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Featured Speaker Tom Simplot

At the summer quarterly meeting we have the undivided attention of our councilman! He is all ours; bring your concerns, questions, and interesting ideas to take advantage of this opportunity. It has been a while since we have had this particular opportunity! Don't miss this one! Thanks, Tom! And this is your opportunity to check out the great coffee and treats offered by Copper Star Coffee, our neighbors located at copperstarcoffee.com, 4220 N. 7th Ave. on the Melrose curve!

Busy Streets in Pierson Place

Our neighborhood is now part of Area 12 for Large Item pick-up. Plan on placing items out for large item pick-up beginning August 14th for pick-up beginning August 23rd. Cardboard is recyclable material. If you have oversized cardboard boxes, or so many boxes they do not fit into the blue recycling container you can call Solid Waste Customer Service at 602-262-7251 and arrange for special collection. They will need to know about how many boxes need collection. Stack neatly flattened boxes on the front edge of your property, behind and parallel to the sidewalk or curb. Do not place cardboard on the sidewalk or in the street. Boxes are taken to the recycling center. Additional information can be found at: phoenix.gov/garbage.

Phoenix received federal stimulus funds to complete the proposed Metro Park and ride along Camelback to 7th Ave. Mariposa residents led neighbors to question Metro's plans to reduce sidewalks, landscaping, setbacks, and wall heights. Safety, noise, lighting, and neighborhood access having been of significant concern. Metro listened to these concerns at community meetings. Compromises have been reached making this project better for the neighbors without significantly reducing parking spaces. Meanwhile, the closure of the western P&R lot at 3rd ave. has impacted residents. Overflow from the P&R fills Mariposa St; drivers often disregard driveways, impair visibility, and become a safety hazard. Neighbors pursue resolving this as well.

Volunteer with the Melrose Community Garden Project! Fund raising continues for a proposed makeover at the NE corner of 7th Ave. and Montecito. Contact Darren McMahon at darendollars@yahoo.com or Kim Bohannon, Grandview Neighbor Volunteer at 602-281-4281 or MCGPLF@Yahoo.com. For information go to the website @ M7CURVE.COM or contact Kurt Stickler, SAMA Garden Project Chairman at 602-312-0664

www.piersonplace.com needs you! Ray Muench is updating our website. Ray would like to collaborate with someone who has skills with the program software 'contribute'. Contact Ray at piersonplace@cox.net.

Pierson Place Association

Neighbors Creating A Better Neighborhood

Are you a new neighbor in Pierson Place??? Be informed and up to date!! Contact us at Piersonplace@cox.net

CALL 911

Gunshots? Night or Day! Call 911!! Not sure? Call anyway!
Tagging or graffiti happening? Call 911 or Graffiti Busters 602-262-7327
Suspicious pedestrians or bike riders snooping in driveways? Call 911
Unknown persons in your home, back yard, garage? Call 911
Fire, accident, altercation, fighting? Call 911

Seems so obvious doesn't it! You call. Not your neighbor. Not the person who goes to meetings. YOU. Help will come.

Community Action Officer Julie Smith reported to the PPA Board the recent tagging or "writing" along 3rd Avenue and Mariposa east of 3rd Avenue is not associated with gang activity, but instead is the work of juvenile "writers" displaying their talents by vandalizing properties. She believes a group congregates north of Pierson Place late at night. They have targeted 7th Avenue in the past few weeks, one or two getting caught in the act. Officer Julie Smith also reported that police dispatch records are not consistent with a perceived increase in random gunshots. Too few of these calls to 911 and crime stop provide actual street addresses; the calls do not show up on dispatch records.

- Graffiti Busters responded quickly to PPA President Charles Jones's request for cleaning and repainting along 3rd Ave.
- Officer Julie believes residents should not fear reprisal for cleaning or painting over graffiti on their property. She will gladly come out in uniform and paint or help paint if requested! We are not to be afraid on our streets, for our family, and homes.

Representing Neighborhood Services, Specialist Lisa Huggins-Hubbard explained Neighborhood Services has resources to help landlords screen tenants and keep their complexes safe for everyone. Working with landlords on blight issues, they educate them in ways of screening and managing tenant issues, while improving safety for everyone. If necessary we can become proactive with Crime Abatement Teams to address particular problems.

- Lisa and Julie proposed a walk thru of several properties to begin this process, and followed up within the week!

Officer Julie offered to walk our neighborhood with us after dark to perform an audit identifying areas or properties that could be better lit or benefit from changes to deter criminal activity. This is a generous offer and a great idea. We will soon be writing another block watch grant; this would be helpful Neighbors walking with Officer Julie indicates we are serious about not tolerating crime or loitering in our neighborhood.



RECOMMENDATIONS for PIERSON PLACE HISTORIC DISTRICT RESIDENTS

From **Community Action Officer Julie Smith and Neighborhood Services Specialist Lisa Huggins-Hubbard**

- All residents, any resident, should ALWAYS call the police, preferably 911, when hearing gunshots. Random gunfire is dangerous and unlawful. People can be hurt, property damaged. Report the area or direction of the shots using a specific address, not cross streets: "301 W. Highland" instead of "3rd Ave and Highland." If necessary guess the address to provide the police patrols a place to begin. Cross streets descriptions register differently for dispatch records of activity for our neighborhood.
- Call 911 for suspicious activity, illegal drug odors, excessive noise, loud altercations, and fighting as well.
- Report unknown individuals walking or cruising your streets. Alert other neighbors of unusual activities on your street.
- Use your streets—go for a walk! Report unlit street lights, weeds and other incidents of blight; meet your neighbors.
- Pierson Place residents could become active in the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol program! More information on this program is online at: phoenix.gov/police.

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Additionally, Officer Julie emphasized that we should get satisfaction from dispatch personnel at crime stop or 911. If we have problems we can request to speak with a supervisor. Should that not resolve our concerns, Officer Julie encourages us to call her about the specific incident. Also, she welcomes being kept in the loop, whether calling 911, leaving town, or with concerns you are not sure how to best resolve.

Chris Garland [Mariposa] our Block watch Chair, 602-695-2917, has good experience dealing with neighborhood issues of this sort, and can answer questions about what is considered a 'police' issue! She has a great line of communication with Officer Julie, and is more than willing to help you if you ask her!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Charles Jones

Right smack in the middle of summer...while the heat is on; we are taking a moment to reflect on those who help us improve our neighborhood. It is time to let everyone know how much we appreciate all they do for us. Without these partners, many of our projects wouldn't get done. Heck, some of them wouldn't be started at all, much less, even conceived of. This message is about thanking those folks for helping our neighborhood.

First off is a trio that I affectionately think of as Charley's Angels. They are Lisa Huggins-Hubbard, Maria Hyatt, and Kelly Kvetko. Lisa (Neighborhood Services) has been a tremendous help on everything we have asked (too many to mention), because she knows just about everything about everything that neighborhoods encounter. Maria (City Manager's office) has been a huge help with all phases of Light Rail, and especially, the infamous park n' ride lots. Kelly (Development Services) has helped a ton with Light Rail and development issues related to properties on our borders. Whenever I need anything at the City, one of these three always knows whom I should speak to for the answer. Barbara Stocklin and Liz Wilson (Historic Preservation) worked tirelessly to help obtain our Historic District designation a few years ago. They still work with us on ancillary issues that occasionally come up, and they continuously display a huge interest in preserving our neighborhood.

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The 7th Ave Merchant's Association has been a great partner on our western border. We host a booth at their street fair every year, and their camaraderie and artsy spirit is infectious and beneficial for neighbors looking to mingle. The dozens of local restaurants that have hosted our general meetings, including Hula's and Maizie's on our eastern border, have been great neighbors that provided unexpected support for our endeavors. And, the Day's Inn on Camelback has been a phenomenally big help in providing great meeting space to us for years.

Councilman Simplot has provided help to us since the day he was elected. Even as a freshman, he was reaching out to us at every opportunity. He is big on neighborhoods, always willing to lend a hand, and he provides support whenever he can. And Nicky Borselli, one of Simplot's assistants, is spot on all the time. Ask a question, need direction on an issue, seeking input, checking input, relaying input, etc., etc., doesn't matter what you need, Nicky is on it until it's done, and done right. You can't get better help from a Councilman's office anywhere.

Community Action Officer Julie Smith is one of the greatest liaisons to neighborhoods the Police Dept has ever had. From big, bad, serious crimes to little nuisance issues, Julie has the answers and she jumps on the challenges. She'll call you back ASAP with the info you requested, and she'll take time to make sure you understand it. Saying that she has been a tremendous help to our neighborhood is an understatement.

Jeff DeFillipi at Pro2Type Graphics, Ron Andrews at A-1 Mailing, and our own Pam Perry do an amazing job producing our newsletter every quarter. Kathy Scarpati (City) and our own Beverley Bodiroga do a heck of a job managing our BW Grant all year long. Another one of our own, Chris Garland tackles our Block Watch endeavors with gusto, zeal, and a real commitment to reducing crime.

No doubt there's a big network of folks that continuously help make Pierson Place a better neighborhood. We are fortunate to have great, long-standing relationships with these partners, and even more fortunate to receive their generosity. We strive to give back to them when they need a hand, and it has become an enjoyable give and take connection. It is topped only by stopping and smelling the roses occasionally, which is another indicator of how great our neighborhood really is.




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OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE
Sat., July 17 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Wed., July 21 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Office hours will be extended to 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 13, 20 and 27. If you are unable to attend an Open House, please stop by or call the office to make an appointment for a tour.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION by Pam Perry

Bids on RFP properties have been awarded and the process continues to the Transportation subcommittee July 1, 2010, where recommendations will be heard. This next step in the process of the RFP is one more opportunity for Pierson Place residents to voice opinions or concerns regarding this issue, one more opportunity for the direction to change. How important is living in *this* historic district to you? Your talking point may be as direct as indicating your support the RFP process continuing as determined in the agreement made with the feds, or expanded to further clarify your concerns, but DO contact— email, tweet, text, call, write — your elected and appointed officials if you cannot attend this, another daytime, meeting! After this meeting, the process continues on to the city council, and all council members could benefit from hearing what residents, taxpayers, voters, are thinking! zoning@phoenix.gov; Mayor.Gordon@phoenix.gov; Councilman Tom Simplot, Council.district.4@phoenix.gov; Barbara.Stocklin@phoenix.gov.

These organizations are participants in preservation, growth, and development for the city. They are worth investigating. Attend a meeting, and get a larger view of the process.

- **The Phoenix Historic Neighborhoods Coalition:** residents who represent historic neighborhoods share issues, successes, and opportunities while planning and working creatively to assist in preserving and strengthening neighborhoods. Valuing the history of Phoenix, we seek to share our love for its historic buildings and the stories which give them added value. <http://phxhistoric.wordpress.com>
- **Downtown Voices Coalition:** a coalition of organizations embracing growth in downtown Phoenix, mindful that healthy growth should be based upon existing downtown resources: the vibrancy of neighborhoods, the strength of the arts community, the uniqueness of historic properties, and the wonderful small businesses that dot downtown. www.downtownvoices.org



CRIME STATISTICS

Andy Mazulis is on vacation. Full crime stats will be in the next issue!

Find the Block Watch Advisory Board calendar at: phoenix.gov/POLICE/bwab_calendar.pdf

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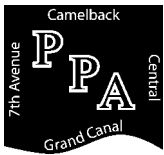
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Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 28, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
at The Days Inn 502 W. Camelback Rd.
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SUMMER QUARTERLY MEETING
6:30 pm Wednesday, JULY 28, 2010

DAYS INN, 502 W. CAMELBACK RD.

Featured Speaker: Councilman Tom Simplot
District 4

6:00pm Copper Star Coffee Hosts
“Meet and Greet”