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QUARTERLY MEETING!!!

Guest Speakers:

Mayor Greg Stanton

Speaking about his current topics

Ed Bull

Speaking about proposed development on
 both sides of Central at Pierson Street

Plus:

Aimee Knight-Fogel and Mario Lozoya,
 our Community Action Officers

Lisa Hubbard, our Neighborhood Specialist

Date:

WEDNESDAY APRIL 29TH, 2015

6:00 pm: MEET AND GREET

6:30 pm: GENERAL MEETING

At:

HOTEL 502

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MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF YOUR HISTORIC HOME

By Michelle Dodds, Historic Preservation Officer,
City of Phoenix Planning and Development Department

Have you been thinking of making some changes to your historic home? Perhaps you are planning an addition or wish to convert your garage to a hobby room. The Historic Preservation Office is here to assist you. For projects that involve the exterior of your house and require a building permit, you must first obtain approval through the design review process.

So, what is involved in that process? The office approves about 90% of all requests over-the-counter as a Certificate of No Effect (CNE). Projects that are eligible for a CNE are minor projects including some additions, solar panels and modifications to accessory buildings. For those projects that are not eligible for a CNE, a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) is required. A COA involves a public hearing before a Historic Preservation Hearing Officer. The city will place a small sign on the property with information about the request and a notice will be sent to the liaison for the historic district. An agenda for the hearing will also be posted on the city's website. The decision of the hearing officer can be appealed to the Historic Preservation Commission. Their decision can be appealed to the City Council. Once either a CNE or COA is approved, the certificate is valid for one year.

You may ask why there is a special design review process for historic properties. In order to be designated historic, a district needs to meet certain criteria. At the time of designation, your historic district met the criteria. A majority of the properties in a district must be considered contributors to the district. Sometimes a property may not be considered a contributor due to its age. It may not have been constructed during the district's period of significance. Many times it is not considered a contributor due to a loss of integrity. Inappropriate changes to an historic home can cause a property to lose its contributing status. This loss of integrity can affect not only the individual home but also the entire historic district.

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Those homes that are not contributors to a district or are new homes still require design review to ensure the work fits the scale and setbacks of the neighborhood. Sometimes, a non-contributor can even become a contributor when inappropriate changes are reversed.

There are no fees associated with this special design review process. Even if a permit is not required, you may wish to consult with historic preservation staff because there are changes that can affect integrity that do not require a permit. An example of such a change would be replacement of historic windows. Windows are a character-defining feature of a home. Since July of 2011, the city has not required permits for window replacements that basically do not change the opening size, but there are often better alternatives to window replacement.

Some properties have conservation easements that require staff review of any exterior changes. You should check with the office to ensure there is no easement on your property prior to commencing any work.

Demolition work requires a permit and approval by the Historic Preservation Officer. If a structure is of historic significance, demolition can be denied and a stay of demolition enforced.

For more details on the design review process, including the design review guidelines, Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and our preservation philosophy, please see www.phoenix.gov/pdd/historic.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Charles Jones

Spring is a beautiful time of year. Just like trees, birds and flowers, many things are starting anew. And, the Pierson Place board is no exception. New members, new ideas, new ways of making things better: that is the track we are on. Improve the neighborhood, improve ourselves, and have fun doing it. This is guiding us right into another great year.

We had a fantastic booth at the 7th Ave Street Fair in March. We distributed lots of information, raised money for the neighborhood, and fostered boatloads of comradery in the process. Many, many thanks to board members Frank, Gary, Henry, Bob, Romy, Robert, Pam and friend Donna for putting it all together. It was a great team effort that benefited the neighborhood in many great ways.

The apartments under construction at Central & Highland, called Elevation Central, are scheduled to open in September. The majority of the building is completed, and you can really get a feel for the structure now. A temporary leasing office will open this month in the Hula's center next door, and you can visit this site for additional info: www.elevateyourlife.com.

More apartments are on the drawing board! Two new projects are proposed at Central & Pierson, one on the west side of Central in Pierson Place, and another on the east side in the



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St. Frances neighborhood. Both are 4-5 stories with 200+ units and full ground floor retail. Public outreach meetings for both projects are expected soon, keep your eye on our website and emails for more information.

Don't forget that Canalscape is coming to a canal bank near you! This City project includes new sidewalks, lighting and landscaping on the north canal bank, enhancements to the crossings over the arterial streets, and special amenities at our 3rd Ave entrance to the pedestrian bridge. Your board is helping design these new improvements, and we welcome your input and ideas about this.

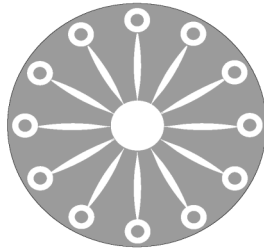
Have you seen www.piersonplace.com lately? It is brand new! Board member Robert Donat completely redesigned it last month, and now it is modern, fresh and exciting! Great colors, formats and features, tons of new information, and even a few bells, whistles and gizmos. Many, many thanks to Robert for taking this on, and especially for doing such a great job. Look at the site, you will be amazed!

So, while natural things are budding all around us, we are too. New board members, new developments, new canal bank and a new website. Add in a new frame of mind, new ways of looking at things, and new ways of doing things..., and everything is better than ever. What a great time of year!

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Park At 3rd Ave & Coolidge is Smoke Free!

In an effort to improve their commitment to health and wellness, the Donor Network of Arizona became a smoke-free campus this month. This means all types of tobacco are prohibited on their property, which includes the grassy park area at the southwest corner of 3rd Ave & Coolidge. Be sure to spread the word to those who use the park!

Crime Statistics

by *Andy Mezulis*

Dec 30th, 2014 – March 20th, 2015

2/29 - 500 block W. Hazelwood: Burglary

3/01 - 500 block W. Highland: Assault

Total PPHD: 2

Total zip code 85013: 95

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**Or, call our Community Action
Officers**

**Aimee Knight-Fogel or Mario
Lozoya**

602-534-1745

**Aimee.Knight-Fogel@phoenix.gov
or Mario.Lozoya@phoenix.gov**

New Phoenix Tool Shed Is Open For Business

The Phoenix Tool Shed is a registered non-profit tool lending library located in the Woodlea-Melrose neighborhood, on 11th Avenue between Roma & Turney. For a very reasonable yearly fee, Tool Shed members have access to hundreds of tools which can be borrowed for a week at a time. The Community Alliance of Seventh Avenue (CASA) is proud to be an ongoing sponsor of this unique and valuable community resource.

Using the Tool Shed's resources can be a big help if you are tackling a home improvement project. It probably doesn't make sense to purchase machinery that you may only need to use once, so why not borrow it?

Tired of repairing your old tools over and over? Or, maybe you just don't have the space to store tools and equipment yourself. With a Tool Shed Membership, you don't have to worry about any of that.

Some of the tools currently available to borrow include a radial arm saw, table saw, lawn mower, various sanders, a wheelbarrow, a gas-powered garden tiller, and so much more.

No matter what your honey-do list looks like, the Tool Shed probably has the equipment you need to get the job done.

Residents of the Bel Air, Carnation, Grandview, North Park Central, Pasadena, Pierson Place, and Woodlea-Melrose neighborhoods are invited to become Tool Shed members. SAMA members are also welcome to purchase a Tool Shed membership. Annual Tool Shed memberships are \$40 for an individual, or \$60 for a family or business. We are also looking for a handful of people to work a few hours at the Tool Shed in exchange for memberships.

The Tool Shed is currently open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can check out our inventory at phxtoolshed.org, or just come see us and have a look for yourself. If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation of tools, equipment, or cash, please email Brady Fulton at bradyfulton@gmail.com.



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