

CENTRAL VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Neighbors Creating A Better Neighborhood

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encourages you to make your opinion known in the upcoming

## Bond Election

The bond election is a citizen vote to approve funding for public projects in the city.

Almost 700 community members have worked to form a bond proposal that is committed to building strong neighborhoods, education opportunities and a vibrant downtown community.

The City Council is expected to vote on the proposal at their meeting on November 16, 2005. The citizen vote is scheduled for March 14, 2006.

Visit <u>phoenixfuture.com</u> to get more information about the program, register your support on the online petition, sign up to receive the latest information by email, and also click a link to register to vote.

Please exercise your right to vote on this issue, it is vitally important to our city.

Thank you for becoming informed about how residents are joining together to work on the future of our great city.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 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**

Joanne Winter (Pierson), our Block Watch Chairperson, attended the "Tools for a Successful Block Watch" training at the Police Department on October 4th. The program contained a wealth of information about staying motivated, interaction with the precinct and city council, the Wake Up! Program, patroller information, grants, and neighborhood communication. Joanne is scheduled to speak about this information at our next meeting. We hope you can attend and learn how Block Watch improves the safety of our neighborhood.

### 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).

## Yard Sale

Five residents are looking at organizing a neighborhood-wide yard sale this fall. It's a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors better, while making some money. In our springtime yard sale this year, many residents combined their sale items in one person's yard and made a picnic event out of it. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors better, and most everybody likes food and money! This type of event helps many people feel more connected to their neighborhood,

and we look forward to the mingling. Please contact us if you would like to be involved in this event.

Involved residents are the most effective crime preventers, period.

## **Historic District**

The Historic Preservation Commission, The Alhambra Village Planning Committee, and The Planning Commission have approved our application for a Historic District.

The City Council is expected to vote on it November 9th, at 3:00 pm, in the Council Chambers at 200 W. Jefferson St. Please attend this meeting and show your support for the Historic District.

In the meantime, call or email the Councilman and Mayor and tell them why you support a Historic District in our neighborhood. Receiving the input directly from you gives them a clear message of what the affected citizens want.

Councilman Tom Simplot: 602-262-7447, and tom.simplot@phoenix.gov Mayor Phil Gordon: 602-262-7111, and phil.gordon@phoenix.gov

The district has been named Pierson Place, and the boundaries are about the same as our neighborhood in general. There are 212 properties, and almost 80% were considered contributing to the historic relevance of the neighborhood.

#### Our Councilman

Councilman Simplot was reelected last month to continue serving our district for four more years. He has helped our neighborhood in many ways and we look forward to working with him thru 2009. Congratulations Tom! And, thank you for all that you have done for us in the past.

## **Block Watch Grant**

The association plans to purchase dawn-to-dusk porch lights, locking mailboxes, "The Club" car anti-theft devices, and magnetic "Neighborhood Patrol" signs (for cars) this fall. We also have funding for painting address numbers on the back side of alley fences and half of the labor cost of installing the porch lights and mailboxes. These improvements are expected to greatly reduce crime in our neighborhood. Please contact us if you are interested in any of these items.

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

## Crime Stats

Assault 1, Auto Theft 8, Burglary 6, Criminal Damage 0, Drugs 3, Gang Related Incidents 0, Missing Persons 1, Robbery 1, Sex Crimes 1, Theft 9.

These are "reported" crimes, how many go unreported?

<u>Don't hesitate.</u>

## 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 - Councilman,
District 4
Phil Gordon - Mayor of Phoenix
The Donor Network of Arizona
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Light Rail

The construction kick-off meeting for Central Avenue from Camelback to McDowell Roads (line sec 2) was held on October 19th in the library at Central High School. The presentation focused on the construction schedule (begins this fall), what to expect during construction, and business outreach programs.

For more information about Light Rail, contact: Sonya Pastor, Community Outreach Coordinator, (602) 495-8217, spastor@valleymetro.org, or Lisa Procknow, Public Involvement Specialist, (602) 322-4481, lprocknow@valleymetro.org

Emily Chang and Charles Jones were invited to participate on the Citizen's Advisory Board for the Light Rail. Emily has agreed to serve for Line Section 1, which covers the area from Central & Camelback to Spectrum Mall, and Charles has agreed to serve for

Line Section 2, which covers the area from Central & Camelback to McDowell Road. Contact Emily or Charles if you have any concerns about light rail actions that border our neighborhood.

#### One Call - That's All.

Just do it!

### President's Message

Here we are again. Looking at our neighborhood from a citywide perspective and seeing that it really is a great place to live. Our houses are unique, the streets are wide, crime is low, traffic problems have decreased, and our residents have a sense of belonging in their community. Newlyweds are moving into the neighborhood and starting families, and there are houses in various stages of renovation on most of our blocks. And, our borders are poised for improvement, too. Condos are planned at Central & Highland, the Landmark Towers renovation is ongoing, new development could happen at the Light Rail station, and a nursery is coming to the old mortuary site. We have a combination of good elements on the interior, and new improvements coming to the exterior. Some would ask how we could be so lucky, and I would say it's not because of luck. I believe our neighborhood is this way because of you. You work at it. You help eliminate run down properties, petition for speed humps, support the patrollers, produce the social events, attend

our meetings, stay informed and involved, participate in public hearings, and generally help our city leaders improve our surroundings. Many of you do countless bits of small things that make a huge difference when added together at the end of the day. In short, you really care about your neighborhood, and it shows. So, here we are again. Looking at our neighborhood as a great place to live in Central Phoenix, ...and it's because of you.

Walk out to the street at dusk and chat with our patrollers, or hop on a bike and ride long (we have 3 spare bikes), you'll be surprised by the experience!

## 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 506-7387 Animal Control Block Watch (x4056) 534-2424 Graffiti Removal 495-7014 261-8699 Historic Preservation Neighborhood Clean Ups 262-4820 Poison Control 253-3334 262-7251 Sanitation Southwest Gas (leaks) 271-4277 Arizona Public Service 371-7171 City Water Department 262-6251

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