves with all the resources needed to become successful parents."

For more information about Banner Del E. Webb, visit www.bannerhealth.com/webb. If you are expecting and want to schedule a Pickles & Ice Cream tour, call (602)230-CARE.



Kids Corner

Organized by Angela Kirschner, Neighbor
Kid Reporters: Dana Rowitz, Olivia Zimmerman, Colin Zimmerman, Tya Rowita & Emmy Rowitz



Well, it is that glorious time of the year again and our team of reporters thought it would be festive to write about our favorite things to do surrounding the holiday season! So, grab a cup of hot chocolate, sit back, and enjoy our memories as we hope it sparks your holiday excitement as well!

It's the Holiday Season! By The Rowitz sisters:

My sisters and I have a lot of fun things that we like to do as a family during the holidays. Here are a few activities that we like: going to Home for the Holidays in our neighborhood with our family and friends; going up to Flagstaff to play in the snow, and picking out a pine tree to decorate! Then there is opening presents, making cookies, and going to meet Santa! We also really enjoy looking for our special elf named, Elfy. This magical elf hides in a different spot every night. In the morning we try and see who can find Elfy first. We hope you enjoy the holiday season and remember to have fun! - Dana, Tya & Emmy Rowitz

Christmas Time! By Colin and Olivia Zimmerman:

I like Christmas because we get to decorate our house and I love the smell of Christmas. I love getting up early in the morning and opening up my presents. I also like seeing our elf; we like to see him run around the house! - Olivia Zimmerman

I like to wake up early and open presents. I also like the smell this time of year. Next, I like to go to Flagstaff to snowboard and sled. I also like to go on walks to the park with my little brother Jack! - Colin Zimmerman

New Arrivals

Compiled by Shannon Adcock, Neighbor

James David LaConte Wigley

Douglas Wigley and Stacey LaConte welcomed James David LaConte Wigley on September 29. James weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 18.5 inches long.



Ava Grace Farmer

Troy and Andrea Farmer, with big brother Carson, welcomed Ava Grace on September 3. Ava weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.



Helpful Tips from the Design Review Committee

Scott Rowan, Assistant Community Operations Manager

So, you want to add a shade structure to your backyard? Or perhaps a stone wall feature into your front landscape? And you want to be sure that your home improvements maintain the unique architectural look and neighborhood feel that attracted to you to Marley Park in the first place. The Design Review Committee (DRC) is here to help.

To avoid delays to your design review, the first and most important step in any exterior home improvement project is reviewing the *Guide to Personalizing Your Home* on marleypark.net (under Community Association). With detailed information about what architectural changes are appropriate for your home, this guide provides both you and the DRC clear direction and understanding of the expectation of quality for Marley Park.

After confirming that your home improvements fit within the guidelines, you can complete and submit a Design Review Application. Keep in mind: the DRC will need to evaluate your application based on the quality of your application. To keep your approval on track, be sure your application provides detail on location, materials, size, color, etc.? You will also want to be clear about how your proposed improvements compliment the architectural style of your home and the neighborhood character of our community. DRC encourages supplementing your applications with a simple sketch, and if necessary a photo of something that you are looking to emulate.

Remember, while you have been dreaming about your exterior home change and you probably have a clear mental picture of your plan, the DRC only has your application to inform their approval decision making. The DRC members take their responsibility seriously, working to balance the preservation of Marley Park's unique neighborhood character with the celebration of diversity in home architecture across our community.

As neighbors we all share and celebrate our feelings for the common characteristics that collectively distinguish our community. We also share and celebrate our feelings for the individuality of homes that distinguish our community. We look forward to working with you to make your design dreams a reality.