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HELP IMPROVE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!!

July 1st marks the beginning of a new Block Watch year for Pierson Place Historic District. The goal of block watch is to enhance our neighborhood by engaging our neighbors, encouraging community spirit and ultimately reducing crime - making Pierson Place a great place to live. We do this through meetings, community events and ongoing communications like email, website, social sites and newsletters. If you can make a positive impact in your community, work well in a team environment and are willing to contribute a small amount of time, then please consider volunteering.

Some of the things we do include:

- √ participating in Block Watch meetings (minimum four times a year),
- √ reviewing options, determining goals, setting priorities,
- √ planning and producing projects and events,
- √ representing the neighborhood at events and meetings,
- √ recruiting volunteers and soliciting donations for projects and events,
- √ participating on committees, managing a project or parts of projects.

We ask that you:

- √ be committed to improving the neighborhood, work well with others and respect all opinions,
- √ listen and be open to other ideas and concerns, communicate ideas and concerns clearly,
- √ be willing to work towards common goals,
- √ follow through on your commitments.

Volunteering involves a commitment of time and energy, and the benefits include new friends, new skills, and positively influencing the future of your neighborhood. If you are interested in helping in any way, please email us at piersonplace@cox.net.

Many thanks to Mad Greens for providing hors d'oeuvres at our last meeting. Enjoy excellent food and atmosphere at this great restaurant located at
5120 N Central Ave 602-812-5365 madgreens.com

BLOCK WATCH IN THE PARK!!

By Roland Regeon, Liam Sherman, Charley Jones



We had a fantastic Block Watch event on April 26th in the grass at Donor Network Park! Police Chief Jeri Williams, Vice-Mayor Laura Pastor's Chief of Staff David Longoria, and long-time Pierson resident Clayton McKee were guest speakers. Our Community Action Officer Mario Lozoya, and half-dozen high-level cops also attended. Mad Greens provided great food, and store manager Bryan Folz passed out 2-for-1 coupons.

Lots of Pierson neighbors came out for the evening, and many friends from adjacent neighborhoods also attended. That was great! The Chief advised about what is happening in the Police Department and David filled us in on the City Council. Clayton told us about home security cameras controlled by a cell phone, and demonstrated live video being recorded at the event and displayed on a huge monitor. Very, very cool; very, very easy to have a video system in your home. See these suppliers: store.nest.com, ring.com, Costco and Home Depot.

Charley talked about the essence of Block Watch, which is three simple things: 1.) be aware of your surroundings, 2.) get to know your neighbors, and 3.) report anything suspicious or out of place. We distributed crime prevention items like flashlights, lamp/radio times, fridge magnets with important phone numbers and monogrammed t-shirts for those who patrol the neighborhood.

There is no doubt about three things - everyone had a great time, the Police Department loves Pierson Place, and everyone learned more about crime prevention. This ultimately makes our neighborhood safer. We are planning another event this fall, so stay tuned!



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Neighborhood Services Department Annual Action Plan Review

The city of Phoenix has prepared draft documents of the 2017-18 Annual Action Plan, an element of the 2015-20 Consolidated Plan. The 2015-20 Consolidated Plan provides an assessment of the housing and community development needs in Phoenix over the next five years. The draft 2017-18 Annual Action Plan is the specific one-year plan for the use of the following U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formula grant funds: • Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) • HOME Investment Partnerships Program • Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) • Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) The draft document will be available for review and public comment from May 12 – June 12, 2017 at Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St., fourth floor. A public hearing will be held to view the draft document on May 31, 2017, at 5:30p.m. at the Family Advocacy Center, 2120 N. Central Phoenix, AZ 85004. For further information, please call Christy Blake at 602-534-9862.

Charley's Chapter

By Charley Jones

Neighborhood associations come in all flavors. Some work on crime, traffic, run down properties, after school programs and lost dogs. Some work on zoning, some dabble in politics, and some bake cookies to raise money. They cover the gamut of possible pursuits. No two groups are the same. But needless to say, every association works on what their volunteers think is important.

Our association has done hundreds of projects over the years. So many that some people may be tired of hearing about them. But that's ok, part of our mission is to get folks thinking about neighborhood concerns. We've worked on crime, speed humps, cleaning up run down properties, an award-winning newsletter, and installed numerous porch lights. We built gates in abandoned alleys, message boards and monuments on our borders. We held meetings, neighborhood parties, conducted surveys, sent email alerts, and gave away live trees and tons of crime prevention items. In this process, we built a great brand and stature for our neighborhood throughout the city. To see the complete list of all we have done, check the "List of Accomplishments" on piersonplace.com.

Last year we spent a lot of time on crime, and this year we will too. Kind of surprising from a neighborhood with fairly low crime, but not surprising when you think that is exactly the reason we have low crime. Reducing crime takes a certain kind of perseverance. We can't let up when the stats are low. We can't slack off when we don't see bad stuff for a while. We can't assume the bad guys have left town, or even our part of town. No! Crime prevention takes a little effort from everyone all the time.

That is why our front page asks you to join in making our neighborhood even better. It can be done by improvement projects or by reducing crime even more. And just in case you are not inclined to get involved in the group, maybe, just maybe, you are inclined to watch your surroundings a little more each day. That's what crime prevention is all about. Watch your surroundings, know your neighbors, and report everything that smells. (Really, report everything.) Those three things will help reduce crime and make the neighborhood better. Your quality of life will go up, and that's a great thing.



We have many projects on our plate. We always do. We look for ways to make the neighborhood better, and we strive to knock them out as best we can. We might make a mistake once in a while, but our goal is always to improve the neighborhood by giving it our best. We like adding to the "Accomplishments" list, and we love improving our quality of life. It's a feeling. It's a very good feeling at the end of the day. We hope you join in and get yours soon.

2017-2018 Block Watch Grant

By Robert Donat

The upcoming 2017-2018 Block Watch grant from the City of Phoenix has been approved and includes a few new items for the neighborhood. As in years past, the focus is on crime prevention, reducing residential burglary, and increasing crime reporting. Since parts of our neighborhood can be pretty dark we've opted to include several lighting items this year. Look for the items in the second half of this year. Here's a list of items we've requested funding.

Tri-function Blinking Lights



The wearable blinking/flashing lights provide a clear and visible deterrent at night for residents walking and biking the neighborhood.

LED Lighting

These solar-powered LED lights will light up dark areas in alleys, abandoned alleys, and the dark

yards of homes that are not assisted by alley or street lighting including those that do not have adequate porch lighting.

DID YOU KNOW... that all of our alley and canal bank lighting is paid for by the Block Watch grant?

Alley Lighting

Lighting in alleys and on the canal bank is necessary to deter, detect, and delay criminals from perpetuating crimes in these areas. Before this lighting was installed, these areas were attractive to criminals and consistent "hot spots" for crime.

Deadbolts

Single and double cylinder deadbolts are intended to secure doors, entryways, and outdoor sheds where valuables are stored. We hope you use these deadbolts to bring down the increasing bike thefts in the neighborhood.

New Block Watch Signs

These signs will replace the old, faded signs that exist in the alleys and neighborhood entrances.

Block Watch Meeting Yard Signs

These are 18" by 27" corrugated plastic colored yard signs with meeting information to be placed at entrances to the neighborhood including the 6 center street (3rd Ave) intersections. They remind residents traveling in the neighborhood of our quarterly block watch meetings.

DID YOU KNOW... as residents, we frequently report that we have people walking into our yards without knocking or jumping over our back fences?

Wireless Driveway Alarms

These alarms provide an audible notification that someone is on our property and reminds us to think about crime prevention and watch our surroundings.



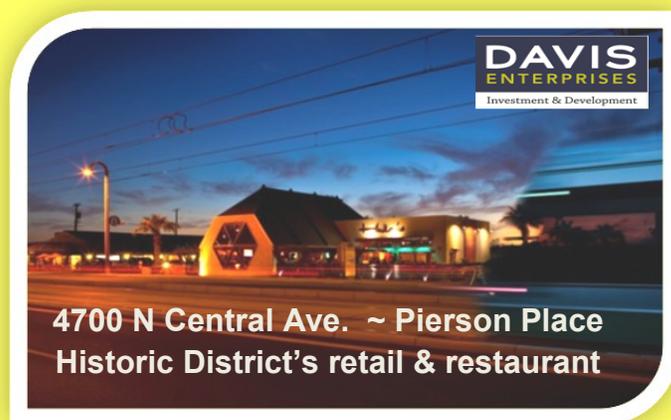
Quarterly Newsletter Layout, Printing, Supplies, and Postage

The Block Watch grant funds this quarterly newsletter that is necessary to inform and remind our residents about crime prevention techniques and tools, to motivate participation in crime prevention activities, to encourage us to have pride in our neighborhood, to increase attendance at Block Watch meetings and quarterly meetings, to increase our membership, and ultimately improve quality of life in our neighborhood.



All residents are welcome to the consumable items at any time. You can contact us at <http://www.piersonplace.com> or email us at piersonplace@cox.net to

request any items. We also encourage everyone to suggest future crime prevention items too!



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Historic District's retail & restaurant

Historic Preservation

By Michelle Dodds

Staff is revising our nomination to address details about the history of the companies and individuals that subdivided and built the neighborhood, and the role county regulations and deed restrictions played in development of the neighborhood. They hope to resubmit it sometime this summer. Stay tuned!

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Phoenix PD to Add 16 Police Assistants

By Liam Sherman

For those that missed our recent Pierson Place Block Watch Event at Donor Network Park, Phoenix Police Chief Jeri Williams came and spoke about some of the initiatives that the city has planned to improve service and availability of officers. One exciting new development, is the planned addition to the Police Department of 16 Police Assistants.

A police assistant is a role designed to supplement the reach of the police department by offloading administrative tasks to un-armed assistants that can handle routine tasks. This allows the highly trained and sworn officers to focus on more serious crimes, while the assistants can take statements and file reports for minor incidents such as vandalism or theft.

The addition of the new Police Assistants is expected to help reduce response times to non-emergency calls, and reduce the cost of responding to these incidents. While the city plans to also hire additional Police Officers, the PA program should be a great benefit to the

city. Thanks again to the Chief of Police - Jeri Williams for sharing her time with us and keeping the neighborhood up to date on the city's planning. If you're interested in joining the department as a Police Assistant or Police Officer, there is a special website set up to recruit new members:

<https://www.phoenix.gov/police/joinphxpd>.

Crime Stats

By Ray Muench

Source: www.raidsonline.com

Feb 27th – May 27th 2017

- 03/16/17, 3rd Ave & Camelback, Theft of means of transportation.
- 03/17/17, 3xx W. Hazelwood, Burglary 2nd degree, attempted forcible entry.
- 04/04/17, 5xx W. Highland, Theft bicycles, Felony.
- 04/10/17, 3xx W. Highland, Burglary 2nd degree, no force, unlawful entry.
- 05/05/17, 4600 N. Central, Burglary 3rd degree, bicycles.

The Lyceum is Coming!

The Community Alliance of Seventh Avenue (CASA) is building a neighborhood gathering place called "The Lyceum" at the northwest corner of 7th Ave & Montecito. Charley Jones, CASA President and Lyceum project manager, said formal design is underway with construction expected this fall. Stay tuned for updates to come!

IMPORTANT!!

**If you see anything suspicious...
please tell the cops & your neighbors:**

Emergency: **911**

Non-emergency: **(602) 262-6151**

And, tell your Community Action Officers:

Mario Lozoya: 602-534-1745

mario.lozoya@phoenix.gov

Matt Makinster: 602-534-0347

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Help With Crime Prevention

Block Watch Tips:

- 1.) be aware of your surroundings,**
- 2.) get to know your neighbors,**
- 3.) report anything suspicious or out of place.**

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