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New 2010 Board elected in January Welcome and thank-you!

We elected new board members in January. See left column, you will find how to contact them. Welcome! Your support makes much possible in Pierson Place! It is going to be a busy year. We extend many, many thanks to retiring members Steve Bass, Warren Bechhoefer, Shelby Blanton, Rob Farnworth, Randy Leon, Elaine McLean, Trish Zemsch for their service and support last year!

Busy Streets in Pierson Place

PARTICIPATING IN THE SAMA Street Fair is a great neighborhood tradition that reaps positive energy for our place on the map! We met friends, neighbors, new neighbors and folks from all over, while promoting our neighborhood. PPA neighbors donated wonderful prizes as enticements encouraging passers-by to participate in the drawing! It was a great fundraiser for PPA.

CHECK OUT the 3rd THURSDAY NIGHT CRAWL on 7th Ave. at the Melrose curve, north of Indian School, south of the canal. Are you time challenged? This could be a less hectic opportunity to visit and support local merchants, dine locally, [supporting our advertisers] and enjoy the nostalgia of a small town night out near home.

THE BIG YOWL at piersonplace@cox.net concerns stray cats. In a culture that abandons kids or spouses what's a poor cat to do?! Abandoned kitties fill gaps in our feral cat population. If they/we are fortunate, they were neutered before being abandoned. Although ridding our neighborhood of rodents, cats can be a serious nuisance. Research shows that neighborhoods support a finite number of stray cats. **HOWEVER**, they need to be "fixed". The locally funded and volunteer supported Trap/Neuter/Return program helps defray the cost. They have the support of local vets and volunteers who provide traps and support for the capture, neutering, and release of homeless cats. Persistence is the key! Contact TNR Program at 602-265-spay [7729] or feralcats@adlaz.org for good info on this.

DOGS GET LOOSE. The lucky ones return home safely. Some are truly dangerous. Recently, Community Action Officer Julie Smith responded to a request for assistance with **dangerous**, loose dogs. She investigated and communicated with the dog's owners the necessity of these dogs being secured at all times. To us, she says "... our officers are happy to come out on a situation like that and make contact...I realized ... that many of the neighbors often hesitate to call Phoenix Police on issues such as loose dogs. That being said, remind neighbors that they should be calling crime stop if they are ever concerned about a loose animal, *especially if the dog appears aggressive!!!!* Also, call Animal Control at (602) 506-7387; however our response time will be much faster."

RAY MUENCH, Website Chair, is updating our website. Please share pictures, ideas, and timely events that relate to our neighborhood with Ray. Also, he would like to collaborate with someone who has skills with a program named 'contribute'. If you can help with this program, please contact Ray at camelbackcat@yahoo.com. Thanks, Ray!

FREE MONEY! DO YOU QUALIFY???

THE ARIZONA HERB ASSOCIATION, www.aha.org has scholarships available to students of an educational program that incorporates the use of herbs in culinary arts and gardening. Interested applicants should submit a 1-2 page essay about themselves and their program of study, and what they plan to do with their education. This essay should be submitted with the applicant's name and contact information, as well as the name and location of the school. Send the information to the Arizona Herb Association, c/o Scholarship Committee, PO Box 63101, Phoenix, AZ 85082-3101



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Charles Jones

Springtime finds us blooming, growing and sowing new seeds. And just like nature, we are sprouting in all directions and making things happen! Our projects focus on crime prevention, communication, historic preservation, identity, social events and a host of "street level" improvements. We are fortunate that many residents are committed to stepping up, doing the work, and moving things forward; and we plan to make the most of these opportunities. We always welcome new folks to join in our endeavors; just give us a ring, or an email, or a text, or a twitter, or a, if you want to get involved!

Last month, lots of residents rallied together to build our booth at the 7th Ave Merchant Association's Street Fair, which showcased the history of Pierson Place to over 10,000 people. We spent the day chatting with neighbors and locals about a myriad of neighborhood issues; and our neighborhood had a very good presence at the event. We also sponsored a raffle with some terrific prizes. It was another great day for Pierson Place, made possible by some of the greatest residents in the world! A "very good job" goes to those who made it such a success: Beverley Bodioga, Steve McMillan, Chris Garland, Andy Mezulis, Joanne Winter, Pam Perry, Kathy Dubs, Angela Hughey, Miles Kiger, Jim Corbet, Erin Starrs, KK Starrs and Bob Pierce.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - cont.

We are collaborating with several interested parties to redesign our monument marker, after it was recently described as “looking too much like a subdivision sign”. Folks from Neighborhood Services, Metro Light Rail, Development Services, Historic Preservation, and a sign builder are helping redesign the sign. It still will include architectural features of the neighborhood, such as red bricks, adobe and the signature glass block that is on the front of many houses; and it will be located at the swc of 3rd Ave & Camelback. Look for the new design to be distributed in the coming months.

Our next Block Watch project is installing solar motion sensor lights in the few remaining dark areas in the neighborhood. They don't require electricity, and can be located between streetlights, in alleys and common areas, and around houses that are usually dark at night. Studies show that lighting significantly helps reduce crime in neighborhoods. The lighting was obtained through the City of Phoenix' Block Watch program and “a big thank you” goes to the City for providing this opportunity! We plan to identify the dark areas in May, and install the lights soon thereafter. Please contact us if you know of any dark areas that we could illuminate with this new lighting.

The Park n' Ride lot is expanding! The new section goes from 3rd Ave to 7th Ave, and will include a shaded walkway, lots of trees and other “cool” amenities. Construction is scheduled to begin this month, with completion by the end of the year. It sure will be nice to get rid of the dirt, dust and weeds that are there now!

The Mariposa RFP process, to sell the City owned houses between Central & 3rd Ave, is ongoing. Only a few bids have been received, and the City is considering extending the deadline again. Look for more information about this in the coming months.

With great people, great projects, and great weather.....Pierson Place is turning over new leaves every day. We hope you'll consider joining in and helping make things happen. Just stop by our next meeting and see how the sky is the limit on improving YOUR neighborhood!





THE URBAN HEART OF ARIZONA

Downtown in Full Bloom

If April showers bring May flowers, then it must be safe to say that this winter's rain will bring plenty to bloom in Downtown Phoenix. Spring is in the air and the landscape is definitely changing with the season. Along with the wildflowers, the CityScape tower at Central and Washington has sprung up from the desert floor and the list of exciting dining options keeps growing. The Valley's marquee intersection will include two eateries by famed local chef Aaron May, a new concept by restaurateur Sam Fox and from Bob Lynn, co-creator of La Grande Orange, comes Public House — a gastropub. All these venues are set to open by the summer. The seeds of redevelopment are blossoming with great places to wine and dine in Downtown Phoenix!

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION UPDATE by Pam Perry

Developers are not on vacation during this economic downturn. They are filing with the zoning board, challenging an accepted Historic Preservation Office protocol for zoning changes in our historic district. Historic preservation advocates from many neighborhoods, coalitions, agencies and organizations are interested in fostering and supporting strong grass roots, read neighborhood based, support for historic preservation at neighborhood, local and state levels. Several meetings have already happened, look for more opportunities to participate, voice your opinions and questions at more meetings this spring and summer! Watch piersonplace@cox.net for updates!

Thank you Pierson Place!

PHOENIX RECYCLES HAS ADDED NEW RECYCLABLES TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU AND DIVERTS MORE FROM OUR LANDFILLS. REMEMBER NOT ALL TRASH IS GARBAGE, PLEASE REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE.

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If you live in an apartment, condo or other commercial property not serviced by the City of Phoenix, consult your manager, owner or solid waste provider.

BLOCK WATCH REPORT by Chris Garland, Block Watch Chair

We've been very lucky concerning violent crime occurring within the borders of our neighborhood until 1/5 when an aggravated assault occurred near 300 W. Highland. Community Action Officer Julie Smith suggests the victim and shooter knew each other. Additionally a shooting occurred in February on Coolidge. The victim, who is now in rehab and the shooter, now in custody, were mother and son respectively. There have also been reported burglaries and an increase in tagging. Additionally our northeast neighborhood, Windsor Square, experienced an increase in carport/driveway thefts in December. Please call Officer Julie at (602) 361-4501 (city cell) with any information or concerns you have.

Officer Julie, our Community Action Officer is glad to drop in for informal "driveway meetings" with neighbors anytime to discuss ways to improve the safety in our neighborhood. Recently at a meeting of Coolidge neighbors, she reminded residents to keep doors and windows locked as the weather gets better, lock gates and cars, to not leave valuables unattended, develop safe habits and practice being aware of our surroundings as we enter our homes and properties. She also repeatedly encouraged residents to report suspicious activities, loitering strangers, odd odors, and even small events to crime stop, or 911. A driveway meeting was held for the residents on Mariposa to voice any concerns. Officer Julie reported increased hand-to-hand drug transactions taking place at bus stops on the corner of 7th Ave. and Camelback and encouraged anyone to report suspicious activity in that area.

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BLOCK WATCH REPORT - cont.

The break-ins at the vacant, city-owned “adobes” on the east end of Mariposa have come to almost a complete halt due to increased awareness of residents and immediate response from Officer Julie. Good work, folks!

Remember, we have the attention right now of the Phoenix Police Department, so let’s maximize this benefit as much as we can by constant communication with Officer Julie and all of the department.

If anyone sees anything suspicious, report it to **Crime Stop at 262-6151**. If you become aware of a neighborhood crime or suspicious activity, please contact me, Chris Garland at: bellroad@aol.com! We can all stay alert and look out for each other. We will fight back!



CRIME STATISTICS

By Andy Mazulis [Hazelwood] from the Arizona Republic

- Dec. 2009- None reported.
- Jan. 2010- None reported.
- Feb. 2010- 2/13- 400 W. Coolidge, ASSAULT.
2/28- 300 W. Pierson, ASSAULT.
- Mar. 2010- 3/1 Through 3/19- None reported.
75 total for 85013

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BLOCK WATCH ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

April 27	Retired Det. Bob Wamsley Topic: Homeland Security	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	PLEA Office @ 1102 W. Adams Street
May 25	Hosted by Maryvale Precinct Cmdr. T. Hampton Topic: Exploitation/ Janet Olson, RN, Executive Director, APECA	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Maryvale Community Center 4420 N 51 st Ave.
June 22	Summer Recess	N/A	N/A
July 27	Hosted by South Mountain Precinct Cmdr. J. Alexander Topic: Mortgage Fraud Reverse Mortgage Fraud – Mike Flynn Attorney General’s Office	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	HOPE VI Community Center 1250 S. 7th Ave (7th Ave & Buckeye)

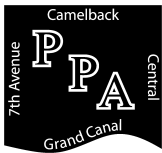


HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTIONS SCHEDULE

- April 15, 16, 17 North Phoenix Baptist Church 5757 N. Central Ave. (S/E corner, Central/Bethany)
- May 13, 14, 15 Desert West Sports Complex 6602 W. Encanto Blvd. 2300N, (N/E corner, 67th Ave./Encanto)
- June 17, 18, 19 Los Olivos Park 2802 E. Devonshire Ave. (4200N. 28th St.)

BULK TRASH AND LARGE ITEM PICK UP DATES

- PLACEMENT BEGINS May 1st, ‘10 PICK UP BEGINS May 10th, ‘10
- PLACEMENT BEGINS July 31st, ‘10 PICK UP BEGINS Aug. 9th, ‘10



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Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
at The Days Inn 502 W. Camelback Rd.
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PIERSON PLACE HISTORIC DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING

APRIL 28, 2010

DAYS INN, 502 W. CAMELBACK RD.

6:00 PM 'Meet and Greet'

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6:30 PM Meeting begins

Presentation by: Gary Flunoy, Metro Light Rail

Construction of the Park n' Ride extension from 3rd to 7th Ave