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**We Plan To Resume In-Person Meetings
At Fame' Caffe This Fall.**

The Bronze Historic Preservation Plaques Are Installed!!



3rd Ave & Camelback



Central & Highland

**Many thanks to Charley, Roland, & Ray for this.
Check them out anytime!! They will be there forever!!**

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news at: Nextdoor.com

**Neighbors Creating A
Better Neighborhood**

Pierson Residents Rock!

Shop Local!



Pierson Place Blood Drive!

We had a very successful blood drive at Fame Caffé on May 22nd. The bloodmobile was full all day and many people donated blood, and lots of lives were saved. What a great thing for Pierson residents to do - especially in these times. They really stepped up. And speaking of stepping up, Fame Caffé and Davis Enterprises provided all the facilities and really hit it out of the park! We had a neighborhood table at the event and Robert and Roland had a blast giving out crime prevention items to everyone. And totally by surprise, an anonymous person ponied up a huge donation and bought food for those who gave blood. That was really icing on the cake! Look for another blood drive coming up this fall, we think it's a great way to give back.



Donor Network Yard

The owners of the Donor Network property at 3rd Ave & Coolidge moved out a few months

ago, and recently they noticed a lot of trash being left in their yard. They asked that we mention this in hopes that it will remind everyone to take their trash with them, so it doesn't accumulate at the property. They are unable to watch it like they used to when they were there every day. So, please don't leave anything when strolling in/around this property, it will help keep the neighborhood looking good!

Operation: Blue Ribbon

Support Your Police!

The city recently approved the 2021-2022 fiscal budget, and it contained some changes in the police budget. It allocated \$15 million to expand the Community Assistance Program, which is a civilian-only program that responds to mental and behavioral health calls.

It also provided \$3.7 million to the police department to add 75 civilian staff to "improve accountability, transparency and relationships with the community." These positions are intended to improve public records requests and ways to identify trends in employees' adverse actions.

An additional \$500,000 was added for police reform to improve community trust. A comprehensive department review will look at policies and practices and include community feedback.

These things are in addition to a \$43 million increase for the Police Department, which now has a budget of about \$786 million a year.

Please remember how the police work day and night to keep us safe. They put their lives on the line when they are at work, and we salute them!

President's Message

By Charley Jones (Mariposa St)

Even with record temps pounding down, Pierson Place is flying high on the cool meter. We pulled off some great projects in the midst of Covid, albeit with twists and turns, but always with the best intentions. It's the people who volunteer their time that make all the difference in the world, and you can see their projects all throughout this edition.

The amount of work that some people do is amazing. We started a list of "Accomplishments" back in 2004, and it was a half-page long. It has been updated yearly, and now it is two pages long in single-spaced format! It dates back to training Block Watch captains, getting speed humps, conducting surveys, distributing locking mailboxes, creating an identity, building monuments, and of course... tons of projects that reduce crime. An updated list comes out this fall.

And speaking of crime, **we hope you noticed the rise in crime that we are seeing now.** If not, please look at the "Crime Stats" section on page 4, and pay close attention to Henry Harding's "Summary" message at the end. The current level of crime in and around our neighborhood is alarming. No doubt a lot of it originates at the Light Rail stations on three of our corners. But regardless of where it comes from, all of it is bad, and all of it is screaming out for us to "get involved".

We can do little things that help in big ways. Like, 1.) call the cops when you see anything suspicious. Even when you think it is a "maybe", call the cops. We are their eyes and ears when they are not here. 2.) Jot down descriptions of people and things that are suspicious before you call in. 3.) Take a picture if it is safe to do so. 4.) Make sure your patio and door and cameras are working properly and aimed in the right direction. 5.) Put a Block Watch sign in your yard to let the bad guys know you are diligent about crime. 6.) Make sure backyard and alley lighting is working properly, motion sensors are working, and timers on lights are set correctly. 7.) Lock your windows. 8.) Lock your gates. 9.) Lock your cars. 10.) Don't leave valuables in plain sight. Even small efforts will help reduce crime.

If everyone did these ten things, the bad guys would get the hint and move on. We have had spikes in crime before, and the pattern is usually the same. We get lax, and they get bold. We ramp up, and they split. Now is

the time to ramp up. Show them this is not a good neighborhood for doing crime. We can do it. Just remember that everyone can do amazing work and "accomplish" a lot, ...and also know your neighbors are counting on you.

Police emergency, 911. Non-emergency, 602-262-6151



New Message Boards on 3rd Ave!

We bought 3 new message boards last month and installed them on 3rd Ave at Mariposa, Elm, and Hazelwood. As most of you probably know, the old ones were weathered and damaged beyond repair. This project was made possible by the City's Block Watch Grant Program, and we sure thank them for helping out! And, big, big kudos go to Roland Regeon and Gary Noonan (from Hazelwood St.) for installing them. Everyone is welcome to use the boards to communicate with their neighbors!



Yard Sale With Carnation

Pierson Place hosted a big yard sale with the Carnation neighborhood on April 19th. The boundaries were Camelback to Indian School and Central to 7th Avenue, and tons of houses participated. Lots of people got rid of lots of "stuff", and it was a fun way to make some extra cash! This was the 3rd year that we've done this project, and it sure helps people get to know their neighbors.



Pierson Partners

This project features businesses in our area that want to be part of the neighborhood. We produce and deliver this flier door-to-door every few months in hopes that it will remind you to support them. Big, big thanks go to Fed-Ex Kinkos at Central & Clarendon for printing these glossy beauties!



The Neighborhood Services Department has several housing rehabilitation programs Phoenix residents can participate in to improve the health and safety of their homes. For instance, the **Lead Safe Phoenix Program** protects pregnant women and young children by remediating the dangers of lead poisoning and exposure, while the **Weatherization Assistance Program** reduces utility bills by making homes more energy efficient. The **Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program**, on the other hand, can be used to complete critical repairs regarding plumbing, roofs, heating and cooling, and electrical systems. While all of these programs have different eligibility requirements, they are typically designed to aid and support Phoenix households with low- and moderate-incomes, which means earning a maximum of \$55,300 a year for a family of four. To access more information about the Neighborhood Services' housing rehabilitation programs, or to find out if you qualify for assistance, please visit the following program links.

- ☐ **Lead Safe Phoenix**
- ☐ **Weatherization Assistance Program**
- ☐ **Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program**

Feel free to call 602-534-4444, ext. 4 to speak with a staff member or visit our website, Neighborhood Services Housing Repair Programs (phoenix.gov), if you have any questions.

Crime Statistics

March, April, and May 2021

By Henry Harding (Coolidge St)

Pierson Place Historic District

- 1) AGG ASLT DV-IMPEDE BREATHING, 04/24/2021, 6:30 PM, 1XX W MARIPOSA
- 2) ARMED ROBBERY-DEADLY WEAPON, 04/29/2021, 11:34 AM, 3XX W MARIPOSA
- 3) ROBBERY, 03/24/2021, 6:39 PM, 3XX W COOLIDGE
- 4) AGG ASSAULT-FIREARM, 04/14/2021, 4:15 PM, N 3RD ST & W HAZELWOOD
- 5) BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE-RESIDENTIAL, 05/29/2021, 12:00 PM, 3XX W HAZELWOOD
- 6) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-(PERSONAL ITEMS)-MOTOR VEHICLE, 05/23/2021, 4:30 AM, 5XX W HIGHLAND
- 7) THEFT-ALL OTHER NOT LISTED, 03/03/2021, 10:44 AM, 1XX W HIGHLAND
- 8) THEFT-ALL OTHER NOT LISTED, 04/05/2021, 9:30 AM, 1XX W HIGHLAND

700 W Camelback Ave (Within 500 feet)

- 1) SEXUAL ASSAULT-FOJ, 04/06/2021, 10:20 AM, 7XX W MARIPOSA
- 2) AGG ASSAULT-FIREARM, 03/05/2021, 5:37 PM, N 7TH RD & W CAMELBACK
- 3) ARMED ROBBERY-DEADLY WEAPON, 03/25/2021, 9:52 PM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 4) AGGRAVATED ROBBERY, 04/09/2021, 12:00 AM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 5) THEFT-ALL OTHER NOT LISTED-FELONY, 04/01/2021, 12:00 AM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 6) THEFT-FROM BUILDING-FELONY, 03/24/2021, 9:00 AM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 7) THEFT-FROM BUILDING-FELONY, 03/24/2021, 9:00 AM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 8) THEFT-ALL OTHER NOT LISTED, 05/30/2021, 4:21 PM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 9) THEFT-VEHICLE EXTERIOR PARTS/ACCESSORIES-MISDEMEANOR, 05/24/2021, 5:45 PM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 10) THEFT-OBTAIN SERVICE WITHOUT PAYING-MISDEMEANOR, 04/20/2021, 12:42 PM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 11) THEFT OF MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, 03/29/2021, 8:29 AM, N 7TH RD & W CAMELBACK
- 12) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-(PERSONAL ITEMS)-MOTOR VEHICLE, 05/09/2021, 12:37 AM, 7XX W MARIPOSA

7th Ave (500 feet south of Camelback to Campbell St)

- 1) AGG ASSAULT-OFFICER--HAND/FIST/FEET W/AGG INJURY, 05/15/2021, 9:32 PM, 7XX W PIERSON
- 2) AGGRAVATED ASSAULT-OTHER DANGEROUS WPN, 05/28/2021, 8:25 PM, N 7TH AV & W CAMPBELL
- 3) THEFT-FROM VEHICLE-MISDEMEANOR, 03/20/2021, 12:00 AM, 7XX W ELM
- 4) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-(PERSONAL ITEMS)-MOTOR VEHICLE, 05/24/2021, 12:00 AM, 7XX W ELM
- 5) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-(PERSONAL ITEMS)-MOTOR VEHICLE, 05/24/2021, 2:00 AM, 7XX W ELM
- 6) THEFT-VEHICLE EXTERIOR PARTS/ACCESSORIES-MISDEMEANOR, 03/26/2021, 12:00 AM, 7XX W ELM
- 7) THEFT OF MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, 05/19/2021, 3:00 PM, 7XX W COOLIDGE

Camelback Rd (500 Ft from 7th Ave and Central)

- 1) THEFT-BICYCLES-MISDEMEANOR, 03/28/2021, 2:00 AM, 4XX W CAMELBACK
- 2) THEFT OF MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, 04/27/2021, 4:00 AM, N 3RD RD & W CAMELBACK
- 3) THEFT OF MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, 05/29/2021, 12:38 AM, 1XX W CAMELBACK

Camelback and Central (within 500 ft.)

- 1) AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - W/FIREARM, 04/12/2021, 12:00 AM, X E CAMELBACK
- 2) THEFT-ALL OTHER NOT LISTED-MISDEMEANOR, 05/23/2021, 1:00 PM, N CENTRAL RD & E CAMELBACK
- 3) THEFT-FROM BUILDING, 03/11/2021, 5:30 PM, XX E CAMELBACK

Central Ave (500 Feet from Camelback to Campbell)

- 1) SEXUAL ASSAULT (SAME SEX VICTIM), 04/23/2021, 9:30 PM, 46XX N CENTRAL
- 2) SEXUAL ASSAULT (SAME SEX VICTIM), 04/04/2021, 10:00 PM, XX W MINNEZONA
- 3) AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - W/FIREARM, 05/03/2021, 6:38 PM, N CENTRAL ST & E PIERSON

- 4) THEFT-VEHICLE EXTERIOR PARTS/ACCESSORIES-MISDEMEANOR, 03/25/2021, 7:18 PM, 47XX N CENTRAL
- 5) THEFT-ALL OTHER NOT LISTED-MISDEMEANOR, 04/15/2021, 8:00 AM, 47XX N CENTRAL
- 6) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-(PERSONAL ITEMS)-MOTOR VEHICLE, 04/10/2021, 8:30 AM, 47XX N CENTRAL
- 7) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-(PERSONAL ITEMS)-MOTOR VEHICLE, 03/15/2021, 12:39 PM, 46XX N CENTRAL
- 8) THEFT-FROM VEHICLE-FELONY, 04/11/2021, 10:00 AM, 46XX N CENTRAL
- 9) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-(VEHICLE PARTS)-MOTOR VEHICLE, 03/12/2021, 5:00 PM, 46XX N CENTRAL
- 10) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-(PERSONAL ITEMS)-MOTOR VEHICLE, 04/12/2021, 10:00 PM, 46XX N CENTRAL
- 11) THEFT OF MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, 04/27/2021, 8:00 PM, XX W COOLIDGE
- 12) BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE-RESIDENTIAL, 04/27/2021, 2:00 PM, XX W MINNEZONA
- 13) THEFT-VEHICLE EXTERIOR PARTS/ACCESSORIES-MISDEMEANOR, 05/27/2021, 8:00 AM, XX W MINNEZONA
- 14) THEFT-FROM VEHICLE, 04/03/2021, 12:00 PM, 45XX N CENTRAL
- 15) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-NON RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE, 03/16/2021, 5:12 PM, X W CAMPBELL
- 16) THEFT OF MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, 04/24/2021, 10:40 AM, X W CAMPBELL
- 17) THEFT-VEHICLE EXTERIOR PARTS/ACCESSORIES-MISDEMEANOR, 05/01/2021, 5:00 AM, X W CAMPBELL
- 18) THEFT-VEHICLE EXTERIOR PARTS/ACCESSORIES-MISDEMEANOR, 03/03/2021, 9:00 PM, X W CAMPBELL
- 19) BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE-RESIDENTIAL-NO FORCE, UNLAWFUL ENTRY, 03/02/2021, 6:00 PM, X W CAMPBELL
- 20) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-(PERSONAL ITEMS)-MOTOR VEHICLE, 04/27/2021, 6:00 PM, X W CAMPBELL

Summary

In Pierson Place we had 2 assaults on the east end of Mariposa, one with a weapon, the other impeded the victim's breathing. A third assault was at 3rd Ave and Hazelwood, near the entrance to the Grand Canalscape. There were 8 crimes in the last three months ending June 1st. So, an up-turn in violent crime was reported, but all were in April. However overall, crime still is generally elevated. So when out in the neighborhood be aware of your surroundings and be a bit more reticent with people who concern you. These past months have been strenuous on people in general, so be more wary. Central Ave had much more crime and personal crime with 2 sexual assaults and an aggravated assault. Central had more crime than before and it is more violent now, with 2 sexual assaults and one aggravated assault.

7th Ave and Camelback was the most crime ridden intersection this month with 12 total crimes that were as violent as our neighborhood crime. 19th Ave and Camelback remains the most violent of all intersections but with less total crimes overall. 7th Ave had 12, and 15th Ave had 6, although one was a rape.

People have been in a stress mode for a fair amount of time with the pandemic and lethal disease concerns. So get your shots, use your mask, and try to minimize vulnerability to Covid and Crime.



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A Crime Wave is Happening In Pierson Place

Please Do Your Part To Slow It Down

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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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