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Neighbors Creating A Better Neighborhood

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Busy Streets

The January election filled our board and 3 of 4 officer positions. Everyone brought great ideas and concerns to the first board meeting. Remember, if you have ideas or concerns about our neighborhood contact these neighbors. Traffic, parking, crime, traffic, development begin the list of challenges for this year! Please thank them for the contribution they have offered to make for us in our neighborhood!

Board Members - Bob Adams, Travis Benton, Beverley Bodioga, Jill Hassett, Elaine McLean, Nancy McMillan, Barbara Mitchell, Mary Mitchell, Jo Ann Muench, Ray Muench, Shirley Perera, Trish Zemsch, Pete Zorbas. The board is completed by the following Offices: President - Charles Jones, Vice-President - Pam Perry, Treasurer - Steve Bass

VOICE OF THE EDITOR: Although most of us are necessarily focused on the traffic issues related to the light rail construction, other events, entertainment and projects are going on in the neighborhood. The 7th Avenue Merchants Association, SAMA, is a committed, involved organization of business people along our western border. Joanne Winter Pierson serves as our official liaison, but the meetings are open. At a recent meeting Mayor Phil Gordon stopped in to congratulate SAMA on the successful street fair. Neighbors from adjacent neighborhoods took this opportunity to speak with the Mayor. I encourage residents of Pierson Place to take advantage of opportunities like this! SAMA meets the 4th Wednesday of the month, Community Church of Hope, 4121 N. 7th Ave. at 6:30 pm. Also, SAMA brings ARTLINK to the Melrose Curve. They have arranged for a trolley stop on First Fridays ARTLINK tour, and provide music and vendors. This is night life close to home with our own local flair, but still connected to a bigger picture. Movies and concerts are again free at Steele Indian School Park. Lets all get out and enjoy spring evenings close to home! On another note, Block Watch involvement is one of the successful tools used by neighborhoods to combat petty crime as well as more serious concerns. If you are not sure you understand the potential of Block Watch programs attend one of the following training sessions. Should you feel empowered by this information we could certainly use your input with our PPA Block Watch efforts. Let one of your board or officers know of your interest. At the very least, should you have an opportunity to attend I would love to include your review of the program as it is presented. Let me know!

Next Meeting: Monday April 30th 6:30 pm at Red Roof Inn at

502 W. Camelback

2007 Calendar of Events for the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Program And Block Watch Leaders Training

NP New Member and Leaders Training	May 19, 2007	7:30 AM to 11:30 AM Block Watch 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM New Member PNP training	Please call for location
NP New Member and Leaders Training	July 21, 2007	7:30 AM to 11:30 AM Block Watch 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM New Member PNP training	Phoenix City Hall 200 West Washington
NP New Member and Leaders Training	September 15, 2007	7:30 AM to 11:30 AM Block Watch 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM New Member PNP training	Phoenix City Hall 200 West Washington
NP New Member and Leaders Training	November 17, 2007	7:30 AM to 11:30 AM Block Watch 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM New Member PNP training	Phoenix City Hall 200 West Washington

Please RSVP to attend training at 602-495-0440. It is mandatory to attend the entire day for the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol training. The morning portion is the only requirement for the Block Watch Leaders Training.

The 4th Annual Block Watch Summit is right around the corner ...with a new date and location! Mark your Calendars for upcoming Crime Prevention Workshops
April 21st 2007 From 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM At the Phoenix Police Academy
RSVP to 602-534-9148 or Email: bwsummit@phoenix.gov
City TTY Relay: 602-534-5000

A total of 56 crimes were reported between August of 2006 and January of '07. The break out is as follows:

Grids:	Homicide	Sexual	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Violent Crime Total*	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft	Arson	Property Crime Total**	Drug Crime	Total Crimes***
BI27		2	2	4	8	15	15	11	2	43	5	56

ALWAYS CALL 911 FOR CRIME IN PROGRESS • REMEMBER; CALL 262-6151 FOR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Elections in January brought forth an exceptional group of interested neighbors. It was great! All are familiar faces from neighborhood events, meetings with city representatives, light rail, and developers. We elected new officers and 12 new board members! I would like to personally welcome, and thank, each of them for offering to help improve our neighborhood. We know that we'll be dedicating our time for the good of the neighborhood, and we promise to make the most of it.

We have set a course to accomplish great things this year! Highlights include surveying residents, designing monument markers for our borders, building a professional website, enhancing our block coordinator program, pursuing traffic mitigation, hosting a national night out event, promoting our block watch program, reviewing patroller programs, and hosting a few social events somewhere in between! Our new cul-de-sac on Mariposa, the Park n' Ride lot on Camelback, proposed hi-rises on our borders, and Light Rail construction in general always deserve attention. There definitely is a lot for us to accomplish this year!

Grab Bag: Association Secretary, and Traffic and Preservation Chair positions are vacant. Please think about volunteering to undertake one of these; your input is what makes PPA work. Our board members are enthusiastically starting to promote our newsletter advertising to local businesses. 2 digital cameras are available for distribution on Mariposa, Pierson or Hazelwood streets. Contact us if you would like to use one for crime or graffiti purposes. Contact us if you see any zoning request signs in the neighborhood; it's best for the neighborhood to coordinate a response to these. We will make monogrammed caps and t-shirts available for distribution this summer; contact us to reserve yours today. We continue to provide free porch lights and locking mailboxes, with professional installation (also free). Contact us to get yours today. We will be painting more address numbers on curbs very soon, contact us to get yours done for free. The short message is: you are welcome to all these for free, simply contact us today! (The free items improve our neighborhood, and BIG THANKS go to the City of Phoenix Block Watch Program for funding these projects.)

We encourage you to join us at our next general meeting on April 30th, 6:30 pm, at the Red Roof Inn, 502 W. Camelback. Our guest speaker is from the City's Streets Department, and of course, the topic will be cut-through traffic! There's a lot of focus on this at the moment. Our goal is to have patience while being a squeaky wheel, and let the process work its way to an adequate solution. Yes, we'll have to sacrifice a bit just like everyone else, for the good of the whole, but it will get much better in the long run.

Just think about how our neighborhood is really going to shine when the light rail is up and running! Hope to see you on the 30th, and remember to bring your great input!

EVENTS AND DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Attend the 4th Annual Block Watch Summit! Mark your Calendars **April 21st 2007 From 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM** At the Phoenix Police Academy
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Steele Indian School Park movies and concerts—Free

Concert May 12	8:00pm	Sistah Blue
Movie May 19	sunset	Napoleon Dynamite
Concert June 9	8:00pm	Novo Mundo
Movie June 16	sunset	The Goonies

May 4th, June 1, July 6—First Fridays – ARTLINK on the Curve — 7th ave radiating North and South of Montecito Ave. Night life for and in our neighborhood! Art, entertainment, food, a neighborly Friday night out linked to the city arts community! From 6:00 to 10:00 pm.

Large Item Pick Up —put trash out beginning **May 5th** for trash pick up beginning **May 14th**

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

May 17, 18, 19 Los Olivos Park, 2802 E Devonshire Ave, 8:00am -1:00pm

June 14, 15, 16 Desert West Sports Complex, 6602 W. Encanto Blvd, 7Am -12:00 pm

For information on these events contact: www.pwserve@phoenix.gov/publicworks

Saturday Mornings 8am-1:00pm Downtown Phoenix Public Market, 721 N Central Ave, SE corner of Central and McKinley St. Free admission, free parking great food, fun vendors, home grown homemade, local and one of a kind! Close to Home! Check out www.foodconnect.org/phoenixmarket

Earth Day - **April 22**

Mother's day - **May 13**

Father's Day - **June 17** Memorial day - **June 2**

July 4th is a Wednesday this year!

BUSY STREETS IN PIERSON PLACE:

Repair and maintenance assistance: Phoenix residents may qualify for repair services with the city's Utility Repair and Replacement Program which provides emergency services to low income households. Service could include repairing water heaters, ac units, stoves, refrigerators, evap coolers, furnaces, and some minor plumbing problems. Applicants must own the home, and not have received services from the program within 12 months prior. To learn more about this program call 602- 262-4520

Charles Jones, our President, was recently elected Vice-Chair of the Alhambra Village Planning Committee. Charley has served on the committee for over 3 years, and he does this to stay abreast of changes that could impact our neighborhood. Congratulations Charley! [ed.]

Traffic ideas: *Just something to think about!* One option for reducing the cut-thru traffic we are getting from the 7th Ave lane restrictions is to temporarily change our 7th Ave street ends to "no entrance" intersections. Cars will only be able to exit onto 7th Ave, and not be able to turn into the neighborhood from 7th Ave. The Medlock neighborhood north of us has this. Do you have ideas? Traffic will be a topic at our meeting; initial responses can be submitted to piersonplace@cox.net

To promote development respectful of the character of our historic neighborhood Elaine McLean at sougeta@yahoo.com has offered to coordinate the follow up of zoning change postings and inform us of the significance proposed changes could have for our neighborhood. She has already followed up on a proposed development on Hazelwood and knows what needs done! Thank you, Elaine.

Roof Rat carcasses have been found along Coolidge St. Now, this is not a happy thing. Remove and dispose of old citrus, block any potential openings into your home and buildings, and contact the city should you also find and recognize one of these rodents. www.maricopa.gov/envsvc/water/vector/roofrats.asp. Go to this website for additional information: maricopamastergardeners.org. On the left hand side of home page screen click on Publications. Scroll down to U of A Horticulture publications and click again. Scroll down one more time and click on AZ1280 under Insect and Pests listing. This can be printed.

A really big thank you to Jo Ann Winter Pierson for coordinating and manning the table for Pierson Place Association at the SAMA Street Festival March 24th. She joined several other associations, 200 vintage automobiles, 90 vendors and several live music venues that evening. The turnout was tremendous. What an opportunity to showcase our neighborhood!

Lots of frost damaged plants dot our yards and gardens. Tools to aid you in pruning or removal can be had through the city Neighborhood Services Department. Low Desert specific gardening information including plant lists, water hints, and planting tips is available at Maricopamastergardeners.org. To learn about the city Preservation Ordinance and zoning codes contact 602-262-7844 or blight@phoenix.gov.



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Roof Inn at 502 W. Camelback**

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FREE CURB ADDRESS PAINTING:

Now that summer is behind us, we are organizing the painting (and repainting) of **HOME ADDRESS NUMBERS** on our street curbs. This is a **FREE** service to the homeowners and residents of the Pierson Place Neighborhood. Please contact Bev Bodirosa (602-448-9633) and sign up for this **BLOCK WATCH** benefit!

Email us at:

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to learn about what's going on in
YOUR neighborhood!



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