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## Celebrating 3 More Accomplishments!

**Little Library On 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue**  
**Canalscape Clean Up Committee**  
**New Crime Prevention Products**

(See inside for details.)

Our neighborhood meetings are postponed  
due to virus restrictions.  
We will resume them  
when it is reasonable to do so.

### Please Patronize Our Neighbors:

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*Neighbors Creating A  
Better Neighborhood*

**Pierson Residents Rock!**

**Shop Local!**

## Little Library in Pierson Place

By Charley Jones (Mariposa)

A Little Library was installed in Pierson Place this month. Of course, it is on 3rd Ave adjacent to our new sidewalk and a stones' throw south of Elm St. It was donated to the neighborhood by Alison Widener of Elm St. Roland Regeon (Hazelwood St.) and Charley Jones (Mariposa St.) dug the hole and dropped it in concrete. We are planning to paint it a snazzy color real soon. It will be stocked with books by Ali-son's sister Emmy, who works at Changing Hands Bookstore. The concept of this library is simple, take a book & leave a book. Then smile. If you want, take that book down the sidewalk to Canalscape, find a bench - and enjoy. Even bigger smile. Due to the virus, the grand opening is delayed a bit, and we are not taking book donations right now. But you can bet..., we will send announcements when it opens up. This is another great thing about Pierson Place!!



are watching what is going on, and then, reporting everything that looks suspicious to the police no matter when it occurs. Period. It's that simple. Remember, all the crime prevention products in the world won't do a bit of good if we don't report the things we see. That is the key. Please call 911 for everything that is happening at the moment, and call Crime Stop at 602-262-6151 for everything else. Final thought, nothing is too small to report, nothing.



## New Board Member

By Charley Jones (Mariposa)

Cher Lindsey of Pierson St. joined our board earlier this month. You might know her from the Canalscape Clean Up project, or maybe you already knew she is a huge volunteer by nature. She moved into the neighborhood 2 years ago, is self-employed, has a Doberman named Huckleberry, and loves to cook, hike, and cheer on Ohio State! With everything she does already, it's obvious that she wants to improve the quality of life in Pierson Place. We welcome her with open arms (because we are so lucky!), and look forward to working with her on improving Pierson Place. Chat her up when you see her around the neighborhood!



## Crime Prevention Products!

By Robert Donat (Coolidge St)

Our Block Watch Grant crew is gearing up to blanket the neighborhood with crime prevention products. The concept is to show the bad guys we are securing our neighborhood to encourage them to leave us alone. Got dark spots around your house at night? Bet you know they are magnets for criminals. So, we are distributing dozens of solar lights to combat that problem. Got too many weirdos trolling up and down your ally? Sure, we know alleys are a massive magnet for crime. Therefore, we are installing 20 large metal Block Watch signs, and the bad guys will see/learn/know that YOU are watching. How about suspicious people driving up and down the street real slow, with tools in backpacks, who say they are looking for a friend? We know they could be casing the neighborhood. Thus, we will be handing out tons of metal yard signs with the Block Watch logo information on them, ones that will last for years, and then the bad guys will know that no matter what side of your house they are on – YOU will report them. Right? This is about showing the bad guys you



## President's Message

By Charley Jones (Mariposa)

So, every organization in the world is talking about how they are dealing with Covid-19 right now, and we might as well too. We can't have big meetings with great speakers and food at Fame, but we can do some good things with social distancing. One thing that great people have in common is they excel in challenging times, and we intend to do just that. We could kick back and do nothing with a great excuse in hand, but we'd rather push to be better. And just like all the other Einstein's in the world, some great people are still working hard on Pierson Place.

Right now we can't loan you a book that might be infected, nor take yours in return, but we can install a Little Library and be ready for the future. That's what Roland Regeon (Hazelwood St) and I just did at the southwest corner of 3rd Ave & Elm St, right next to the sidewalk where everyone can use it. Clean books will be coming when the virus has passed, and we invite you to take advantage of this new amenity when it is up and running. Of course, there was no problem social distancing on this project.

A great thing to do right now is walk along the canal bank, and that is exactly what our newest board member, Cher Lindsey, has been doing. She rustled up a few friends and started cleaning up trash and deserted camps on the banks. What a smart combo when thinking about outdoor activity in virus times, volunteer to clean up something while getting in your walk! This is another project where distancing was a no brainer.



How about sharpening photography skills during virus times, that can be a great solo activity. I'm thinking about Henry Harding (Coolidge St) taking new pictures of the baby trees we planted in the neighborhood. They are a few months old and really good subjects for still shots. So you know, Henry does our crimes stats too, which is definitely another virus friendly activity. I think Henry's middle name is Einstein. One guy distancing with himself, zilch.

Do you think purchasing managers all over the world are still purchasing? Ours is. Robert Donat (Coolidge St) is busy buying the crime prevention products that are coming to your house in the coming months. Just like restaurant food now a days, he is burning ram online scouting out all the best deals. Another great virus-free project.

Virus times, shmirus times, we have seen it all. Depressions, recessions, hail storms, and even snow in Phoenix – and nothing gets us down. Some of our normal projects might not be possible, but other ones are. And we'll find them, do them, and improve Pierson Place irrespective of the times. Einstein says it all.



## Remember The Trees?

By Henry Harding (Coolidge St)

We offered free trees to residents again this year, and in February we planted 14 more. They were 15-gallon baby trees, and are now in front yards throughout the neighborhood. Recently, we checked on them to see how they were doing, and all of them are just fine. Luckily, we had heavy rains in the weeks after planting, and now they are sprouting and blooming just as they should! Huge thanks go to Susan Towne of Treeland Nursery for providing the trees, and to Amie Perea of the Arizona Community Tree Council for bringing arborists to plant them. Even more thanks go to arborist Jerry Flicek who came back a week later to check on them and fix a few problems. Whew..., this was the best planting project ever... some hard work and a little luck got it done! So that you can see how they are doing, we planted recent pictures of the trees throughout this edition. Maybe use your virus walk to see if you can find them in the neighborhood!





## Food for Cops!

By Officer Ashley Heil, Desert Horizon Precinct

Over the past few weeks Desert Horizon Precinct has received several food donations from folks in the community. We wanted to thank all of the generous businesses and citizens in our community for their support and donations. Over a hundred meals were brought to the Desert Horizon and Sunny Slope station and given to our officers. The officers are very grateful for all the delicious food donations. Thank you for your generosity.



## Canalscape Clean Up

By Charley Jones (Mariposa)

Cher Lindsey (Pierson St) started a canal clean up committee a few months ago and has been cleaning up trash and deserted camps along the canal banks ever since. She joined our board and

brought that expertise with her, and then some. Talk about a pure “natural” at volunteering, Cher rivals the Energizer bunny. She put together a crew of volunteers who walk the banks a few times a week picking up garbage. They have gloves, rakes, trash bags, and masks(!), and no job is too big or too small. They are working the area from Central Ave to 19th Ave, removing all kinds of illegal dumping and deserted camps. Cher is always looking for more volunteers, so please contact her if you want to help out. Or, send her a donation if you want, more supplies are always needed. We think this is a very important program in Covid-19 times - because so many people are using the canal banks now. Look for Cher to discuss this program at our next meeting.



## Hungry For Something Tasty?

By Charley Jones (Mariposa)

Get some take-out food at any of our neighboring restaurants. Maybe rotate thru a couple of them every week. They are always here for us - in good times and bad. How about getting take-out as often as you used to dine-in, it will help them get thru this downtime. Think about how doing this will help you get in their booths again real soon!

(see their contact info on front page)





## Crime Stats Jan – March 2020

By Henry Harding (Coolidge St)

### In Pierson Place Historic District

- 1) THEFT-ALL OTHER NOT LISTED MISDEMEANOR 01/24/2020, 6:20 AM, 5XX W HIGHLAND
- 2) THEFT-ALL OTHER NOT LISTED-MISDEMEANOR, 02/05/2020, 2:00 PM, 1XX W ELM
- 3) THEFT-ALL OTHER NOT LISTED, 03/18/2020, 4:18 PM, 1XX W HIGHLAND

### At 7<sup>th</sup> Ave & Camelback (within 500 feet)

- 1) AGG ASSAULT-FIREARM, 03/25/2020, 6:50 PM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 2) AGG ASLT-OFFICER--MINOR OR NO INJURY, 02/01/2020, 11:08 PM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 3) ROBBERY, 02/08/2020, 11:00 PM, N 7TH RD & W CAMELBACK
- 4) THEFT-ALL OTHER NOT LISTED MIDMEANOR, 01/15/2020, 4:00 PM, 7XX W CMLBK
- 5) THEFT-FROM BUILDING-MISDEMEANOR, 01/18/2020, 9:00 AM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 6) THEFT-BICYCLES-FELONY, 02/12/2020, 2:40 PM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 7) THEFT-ALL OTHER NOT LISTED-MISDEMEANOR, 02/14/2020, 8:00 AM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 8) THEFT-FROM BUILDING-MISDEMEANOR, 02/27/2020, 7:35 AM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 9) THEFT-BICYCLES-MISDEMEANOR, 03/15/2020, 8:26 AM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 10) THEFT-ALL OTHER NOT LISTED, 02/17/2020, 1:00 PM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 11) THEFT-FROM BUILDING, 01/27/2020, 11:30 AM, 7XX W CAMELBACK



### On 7th Ave between Camelback & Campbell

- 1) THEFT OF MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, 02/18/2020, 10:30 AM, 48XX N 7TH AVE
- 2) THEFT OF MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, 02/05/2020, 5:00 PM, 7XX W ELM ST
- 3) THEFT OF MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, 03/24/2020, 3:30 PM, 7XX W ELM
- 4) THEFT OF MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, 01/31/2020, 10:00 AM, 7XX W HIGHLAND
- 5) RECOVERED - OTHER AGENCY STOLEN VEHICLE, 03/11/2020, 2:16 PM, 7XX W HAZELWOOD

### On Camelback between 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and Central

- 1) ARMED ROBBERY-DEADLY WEAPON, 01/30/2020, 1:20 AM, 5XX W CAMELBACK

### At Central and Camelback (within 500 feet)

- 1) AGG ASSAULT-MINOR OR NO INJURY, 03/10/2020, 11:45 PM, X E CAMELBACK
- 2) ROBBERY, 03/17/2020, 12:00 AM, CENTRAL AVENUE CAMELBACK
- 3) 3) THEFT-FROM BUILDING, 02/18/2020, 11:05 AM, 50XX N CENTRAL
- 4) ROBBERY, 02/27/2020, 12:00 PM, 50XX N CENTRAL,
- 5) THEFT OF MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, 01/10/2020, 6:00 PM, X E CAMELBACK
- 6) THEFT-ALL OTHER NOT LISTED-FELONY, 01/15/2020, 12:00 AM, N CENTRAL RD & W CAMELBACK AV
- 7) 7) OTHER COMMERCIAL - ACCIDENTAL - IGNITION NOT INTENTIONAL, 01/13/2020, 10:16 PM, 1XX E CMLBK
- 8) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 02/11/2020, 2:12 AM, 1XX E CAMELBACK

- 9) THEFT-ALL OTHER NOT LISTED-MISDEMEANOR, 01/09/2020, 6:30 AM, XX W PASADENA

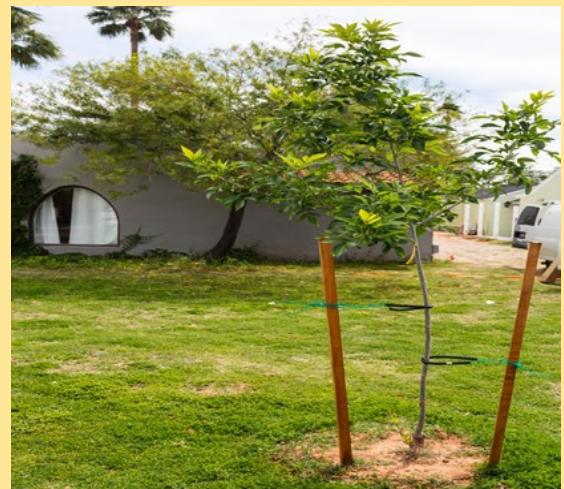
### On Central between Camelback and Campbell

- 1) SEXUAL ASSAULT (INTERCOURSE W/OPPOSITE SEX), 02/19/2020, 11:59 PM, 45XX N CENTRAL
- 2) 2) THEFT-FROM BUILDING-FELONY, 01/25/2020, 3:30 PM, **Public Address:** 47XX N CENTRAL
- 3) AGGRAVATED ROBBERY, 01/25/2020, 8:29 PM, N CENTRAL AV / W CAMPBELL
- 4) 4) BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE-RESIDENTIAL-NO FORCE, UNLAWFUL ENTRY, 03/06/2020, 11:59 PM, X W CAMPBELL AVE

## Summary

Pierson Place had three crimes, all thefts. Two were on Highland and one on Elm. So make sure to lock your doors and not leave anything of value out for thieves to get.

There have been more assaults on 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Aves (4 each) as opposed to 7<sup>th</sup> Ave with 2 assaults. The 7<sup>th</sup> Ave assaults happened in the evening. However the 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and Camelback area has more thefts than the other two combined. So when in those areas, be aware of anything of value in your car and put them in the trunk. It will be interesting to see what (if any) effect the Corona Virus will have on crime since fewer people should be out in those areas and the closure or partial closure of many businesses.



Keep your eyes open for suspicious people in the neighborhood and call the police on any unusual behavior (or more so casing) of persons walking, biking or driving in our neighborhood. If you are suspicious of someone, be sure to get identifying characteristics such as skin/ hair color clothing color or style. Then call it in. Don't wonder if they are criminals or not, let the police do that. They are trained to detain people and figure that out. Hoping you all stay safe and well.



**Pierson Place Historic District**  
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No Meeting This Quarter.  
Hope Everyone Helps Stop The Virus.  
**See You Real Soon!!**

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### **Crime Prevention Tips**

- 1) be aware of your surroundings,**
- 2) get to know your neighbors,**
- 3) report anything suspicious or out of place.**
- 4) use crime prevention items at your house.**

**Please Do Your Part!**

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