

# PIERSON PLACE TIMES

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**NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING:  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2008, 6:30 PM  
AT THE RED ROOF INN, 502 W. CAMELBACK RD.  
Come and find out what's going on  
in our neighborhood!**

## THREE GREAT SPEAKERS:

### Councilman Tom Simplot:

Tom will surely offer insights on new development, light rail, city budget issues, and most importantly, answer our questions. Many of us cannot attend his monthly breakfast meetings; so here he is, offering us a chance to converse about our neighborhood!

### Amy Bratt:

Amy will address light rail safety. Metro begins running along the borders of our neighborhood in a few short months! Slow speed testing has started already, and this is a good time to learn about how to maneuver around the tracks before trains run full speed!

### Dennis Newcombe:

Dennis represents the Omninet Hi-Rise Condo project proposed for the old Kinko's site on the east side of Central Ave. at Pierson. He will present the project as currently planned, address our questions, and more than likely, leave with a boatload of our concerns in hand!

**DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!**

## BUSY STREETS IN PIERSON PLACE

Flood Control District of Maricopa County held the 4<sup>th</sup> and last of the meetings reviewing the Metro Phoenix Area Drainage Master Plan. Flood plain boundaries affecting residents of Pierson Place are unchanged; we will still be considered part of that flood plain drainage system. For additional information regarding the study contact Afshin Ahouraiyan, P.E., Project Manager, Flood Control District of Maricopa County, 2801 W. Durango St., Phx., AZ. 602-506-1501, [afa@mail.maricopa.gov](mailto:afa@mail.maricopa.gov).

Chris Garland, Mariposa, has taken an opportunity to share her experiences in Block Watch organizing with neighbors in Windsor Square this quarter. Chris's ownership of challenges and issues she recognized on Mariposa Street has been considerable. She actively works toward resolutions. She has taken her experience and commitment a step further by meeting with our Windsor Square neighbors to share what she has learned. Block Watch works as awareness spreads from neighbor to neighbor, street to street, and Chris has extended herself as a resource for our neighbors to the north! Thanks Chris!



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Charles Jones

Fall is a great time of year. Back into routines, focused on priorities, and starting to enjoy less than 100-degree days! It's a very good time to take a 'big picture' look at our neighborhood, especially with an eye toward major improvements. And I think we should look at improving the interior of our neighborhood if and when new development comes to our borders. Spruce up the outside, spruce up the inside, too.

Take a few minutes to think about what you want your neighborhood to be like in the future. Consider what you get from living here, your lifestyle needs, and how it could be made better. Traffic might be a high priority, you might like diverters, roundabouts and/or cul-de-sacs. Or, maybe you want sidewalks, gas lamps, more trees, brick borders at intersections, or monument markers. Your imagination is the limit!

And by the way, two hi-rise developments are coming our way early next year. The condo/hotel/retail project at the SWC of Central & Camelback and the Omnet condo project just south of Central & Camelback on the east side are expected to seek variances or zoning changes. Two hi-rises within a few hundred feet of each other on our borders! Wow! There likely will be many meetings about these projects, including meetings with residents of all four neighborhoods in this intersection. I sure hope you attend these meetings and speak up loud and clear about these proposals. This could be earthshaking! Look for meeting announcements via email, newsletters, door-to-door fliers, and regular mail.

Our alley gates project is starting this month. We plan to install locking gates in the abandoned alleys between Highland and Coolidge and Coolidge and Hazelwood on 3rd Avenue. An example gate (that we are copying) is located in the abandoned alley at 3rd Avenue between Minnezona and Campbell (south of the canal. Take a look when you drive by.) and know these two areas will be closed off and lit up at night very soon!

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Charles Jones cont.**

The Park n' Ride lots that flank 3rd Avenue are almost done, and the new left-turn lane for northbound 3rd Avenue (getting out of the neighborhood) has been striped! The P'n'R lots have been a long time coming and many of us have devoted hundreds of hours to improving them. And now, the development chapter is ending, and the monitoring and maintenance chapter is beginning. Be sure to report anything peculiar that you see at these lots, whether it is related to crime, noise, trash, lighting, etc.; anything that causes a problem for our neighborhood. During the design phase, the City often said they could not change something we asked for unless and until a real problem exists, and now, we need to watch and report anything that presents problems for us. Send your comments to [piersonplace@cox.net](mailto:piersonplace@cox.net), contact any board member, call Valley Metro at 602-253-5000, or email at [CSR@VALLEYMETRO.ORG](mailto:CSR@VALLEYMETRO.ORG)

Our next general meeting will be loaded with great information! Guest speakers include Councilman Tom Simplot, Amy Bratt from Light Rail, and Dennis Newcombe from the Omninet hi-rise project. A few minutes of general business, hors d'oeuvres provided by Maizie's Café and Bistro at 4750 N. Central Ave., and plenty Pierson Place t-shirts, porch lights, dead bolts, and neighborhood information handouts. And, it will not last more than 90 minutes, I promise! So come and chat with your neighbors, pick up some great information, and add your comments to nurturing one of best neighborhoods in Phoenix. The always improving Pierson Place.





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## **A MESSAGE FROM STEVE BASS- Treasurer PPA**

As a PPA Board member I recently attended a PPA Board meeting to discuss the proposed Hi-Rise Zoning Variance impacting the southwest corner of Central Ave. and Camelback Rd, the northeast corner boundary for our neighborhood. As you may or may not know, there are four neighborhoods that have a direct voice in regards to the matter. The issue discussed was the fact that three of the four neighborhood associations publicly expressed their voice against the variance action and the need for our association to do the same. There were eight Board members present out of eleven and two motions were heard and carried. The votes-decisions have been formally presented to the city officials involved in the zoning matter. But I want to express that the board's declaration is only ONE voice and it needs to be joined with many other VOICES – *yours!*

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## **A MESSAGE FROM STEVE BASS- Treasurer PPA cont.**

For the record, the Board unanimously voted to 'Formally oppose the current variance request for height of 400 feet.' Additionally, with seven votes FOR and one vote AGAINST to 'Continue exploring options to make the presently approved plan better, i.e. negotiate with the developer for improvements that would minimize problems the project would bring to our neighborhood'.

As a private citizen I have attended meetings held by the Alhambra Village Planning Committee, written to public officials and questioned our council person regarding the proposed Hi-Rise Zoning Variance impacting the northeast corner of our neighborhood boundary. Please attend the Alhambra Village Planning Sub-Committee meeting to be held next February. Please write to the City Planning Commission.

As of this writing the developer presentation is planned for the February 2009 agenda. Whether you are FOR or AGAINST the zoning variance, whether you are ambivalent, but have suggestions or ideas, you and your neighbors are sorely needed. The developer needs to hear from you and the city officials need to hear from you. But we of ONE voice only represent ONE collective expression of opinion. The proposal has many ramifications including immediate impacts, other commercial development including the city land use/right of way usage of historical properties.

I also want to share with you that our bank account is growing thanks to the many donations and advertising revenue. This means that the next neighborhood event will be bigger and better than ever. The Board agreed that to plan, organize and run a G.A.I.N. event this October would be untimely. I volunteered to chair a planning/organizing committee for a neighborhood G.A.I.N. event to be held early next year. We hope to have a more inclusive event for the neighborhood involving our police and sheriff departments providing anti-crime, anti-drug related activities. We will keep you posted on our progress.

The election season is here and your voice counts at many levels of government. Yes it does. In fact you have the opportunity to express yourself regarding a neighborhood initiative that will impact your quality of life in the near future.

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## **CRIME STATISTICS by Andy Mazulis [Hazelwood]**

*Hi* every one of our neighbors living within Pierson Place. Good news. Of the 150 crimes reported June 5, 2008 thru Sept. 13, 2008 within 85013 zip code, only 3 were within our neighborhood boundaries. Thanks neighbors. Not bad, so continue to keep your eyes and ears open and continue to keep our neighborhood safe. Thank you Andy for collecting these! [Ed.]

7/4-7/11 200 block W. Highland, burglary

7/18-7/24 500 block W. Highland assault

8/14-8/31 500 block W. Highland burglary



## **BLOCK WATCH ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS**

Oct. 28 6:30-8:30 pm PLEA Office 1102 West Adams St.

Nov. 25 6:30-8:30 pm. Franklin Police & Fire High School, 1645 W. McDowell Rd.

**Vegetable planting calendars, monthly  
gardening tips and answers to gardening questions available at  
[www.maricopamastergardener.org](http://www.maricopamastergardener.org)**



## **CALENDAR**

**TOM SIMPLOT'S CENTRAL AREA MONTHLY MEETING..** October 23 Thursday Home Town Buffet, 1501 W. Bethany Rd, breakfast \$5.00. Program to be announced.

### **MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK OCTOBER 25, 2008**

Steel Indian School Park, beginning at sundown. Bring blankets and lawn chairs, and a supper picnic!

**Happy Halloween,** October 30th Drive carefully, be safe, escort small children, and have fun!

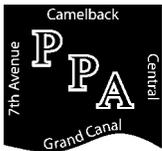
### **LARGE ITEM PICK UP PLACEMENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 1, PICK UP BEGINS NOV10**

### **HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF NOVEMBER 13, 14, AND 15 AT NORTH PHOENIX BAPTIST CHURCH,**

5757 N. Central Ave. Properly and safely dispose of batteries, oil paint, antifreeze, pesticides, pool chemicals, computers, 5 tires per household, appliances that use coolants: refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and heat pumps. No commercial loads, please

### **Dec 27-28, METRO LIGHT RAIL GRAND OPENING!!**

Free train rides and station celebrations Saturday 12/27 from 10 am to 5 pm along the entire 20-mile METRO alignment with music, activities and exhibits at park-n-ride and light rail stations.



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