



December 1, 2015

Shawnee Park Neighbor,

Please find attached a copy of the Shawnee Park Neighborhood meeting recap which took place at Pomeroy Elementary on November 3, 2015. Thank you for all those that attended. Thank you to the residents that attended the Traditional Neighborhood Academy and for making this meeting possible.

The residents that attended the meeting shared some great ideas that they would like to execute such Block Watch and a Meet and Greet at the park.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this packet or would like to get involved in your neighborhood, please feel free to call me at 480-782-4348. You can also view the information on-line by visiting [www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods) under 'Neighbors in Action'.

Neighborhood Programs staff is looking forward to working with each of you in the betterment of your neighborhood.

Thank you for your time.

Judy Ramos  
Neighborhood Programs



## **Shawnee Park Neighborhood Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 3, 2015  
Pomeroy Elementary  
6:00 PM**

1. Introductions & Purpose of Meeting
2. Survey Results
3. Staff Presentations
  - a. Parks
  - b. Traffic /Streets
  - c. Neighborhood Programs
4. Action Planning
  - a. What is one thing you like about your neighborhood?
  - b. What activity would you like to see in your neighborhood?
5. Moving Forward

## Shawnee Park Neighborhood Meeting Notes

Pomeroy Elementary

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

- Judy Ramos, Neighborhood Programs Supervisor, introduced herself and explained the purpose of the meeting.
- Ramos introduced City staff present: Parks Superintendent Tyrone Allen, City Engineer Dan Cook, Senior Code Inspectors Dan Anderson and Don Slomcinsky.
- Ramos went over the results of the neighborhood survey that was conducted. (*For more information, refer to the survey results attached.*)
- Allen spoken on issues related to the park. He said that Shawnee Park was last renovated in 2011. Landscape improvements were made and low water usage plants were added. Improvements to the ball field were made including ADA upgrades. He indicated that there are plans for 2016 to put in new restrooms, possibly in the summer. One of the residents mentioned concerns about low lighting levels. Allen indicated that Parks will be looking into the lighting levels by performing a light study. If the lighting does not meet the standards, they may be able to put together a design package to improve the quality of lighting. Allen added that in 2009-2010 they changed the hours of the dog park to limited hours and since that time, complaints regarding the dog park have gone down significantly. He also said that they added “No Parking” signs at the south side of the dog park. Allen said that Parks will also be removing a dead Eucalyptus tree. Allen also commented that the Parks Division does not top-off trees and that in 2003 they planted low-water usage plants. Allen also added that the Parks Division does not oversee the scheduling of recreational programs. He said that all the scheduling needs to be done through the Recreation Division. He said that the use of the park has tripled, which could be adding to traffic issues. He encouraged residents that had parking issues to work with Recreation on the scheduling to see if something can be done to reduce congestion. He also suggested that residents work with Police and request a special enforcement for that area. The east-side of the park still has issues with drainage due to SRP irrigation. He says staff is looking for the best solution for this area. Possible design considerations included a drywell or French drain. A resident asked if there was any way to increase parking on the east-side of the park. Allen said that there is not enough room for a parking lot and that area is a retention basin.
- Cook gave an overview of the services provided by the Traffic and Streets Division. Cook said that the Police are the enforcers on speeding but that there is a process in place to place or remove speed humps. In order to start the process of a Traffic Study in the neighborhood, a resident must call the Traffic Division at 480-782-3450. He added that the City has close to 2,500 streetlights in the City and it costs approximately 2.5 million/year to keep them powered. He added that there is a City-wide replacement to LED lights that is in place but will take approximately 10-15 years to complete. He encouraged residents to always report streetlight issues by calling 480-782-3460.
- Anderson gave an overview of the Code Enforcement process and addressed code-related concerns. He explained that weeds and trash in the alleyway and along the curb are the responsibility of each homeowner. He added that Solid Waste provides free Bulk

Pick-Up for large items free of charge to Chandler residents by calling 480-782-3510. If items are being illegally dumped in the alley, it can be reported to police non-emergency when it is occurring. Otherwise, it can be reported to Solid Waste. He encouraged residents to also report code violations, including graffiti, by calling 480-782-4320.

- Ramos gave an overview of the services provided by the Neighborhood Programs Office. She also shared the neighborhood street sign designs that were worked on by Ann Peschka and Todd Dahl through the academy. The sign design surveys will be sent out in January after the holidays. The signs will help create identification for the neighborhood.
- Ramos completed a Neighborhood Action Plan with the residents to identify ways the neighborhood can work together and improve the livability of the neighborhood (*for more information, refer to Shawnee Park Neighborhood Action Plan*).
- Ramos thanked residents for attending. She informed residents that staff would be following-up via email with information regarding the meeting including contact information to start Block Watch. The information will also be posted online at [www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods) under 'Neighborhoods in Action'.

*\*13 residents in attendance*

## Additional City Resources

- **Block Watch** - Contact Officer Tina Balsewicz at [tina.balsewicz@chandleraz.gov](mailto:tina.balsewicz@chandleraz.gov) or call 480-782-4221 to get Block Watch started in your area
- **To Report a Street Light Problem** – Call 480-782-3460, be sure to provide the street light # which is located on the light post
- **To Report a Code Violation** - Call 480-782-4320 or visit [www.chandleraz.gov](http://www.chandleraz.gov) and click on the residents tab and scroll down to “Contact Us”. Make sure to leave your name telephone number if you want to be contacted on the status of your complaint
- **To Report Graffiti** – Call the Graffiti Hotline at 480-782-4322
- **To Report a Park Issue** – Call the Parks Division at 480-782-2752
- **Request a Traffic Study for Speed Humps** – Call the Traffic Division at 480-782-3450
- **Neighborhood Programs** - Call 480-782-4354 to find out about Neighborhood Grants, the Neighborhood Academy and the Mayor’s Listening Tour. To subscribe to the quarterly News for Neighbors Newsletter follow the link <http://www.chandleraz.gov/listserv.aspx> and to visit the Neighborhood Programs website visit [www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods)
- **Alley to Curbside Conversion for Trash Pick-Up** - Call Solid Waste at 480-782-3510 to start the process
- **Building / Structures** – Call the Building Division at 480-782-3100
- **To report suspicious activity / police-related Issues** – call Chandler Police Non-Emergency at 480-782-4130



# Shawnee Park Neighborhood Survey RESULTS



**77 Surveys Mailed / 22 Completed / 3 Returned / 52 No Response**

The Shawnee Park Neighborhood is a Traditional Neighborhood located between Shawnee Dr. and Mesquite St. and Sean Dr. and Longmore St. The majority of homes in the neighborhood were built circa 1979. This survey provides an opportunity to take an inventory of existing conditions within the neighborhood. The survey results will help identify the characteristics that make the neighborhood desirable and identify those that negatively impact the neighborhood. The first step in the process is a neighborhood survey.

The City of Chandler Neighborhood Programs Office is assisting neighborhood leaders to initiate this process. To help us understand *your* neighborhood and the issues *you* think are important, please take a moment to give us your thoughts and ideas. If you have any questions, please call Neighborhood Programs at (480) 782-4354. Your input is important. Thank you.

Please circle the answer that most accurately describes your neighborhood *today*.

	1	2	3	4	5
	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Don't Know
<b>A. Personal Safety</b>					
1. I feel safe in my home and walking at night in my neighborhood.	50%	40%	5%	5%	0%
2. My neighborhood is safe for children to play outside.	54%	36%	5%	0%	5%
3. The street lighting levels in my neighborhood are good.	41%	23%	23%	14%	0%
<b>B. Neighborhood Vehicles</b>					
4. My neighborhood is free of inoperable vehicles.	36%	27%	14%	23%	0%
5. Vehicles are parked in front yards, off the driveway.	27%	36%	14%	23%	0%
6. Cars do not follow the speed limit in my neighborhood.	55% Yes		45% No		
7. Is street parking and storing of vehicles, boats or RVs an issue?	23% Yes		77% No		
If Yes, please provide the street name. <b>See Comment Sheet</b>					
8. Are group activities causing street parking and traffic issues at Shawnee Park?	23% Yes		77% No		
9. Is litter, trash and debris an issue at Shawnee Park?	23% Yes		77% No		
<b>C. Police Interaction</b>					
10. My neighborhood is free of drug and gang activity.	31%	31%	5%	14%	19%
11. My neighborhood participates in Block-Watch.	9% Yes		18% No		73% Don't Know
If No, would you be interested in your neighborhood participating in the Block Watch Program?	41% Yes		14% No		

	1	2	3	4	5
	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Don't Know

**D. Property Maintenance**

12. Yards are well maintained. (Ex: no overgrown vegetation)	9%	45%	23%	23%	0%
13. Homes are well maintained. (Ex: roofs, paint, fences, outside storage of junk or garbage)	18%	50%	18%	14%	0%
14. Alleys are well maintained. (Ex: no overgrown weeds or dumping of trash)	14%	36%	32%	18%	0%
15. Did you know that homeowners are responsible for maintaining their properties up to the center of the alley way?	68% Yes		32% No		

**E. Social**

16. My neighborhood is a great place to live.	50%	36%	14%	0%	0%
17. I know my immediate neighbors.	91% Yes		9% No		
18. Would you like to see activities in your neighborhood such as block parties, clean-ups, community garage sales, newsletter, etc.?	73% Yes		27% No		
19. Do you know of, or are you elderly or disabled per son in your neighborhood that needs assistance with yard work?	0% Yes		100% No		

If Yes, please contact the Neighborhood Programs Office at 480-782-4354 to provide information.

20. Identify one improvement that would make your neighborhood a better place to live?

**See Comment Sheet**

**Other**

21. We will be conducting a meeting in your neighborhood to review the survey results. Would you like to provide us with your contact information so we can notify you of the meeting details?

45% Yes                      55% No

If "Yes" please provide us with your contact information below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**(optional)**

- A. How many persons live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Do you own or rent your home? Rent \_\_\_\_\_ Own \_\_\_\_\_
- C. How long have you lived in your current home? Years \_\_\_\_\_

Please place your completed survey in the enclosed postage paid envelope and **return it by Monday, October 19, 2015.** If you have any questions please contact the Neighborhood Programs Office at 480-782-4354.

## **Shawnee Park Neighborhood Survey**

### **Comment Sheet**

#### **B. Neighborhood Vehicles**

**7. Is street parking and storing of vehicles, boats and RVs and issue? If yes, please provide the street name.**

- Mesquite St. x3
- Sean Dr. x2

#### **E. Social**

**20. Identify one improvement that would make your neighborhood a better place to live.**

- Better maintenance of front yards. x2
- Enforce stopping at stop signs.
- More speed limit signs.
- More street lighting.
- Bark Park improvements to limit barking – especially in early am.
- Better lighting throughout Shawnee Park and Bark Park – too many dark areas. x2
- Dog Park is a nuisance including traffic and parked vehicles.
- Too many vehicles parked in street. x2
- Dead trees at Dog Park need to be removed.
- Stop topping and over trimming trees. Increase use of desert plants versus high water use ones.
- Reduce large group activities at park that cause excessive traffic and parking overflow onto Mesquite St and Sean Dr.
- Add water drain at east end of park to drain stagnant water.
- Reduce speeding on Mesquite St.

## Optional

A. How many persons live in your household?

1-2: 14      3-4: 2      5-6: 1      7+:0

B. Do you own or rent your home?

Own: 17      Rent: 1

C. How long have you lived in your current home:

0-5 Years: 3      5-10 Years: 2      10-15 Years: 1      15+Years: 12

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# Shawnee Park Neighborhood Action Plan

What makes the Shawnee Park Neighborhood a great place to live? This is a quiet neighborhood with friendly neighbors. The park is family-oriented and is a great amenity to the neighborhood.

Subject	Concerns	Community Building Activities	Leads
Park/Traffic	Better Lighting Throughout Park Water Retention at Park Excessive Traffic and Parking Overflow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Neighborhood Meeting</li> <li>◆ Meet &amp; Greet at the Park</li>   <li>◆ Block Watch</li>   <li>◆ Neighborhood Clean-Up</li> <li>◆ Neighborhood Education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <u>Block Watch</u></li> <li>Marge Conrow</li> <li>Todd Dahl</li> <li>Tim Higel</li> <li>Susan Jacobs</li> <li>Deborah Jacobs</li> <li>Julie Magram</li> <li>Pam Martin-Gordon</li> <li>Ann Peschka</li> <li>Laverne Pompa</li> </ul>
Public Safety	Speeding & Street Parking No Active Block Watch		
Neighborhood Maintenance	Front yard maintenance Stray/Feral Cats		