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New Monument Coming!

One of our latest projects is building a neighborhood marker at 7th Ave and Highland. The red bricks and concrete illustrate the building materials in our houses, and the brass plaque signifies our Federal Historic Designation. Look for construction to be completed this fall!



Many thanks to our friends at **Rainbow Rentals**, **Catholic Charities**, **Phx Neighborhood Services**, and **180 Degrees Design + Build** for helping make this project a great success!



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Alley Lights Stay On!!

The lights in our alleys were scheduled to turn off on June 30th due to a grant funding error. So we partnered with Councilwoman Pastor to help keep them on, and shazammm... she got it done!! Now they will stay on until long after the grant funding issue is resolved. Yea!

We can't thank her enough for supporting Pierson Place and keeping our alleys lit up at night. What a crime magnet that would have been if she hadn't helped. Whew!

Rest assured that you can take out the trash as usual going forward, and that - we won't have errors with grants in the future!

Be sure to thank Councilwoman Pastor when you see her in the community!!

Join Us?

We are a group of neighbors that do projects to make the neighborhood better. Things like traffic and overflow parking, crime prevention and awareness, trash cans, meet-your-

neighbor events, and we try to keep everyone aware of what's going on.

There are a handful of folks in the group now, and we'd like to grow so that we can do more.

Are you interested in doing something in your neighborhood? Would you like to meet and share your ideas, or email us to get something rolling?

We welcome you to join in, and we'd like to hear from you. Feel free to call any of us on the front page or email us at piersonplace@cox.net.

It takes very little time and effort to make a big difference in your neighborhood. Think about it and let us know!

Crime Prevention at Home

Walk around the exterior of your home and scout out its weaknesses. The best way to protect your home from the outside is to survey it with the eyes of a burglar. If you can easily tell that a window could be pried open, a thief can definitely come to the same conclusion. You can even ask the police department to provide a courtesy home assessment that can help you identify your home's weak spots.

While you're checking for vulnerable spots, take note of any expensive electronics, art, or furniture that is easily spotted through windows. You don't have to redecorate your entire home to keep expensive items out of sight, but it doesn't hurt to make small adjustments where you can. No need to tempt thieves any more than you have to!

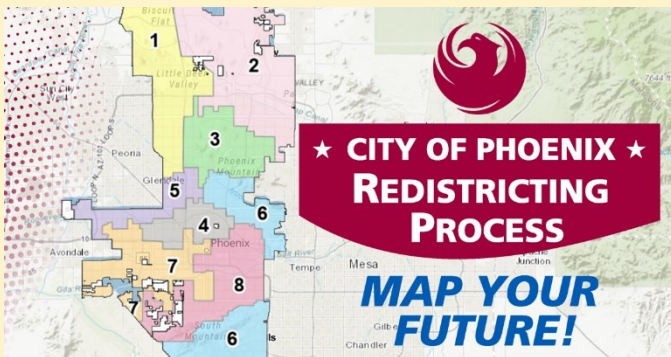
Keep shrubbery around entrances and walkways trimmed. The last thing you want is to make it easier for a thief to hide when

attempting to break in, so eliminate his options for hiding spots. He may only need a few minutes of cover to make his entry but with no place to hide while doing it, he's less likely to even try. You could even plant thorny shrubs by your windows to make it not only difficult to break in, but painful!

Install motion sensor lighting around your home, especially at entrances. Shine a spotlight on a potential intruder before he can even touch your doors or windows by adding extra lighting with motion detectors at entrances and especially dark corners of your home. If you live in an apartment, ask your landlord to install sufficient lighting in walkways and halls to eliminate dark corners.

Get to know your neighbors. Crime tends to be lower in tight-knit communities because neighbors are more likely to look out for each other and can easily spot a stranger. Your neighbors can be one of your best assets in home crime prevention because they offer extra eyes and an outside perspective. Plus if they have a different work or school schedule from yours, they might be around during the day when you're away and can alert you to any suspicious activity that may occur in your absence.

City Redistricting Process



The City of Phoenix began its redistricting process to revise the City Council District Boundaries in May.

Residents offered feedback and mentioned communities of interest and

aspects that need to be taken into account during the June 26 meeting.

The second round of community meetings are set to take place in September.

There, new district maps will be presented for feedback.

The Create Your Own Plan tool is now LIVE! Draw your own Council District boundaries and submit your suggestions.

To learn more or to submit a comment or question about the redistricting process, visit [PhoenixRedistricting.com](https://www.phoenix.gov/redistricting)

Dog Park Closed

Annual Dog Park Preventive Maintenance Closure • July 3 through Aug. 18

The park's Large and Small Off Leash Dog Parks will be closed starting Monday, July 3 for annual preventive maintenance and reopen Saturday, Aug. 19. This downtime allows maintenance staff to work on improving bare areas throughout the park and regrow turf.

Alternative off leash dog park locations:

<https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/parks/dog-parks>

Steele Indian School Park
City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation



Many Hands, Many Minds, One Team

This newsletter is funded by a Block Watch Grant from the Phoenix Police Dept. Many thanks to them for helping us fight crime!

Get Safe, Be Safe!

One of the most important things you can do to reduce crime in YOUR neighborhood is to protect YOUR house.

Add a driveway alarm on your driveway or the front porch, so you know when someone is approaching your door. Add timers on some lamps, and bad guys will think someone is home and pass you by. Put solar motion lights in your yards and know when someone is there. Install deadbolts on exterior doors, garages and guest houses, and make it too hard for bad guys to get in.

Along with those things, you might as well put a metal Block Watch sign in your yard and let the bad guys know that someone will call the cops on them.

Best part about this - we will give you these things for FREE!

Pick them up at our next meeting or contact us and we will deliver them. Get your house protected. Doing so couldn't be easier. Big picture: when enough houses are secure, the bad guys will go somewhere else.

Protect Your House

Driveway or patio alarm



Deadbolt or door lock

Lamp and radio timer



Solar motion light

Message Board



Want A Better Neighborhood?

Learn Your Neighbors Names

This is Good Neighboring 101 but you'd be surprised how many people have lived next to someone for years and don't know the first thing about them. Good neighbors will make the little extra effort to learn their neighbors' names and a few things about their lives, like how long they've lived in the area, where they work, or if they have kids or pets, Tsai says. The payoff can be great. It will make you feel more connected to those around you but it can also help make your neighborhood safer—neighbors who know each other are more likely to watch out for each other. One of the best defenses against a home break-in is a neighbor who knows your schedule and notices something out of the ordinary.

Smile And Wave

Thanks to the Internet we're interacting with people around the world more than ever but that may mean we're also interacting much less with the people right next door to us. Fortunately, it doesn't take much to change that, says Bonnie Tsai, founder and director of Beyond Etiquette. "A smile, a wave, a brief exchange of pleasantries, can inspire a lot of

goodwill with your neighbors,” she says. It doesn’t take much and makes the neighborhood a much happier place overall.

Help Your Neighbors

Does your elderly neighbor have an unkempt yard? Does the single mom next door always leave her garbage cans out? Are the kids unruly at the bus stop? Instead of gossiping or complaining, reach out and see if you can find a way to help. For instance, mowing your neighbor’s lawn, bringing her trash cans in when you bring in yours, or offering to stay with the kids until the bus comes. Often there are simple things you can do to solve neighborhood problems, and not only will you brighten someone’s day but there may come a time when you need help and you’ll want your neighbors to be there for you!

Crime Stats Mar-May 2023

Whoa..., crime is still up, and way up! We had our share of theft, burglary and criminal damage in the last few months. In the areas around us, the hotspots were on/near our Central Ave border and the northeast corner of 7th Ave & Camelback, where some businesses recently closed. Remember, less people and less activity = more crime. Be sure to stay alert, watch your surroundings, and report anything that looks out of place. We are the eyes and ears for the cops, they have no idea of what's happening when they're not around. Very simply, crime goes down when more things are reported. In

an emergency, call 911. For a non-emergency, call 602-262-6151. Doing this will improve YOUR safety and YOUR neighborhood.



In Pierson Place Historic District

- Theft of Means of Transport ,04/23/23, 0515PM, 7xx W Pierson
- Burglary 2nd Deg, 04/07/23, 0300PM, 6xxW Pierson
- Arson/occupied Structure/Motor Veh, 04/02/23, 3xxW Mariposa
- Burglary 2nd Deg,05/06/23, 0600PM, 3xx W Pierson
- Theft Motor Veh, 01200PM, 3/12/23, 1200PM, 5xx W Highland
- Theft of Means of transport, 3/25/23, 300PM, 5xx W Highland
- Assault, 3/15/23, 0910AM, 5xx W Highland
- Theft Service w/o Paymt, 5/9/23, 654PM, 5xx W Highland
- Criminal Damage Less than \$250, 5/8/23, 1040PM, 5xx W Highland
- Burglary 2nd Deg, 3/16/23, 1200AM, 5xx W Highland
- Assault, 5/5/23, 400AM, 6xx W Hazelwood
- Criminal Damage, 3/23/23, 1234PM, 6xx W Hazelwood
- Burglary 2nd No force, 5/6/23, 600PM, 3xx W Pierson
- Theft of Transport, 3/24/23, 0930PM, 2xx W Coolidge St
- Criminal Damage 250-1000\$, 5/13/23, 12xxAM, 2xx W Coolidge St.

Contact us to get driveway/porch alarms, solar lights, lamp timers, and deadbolts for free. We deliver!



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YOUR alley lights are staying on...
and a new monument marker is coming!
(see inside for details)

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We have free crime prevention items!
Get YOURS today. (see inside)

Many thanks to Ron Andrews at A-1 Mailing Service and Fed-Ex Office for excellent layout, printing, and mailing of this newsletter. Contact them for all your printing needs!

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!

Emergency: 911

Non-emergency: 602-262-6151

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