

PIERSON PLACE TIMES

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QUARTERLY MEETING EVENTS!!!

MEET OUR NEIGHBORS at 201 W. Coolidge OUR SPEAKER will be from the Donor Network of AZ

this month. These folks do a tremendous amount of good for our community! The speaker will explain how this works and how you can contribute!

POSTINO'S hosts the Meet and Greet! What a great way to start the New Year! Come, share a bite with a friend, meet a new neighbor!

COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER Jon McLachlan continues Officer Julie's tradition of attending our quarterly meetings! Thank-you Officer Jon for personally updating us on projects you are involved with that benefit Pierson Place!

ANNUAL ELCTIONS FOR OUR BOARD AND OFFICERS

The sound bite local media chose to report a triple homicide in a Phoenix neighborhood caught my attention: a neighbor saying "...we heard gunshots, but did not think anything of it; we hear them all the time..." Pierson Place might have come to this. We recently experienced a spate of gunshot incidents. This neighborhood, ours, was *not* complacent about random gunshots. PPHD residents repeatedly reported gunshots to 911, Block Watch leaders, Community Action Officers and precinct administrators, elected and appointed officials. *And* they responded. It is illegal to shoot guns at people, animals etc.; it is illegal to shoot into the air. Pierson Place drew a line and insisted that random gunshots were unacceptable. With support of the PPHD Board, president, concerned neighbors, our City Neighborhood Services Department and our police, we work to maintain standards HERE; to keep us safe.

What's this got to do with you? Each year our first annual event is to elect a Board and Slate of Officers to administer Block Watch grants, to represent our neighborhood's voice in civic affairs, concerns and events, and to trouble shoot issues of concern that evolve as the year goes by. Participating on the Board is an opportunity to gain insight into how our city supports neighborhoods, how to help meet and accomplish objectives that one individual may not have time or energy to pursue, and to offer something back to PPHD. This Board provides a voice for PPHD neighbors. *You* can do this: attend meetings, respond to some emails, and speak for the place you live. Recently moved in? Just renting for a time? Long time resident? *All* are welcome to step into this role. Come to the January meeting, offer your help, raise your hand to elect someone you know and support; participate!

THANK-YOU

Postino's for supporting our Meet and Greet! Find POSTINO'S hours, menus, maps of locations, and reviews at postinowinecafe.com
 Or visit them at 5144 N. Central Ave or 3939 E. Campbell

BUSY STREETS IN PIERSON PLACE

2011! Happy New Year!!! Put 4 dates on your calendar. Some things are pretty dependable...for instance the Pierson Place Historic District quarterly meetings. Note your calendars ahead of time and attend! Usually meetings fall on or about the last Wednesday of January, April, July and October. This quarterly newsletter will provide time, date and place.

Read our new feature by Bev Bodirosa [Mariposa]. Thanks Bev for pursuing this great idea. It's a great read! Page 3.

Holiday lights throughout the neighborhood added to the festivity of the holiday season. Hats off to all who took the time to brighten the evenings in our neighborhood!

Dumpsters on Mariposa! Construction has begun on the RFP properties. After many years of sitting derelict, desolate, and empty new life comes to these homes in our neighborhood. We welcome new neighbors to RFP properties on Mariposa St.

Donate Blood! Blood drives in our neighborhood!! Donor Network of Arizona, 201 W. Coolidge St. will be hosting three United Blood Services Drives January 19, May 12 and September 15, 2011. All blood drives are open to the public. Appointments are available from 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. For more information and to schedule an appointment, please contact Blood Drive Coordinator Annie Jennings at 602-222-2212 or Annie@dnaz.org. Thank-you Patricia Anderson [Pierson] for sharing this opportunity.

MISSING CATS and LOOSE DOGS

Neighborhood cats are being attacked and killed by loose dogs in Pierson Place. When you know of an incident, call Community Action Officer Jon McLachlan, #7553 at cell phone 602-882-9666 **any time day or night**. If you get his voicemail, leave your name, contact information, address, and details of the incident. Please. You can also text or email him at jonathan.mclachlan@phoenix.gov with this information. Also, please notify Piersonplace@cox.net. and Joanne Winter; JoJoWin@aol.com, 602-241-1470, who is keeping a log.

Officer Jon has been working with Maricopa County Animal Control and the owners of the dogs to resolve this issue. He needs to know each time anyone loses a kitty or other small pet to loose dogs. Jon has been especially diligent with this problem, visiting the owners and getting Animal Control involved. Our job is to keep him informed about what happens, when it happens!

We know the problem is on going; please try keeping loved pets inside when we cannot supervise them, and we can make sure they have accessible escape routes to places of safety. This will not solve the problem but may mitigate it and safe guard each pet until something can be done about these dogs. *Please* inform Officer Jon of any injured animals you become aware of..

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Appointments from
10:00 AM to 2:30 PM
January 19, May 12
and September 15, 2011
Annie Jennings at 602-222-2212
or Annie@dnaz.org**

Thank you Los Compadres Mexican Restaurant,
 4414 N 7th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85013 602-265-1162
 for hosting Pierson Place Meet and Greet in October, 2010!
 Now open for breakfast, this neighborhood restaurant serves up great meals close to home.
 Eat in, carry out, food for one or many! You can support a local business *and* feast!

PETS OF PEIRSON PLACE by Bev Bodioga and Nancy McMillan

This is the first in a series of columns where we will feature those adorable and loved pets of the Pierson Place Historic District. We will be featuring a Pierson Place Historic District Pet each quarter. If you have a pet or know of a pet you would like to see featured, please contact Bev Bodioga either by email: bbodioga@cox.net, or telephone 602-448-9633. This quarter we are featuring Apollo, the BIG, fluffy, buff dog that owner Nancy could probably ride rather than walk through the neighborhood.

Happy Dawg Day Every Day!

Hello everyone. My name is Nancy McMillan. Apollo and I live in the lovely "hood". I have lived in Pierson Place for nine years this December. Living downtown is exciting, quiet, friendly (no suburban walls) and ever changing. It has been an incredible journey watching our neighborhood blossom, renew, grow; becoming a host to lovely people and their pets. Apollo is my six year old "Golden Doodle", a golden retriever and standard poodle mix. Many of our neighbors know Apollo's loving and sweet exuberance. Apollo is friends with many of the neighborhood dogs and enjoys getting to know each and everyone. He has two kitties of his own at home; Ares and Titus, who keep him busy, but loves the thought of chasing outside cats. In the last 6 years we have seen the Light Rail come on board, dog parks open nearby, dog friendly restaurants open and a host of other shopping and "doodling" for our 4 legged friends. Apollo has been attending neighborhood meetings since he was 5 months old. [I first met Apollo at a Park and Ride meeting, what a wonderful ball of wiggly fluff he was. He's grown into a great kind soul who played happily with my big Lab at one board meeting. What fun they had while we tackled weighty issues... Ed.]



Nancy & Apollo

Never doubt that our pets are watching out for us always! Recently we had a bit of an emergency in our home and Apollo was my savior. It could have been a disastrous ending, but Apollo woke me up in the nick of time. He is my hero dog.

Please remember a few items in regards to our pets:

- Make sure they are properly leashed
- Please get your dogs & cats tagged and chipped in case they ever get lost without a collar. If you get a chip, send in or update the paperwork!
- Always help neighbors if dogs are loose and keep them in your yard until owners are available
- CLEAN UP THE POOP!

Love them unconditionally as they do you!

Thank you!
 Nancy G. McMillan

ESTABLISHING SAFE AND PRODUCTIVE NEIGHBORHOODS by Habibullah Saleem

Habibullah, a teacher and motivational speaker recently settled in Pierson Place. He shared this poem with us at the GAIN event and at the October quarterly meeting, putting into words the importance of Block Watch activities and efforts to keep our neighborhood safe for everyone! Thank you, Habibullah, for this contribution to our archives.

The essence of life we're not to waste
Doing what's best to always be safe
Protecting all children, seniors and others
What's not permitted prepare to discover
Improper lighting not to be allowed
Safe neighborhoods, people real proud
Working united productively secured
With focus and aim constantly assured
Attending a meeting or a special event
Safe neighborhoods with nothing to resent
It's about kindness, it's about peace
Neighborhood Watch working with police
Sharing information aware and alert
Living with dignity without getting hurt
Appreciating others, refusing to disturb

Watching and listening throughout the day
Preventing a crime without delay
Glass that's broken removed from the curb
Securing all windows doors and locks
Reckless behavior committed to stop
9-1-1 an immediate call
Together we stand, divided we fall
Making new friends with tremendous respect
Neighborhood safety doing what's correct
The monthly Newsletter respectfully up to date
Securing what's needed oh how great
Attracting new people, attracting great minds
Neighborhoods flourishing without any crime
Neighborhood watch thoroughly genuine
Protecting what's yours as what's mine. ©



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Charles Jones

Happy New Year to everyone! Let's bring in the New Year with a clear sense of community. Think of committees completing projects, Community Action Officers solving problems, and individuals championing things they care about. These things happened last year, and bigger and better ones can happen this year. It's all about people and pride in the Pierson Place community, and we're glad you are part of it!

Speaking of committees, our website committee is updating our website. Ray and Henry attended the training, accomplished the conversion, and have been working to make the site more informative and user friendly. Check it out at piersonplace.com! Surely, these people bring pride to their community.

Community Action Officer Jon McLachlan helped eradicate a rash of crime late last year. He teamed up with Lisa Hubbard of Neighborhood Services, and the bad guys never had a chance. Now they are gone from the neighborhood, and so is the crime. Jon also worked on a pack of killer dogs that were terrorizing everyone. He teamed up with Animal Control and achieved good results on this one too! Jon is all about helping our community.

We will apply for a 2011 Block Watch Grant this month. Be sure to send us your ideas for projects that will reduce crime in the neighborhood. With the remainder of our 2010 grant, we will distribute refrigerator magnets with important phone numbers, fund our alley and canal lights, and continue the newsletter. We do seven or eight Block Watch projects every year, and they are totally about people, pride and community.

With lots of delays, we arealmost..... ready to break ground on the monument sign! It will be made of red brick and glass block at the swc of 3rd & Camelback, and it will be lit up at night. No doubt, this 2-year endeavor has been filled with pride in our community.

Add in some annual events like our neighborhood bar-b-que and booth at the 7th Ave street fair, and it's easy to see a great sense of community in our neighborhood. People and pride are not enough. It takes a sense of community to make it work, and YOUR neighborhood is proof of that. Let's make it a great year!

CRIME STATISTICS by Andy Mezulis

October - Dec 2010 Arizona Republic

10/8	100 W. Elm	burglary
10/8	300 W. Coolidge	assault
11/3	300 W. Highland	burglary
11/14	300 W. Pierson	sexual assault
11/29	600 W. Coolidge	burglary
11/29	600 W. Pierson	burglary
12/1	500 W. Hazelwood	car burglary

TOTALS for 2010

Mariposa	1
Pierson	5
Highland	3
Coolidge	7
Hazelwood	1



BLOCKWATCH ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

January 25	Hosted by Cactus Park Precinct (900) Cmdr B. Pina – Crime Stats for 900 Topic: Grant Writing	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Manzanita Senior Center 3581 W. Northern Ave SW Corner Northern/35th Ave
February 22	Public Safety Manager Jack Harris Topic:	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	NSD Building 3325 W. Flower (north of Thomas)
March 22	Hosted by Desert Horizon & Black Mountain Precincts Cmdr Jeff Hynes Topic: TBD	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Black Mountain Precinct 33355 N Cave Creek Rd
April 26	Sgt Jerry Barker Computer Facilitated Crimes Against Children (AZICAC)	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Family Advocacy Center 2120 N. Central

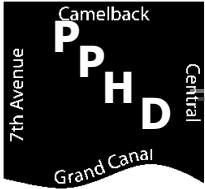
CALENDAR

Hazardous Household Waste collection dates and sites

Mar. 17, 18, 19	Paradise Valley Park 17642 N. 40th St. North parking lot south of Union Hills Rd.
Apr. 28, 29, 30	North Phoenix Baptist Church 5757 N. Central Ave. Southeast corner, Central/Bethany Home

Bulk trash and large item collection AREA 12

Placement begins	February 12, 2011
Collection begins	February 21, 2011
Valentines Day!	February 12, 2011



PIERSON PLACE HISTORIC DISTRICT
Neighbors Creating a Better Neighborhood

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Next Meeting: Wednesday January 26th, at 6:00 p.m. at
the Days Inn 502 W. Camelback Rd.

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WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING

**6:00 PM WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 26, 2011
DAYS INN, 502 W. CAMELBACK RD.**

**MEET AND GREET 6:00PM
HOSTED BY
POSTINO'S 5144 N. CENTRAL AVE.**

**MEETING BEGINS 6:30 PM
COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER
JON MCLACHLAN
DONOR NETWORK OF ARIZONA
ANNUAL ELECTIONS**