

PIERSON PLACE TIMES

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**NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING:
 TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2008, 6:30 p.m.
 AT THE RED ROOF INN, 502 W. CAMELBACK.**

CITY REPS SHARE UPDATES ON TWO TIMELY TOPICS JULY 29, 2008!!!

Mary Lu Nunley from the City of Phoenix Water Services Department offers water conservation ideas and information. Water is a big deal! How we use and allocate it will increasingly affect our lifestyle and standard of living. We have the ways and means to affect how we use water! Mary Lu brings a program researched with our needs in view!

Amy Bratt, LS2 Community Outreach coordinator METRO Light Rail will present new traffic safety information to us concerning the trains we expect to soon see as part of the integrated testing program on the Central Corridor! Come and learn how to navigate around the rail!

BUSY STREETS IN PIERSON PLACE



NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION BOXES ARE UP!!

These bulletin boards for missing pets, garage sale announcements, meeting dates or ??? What would you like to see here? Provide copy for two boxes to Pam Perry, 304 West Coolidge! These can be updated frequently and will help us keep each other informed and involved!

Our BLOCK WATCH grant IS approved! Many thanks and a huge congratulation to our Block Watch Committee for another successful application, especially in a year of reduced budgets! Funding is for gates limiting access to abandoned alleys between Hazelwood and Coolidge, and Coolidge and Highland as well as street lighting at those alleys. Also funded are motion sensor lights, deadbolt locks, patroller supplies, and 4 issues of Pierson Place Times.

Pierson Place Association

Neighbors Creating A Better Neighborhood

Thank you to Melrose Cafe, 4447 7th Ave. for providing a wonderful buffet at the May meeting. Please patronize neighborhood businesses and our advertisers.

Busy Streets Cont.



July brings changes for the trash and recycling collection schedule. Each household has been notified of these changes. Put the **blue** recycling totes out on Tuesdays and **green** trash totes out on Fridays, both by 5:30 am. Additional information is available at: Phoenix.gov/garbage/garbcoll.html

For a list of recyclable materials, and how to manage trash in the green bin as well as a list of stores participating in a plastic bag recycling program go to www.phoenix.gov/publicworks or call 602-262-7251. To achieve sustainable living, remember, first things first: properly dispose of unwanted materials!

Two notable City sponsored meetings in June included City traffic staff presenting findings of their traffic studies in reference to the reverse lanes. The requested ASU study was not presented at this time. To offer your support or questions concerning reverse lane changes contact Tom Simplot's office at council.district.4@phoenix.gov Phone: (602) 262-7447. The following week at the **TOWN HALL MEETING for DISTRICT 4**, Tom Simplot again mentioned his support for changing the status of the reverse lanes on 7th Ave. and 7th Street. Additionally Tom took questions pertaining to light rail, proposed developments, and budget woes.

The petition for the removal of the NO-LEFT-TURN designation for Highland Avenue proceeds. Ballots returned by mail to the City have been counted. The petitioner has been provided with documentation of those households that did not indicate preference by ballot and may begin to collect signatures. Should you choose to support the neighborhood initiative for NO-LEFT-TURN designation on our neighborhood streets do not sign this petition. The petitioner needs to collect signatures from neighbors who support removing the neighborhood-supported initiative. Contact any board member with questions you might have about this issue.



New from Maricopa County is an updated biking trails map with references especially for commuters. Check: <http://www.mag.maricopa.gov/maps.cms> for an updated bike route map that shows connections with public transportation alternatives.



We thank the following people for adding our spring quarterly meeting to their agenda! Thersa Stickler, Reverse Lanes, Barbara Stocklin and Kathryn Leonard, Historic Preservation and National Historic Register, Bob Wojen and Eric Johnson, RFP and Downtown Development, and Elain McClean, Cornerstone Development proposal update. This was a very informative meeting!



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SPEAK OUT FOR YOUR CITY PARKS

In May, voters passed a referendum supporting City Parks, which extended the uses of funds collected through sales taxes. Having voted to fund programs, the City is offering opportunities to share our suggestions, concerns, and ideas for our parks. Four of these meetings are close to our neighborhood. Those unable to attend any meeting can participate online; the department has posted background information with an on line survey at: <http://phoenix.gov/NEWSREL/ARCHIVE/2008/JUNE/2006ppinput.html>. A complete list of meetings is available as well. Take this great opportunity to voice your needs and expectations for the future of Phoenix parks, preserves, and recreation! All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and last 2 hours.

July 22	Sunnyslope Youth Center, 1702 W. Peoria Ave
August 12	Longview Neighborhood Recreation Center, 4040 N. 14 th St.
August 13	Washington Activity Center, 2240 W. Citrus Way
August 27	Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 n. Central Ave.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is a good time for reflecting, doing a mid-year review; sitting in air conditioning and dreaming about how things could be. And I think it's a very good time to take a 'big picture' look at the future of our neighborhood. We face impacts from light rail, proposed condos, hotel and retail on our borders, removal of the 7th Ave. reverse lane, and a host of ancillary challenges that come with changing land uses.

Remember, a report from the Urban Land Institute cited our northeast corner as one of the best places for high quality development along the rail. With that in mind, I think the interior of our neighborhood should command some new improvements at the same time. Spruce up the borders, and spruce up the inside, too. Traffic mitigation is undoubtedly high on the list for most people; consider roundabouts, diverters and cul-de-sacs on our Central Ave side. How about sidewalks, gas lamps, or new trees on our streets? Brick borders at our intersections, monument markers at major entry points, the sky is the limit!

I'm hoping you'll take a few moments to think about this, and ask yourself what would make your neighborhood better. Think about what you get from living here, your lifestyle needs, and what you want it to be like in the future. Ponder this with the biggest dreams you can find, and don't be restrained by funding concerns (we'll handle that later). Trust that anything is doable in your neighborhood, and plug that into your thinking. This is about designing your dream neighborhood, and figuring out which changes will get us there.

Some people say a down market is a poor time to pursue new ideas, better to lay low and conserve. But I think a down market is a great time to plan, design and effect change; prices are down, vendors need work, and things get done while other activities are slow. Tackling this now is preparation for the good times to come. And when they come, you'll enjoy and appreciate your neighborhood that much more.

I hope you'll consider this concept while staying out of the heat this summer, because the future impacts for our neighborhood could be great. I urge you to attend our meetings and discuss your ideas in person, and to learn about and discuss the others. You can send in your ideas by email if you wish, or call them in to any board member. The important thing is to put your thinking cap on, give this a whirl, and add your ideas to nurturing one of best neighborhoods in Phoenix. The always improving - Pierson Place.



LIGHT RAIL DEVELOPMENTS by Amy Bratt, LS2 Community Outreach Coordinator

Light rail trains now testing !! As you drive, bike or walk around the METRO light rail system, please be aware that METRO has begun vehicle testing in the roadways. Trains are currently operating in a test zone from 26th Street and Washington to just east of Mill Avenue. The test zone will expand east to Mesa this month and west to Phoenix in the late summer/early fall. Testing will run right up until our grand opening weekend of December 27 – 28, 2008; official passenger service begins December 29.

Please follow these safety tips to remain safe around light rail:

- Light rail is quiet; always listen for bells and look for flashing train headlights.
- Pedestrians use the crosswalk and obey all signals.
- Never drive, bike, walk or skateboard in the track way.
- Obey the traffic signals; turn only with a green arrow.
- Stay clear of the overhead wires; they are energized.

For more information on light rail safety, visit www.metrolightrail.org/safety. Also, plan to join us for the festivities and free rides during our grand opening celebration!

Block Watch websites for burglary prevention tips

http://www.ci.phoenix.az.us/police/bwabl_burgprev.pdf

<http://phoenix.gov/POLICE/burgtil.html> tips to improve home safety.



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BLOCK WATCH UPDATES

Lock any windows and doors you open, keep garage doors closed, lock gates, and keep foundation plants trimmed to reduce hiding places and improve visibility! Through our BLOCK WATCH GRANT PROGRAM, we continue to make deadbolt locks and motion sensor light available to augment your safety practices!

Block Watch Advisory Board Meetings are scheduled as follows:

July 22,	6:30-8:30 p.m.	HOPE VI	1150 S. 7 th Ave. NWC	7th Ave. and Buckeye
August 26	6:30-8:30p.m.	PLEA office	1102 W. Adams St.	
Sept 23	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Washington Activity Center	2240 W. Citrus Way	

CRIME STATISTICS: We thank Andy Mazulis [Hazelwood] for compiling crime stats for our neighborhood as represented in the Arizona Republic.

In April: reported by city blocks

4/16	500 W. Mariposa	burglary
4/18	200 W. Mariposa	burglary
4/22	300 W. Coolidge	burglary
4/29	500 W. Highland	burglary

In May

5/4	300 W. Pierson	burglary
5/7	100 W. Highland	assault and burglary
5/22	300 W. Pierson	burglary
June 1-13	No reported crime	



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Mon-Fri 6:30a-6:30p
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7/12/2008	9:30-11:00
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!

CALENDAR

HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION: paint, batteries, chemicals, computers, air-conditioners, and heat pumps will be collected **9/18, 19, 20** at Caesar Chavez Park, 7858 S. 35th Ave,

LARGE ITEM PICK UP AREA 10 [that's us folks!]

Begin placing items for pick up on **August 2**, Collection starts **August 11**

For information about these services contact www.phoenix.gov/publicworks or call 602-262-7251

SAVE- THE-DATE

Meetings to present to Alhambra village planning and subcommittee meetings for the Cornerstone Development on the SW corner of Central and Camelback!!!!

August 19th Alhambra Village Mid/High-Rise Subcommittee meeting 2240 W. Citrus Way, Washington Activity Center - Your presence is important.

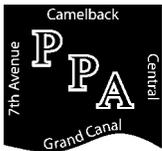
August 26th Alhambra Village Planning Committee meeting meeting. 2240 W. Citrus Way, Washington Activity Center - Your presence is important.

The applicant is proposing to present to The Planning Commission in September and to the City Council in October

TOM SIMPLOT, DISTRICT 4 MONTHLY BREAKFAST MEETING September 25, at the Home Town Buffet, SW corner of Bethany home Road and 15th Ave.

Steele Indian School Park will resume concerts and movies in September! Watch for announcements!

SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 18, 2008 city wide GAIN Events!!!!



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