

# PIERSON PLACE TIMES

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## Celebrating Our 21<sup>st</sup> Year!

## General Meeting

Guest Speakers

**Alexia Bednarz, Phoenix Mural Project**

speaking about

**Murals at Canalscape**

**Erik Wilson, Phoenix Streets Department**

speaking about

**Landscaping at Canalscape**

**Steve Garcia, Phoenix Streets Department**

speaking about

**Street Maintenance Programs**

**Community Action Officers Steven Squier & Joseph Kaplan**

**Neighborhood Specialists Stacie Beute & Lisa Hubbard**

**Board Members Discussing Their Projects**

Thursday, February 25, 2021 6:00 pm.

On Google Meet at: [meet.google.com/gbq-zjyu-tko](https://meet.google.com/gbq-zjyu-tko)

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**Neighbors Creating A  
Better Neighborhood**

**Pierson Residents Rock!**

**Shop Local!**



## Pierson Partners Are Here!

This project helps promote small businesses in our area during the current slowdown - in the same way they have supported some of our projects. After all, the owners and employees are part of our fabric, they live, work and play right here too. The brain-child of Roland Regeon (Hazelwood St), we produced this flier and delivered it door-to-door throughout the neighborhood, and plan to do it every couple of months. So when you receive yours..., we hope you are inclined to patronize these businesses and help them stay afloat, but more importantly - to enjoy some of the best food, groceries, and auto repairs in town. And, an extra big thanks goes to Fed Ex at Central & Clarendon for providing the printing, those guys are great! Check out these businesses, you'll be glad you did!

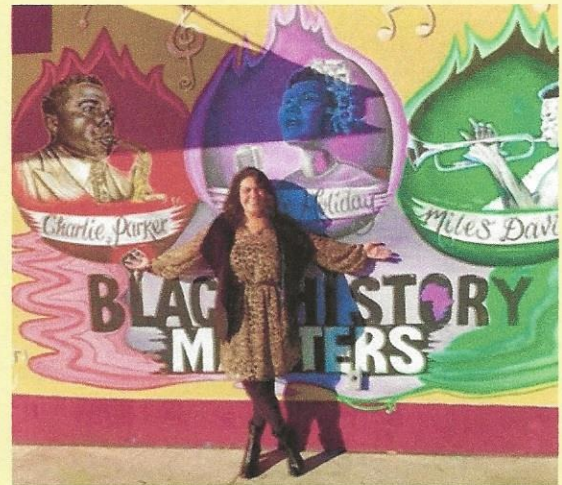


## Historic Plaques Coming

We are planning to add the National historic district designation to our monuments at Camelback & 3rd Ave and Central & Highland. The National verbiage looks like this:

PIERSON PLACE HISTORIC DISTRICT  
-- ORIGINALLY PLATTED IN 1926 --  
IS LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF  
HISTORIC PLACES BY THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

We think the National designation is a prestigious level that should be displayed!



## News From Councilwoman Pastor

Welcome to 2021 District 4! To bring in the new year we are taking on many new projects. In January, we assisted the new colors project and the Heart of Isaac community center in handing out toys to nearly 80 families! We look forward to pushing through this new year and overcoming all adversities to assist our residents in District 4. This February we are looking to pay homage to black history by completing Mural projects with Gizette Knight from Reality Dreams. These Murals will show black history in America and the important roles that many African Americans played in the making of America. I am looking forward to completing more projects in the coming months as well as branching out to serve my constituents in district 4.

## New Board Member Mezulis

Sharon Mezulis (Hazelwood St) joined our board last month. You might know her from Nextdoor, she has been advocating for the neighborhood for years. Her father Andy was on the board for over a decade, and we are lucky to get another Mezulis with horse-power! We welcome Sharon and look forward to working with her, and we know she looks forward to meeting you soon!



## President's Message

By: Charley Jones (Mariposa)

Pierson Place keeps rocking during Covid times! Things are going slower than normal, and more and more people are staying in, but volunteering in the neighborhood keeps plugging along. No doubt we do some things differently now, but all in all, we have found ways to accomplish our goals. And in that, we are lucky.

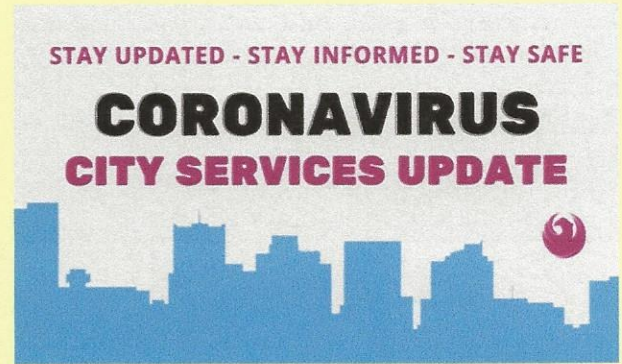
In spite of the slowdown, another resident joined the board last month. Sharon Mezulis (Hazelwood St) said she wanted to join in the crime prevention and improvement projects we do. We welcome her with open arms, and are lucky that she is involved.

Pierson Partners is a good example of doing something different in these times. We felt bad about the economic struggle our neighboring businesses were going through, and came up with this program to help them out. They always help us, so it was only natural that we help them. Try to patronize these businesses, they are important to the neighborhood.

And, what do you think about adding the National Historic Designation to our monuments? "...Listed On The National Register Of Historic Places By The United States Department Of The Interior" sounds very official and robust! We think these bronze plaques will definitely make a mark on the neighborhood, and highlight the designation for the world to see.

Last but not least is a splash of crime prevention. One of our goals is to keep you thinking about it, so that you report every suspicious thing you see. Another goal is to make sure the cops can find us when they need to, which is why we are doing the address numbers project this spring. Look for fresh numbers on curbs and alley fences soon!

It might be harder to volunteer in Covid times, but in many ways, it feels more rewarding than in normal times. Many things don't work anymore, some are just more challenging, and new things aren't comfortable yet. Sometimes that's an inspiring trifecta, and sometimes not. But one thing is for sure, Pierson Place residents have the horsepower to persevere and they use it. And we sure hope you come meet them at our meeting this month!



## Parks & Recreation Services Update

The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department, and several of its partner organizations, are offering a variety of FREE virtual programs, activities and resources to help residents of all ages stay active during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Learn more and register for FREE programs and activities:** [phoenix.gov/parks/classes-and-programs](https://phoenix.gov/parks/classes-and-programs)

The schedule of FREE **FitPHX Virtual winter/spring 2021 fitness programs** begins in February and includes the popular **Fall Into Fitness** and **Morning Yoga** series. Check them out here: [phoenix.gov/parks/fitphx](https://phoenix.gov/parks/fitphx)

City parks, trails and golf courses have remained open throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, but use of select park amenities and all sports complexes is being restricted.

**Following a vote by the City Council during its December 2 meeting,** all athletic field reservations and tournaments at facilities managed by the city's Parks and Recreation Department are canceled effective December 3. The City Council vote also included closure of ramadas, picnic tables, fitness equipment, basketball and volleyball courts, and sports complexes in Phoenix parks effective December 3. The closures and cancellations will be in place until the COVID-19 community spread metric returns to the moderate level in Maricopa County, as monitored by the Arizona Department of Health Services.

Groups of 10 or less are permitted in city parks as long as individuals are spaced six feet apart, spectators are wearing masks or properly physically distanced, and the group is not participating in full contact athletic games and activities. Residents can find detailed information about the city's outdoor recreational options at [Phoenix.gov/Parks](https://phoenix.gov/Parks).



## Address Numbers on Curbs & Alleys

Painting address numbers on our curbs and alley fences is a crime prevention project funded by our Block Watch grant this year. We plan to do the curb on every house in the neighborhood and roughly every other fence in the alleys. This project helps the police determine their location fast in emergency situations, which could be life-saving. We plan to get bids from private providers in the next few weeks, and also contact the owners of fences in alleys. We expect this will start soon and be done in March. Look for more info about this via email and Nextdoor in the next few weeks.



## Mural Festival at Canalscape

The Phoenix Mural Project is hosting a Mural Festival on Canalscape from 15<sup>th</sup> Ave to 7<sup>th</sup> St on weekends in February and March. This is a great community building project and everyone is invited. A schedule of the events is below. For more info, visit: phoenixmurals.com. See you there!

### WEEKEND 2: FEB 13, 9am-3pm PAINT PARTY!

- Artists will be painting along The Grand Canalscape from 15th Avenue to 7th Street
- We'll talk directly to the artists and show you work in progress on our Facebook + Instagram live feeds.

### WEEKEND 3: FEB 20, 9am-3pm LOVE FIGHTS BACK

- SPONSORED BY RESHOEVN8R at 4524 N 7th St.  
Our friend + Phoenix Hip Hop Historian, Bboy, Graffiti artist, co-founder of Furious Styles Crew (est. 1993) and ASU

professor HOUSE brings together the elements of Hip Hop culture (Dance, music, aerosoul artists) to empower communities in our fight against racism and injustice through the eyes and hands of the LOVE FIGHTS BACK team.

### WEEKEND 4: FEB 27, 9am-3pm PAINT PARTY!

- Artists will be painting along The Grand Canalscape from 15th Avenue to 7th Street
- We'll talk directly to the artists and show you work in progress on our Facebook + Instagram live feeds.

### WEDNESDAY: MARCH 3, 6pm (Zoom)

### WALL CITY: PAINTING FOR THE PEOPLE

- ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S Virtual History Series features festival muralists who will discuss how the festival theme "Sustainability" inspired ideas for Phoenix Mural Festival 2021.
- See our website for RSVP and Zoom registration info.

### WEEKEND 5: MARCH 6, 9am-3pm

### GRAND FINALE CELEBRATION & PAINT PARTY!

- Artists will be painting along The Grand Canalscape from 15th Avenue to 7th Street
- We'll talk directly to the artists and show you work in progress on our Facebook + Instagram live feeds.
- Visit The Grand Canalscape to see all the new murals, then check out some of the local shops and restaurants nearby.
- Take an urban photography walk with our resident photographer Ivan Delvasto.

## Crime Statistics Nov, Dec, Jan 2021

By: Henry Harding (Coolidge St)

In Pierson Place Historic District

- 1) BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE-RESIDENTIAL-NO FORCE, UNLAWFUL ENTRY, 01/04/2021, 8:17 AM, 1XX W PIERSON
- 2) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-FENCED YARD, 11/26/2020, 6:00 AM, 5XX W HIGHLAND
- 3) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-(PERSONAL ITEMS)-MOTOR VEHICLE, 11/30/2020, 6:29 PM, 3XX W HIGHLAND
- 4) THEFT-ALL OTHER NOT LISTED-MISDEMEANOR, 01/22/2021, 2:23 PM, 3XX W HIGHLAND
- 5) THEFT-CNTRL METAL-TO DEPRIVE, 12/06/2020, 6:00 PM, 2XX W COOLIDGE
- 6) THEFT BY EXTORTION-EXPOSE SECRETS, 11/21/2020, 6:56 PM, 6XX W HAZELWOOD
- 7) THEFT OF MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, 01/29/2021, 4:30 AM, 6XX W HAZELWOOD

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### 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and Camelback (within 500 ft.)

- 1) AGG ASLT-FIREFIGHTER/EMT/MEDIC-MINOR OR NO INJURY, 11/15/2020, 9:15 PM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 2) AGG ASLT-OFFICER-MINOR OR NO INJURY, 11/17/2020, 8:58 PM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 3) THEFT-PURSE SNATCH-FELONY, 01/31/2021, 1:00 PM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 4) THEFT-ALL OTHER NOT LISTED-MISDEMEANOR, 11/13/2020, 3:00 PM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 5) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-NON RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE, 12/31/2020, 8:20 AM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 6) THEFT OF CREDIT CARD-FROM BUILDING, 01/06/2021, 7:50 AM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 7) THEFT-VEHICLE EXTERIOR PARTS/ACCESSORIES-FELONY, 12/15/2020, 5:45 AM, 49XX N 7TH AVE

### 7<sup>th</sup> Ave (500 ft south of Camelback to Campbell)

- 1) AGG ASSAULT-VIOL PROTECT ORDER-MINOR OR NO INJURY, 11/09/2020, 1:00 AM, 7XX W HAZELWOOD
- 2) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-(PERSONAL ITEMS)-MOTOR VEHICLE, 11/25/2020, 1:14 PM, 7XX W ELM
- 3) THEFT-ALL OTHER NOT LISTED-MISDEMEANOR, 12/24/2020, 12:00 AM, 7XX W ELM
- 4) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-FENCED YARD, 01/01/2021, 12:00 AM, 7XX W ELM
- 5) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-FENCED YARD, 11/23/2020, 4:00 PM, 47XX N 7<sup>TH</sup> Ave
- 6) THEFT-VEHICLE EXTERIOR PARTS/ACCESSORIES-FELONY, 12/19/2020, 2:00 PM, 47XX N 7TH AVE
- 7) THEFT OF MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, 11/21/2020, 5:40 PM, 7XX W HIGHLAND
- 8) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-NON RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE, 01/01/2021, 4:00 PM, 46XX N 7TH

### Camelback (500ft from 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and Central)

- 1) THEFT-VEHICLE EXTERIOR PARTS/ACCESSORIES-MISDEMEANOR, 11/27/2020, 5:00 PM, 5XX W CAMELBACK
- 2) RECOVERED - OTHER AGENCY STOLEN VEHICLE, 11/13/2020, 12:00 AM, 1XX W CAMELBACK
- 3) AGG ASSAULT-VICTIM RESTRAINED-MINOR OR NO INJURY, 01/23/2021, 9:55 PM, XX W CAMELBACK

### Central and Camelback( within 500 ft)

- 1) ASSAULT NON-DEADLY WEAPON (MACE/BRASS KNUCKLES), 12/25/2020, 3:59 AM, E CAMELBACK AVE & N CENTRAL
- 2) THEFT-FROM VEHICLE-FELONY, 12/18/2020, 5:00 PM, XX W PASADENA
- 3) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 01/31/2021, 7:25 PM, XX W CAMELBACK
- 4) AGGRAVATED ROBBERY, 01/16/2021, 3:50 AM, N CENTRAL RD & W CAMELBACK
- 5) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-(PERSONAL ITEMS)-MOTOR VEHICLE, 11/13/2020, 11:30 PM, XX E CAMELBACK
- 6) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-(PERSONAL ITEMS)-MOTOR VEHICLE, 01/07/2021, 11:06 AM, 1XX E CAMELBACK

### Central Ave( 500ft from Central to Campbell Ave)

- 1) SEXUAL ASSAULT-MINOR(INTERCOURSE W/OPPOSITE SEX), 12/10/2020, 12:00 AM, 44XX N CENTRAL
- 2) AGG ASSAULT-FIREARM, 12/23/2020, 8:39 PM, 47XX N CENTRAL
- 3) MOTOR VEHICLES - UNDETERMINED IGNITION SOURCE, 12/27/2020, 3:48 AM, 47XX N CENTRAL
- 4) THEFT-VEHICLE EXTERIOR PARTS/ACCESSORIES-MISDEMEANOR, 12/02/2020, 12:00 AM, 47XX N CENTRAL
- 5) THEFT-VEHICLE EXTERIOR PARTS/ACCESSORIES-FELONY, 11/14/2020, 12:00 AM, 46XX N CENTRAL
- 6) THEFT OF MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, 11/16/2020, 5:44 PM, 46XX N CENTRAL
- 7) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-(PERSONAL ITEMS)-MOTOR VEHICLE, 01/01/2021, 12:00 PM, 46XX N CENTRAL
- 8) THEFT-BICYCLES, 01/16/2021, 10:00 PM, 46XX N CENTRAL

- 9) THEFT-FROM VEHICLE-FELONY, 01/24/2021, 12:57 PM, 46XX N CENTRAL
- 10) THEFT-VEHICLE EXTERIOR PARTS/ACCESSORIES-MISDEMEANOR, 12/20/2020, 7:00 AM, 46XX N CENTRAL
- 11) BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE-RESIDENTIAL-NO FORCE, UNLAWFUL ENTRY, 11/16/2020, 2:00 AM, X W CAMPBELL
- 12) BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE-RESIDENTIAL-NO FORCE, UNLAWFUL ENTRY, 11/05/2020, 9:00 AM, X W CAMPBELL
- 13) BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE-RESIDENTIAL, 12/19/2020, 10:00 PM, X W CAMPBELL
- 14) THEFT-ALL OTHER NOT LISTED, 11/21/2020, 12:00 AM, X W CAMPBELL

### Campbell Ave (Central to 7<sup>th</sup> Ave to the Grand Canal)

- 1) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE/JIGGLE KEY-(PERSONAL ITEMS)-MOTOR VEHICLE, 12/09/2020, 2:00 PM, 3XX W CAMPBELL
- 2) THEFT OF MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, 01/31/2021, 2:00 AM, 45XX N 2ND AVE

## Summary:

This month the dynamics have changed considerably, there is more crime overall with a major increase along Central. The Sexual Assault at Central and Turney is included because it is such a grave crime and near a fairly active area.

Crime increased in Pierson Place by two with 3 Burglaries and 4 Thefts. This is a lot of crime by comparison to the past, so we need to double down by being more alert to potential crimes and increase our vigilance. Be sure to call the police if you see something suspicious. Example, if you see someone on a bicycle circling around on the street and looking onto properties - call it in (I have many times). Try to remember what the person was wearing (height, gender, colors and styles of person or bicycle, type of bicycle and extraneous, like backpack, hat, saddlebags etc. ). Many times subliminal feelings are correct. If the police do see them and stop to talk to them and no arrest is made it sends a message to the criminals that this neighborhood is tight against crime and we are vigilant. It is through vigilance that a neighborhood prevents crime. We are the eyes for the police. They are the action force against crime. Although at times you just being around and visible prevents crime. Criminals don't like witnesses.

Compared to the other troubled intersections on Camelback (15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Ave) 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and Camelback has about the same amount of crime. All of the intersections are less crime ridden this month. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave had 8 (2 assaults) and both 15<sup>th</sup> Ave and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave had 7 crimes each (2 assaults). But we can do better and have in the recent past. So let's work at it.

Overall 19<sup>th</sup> Ave has 9 crimes, 7<sup>th</sup> Ave 6 and 15<sup>th</sup> 4. It appears that the crime at 19<sup>th</sup> Ave and Camelback is closely centered in the intersection and 4 corners while 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and Camelback is somewhat more diffuse than just the intersection. Ofcourse I feel anxiety in either intersection, but more so at 19<sup>th</sup> and Camelback Ave when riding my bicycle especially.

Generally speaking crime is down in our portion of the city along Camelback and around our historic district, no doubt due in part to the extremely high heat this year and as well The Pandemic. It is interesting that crime is down generally when there have been many work restrictions this year and unemployed people. One would think it might be the reverse since many people are out of work.





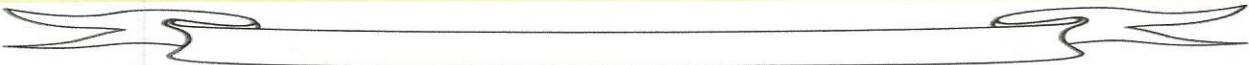
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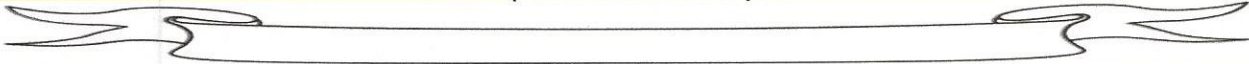
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## General Meeting Coming Up! (Virtual)

Thursday February 25, 2021 6:00 pm.

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### Crime Prevention Tips

- 1) be aware of your surroundings,
- 2) get to know your neighbors,
- 3) report anything suspicious or out of place.
- 4) use crime prevention items at your house.

**Please Do Your Part!**

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