

# PIERSON PLACE TIMES

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## **NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING:**

**JANUARY 28, 2009**

**AT THE RED ROOF INN, 502 W. CAMELBACK**

**6:00 pm Snacks and New Year Reception**

**MEETING BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 6:30PM**

## TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

### Light rail has dumped on our neighborhood!

The City is analyzing traffic in our neighborhood right now, And they plan to recommend permanent changes to our traffic patterns in the near future.

- Review the traffic study completed in November '08,
- Check out the numbers first hand.
- Learn about cut-thru traffic, speeding, overflow parking,
- Park n' Hide, restricted ingress/egress
- Traffic back-ups at the new signals on Camelback and Central!

Hear about possible solutions to these problems, and how they could affect your property.

**Guest Speaker: Kerry Wilcoxon, P.E.**

Phoenix Street Transportation Dept  
Safety and Neighborhood Traffic Section

**Come to this meeting and give your input!**

At least, come and see how this will affect how you drive  
In YOUR neighborhood.



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## **BUSY STREETS IN PIERSON PLACE**

**THANK YOU MAIZIES BISTRO** for the excellent hor d'oeuvres at the October meeting. Neighbors, if you haven't wandered into this charming little bistro at 4750 N. Central Ave. for refreshment, do. It's a great addition to our neighborhood!

**LIGHT RAIL** is up and running. ALLABOARD! Trains offer a new way to explore the valley! Park-and-rides have bike as well as auto parking! For information on light rail safety go to [www.metrolightrail.org/safety](http://www.metrolightrail.org/safety). For schedules and route suggestions use [ValleyMetro.org](http://ValleyMetro.org). Even more light rail info is at [MetroLightRail.org](http://MetroLightRail.org), offering the merchant discount program, newsletters, and meeting notices! Go to <http://www.mag.maricopa.gov/maps.cms> for an updated **BIKING TRAILS MAP** with references especially for commuters showing connections with public transportation alternatives! Remember, they do expect us to pay to ride: a variety of passes are available, but need to be activated, which can be done at the station where you board.

**VOLUNTEER CO-CHAIRS FOR THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE.** The city completed the first of two traffic studies in our neighborhood. Already our streets are sufficiently busy to warrant traffic mitigation. We look forward to exploring how to employ methods to best resolve the safety concerns neighbors express as our streets get busier. Bev Bodioga {Mariposa} and Trish Zemsch {Mariposa} have offered to Co-chair the Traffic Committee and appreciate any assistance you offer, as well as issues brought to their attention. This is *not* to say they are going to single or double-handedly resolve all traffic related issues in the neighborhood overnight, but they can expedite the exchange of ideas and collect and disseminate information for alternatives to the challenges. Their goal *is* to maintain our neighborhood a safe place to walk, bike, rollerblade, skate, or drive! Thank you, ladies, for tackling this issue [Ed.]

**CHANGES AT HIGHLAND AND 7<sup>TH</sup> AVE.** A neighborhood petition drive closed off legal access to all Pierson Place streets from southbound 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. during rush hour several years ago. A recent petition drive opened one street during rush hour into the neighborhood from southbound 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. By Ballot and petitions enough signatures were collected to support removing the no-left-turn sign at Highland effective 1/2/09. This initiates more changes to traffic within our boundaries. While we can now legally enter our neighborhood from southbound 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Highland during the morning rush hour; so can many others!

**OUR BLOCK WATCH** grants fund improvements for our neighborhood. We must again be thinking of what is needed to increase safety and live-ability for folks in the neighborhood. Please send ideas or concerns to be addressed to [piersonplace@cox.net](mailto:piersonplace@cox.net) soon so we can work them into our next grant proposal!

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**PHOENIX BLOCK WATCH ADVISORY BOARD [PBWAB]** meetings are scheduled for:

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| <b><u>January 27</u></b>  | 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM |
| Four Points Sheraton Metro Center parkway east outer loop near Olive Garden |                   |
| <b><u>February 24</u></b>   | 6:30PM – 8:30 PM  |
| PLEA Office 1102 W. Adams St.   |                   |
| <b><u>March 24</u></b>  | 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM |
| Hosted by Desert Horizon Precinct, location TBA                             |                   |
| <b><u>April 28</u></b>  | 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM |
| PLEA Office 1102 W. Adams St.   |                   |

These meetings are open to the public and welcome visitors!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Charles Jones

A new dawn, a new day, a new year. Turning the page into 2009 brings opportunity for fresh commitments and new goals. It's time to review accomplishments and take a hard look at what should be tackled this year. We have faced our share of challenges, and this year is likely to bring new ones never imagined. All of these perspectives are good for a budding neighborhood, good for growth and renewal, and especially good for sustaining prominence.

One hot topic is likely to be traffic. New problems created by the opening of Light Rail will surely be on our plate. The good news is, the city is committed to helping resolve these problems. A traffic study was done last November, and another will be done after the rail has been running a few months. Then from a neighborhood-wide perspective, city engineers will design a combination of mitigation measures they believe will improve our traffic. A super majority of residents must approve most proposed changes, and we will be working together on these petitions this spring.

Our third message board will be installed at Mariposa and 3rd Avenue this month. Look for crime fighting information, current events, meeting announcements, and the newsletter posted there. Many thanks go to Beverley Bodioga (Mariposa), Steve Bass (Elm) and Elaine McLean (Hazelwood) for keeping the boards current. And, be sure to look for new gates in the abandoned alleys on 3rd Avenue between Highland and Coolidge and Coolidge and Hazelwood in February. We added new streetlights in these areas last quarter, which illuminated (and eliminated) these two hot spots!

## Welcome to Downtown Phoenix

In 1890, downtown Phoenix was the heart of the wildest territory of the southwestern frontier. Miners, farmers, ranchers, politicians and scoundrels came to Phoenix to ply their wares, make their fortune, or have a decent meal. Much has changed in 100 years. Downtown Phoenix is now home to office towers that hold more employees than the entire population of Phoenix in 1890. Lucky for us, the horse drawn carriages and dirt roads have been replaced with METRO Light-Rail, once again shuttling people to and from central Phoenix. Downtown no longer boasts the finest gambling halls and show-girls in the state, but can definitely deliver the newest, most exciting and certainly most delicious dining experience around. Restaurants like Cheuvront's, The Spaghetti Factory, Tom's Tavern, Sonoma Casual Dining and Thai Elephant are located just a few steps from light-rail stations. So, what are you waiting for? Kick back and let the train do the driving. Come see what's new about our downtown neighborhood.

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Offer expires January 31, 2009

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Charles Jones cont.**

The positive results of Block Watch programs continue. We held a joint Block Watch meeting of all four neighborhoods at Central & Camelback last fall, and it was a great success! Mariposa residents have pursued many Block Watch activities, led by Chris Garland, and they have seen improvement on their block. We encourage you to employ individual Block Watch techniques on a regular basis, and to try and chat with your neighbors frequently. If you want information about Block Watch, attend our meetings, email us at [piersonplace@cox.net](mailto:piersonplace@cox.net), or contact any board member directly. (Contact info is on the front page.)

New year, new day, new ideas. We are always on the go. Looking for ways to make the neighborhood better, and reaching for stars that move the ball forward. Challenges, smallenges. With the past as our benchmark, I know Pierson Place residents will be up for them, on top of them, and confidently handling them as they come. See you in the New Year!

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### **PARTICIPATE!! VOTE!! VOLUNTEER!!**

Let's start the New Year with visionary folks! Each January neighbors in Pierson Place step in as elected members or officers on the Association Board. We must be a self-starting lot, with concerns of our own driving our efforts. We act as liaisons within the neighborhood, with other neighborhoods, city offices, and other organizations to promote and improve our neighborhood. Want new faces on the board? Add yours! Take one of these positions! **DO NOT WAIT** for the infamous "*engraved invitation*" to participate. If you do not want to stand up to nominate yourself, bring a friend to do it for you! Offer your time and interest as officer or board member. **You** are needed in your neighborhood! Together neighbors impact challenges, help direct how change happens and influence our quality of life here. This involves as many hours as you choose to commit, and, as a favorite Volunteer Coordinator suggested when recruiting for her various projects, "This makes a great line on a résumé!"

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**CRIME STATISTICS: 9/9/08 — 12/6/08** zip 85013, within Pierson Place Neighborhood boundaries. We thank Andy Mazulis [Hazelwood] for compiling crime stats for our neighborhood as represented in the *Arizona Republic*.

9/15	100 Block,	W. Elm	burglary
10/12	300 block	W. Mariposa	assault
10/16	300 block	W. Mariposa	burglary

**November and December no crimes listed!!!!**

2008 Year to date crimes reported by the Arizona Republic within neighborhood boundaries :

Mariposa	2	Highland	6
Coolidge	2	Pierson	4
Hazelwood	0	Elm	0



**Phoenix Crime Free Multi- Housing Programs**— workshops available to rental property owners with information for keeping illegal activity out of rental properties designed to educate and empower landlords with tools to keep their properties safe. Check out [http://phoenix.gov/POLICE/cfmhp\\_sch.pdf](http://phoenix.gov/POLICE/cfmhp_sch.pdf) for times, dates, subjects of the workshops available to landlords in 2009. Questions can be directed to: [connie.stine@phoenix.gov](mailto:connie.stine@phoenix.gov) (602) 495-6897.

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## CALENDAR

**Phoenix Public Library Kicks Off Winter Reading Program** Jan.. 12 Children up to 18 years old are eligible to participate in the program and earn prizes by spending time reading, or listening to, books. Everyone who signs up for the program will receive a free book log and will have the opportunity to earn fun prizes. Participants can earn a bonus prize by reading with a family member. For more information, call 602-262-4636 or visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org).

- January 22, 2009** Breakfast with Tom Simplot, 7:30 am at Home Town Buffet, 1501 W. Bethany Home Rd.  
**Budget Meeting for District 4**
- January 31, 2009** Begin placement of items for Large Item Pick-up. For lists of what and how much to place see:  
<http://phoenix.gov/publicworks/flier08.pdf>
- February 9, 2009** Large item pick up begins
- February 26, 2009** Breakfast with tom Simplot at 7:30am Home Town Buffet, 1501 W. Bethany Home Rd
- March 21, 2009** *Real Gardens for Real People* garden tour info at <http://cals.arizona.edu/maricopa/garden/>
- March 26, 2009** Breakfast with Tom Simplot at 7:30am Home Town Buffet 1501 W. Bethany Home Rd.
- April 22, 2009** Earth Day Phoenix 2009 at Cesar Chavez Plaza, 11:00 am–1:30pm across from City Hall, downtown Phoenix
- April 23, 24, 25 2009** Hazardous waste collection at North Phoenix Baptist Church 5757 N. Central Ave



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**Next Meeting: Wednesday January 28, 2009, 6:00 p.m.**  
**at The Red Roof Inn 502 W. Camelback Rd.**

## UPTOWN VIBE

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