

# PIERSON PLACE TIMES

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## QUARTERLY MEETING: MAY 14, 2008, 6:30 p.m. AT THE RED ROOF INN, 502 W. CAMELBACK.

### CITY REPS DISCUSS TWO HOT TOPICS!

- 1.) The Historic Preservation Department will explain how to prepare an application to the National Historic Register, which is a great project that we are starting to pursue.
- 2.) The Downtown Development Office (a division of the City's Economic Development Dept. that handles all city-owned property along the rail) will discuss the upcoming Request For Proposal (RFP) process, for the sale and development of the city-owned property between Central & 3rd Ave on Camelback and Mariposa. This includes 4 city-owned houses on the north side of Mariposa and the Park n' Ride lot on Camelback between the station and 3rd Ave.

**Don't miss hearing how these 2 important issues can affect your neighborhood!**

### BUSY STREETS IN PIERSON PLACE



Trish Zemsch (Mariposa) attended the light rail open house and had an opportunity to ride the rail and see in person what is done so far!

On April 10th we held a neighborhood-wide meeting with Reid Butler, developer rep for the site at the SW corner of Central and Camelback. He is making presentations to neighborhood groups with interests in future development of that corner. Currently, he asked the city for changes to the proposal that was approved in 2007 to allow an additional 150 feet in height. Several issues were brought to his attention by very interested residents. He also will present to the Alhambra Village Planning Committee, the Planning Commission, and the City Council in the coming months. *Continued on Pg. 2*

## Pierson Place Association

*Neighbors Creating A Better Neighborhood*

**Current information concerning neighborhood issues is available at [piersonplace@cox.net](mailto:piersonplace@cox.net). Add your name to this list (by sending an email request); stay informed about things affecting your neighborhood!**

Bob Adams' (Mariposa) report on The 5th Annual District 4 Crime Summit on Feb. 2: Councilman Tom Simplot led the meeting. Also present were three state legislators, two other council members and many uniformed Police Officers. Arizona State Attorney General Terry Goddard made a short statement. Jack Harris of the Phoenix Police Department gave statistics about crime, and the progress in fighting crime. Citizens were asked to identify issues important to them. From these, eight problem categories were selected to receive further attention. Study groups then brainstormed possible solutions to be presented to city departments. Concerns involving liquor licenses will be directed to the State Legislature.

Andy Mezulis (Hazelwood) reports that Pierson Place Association participated in the 'Seventh Avenue Merchants Association 7th Annual Street Fair' It was a fun, well-attended event, better than previous years! Our District 4 Councilperson walked by with his mother. At the Pierson Place table, we met some new neighbors and made 'new recruits' by sharing shirts, caps, and Phoenix handouts. A well-deserved thanks goes to our 7th Ave. Street Fair team, Nancy & Jean McMillan (Mariposa), Joann Winter (Pierson), and Chris Garland (Mariposa).



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GENERAL MEETING ON JANUARY 30th

*Thank you to these city representatives for joining us:*

- **Maria Hyatt**, City Manager's Office, with an update on Park and Ride on our Camelback border.
- **Kerry Wilcoxon**, Streets Department, Traffic & Neighborhood Safety, reviewed City procedures for removing "No Left Turn" signs in reference to a request for removal of a no left turn sign at 7th Ave and Highland. At the request from a neighbor to have a sign removed, the city mails ballots to each property and a 51% vote from the neighborhood will determine the fate of the sign. Also of concern was the voting status of Landmark Towers, which has recently gone condo.

☐☐ *Update on this issue: ballots arrived in neighborhood mailboxes the week of April 7. Please make your decision and return this ballot to the city! Landmark Towers is entitled to two votes.*

- **Elections:** The following people accepted nominations and were elected for 2008

### Officers

President: Charles Jones  
 Vice President: Pam Perry  
 Secretary: Henry Harding  
 Treasurer: Steve Bass

### Board Members

Beverley Bodioga Elaine McLean  
 Chris Chattom Nancy McMillan  
 Delores Henderson Ray Meunch

- Treasurer's report (12-31-07): Steve Bass, Current Balance of \$270.56, Gain event expenses \$318.89, voluntary dues collected at General Meeting \$107.43 Update on this issue: Our current balance is \$669.83.
- Block Watch Grant report, Charles Jones: 2007 projects: purchase and install 3 outdoor message boards on 3rd Ave; finish website; publish 2 issues of newsletter. 2008 proposal submitted to include lighting and gates for 2 abandoned alleys west of 3rd avenue between Highland and Hazelwood, purchase motion sensor lights, deadbolt door locks, t-shirts and caps with Pierson Place logo, and provide funding for 4 newsletters.



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Ah..., the perfect time of year, springtime in Phoenix! Birds are chirping, flowers are blooming, and we have a lot of things happening in Pierson Place. Please take a moment to consider what you think about the following projects because they are likely to impact our neighborhood. Your input is always needed, and you can relay your ideas to any board member by phone or email them to [piersonplace@cox.net](mailto:piersonplace@cox.net). There's a lot to do in the coming months, and it's a good thing we have lots of residents who want to improve their neighborhood!

The proposed hi-rise at the southwest corner of Central & Camelback wants to grow higher! The developer applied to the City to increase the height to 400 feet (from the approved 250 feet), and we held a neighborhood-wide meeting on April 10th to review and discuss it. We plan to poll our residents about this in the near term, so be sure and voice your opinion at that time. The proposal is scheduled to be reviewed by the Alhambra Village Planning Committee, the Planning Commission and the City Council in the next few months. Everyone may attend and comment at these hearings. Look for announcements from [piersonplace@cox.net](mailto:piersonplace@cox.net) when these dates are set. To receive the City announcements directly, contact Landrow Tsosie at 602-495-7030 or [landrow.tsosie@phoenix.gov](mailto:landrow.tsosie@phoenix.gov). Remember, the only way to affect change is to show up and speak up!

A petition drive to remove the "No Left Turn" sign at 7th Ave & Highland during morning rush hour has been started, and the Streets Department mailed ballots to all households in April. All residents are asked to voice their opinion on this by completing and returning your ballot to the City promptly. We encourage you to consider this change seriously, and especially the impact it is likely to have on all other streets in the neighborhood. Please contact us if you want more information about how this could impact traffic on your street.

Our Historic District Committee, Joey Muench (Pierson), Elaine McLean (Hazelwood) and Chris Chattom (Highland) started working on our application to the Federal Register. Obtaining a designation on the Federal Register allows most property owners to apply for a reduction in property taxes. (Yea!) We can see the need for more help with this; please let us know if you can lend a hand.

Crime is down in Pierson Place! Andy Mezulis (Hazelwood) tracked our stats for the last quarter, and they are low. (See page 5.) Many thanks go to Andy for being one of our crime busters (he regularly paints over graffiti too), and many thanks to our concerned residents who make an effort to watch their neighborhood and report suspicious activity. Watching and reporting is proven to reduce crime in neighborhoods.

We are working on a monument marker sign for the southwest corner of 3rd Ave and Camelback. The rough design is red brick, 3' high x 4' wide, with our logo on it. We need some professional design help with this project, and if you are interested or know anyone who is, please contact us. We want to get this done before the rail is running!

We hope our 2008 BW Grant application gets approved; one of the key projects is closing off the two abandoned alleys between Highland, Coolidge and Hazelwood on 3rd Ave. Keep your fingers crossed!

Light rail construction is mostly done in our area, and commuter traffic patterns have started to change. Is cut-thru and speeding traffic on your street better or worse, more or less, or about the same? The City plans to do a formal traffic study in our neighborhood in the coming months, and we will be working to identify ways to mitigate these problems. Be sure to send us your comments about the traffic on your street. We are keeping a log of everyone's observations and plan to forward it to the City during the study.

And ah..., this is the perfect time of year, - to get out and play! It might not be the best time to have lots of work to do, but it is one of the best times to learn, grow and improve. Just like in nature, it's a time to take on new things; and in our case - bring more improvements to Pierson Place. We hope you will consider the above issues and tell us your opinions in person at our meeting on May 14th. It's truly great to work with people who will roll up their sleeves anytime of year, especially when everyone wants to improve their neighborhood.



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7/19/2008	9:30-11:00
7/26/2008	9:30-11:00
8/2/2008	9:30-11:00
8/9/2008	9:30-11:00



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**Mention this ad for 10% discount on boarding & daycare services!**

## VOICE OF THE EDITOR

A neighbor recently suggested that tenants might not feel the Association represents them. The Association motto is 'Neighbors Creating a Better Neighborhood'. This includes *everyone* living within our boundaries, not just those who own properties. Your interest in protecting and preserving where you live as a safe, interesting, friendly neighborhood is the criteria for membership. Participation is a matter of any individual's personal interest and accountability. The newsletter is mailed through United States Postal Service to each address so all households receive it. This is as fancy an invitation as anyone gets! We try not to make evening meetings go too late, and may seem more businesslike than social, but we always welcome new faces! Please, consider this your invitation to attend, participate, introduce yourself, or in my case, reintroduce yourself. I am notorious for my poor name-face recognition skills!

*Pierson Place Times* is a quarterly publication written by neighborhood volunteers and does not announce *all* events and meetings in the neighborhood. Although we distribute flyers to inform people of events, we rely on [piersonplace@cox.net](mailto:piersonplace@cox.net) to keep people abreast of current issues. Please add your name to that list to receive announcements of issues as they happen in our neighborhood! Mention in the subject line that you are a new subscriber who wishes to be added to the list! You do not have to miss meetings, events, and announcements important to this neighborhood! Remember, the only way to affect change is to show up and speak up!

As a neighborhood association, we who are active are tackling concerns important to us. If projects that concern you are not being actively pursued, the association can help find others in the neighborhood who share your concerns. Recently Chris Garland [Mariposa] shared what she perceives a serious lack of interest from police concerning crimes reported from Mariposa residents. By raising this issue, the neighbors on Mariposa decided to meet with Dave Chambers, our Community Action Officer for Squaw Peak Precinct to discuss police response and improve the communication! This is a lead other residents could follow!

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## CRIME STATISTICS

## NEW FORMAT !!!

Andy Mezulis (Hazelwood) has compiled crime statistics for Pierson Place Times, as reported by the Arizona Republic each Friday in the PUBLIC SAFETY CRIME LOG section. Here are stats for January, February, and March. Note, nothing reported in February! [Thanks, Andy! Ed.]

1 burglary 1/15 600 W. Coolidge  
1 burglary 3/5 100 W. Pierson

1 burglary 3/2 300 W. Pierson  
1 burglary 3/9 300 W. Highland

Crime statistics in the previous format can be found at the City of Phoenix Website, Police Department, Crime statistics, Grid 127 (which also includes part of another neighborhood).

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## BLOCK WATCH ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

May 27, 2008 6:30 p.m. to 8:30p.m. Maryvale Community Center, 4420 N. 51<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
June 24, 2008 6:30 p.m. to 8:30p.m. PLEA, 1102 W. Adams St., Eight common blight violations w/ Jerome Miller,  
Director of Neighborhood Services  
July 22, 2008 6:30 p.m. to 8:30p.m. TBA

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## CALENDAR

### Hazardous Household Waste Collection

- **May 15-17, 2008** 8:00 a.m. to Noon, Los Olivos Park 2802 E. Devonshire Ave
- **June 12-14, 2008** 7:00 a.m. to Noon, Desert West Sports Complex, 6601 W. Encanto Blvd.

Bring paint, solvents, used motor oil, batteries, and electronics. For information and other items go to, [phoenix.gov/publicworks](http://phoenix.gov/publicworks) or call 602-262-7251

### Large Item Pick Up

Placement beginning **May 3, 2008** and pick-up begins **May 12, 2008**. When crews run ahead of schedule they may pre-collect our neighborhood, but they return to pick up material as scheduled. For information call 602-262-7251.

### Special Events

- **May 20, 2008** Election Get out to vote!!!!
- **July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008** Fireworks and festivities at Steele Indian School Park

### Monthly Events:

- **Councilman Tom Simplot's Breakfast Meetings**, usually held on the 4th Thursday of each month, 7:30 am, at Hometown Buffet, 15th Ave., and Bethany Home Rd. Reminders are sent from [piersonplace@cox.net](mailto:piersonplace@cox.net).
- **1st Friday's at On The Curve At Melrose**. Support the City of Phoenix monthly arts program of music, entertainment, artists and other vendors located on The Curve At Melrose, 7th Avenue and Glenrosa Ave. Held the first Friday of each Month, no less!

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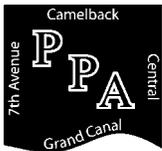
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