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# PIERSON PLACE TIMES

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## QUARTERLY MEETING!!!

Guest Speakers:

**Shawn Pierce**

**Acting Grants Administration Supervisor**

Speaking about:

“Community Development Block Grants”

**Charlene Reynolds**

**Dep. Aviations Director, Contracts & Svcs Div.**

Speaking about:

“LED Lights Coming to our Streets”

Plus:

**Mario Lozoya & Matt Makinster**

our Community Action Officers

**Lisa Hubbard**, our Neighborhood Specialist

Date:

**WEDNESDAY, OCT 26, 2016**

**6:00 pm: MEET AND GREET**

**6:30 pm: GENERAL MEETING**

At:

**HOTEL 502**

502 W. CAMELBACK RD  
602-264-9290, hotel502.com

Hosted by:

**Yama Sushi House**

Located in Landmark Towers  
4750 N Central Ave  
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Many thanks to THAI LONG-AN for providing hors d'oeuvres at our last meeting.  
Enjoy excellent food and atmosphere at this great restaurant located at  
4447 N 7th Ave                      602-374-4430                      thailongan.com

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**Pierson Residents Rock! Shop Local!**

## CELEBRATE THE SEASON

The holidays are right around the corner and Phoenix and our neighboring communities have lots of great ways to help you celebrate. Here are a few of our favorites along with links for more information.

- Cut your own Christmas tree Nov – Dec  
(usda.gov – search by area)
- The Polar Express Train Ride – Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Jan 6<sup>th</sup>  
(thetrain.com)
- Las Noches de las Luminarias – Nov 25<sup>th</sup> – Dec 31<sup>st</sup>  
(dbg.org)
- Glendale Glitters – Nov 25<sup>th</sup> – Jan 7<sup>th</sup>  
(Glendaleaz.com)
- Zoolights – Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jan 8<sup>th</sup>  
(phoenixzoo.org)
- APS Electric Light Parade – Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>  
(phoenix.gov)
- Tempe Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade Dec 10<sup>th</sup>  
(downtowntempe.com)

There are also lots of volunteer opportunities throughout the valley, theatre, dance and music performances, holiday light shows, outdoor markets and more. Take the time to enjoy your favorite tradition – or start a new one!

### IT'S A PARTY & YOU'RE INVITED

Come join your friends and neighbors at our Oktoberfest themed GAIN event. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods). Enjoy food, fun, giveaways, special guests, pumpkin carving and more! All for free!

**October 15<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 5pm  
on Elm Street  
(street will be closed)**

## Crime Statistics

Source: [www.raidsonline.com](http://www.raidsonline.com)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 (July 1<sup>st</sup> - Sept 30<sup>th</sup>)

7/14 300 Block W Hazelwood, Residential Burglary  
7/21 00 Block W Coolidge, Commercial Burglary  
7/29 4700 Block 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Bicycle Theft  
7/30 4700 Block N Central, Commercial Burglary  
8/21 100 Block W Pierson, Assault

**Total in Pierson Place: 5**



## CRIME PREVENTION

Even though our crime rates are decreasing, we need to remain vigilant. Neighbors have reported people walking the neighborhood trying car door handles, or driving around a night shining flashlights into cars. As we enter the holiday season be sure that you do not leave packages in view, and be sure to keep your doors locked!

Mail theft has been reported in neighboring communities, and is likely to pick up due to more packages, gift cards, cash or checks being mailed as the holidays get closer. Check your mail daily and if you are expecting packages ask neighbors to pick up for you or have your package held by the shipper (see July's newsletter for more information on this).

Keep your property safe by removing opportunities for theft. Keep vegetation trimmed, keep lights on where possible or install motion lights and sensors to protect your property. By removing hiding places we keep our neighborhood safer for everyone.

Don't forget... if you see ANYTHING suspicious – call Crimestop at 602.262.6151. In case of emergency always call 911.



## THAI LONG-AN

**Hours**

Monday-Thursday 11:00am - 9:00pm  
Friday 11:00am - 10:00pm  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Charley Jones

Last quarter, we dealt with a rash of burglaries. We got police reports, analyzed patterns, and brought in specialty cops to sort it out. We devoted our quarterly meeting to burglary, distributed narratives and pics of bad guys, and showed folks how to protect their surroundings. Today, the rash has stopped, and it looks like the bad guys have moved on. Whew!

But now is not the time to relax. We are working to close the abandoned alley on 3rd Ave between Mariposa and Pierson St., and add lighting in this area. We are also creating phone trees on each street, to help stay connected during crimes in progress. And there are more crime prevention projects to come, so contact us if you want to help out. It will be worth your time.

Ever thought of having a real park at our 3rd Ave entrance to the canal? We are working with the City, Donor Network of Arizona, and Canalscape to make it happen! Modeled after Cancer Survivors Park at 1st Street and McDowell, Donor Network Park would have trees, grass, shade, seating and a (working) old-fashioned bike pump! We are in the site plan stage and coordinating with the construction of Canalscape, which is scheduled for mid next year.

Reminder about Roundtable discussions at quarterly meetings. Scores of residents have provided input about neighborhood issues, and Nancy McMillan has worked hard at organizing it for the neighborhood. Your input helps us improve the neighborhood. Even if you can't volunteer between meetings, drop off your 2 cents worth at the roundtables. It really helps!

A neighbor on Highland wants to beautify the irrigation stand boxes on 3rd Ave! Doug Oland volunteered to paint, tile and otherwise beautify the exteriors, and fix the metal grates on top. Many thanks to Doug for stepping up! Look for new and improved stand boxes soon.

Our 2016 Block Watch grant includes lamp timers, refrigerator magnets with important phone numbers, flashlights and t-shirts for those who

patrol the neighborhood. We plan to buy them this quarter and distribute them immediately. Be sure to get yours at our meetings and other events!



We are giving away free trees to Pierson Place residents! This is our 2016 Neighborhood Beautification Project, and we hope to add more shade, greenery and oxygen in the neighborhood. To get a free tree, go to [www.piersonplace.com](http://www.piersonplace.com) and click on "Neighborhood Beautification Project", put in your contact info and pick the type of tree you want, and you are done! Recipients will be announced at our quarterly meeting in October (see front page for details), and you don't have to be there to get a tree. This project includes delivery and planting in front yards. All you have to do is water it!

Have you slowed down for the "Traffic - Slow" signs on Pierson and Highland? They are the fluorescent green "kids at play" signs that residents sometimes put out front. We provided them on those streets as a pilot program to see how effective they are, or not. There were mixed reviews, but overall they served to alert motorists to drive more cautiously. The signs are not sanctioned by the city; this is a homegrown effort to slow traffic in the neighborhood. Contact us if you want to try one on your street.

Crime reduction, a new park, roundtable discussions, cool stand boxes, free trees and slower traffic, whew! - quite a lot going on. But don't forget, it's really about those who volunteer their time working on these projects. An hour here, and hour there, the combination of hours really adds up. Committed board members, and those who help them, are the real heroes. No one could have done it without the others, and that's the beauty of a neighborhood group. Those who care make a big difference. Lucky Pierson Place!

# TREE CARE

By Pam Perry, Board Member

As the weather has cooled the dog and I have begun to roam Pierson Place Historic District. We are looking a little less shabby and down at the heels than we did less than a decade ago. Many people have planted trees. Trees can improve our property values, the ambiance of the neighborhood, and they do wonderful things for the environment.

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Doing all we can to facilitate healthy growth is the step that follows selection and planting. Trees from nurseries often come with a stick secured to the trunk. This 'nursery stake' protects the tree during handling at the nursery, during transport, and planting. It is not intended to be a permanent appendage to the tree. It should be removed as soon as the tree is planted. Leaving it damages the trunk and prohibits the cells of the plant from developing flexibility to withstand breezes that often escalate into heavy wind.

Staking a tree is important to secure the root ball. Wiggly root balls impact new roots as they begin to grow into the new soil. One stake on either side of the root ball sunk 18-24 inches deep will provide stability to the root ball. The tree should be anchored to the stakes in such a way as to allow for some flexibility for the trunk.

Come chat with Councilwoman Laura Pastor about your neighborhood and find out what's happening at the city.

Venga a charlar con Laura Pastor acerca de su vecindario y de lo que está pasando en la ciudad.

Wednesday, October 19  
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Isaac Elementary District  
3348 W. McDowell Rd.

Small branches along the lower trunk should be allowed to remain for many months. They help provide localized support for strong growth of the trunk of the tree. Additional information about planting and supporting young trees is free and available at <http://extension.arizona.edu/sites/extension.arizona.edu/files/pubs/az1022.pdf>. If you are considering a new tree in your landscape check out this resource <http://extension.arizona.edu/sites/extension.arizona.edu/files/pubs/az1153-2015.pdf>. Additional information regarding tree care and selection can be found at <http://extension.arizona.edu/sites/extension.arizona.edu/files/pubs/az1674-2015.pdf>

Pierson Place neighborhood association is again providing free trees for front yards. All the information can be found at [piersonplace.com](http://piersonplace.com)! You too can have a tree!

**HELP WANTED!!!**

Are you tech savvy? Would you like to help our neighborhood? Our website guru, Robert Donat, is looking for assistance maintaining our neighborhood website ([PiersonPlace.com](http://PiersonPlace.com)). If you have WordPress or website experience, please email [robert@robertdonat.com](mailto:robert@robertdonat.com)

### DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE VOTING FOR?

Do you want more information on candidates and issues before you vote? Visit [azcleanelections.gov](http://azcleanelections.gov) for a schedule of debates, YouTube videos, polling information, voter education and a questionnaire that will help you figure out which candidates are most closely aligned with your values and views.

## PHXteens Mobile Recreation van rolls out this fall

Teens looking for fun and safe things to do after school will have a new opportunity from the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department – and it's coming straight to their neighborhoods. New PHXteens Mobile Recreation vans are the latest outcome of Councilwoman Laura Pastor's and City of Phoenix efforts to address youth disconnection by building meaningful pathways between communities and education and employment opportunities.

The new mobile recreation vans answer these concerns by bringing a range of positive activities to teens where they can gather in a safe environment, connect with role models, learn new skills and interact with other youth. The eye-catching vans can visit anywhere the Parks and Recreation Department can get permission and teens want to gather.

Four themed vehicles are in the works:

**Sports Explosion:** In addition to basketball, soccer, and traditional sports activities, the Sports Explosion vehicle will offer life-size activities such as 9 Square in the Air, corn hole, and street hockey.

**STEM:** Activities centered around science, technology, engineering and math will prepare youth to think deeply so they can become innovators, researchers, and leaders.

**Arts, Culture and Music:** Parks visitors have the opportunity to indulge in a showcase of diverse blend of music, art and cultural activities.

**Games & More Games:** A modern gaming unit equipped with flat-screen TVs and gaming consoles will provide youth the luxury of gaming in a community park while staying active.

The Sports Explosion vehicle will be rolling out this fall. Other vehicles are in development and will hit the streets over the next year. Visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/phxteens> for up-to-date information about the mobile recreation van schedule and all PHXteens programming.

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

If you see anything suspicious...  
**Please tell the cops & your neighbors:**

**Emergency: 911**

**Non-emergency: (602) 262-6151**

**And, tell your Community Action Officers:**

**Mario Lozoya: 602-534-1745**

[mario.lozoya@phoenix.gov](mailto:mario.lozoya@phoenix.gov)

**Matt Makinster: 602-534-0347**

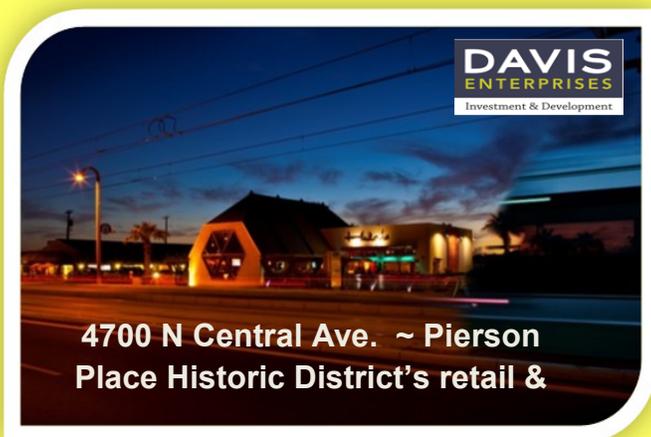
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## [www.PiersonPlace.com](http://www.PiersonPlace.com)

- find out about our quarterly meetings and activities happening in and around Pierson Place
- sign up for Nextdoor and meet your neighbors
- get on our mailing list
- find frequently requested phone numbers
- read our newsletters and history
- learn about the Block Watch program and community activities and accomplishments
- suggest improvements to neighborhood safety
- and much more

## TAKE A HIKE!

Did you know Phoenix has more than 41,000 acres of mountain parks and desert preserves? Now that fall is here it is the perfect time to get out and enjoy some cooler weather and some of the great trails that are right on our doorstep (well almost). There are 40 trailheads that provide access to 88 trails totaling approximately 200 miles. Parking lots for most preserve areas are open daily from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. All preserve trails (South Mountain, North Mountain, Piestewa Peak and the Sonoran Preserve) are open until 11 p.m. Hours for trails in desert parks (Camelback Mountain and Papago) vary. Visit [www.phoenix.gov/parks/trails/Locations](http://www.phoenix.gov/parks/trails/Locations) for more information.



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**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
**Neighborhood Bar-b-Que Party on Elm St**  
**Saturday, October 15th, 2:00-5:00 pm**  
**Just bring lawn chairs!**

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