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## QUARTERLY MEETING!!!

Guest Speaker:

**Kerry Wilcoxon**  
City of Phoenix Traffic Department  
speaking about how

**CanalScape is coming  
to Pierson Place!!**

Plus:

**Nancy McMillan**  
hosting

**Roundtable Discussions  
On The Issues You Choose!!**

Plus:

Mario Lozoya, our Community Action Officer  
Lisa Hubbard, our Neighborhood Specialist

Date:

**APRIL 27, 2016**  
**6:00 pm: Meet And Greet**  
**6:30 pm: General Meeting**

At:

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## NEW - Neighborhood Roundtable

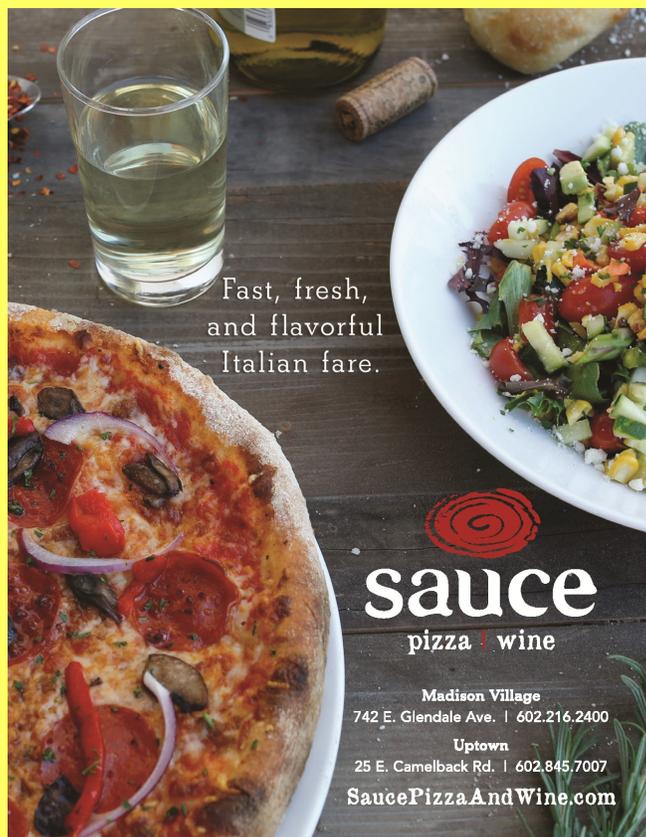
By Nancy McMillan, Board Member

We would like to announce a new agenda item to our quarterly meetings. Your neighborhood board wants to give all neighbors a voice. What does this mean you ask? In our next quarterly meeting we will be leading break out tables (groups) to hear what all of you have to say. Each breakout group will be led by a board member (taking very good notes) to bring your thoughts, suggestions, concerns and satisfaction to your neighborhood leaders.

This is your opportunity to make sure you are heard and guaranteed a response. We will work through all items brought to our attention and provide feedback of progress or roadblocks in the next meeting(s). A list of items will be brought for all to review.

With all the changes happening in our "hood" it is important to be heard and hear what is going on. We look forward to this new agenda item to bring us together.

More to come, but you must be at the next meeting to be heard...



## PIERSON PLACE BLOCK WATCH PATROLS!!

By Brian Crawford, Board Member

Fellow Neighbor's, I am revitalizing our Pierson Place block watch program. The primary goals are to watch out for each other by reporting suspicious activity, creating patrol groups to walk or bike the neighborhood and strengthening our relationship with the police and local government. Expect more information to follow; but in the meantime, please contact me via email at [rastafari72@gmail.com](mailto:rastafari72@gmail.com) if you want to get involved in helping reduce crime in Pierson Place!!

## MYPHXAZ

Download the City of Phoenix app 'myphxaz' and have instant access to report neighborhood issues from your phone. You can report weeds, dumping, abandoned vehicles, abandoned shopping carts, graffiti and more. Just select an issue, snap a photo and make a note or two. GPS will even log the location. It is a quick and easy way to help keep our neighborhood looking great!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Charles Jones

Several new members were elected to the board in January, and they have some great ideas for neighborhood improvements. New ways to get involved, new ways to do things and new ways to reduce crime more than ever. Fresh perspectives from new blood, it is invigorating! In addition, tenured board members add stability, continuity and pull off proven projects like quarterly meetings, social events and providing crime prevention items for your house. Mixing all these talents together is a huge benefit to the neighborhood, and helps us look forward to having a great year!

Speaking of a regular project..., our booth at the 7th Ave street Fair on March 5th was a big hit! We mingled with thousands of people, and our raffle made a few bucks for the neighborhood! Many thanks to Joanne Winter and all the other sponsors who donated prizes. Extra thanks to board members Roland Regeon, Jeff True, Robert Donat, Brian Crawford, Nancy McMillan, Chris Marks, Romy Watkin, Pam Perry and Henry Harding - because they worked soooooo hard to make it happen!



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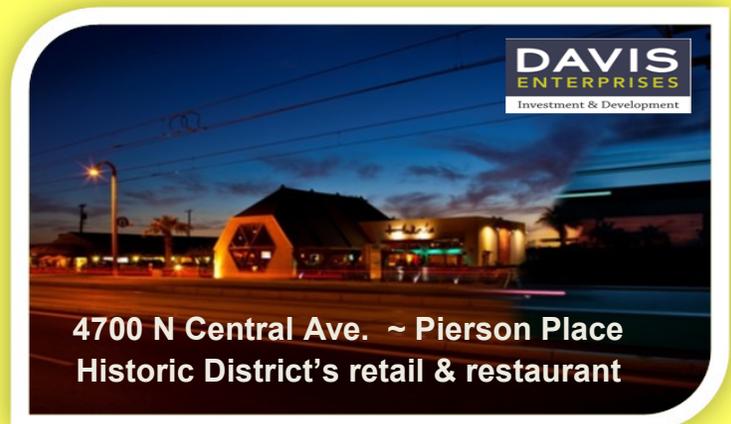
And, on another new project..., new board member Travis Benton volunteered to head up a committee to review our bylaws. They are almost 20 years old now, and some parts of them might need modernizing. Many thanks to board members Robert Donat, Liam Sherman and Roland Regeon for volunteering to serve on this committee. And, extra special thanks to Travis for volunteering to lead this effort. Look for updates on this at the quarterly meetings.



And, on a third new project..., new board member Brian Crawford offered to organize a group of residents to patrol the neighborhood. Patrolling can be as simple as watching your surroundings while walking your dog, and reporting things that look suspicious or out of place. When many people do it at various times of the day and week, it becomes recurring monitoring of the neighborhood with frequent reporting of suspicious activity. More reporting brings crime down - because in the world of police and crime - the squeaky wheel gets the grease. An extra big thank you goes to Brian for stepping up on this! Be sure to chat with him about how you can contribute while walking, biking or skateboarding in the neighborhood.

A new year, a new chance to do something great. New people, new ideas, new ways of making things better, boy... are we blessed. Add in our historical amounts of motivation, horsepower and experience, and we are off and running! And with that..., we hope you come see all of our programs at the quarterly meeting this month.

On a new project..., new board member Nancy McMillan proposed an outreach project to get ideas and opinions from residents, and then, use that information in round-table discussions at the quarterly meetings. What a great idea! Put YOUR ideas in play at meetings! Many thanks to Nancy for proposing this project and volunteering to head it up. Look for Nancy or her helpers to come by your house soon, and be sure to load them up with your thoughts about the neighborhood.



## GARDENING TIPS

By Pam Perry, Board Member

May, June, and July: the early summer garden is in full ascendency. If your garden is productive check out [ampleharvest.org](http://ampleharvest.org) for a food pantry near you. They welcome fresh homegrown contributions!

As summer gets hotter, no longer just flirting with triple digits, we see changes in the vegetable patch. Pollen ceases to be viable when temperatures soar. Tomatoes, peppers, melons, cukes and squash stop setting fruit. Small fruits do not grow, but blacken or rot at the blossom end; this is 'blossom end rot'. Vegetable plants need 8 hours of sun to photosynthesize enough to produce, so shade is only part of the equation. Sad, but that is the challenge of desert vegetable gardening.

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- find out about our quarterly meetings and activities happening in and around Pierson Place
- sign up for Nextdoor and meet your neighbors virtually
- get on our mailing list
- find frequently requested phone numbers
- read our newsletters and history
- learn about our Block Watch program and community activities and accomplishments
- suggest improvements to neighborhood safety
- and much more

Summer crops thrive. Planting calendars remind us of what can be planted even in summer. Armenian cucumbers, truly melons that taste like cukes, okra, sweet potatoes, basil of any fragrances and flavors, and tropical plants which serve as greens in diet of people in the equatorial zones all grow well here. Look for perpetual spinach plants, Malabar spinach, Melokhiya, or Moringa, plants that have found their way into Phoenix summer gardens. Foliage from sweet potatoes is edible; use the tender growing tips. They are as nutritious as the tubers! Long beans and black-eye peas bear reliably. Support melons as they ripen so they no longer touch the soil to keep insects from boring into them.

Mulch summer crops a couple inches deep with compost but do not crowd it to the stems of your plants. Mulch helps keep weeds down. Shade cloth protects your tomato crop from too much heat and sun, and pests that would like to eat it before you harvest. It is best to get this in place by the end of April. Do it just before this quarterly meeting!

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## Northwest Light Rail Extension Opens

On March 19<sup>th</sup> The Northwest Extension opened new service on 19th Avenue between Bethany Home and Dunlap avenues. The additional 3.2 miles of service is anticipated to serve 5,000 daily riders, connecting more residents to jobs, education and opportunity while attracting billions of dollars of economic investment. Working closely with partners such as the City of Phoenix, ValleyMetro is building a transportation network that enhances our region's quality of life and increases our ability to compete with other metro areas around the world.

The Northwest Extension is the Valley's second light rail extension to open within the last seven months (the Central Mesa extension opened last August). Work on the \$327 million project began in January 2013 after incoming leaders dedicated city of Phoenix and Proposition 400 funds to prevent additional delays to the project that would have resulted in the line opening in 2023. The opening of this light rail segment is just the start of many transit improvements coming with voter approval of the Transportation 2050 plan last year. In the future, seven additional high-capacity extensions, including extensions to Metrocenter Mall and the downtown Capitol area are planned, or are currently under construction, eventually creating a 66-mile system by 2034. For more information visit valleymetro.org



## HELP REDUCE CRIME!!

If you see anything suspicious...  
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**Non-emergency: (602) 262-6151**

**Or contact our Community Action Officer**

**Mario Lozoya: 602-534-1745**

**[mario.lozoya@phoenix.gov](mailto:mario.lozoya@phoenix.gov)**

## CRIME STATISTICS

By Henry Harding Source: [www.raidsonline.com](http://www.raidsonline.com)

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Events are held at several valley locations including at Open Door Fellowship (19th Ave. and Butler). All funds from POW benefit our teachers, staff and volunteers at Orangewood School in Phoenix.

For the most current information on the program including dates and locations visit their Facebook page or website at [borderlandsfoodbank.org/powwow](http://borderlandsfoodbank.org/powwow)



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**Wednesday, April 27th at 6pm**

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