

# Judge's Neighborhood News

## March 2018

Hello Neighbors and Happy Spring,

We have some news to report.

### **Robbery Suspect Arrested**

The police arrested a man in conjunction with the robbery that occurred on San Miguel Ave on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The man was detained last week after being caught using a credit card that was stolen from the house. Even though we have security camera pictures of the car in front of the home, we don't have any identifying pictures of the suspects. The man caught using the stolen credit card has been charged and later released on bail.

### **Mail Theft Suspects Released from Custody**

The neighbor on St Joseph Way who was the victim of Mail Theft and Credit/Identity Fraud in February informed me that the police have also released those suspects on bail. Remember that these men were caught with a pile of stolen mail in their car. They had created a credit card account using the stolen identity of the victim in our neighborhood. They used that card to buy tires.

If you're thinking that these suspects are guilty and will probably not show up in court, well we're all thinking that. In lieu of venting our cumulative frustrations about the justice system, let's focus on the reality of our time, we are our own protection. We just can't say that to each other enough. Several of you have informed me that you are adding Security cameras and security systems. I need to do the same.

Here is some other neighborhood news.

### **Bobcats in the neighborhood**

I think most of us are getting used to seeing these beautiful cats around the neighborhood. I haven't received a nervous email about them in several months. Nobody has reported a family pet gone missing or an attack of any kind to me. Our mailman (Clayton) sent me some pics he took on Montebello Ave last month. I also took a few while driving on Palo Verde last Sunday. If anybody has a better picture of these animals in our neighborhood, I'd love to have it. Also, if you have any trouble with one of them, please let me know.

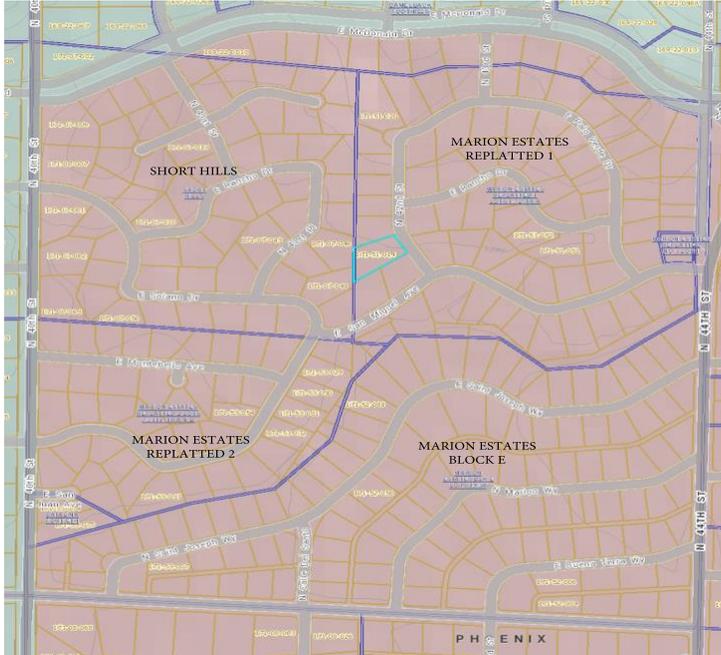


### **9 Spec Homes priced between \$1.3M - \$2M**

In past reports, we've discussed the anticipated wave of new homes (and new prices) coming to our neighborhood. Well, it has arrived and the momentum is increasing. There are currently 4 homes listed for sale in various stages of construction and priced between \$1,350,000 and \$2,000,000. By my count, there are at least 5 more coming. Whether you are happy or troubled by all this new development, we know that it is not going to go away. We have done a pretty good job over the last year of self-administering the recorded Building Restrictions of our subdivisions to keep the height of these new homes at a maximum of 20 feet.

## **Deed Restriction Update**

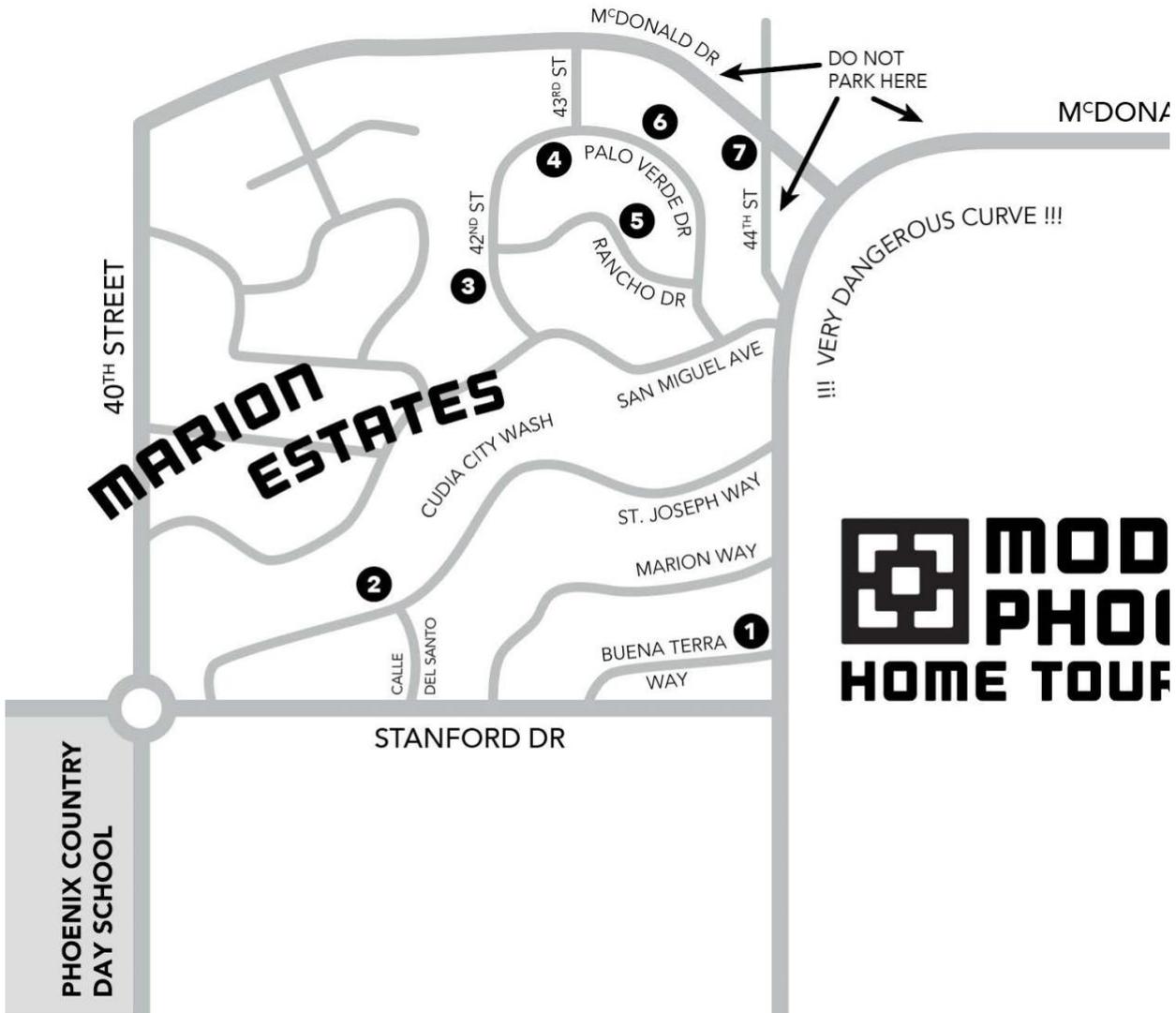
As we've discussed, we need to extend our Deed Restrictions in Marion Estates Replatted 1 and Replatted 2 before they expire in November of 2021. See the map below for the location of those two subdivisions. One of our neighbors works with real estate attorneys in this field. She has offered her assistance and believes that we could accomplish this task using a rather simple document at very little cost. Since we do not have an HOA and we don't pay monthly dues, keeping costs down is important. I am hopeful that I won't have to ask each of you for money along with your signature when we finally are ready to record the extension. Once we have verification of the needed document and an idea of the cost, we can discuss the possible changes to the restrictions and complete the task.



More coming on this.

## **Modern Phoenix Tour - Map**

This is a reminder that the Modern Phoenix Home Tour will be in our neighborhood on Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 6pm. They sold 1200 tickets to local modern art/architecture enthusiasts who will be coming in shifts to tour these homes. It is expected that there will be cars parked and people walking/riding bicycles from home to home during this time. There are 7 homes in our neighborhood on tour. See the map below.



**Small Issue regarding the Tour and Bulk Trash**

That Sunday (March 25<sup>th</sup>) is 8 days before the BULK TRASH Pickup in our neighborhood. Please be mindful of your neighbor if their home is on the tour and wait to stack your bulk trash until after the Sunday tour. Thank you!

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