

PIERSON PLACE ASSOCIATION

Neighbors Creating A Better Neighborhood

(previously Central Village Association)

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We are

Historic!

Our neighborhood has been designated

The Pierson Place Historic District.

The City Council approved it last November, and it's official!
The blue "historic" street sign toppers should be installed in a few months,
and a designation ceremony will be scheduled at that time.

We have changed our name to **Pierson Place Association**,
and our new email address is **piersonplace@cox.net**.

We have registered the address of **piersonplace.com**.
and a print logo has been developed.

The Central Village identity has been retired.
Our founding members chose this name when "it takes a village" was popular,
and it served us well for almost ten years. The centralvillage@cox.net email
address has been closed, and our green sign toppers will be taken down soon.

One thing is certain: we have become a village of concerned neighbors
over the years, and our new identity is sure to strengthen
our commitment to improving our neighborhood.

A huge, huge THANK YOU goes to JOEL PEARSON, our Historic Committee
Chair, and all of the members who worked on this "historic" project.
Your group carried this to the goal, and our residents will enjoy
the fruits of your labor for decades to come.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 31st, 6:30 pm, at The Donor Network Of Arizona
Office, 201 W. Coolidge St. Come and see what's happening
in YOUR neighborhood!

BLOCK WATCH

We still have porch lights, locking mailboxes, and "the club" auto anti-theft devices available for free, contact Tamara Rodriguez at 623-910-3635 to get yours today. We also have funding for installation of these items if necessary.

Our next project is painting address numbers on alley fences, and we need someone to manage this project (hire a contractor, coordinate logistics, etc.) Please contact us if you like to help with this project.

Sally Thomas, our Grants Chair, (Pierson St.) volunteered to prepare our Block Watch grant application for the 2006 year. The deadline is February 3rd; so forward your project ideas to Sally as soon as possible.

We have funds available for our patroller program (car magnet signs, t-shirts, caps, etc), and we need volunteers and new ideas to help promote this project. City sponsored training is available, and we have 3 bikes available for patrollers to use. Please contact us if you are interested in helping with the patroller program.

Block Watch is about calling someone if you see anything out of the ordinary in your surroundings.

THANK YOU DONOR NETWORK

Many thanks go to the Donor Network of Arizona for letting us hold our meetings in their offices at 201 W. Coolidge Street.

Patricia Pace-Anderson (Pierson St.), a Donor Network employee, graciously coordinates our meeting space. Be sure to consider donating your organs, and call Patricia to register your intentions or obtain more information. (602-222-2487)

CRIME STATS

(9-05 to 11-05)

Crime is up!

Assault 2, Auto Theft 16, Burglary 17, Drugs 4, Robbery 2, Sex Crimes 2, Theft 7.

How many crimes go unreported? **Don't hesitate to call the police if you see anything unusual.**

ELECTIONS

Our annual election of officers will be held at our next meeting. The available positions are board members (10-17), president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer (committee chairs are appointed by the board). Tamara Rodriguez (Pierson St.) is coordinating the elections; contact her at 623-910-3635 for more information. Good at taking notes or counting beans (?), we really need volunteers for secretary and treasurer. Please consider helping your neighborhood in the coming year, it's sure to be fun and rewarding!

CENTRAL & CAMELBACK

Representatives of property owners on our side of Central and Camelback and Central and Pierson announced plans to meet with stakeholders and discuss the feasibility of building a high class mixed use development in this area. They plan to recruit the ASU architects who are working on

signature projects downtown, include various city departments that have an interest, and they have offered us a few seats to have a voice in this process. No meetings have been scheduled yet, and we'll keep you advised as things progress.

LIGHT RAIL

Construction is gearing up on Central Ave. between Camelback and Campbell, and most of the disruption is due to rebuilding the bridge over the canal.

Construction of the station platform should be starting soon, and the park n' ride lot design is mostly done. We continue to request 1.) modification of the ingress/egress on 3rd Avenue, and 2.) an 8' fence between the pn'r lot and the Mariposa houses (instead of a 6' fence).

Most of the lots on Camelback between Central and 7th Avenue have been cleared, and the nursery site at 3rd Avenue has been fenced and should start operating soon. Another temporary nursery is operating at the old car wash site (21 W. Camelback).

Pam Perry (Coolidge St.) and Ray Muench (Pierson St.) volunteered to represent us on the Light Rail Station Area Committee for the Central and Camelback station. We need two volunteers for a similar committee for the 7th Avenue station. The station area committees cover a 1/4-mile radius around each station, and they are operated by the Planning Department at the city. Please contact us if you would like to serve on this committee.

THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS

Lisa Hubbard - Neighborhood Specialist, Neighborhood Services
David Chambers - Community Action Officer, Phoenix Police
Mary Roestenberg - Programs Coordinator (BW), Phoenix Police
Tom Simplot - City Councilman
Phil Gordon - Mayor of Phoenix
The Donor Network of Arizona
Seventh Ave Merchants Assoc.

HISTORIC DISTRICT

Reminder, grant funds are available from the Historic Preservation Department for renovations on houses that qualify. The grants will match your funds dollar for dollar up to \$10,000, making this is a great way to do \$20,000 of improvements for \$10,000 out of pocket. For more information, contact Jodie Brown in the Historic Preservation Department at 602-262-6182, or jodie.brown@phoenix.org.

One Call - That's All.

Just do it!

BOND ELECTION

Phoenix is a City on the Rise, and we encourage everyone to support the bond election on March 14th. The bond proposal is committed to building strong neighborhoods, education opportunities, and revitalizing the downtown area. It is vitally important to our city. For more information, call 602-692-5444 or visit phoenixfuture.com.

OUR WEBSITE

We need a volunteer(s) to create and manage a web site for the association. This includes setting

up the hosting, developing the pages, monitoring and updating it periodically; although we know there's more to it than that! Please contact us if you can help with this project.

Involved residents are the most effective crime preventers, period.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The list of what we accomplished last year looks pretty good. Although obtaining a historic designation was probably the highlight for most of us, the smaller things we did deserve equal review. Things like, patrolling our streets to keep them safe, adding lighting in our alleys and canal bank, distributing locking mailboxes, porch lights, and "the club" to residents, block watch training, managing the challenges of deserted Camelback lots, yard sales, and frequent negotiations with light rail, other city departments, and developers pursuing our borders. There was a ton of volunteer hours involved in accomplishing these things, and needless to say, "we've come a long way, baby". Right now, our streets, alleys, and canal banks are safer because they are lit up at night, our residents have locking mailboxes, dawn-to-dusk porch lights, and auto locks, our block watch is stronger, the Camelback lots are manageable, and negotiations with the light rail and developer groups are going well. We should be proud of all we have accomplished as a group of concerned neighbors, and we are.

In the coming months, we'll get

address numbers painted on our alley fences, expand our patroller program, apply for a grant, create a website, and continue working with light rail and border development. We'll have representation on two Light Rail Station Area Planning Committees, two Citizen Advisory Boards, the Central & Camelback Development Committee, the Alhambra Village Planning Committee, and other venues of interest that may arise. In short, we are a viable group of residents committed to improving the quality of life in our neighborhood, and it shows. Think about it.

ONE CALL - THAT'S ALL

If you see something unusual in the neighborhood, call Joanne Winter 602-241-1470, George Ray 602-790-9265, Charles Jones 602-359-5095, your Street Captain, or the Police Department at 911 or 602-262-6151 (non-emergency).

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

(area code 602)

Emergency	911
Police (crime stop)	262-6151
Community Action Officer	
David Chambers	534-2637
Neighborhood Specialist	
Lisa Hubbard	266-7682
Neighborhood Services	262-7344
Code Violations	262-7844
Councilman Simplot	262-7447
Mayor Gordon	262-7111
Animal Control	506-7387
Block Watch (x4056)	534-2424
Graffiti Removal	495-7014
Historic Preservation	261-8699
Neighborhood Clean Ups	262-4820
Poison Control	253-3334
Sanitation	262-7251
Southwest Gas (leaks)	271-4277
Arizona Public Service	371-7171
City Water Department	262-6251



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