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# PIERSON PLACE TIMES

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## QUARTERLY MEETING !!!

Two Great Speakers!

**Police Chief Daniel Garcia**

Burglary and other police topics.

**Michelle Dodds**, Historic Preservation Officer

Our application to the Federal Register.

Plus:

**Jon McLachlan**, our Community Action Officer

**Lisa Hubbard**, our Neighborhood Specialist

Plus:

**Annual Election of Officers and Board.** Join in and help - with crime prevention, civic affairs, Block Watch grants and neighborhood events. You can nominate and/or volunteer. The time commitment is very small, the rewards are huge, and everyone is welcome. Help your neighborhood move up another notch!

Date:

**JANUARY 29, 2014**

**6:00 pm: MEET AND GREET**

**6:30 pm: GENERAL MEETING**

At:

**The Camelback Sahara Hotel**

**502 W. Camelback Rd.**

Hosted by:

**The Clever Koi**, located at 4236 N. Central Ave, Ste. 100, 602-535-4999, visit them at: thecleverkoi.com

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## It's Your Turn, Pierson Place!

By Michelle Dodds, City of Phoenix

The Historic Preservation Commission and Historic Preservation Office are excited to say, "It's your turn, Pierson Place." Of the 35 residential historic districts on the Phoenix Historic Property Register, all but two are also on the National Register of Historic Places. Jodey Elsner with the Historic Preservation Office will be preparing the National Register nomination for Pierson Place. You can come to the January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting to meet her, hear more about the process and ask questions.

The nomination is submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The Arizona Historic Sites Review Committee (HSRC) is Arizona's official National Register of Historic Places review board. They advise the State Historic Preservation Officer, Jim Garrison, on nominations. The HSRC meets three times a year. Once a nomination has been approved and placed on the Arizona Historic Property Register, the SHPO forwards it to the Keeper of the National Register. The process can take about two years to complete and ultimately the decision is up to the Keeper in Washington D.C.

Once placed on the National Register, owners of contributing homes can apply for the State Historic Property Tax Reduction Program. The portion of the program for non-income producing properties can save you close to 50% on your property taxes.

Follow this link to learn more about the National Register.  
<http://azstateparks.com/SHPO/nationalregister.html>

The Historic Preservation Office is preparing this nomination, rather than hiring a consultant, as has been done in the past. We are relying on assistance from many of your neighbors and hope to see you as we visit the neighborhood to prepare the nomination. We look forward to meeting you on January 29<sup>th</sup>!

*Thank you to board member, Henry Harding, for taking all the photos for our nomination. We appreciate you!*

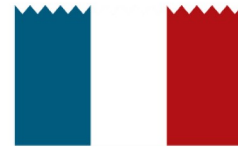
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## Simplot's legacy includes Melrose District arch

In one of his last public acts as a Phoenix city councilman, Tom Simplot recently flipped the switch to light the new arch over Seventh Avenue in the Melrose District.

"The Melrose District and Seventh Avenue as a whole are two of the most vibrant, growing areas of central Phoenix," said Councilman Tom Simplot. "It's an artistic and community hub, and this gateway is a perfect way to celebrate its diverse identity."

## PHOENIX SCORES 100%

Last November the City of Phoenix was honored by the Human Rights Campaign for achieving a perfect score on its Municipal Equality Index - for showing support for the LGBT community in our city. Phoenix was one of only 25 cities in the nation, and the only Arizona city to receive a perfect score. This acknowledgement from the HRC is important because it means we are on the right track. Phoenix is a special place because of our diversity; however, there is a great difference between diversity and inclusiveness. Only by celebrating our differences can we truly be united.

**Many thanks to the City of Phoenix for providing a Block Watch Grant to fund our crime prevention projects and this newsletter.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Charles Jones

Think about this in the new year. One of the most connected neighborhoods in the City of Phoenix. One of the lowest crime rates in the City of Phoenix. One of the most active neighborhoods in the City of Phoenix. One of the lowest crime rates in the City of Phoenix. One of the most informed neighborhoods in the City of Phoenix. One of the lowest crime rates in the City of Phoenix. This is Pierson Place.

Other than a few burglaries every quarter, there is not much crime in our neighborhood. Twenty-four crimes were reported last year, twenty-one were burglary, and the others were assault and a sex crime. Burglary averages one every two weeks, and it accounts for 88% of our crime. That is why we are focusing on it.

You can lock doors and windows, use exterior lighting, lock gates, arm security alarms, and always watch what is going on around you. These are simple things that each of us can do. We installed lighting in the alleys and canal bank, and distributed hundreds of porch and flood lights, dead bolts and pad locks to residents. All of these are important because crime studies show that

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lighting dark areas and impeding bad guys results in less burglary.

Not everyone reports all crimes that occur, and we want to change that. We know our beloved police work on the basis of number of calls received, and that, an easy way to reduce crime is to make just one little phone call when anything is out of place. Most all crime studies also show that resident communication results in less burglary.

So, we encourage you get to know your neighbors and learn to recognize when something isn't right. That is what it is all about. Everyone reports everything that smells. We will become more connected, more active, more informed... and ultimately, more safe. Call the police, our Community Action Officer, any board member, or even your neighbor. Just let someone know what you saw or heard, and get the ball rolling. (Phone numbers are on pages 1 and 5)

And FYI, Police Chief Garcia will help kick off our burglary reduction efforts at our general meeting this month. Come and chat with him about any crime concerns you have, and learn what you can do to help move the stats downward. Your neighborhood will be safer, you and your family will be safer, and you can live with an even lower crime rate in your neighborhood. What a great way to bring in the New Year.



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## Project H3: VETS

Since the launch of Project H3 VETS in 2011 over 164 veterans experiencing chronic homelessness have been housed, with a 93% success rate for remaining housed. The most recent street survey completed in October 2013, identified the remaining 56 chronically homeless veterans on the streets of Greater Phoenix.

On Veterans Day 2013, Mayor Greg Stanton, Senator John McCain and leaders of H3: VETS partner organizations announced a plan to get these 56 veterans indoors and off the streets by the end of November 2013 and to be permanently housed by the next Arizona Stand-down, February 14th 2014, bringing this population to a functional zero. The goal is for Phoenix to be the nation's first city to get a roof over every homeless veteran's head. Mayor Stanton plans to apply the lessons learned and strategies developed with this project towards ending homelessness among the broader population of homeless individuals across the valley.



## CHINESE CULTURE AND FOOD FESTIVAL

Phoenix Sister Cities Chengdu and Taipei committees and the Phoenix Chinese Week Committee will celebrate Chinese Week 2014 and the Chinese New Year 4712, "The Year of the Horse" from Feb. 3 to 9, with cultural and educational events at a variety of Valley locations.

A highlight of the activities is a free, three-day Chinese Week Culture and Food Festival, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb 8; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb 9; at Margaret T. Hance Park, 1202 N. Third St., Phoenix. Parking is free.

The 24th annual festival features live entertainment including the dragon and lion dances, martial arts demonstrations, folk and traditional dances, musical performances, mah-jong booth, a Children's Pavilion, the Chinese Culture and History booth, photo exhibit and art display, delicious Chinese food and much more.

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## Re-Elect Jack White to SRP Boards

Our neighbor, Jack White, is presently on the Boards of Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District and the Salt River Valley Water Users Association. He worked for SRP for 42 years, and held numerous management positions throughout the Project. Jack is running for re-election and needs our support. He has been responsive to shareholder concerns during his tenure, and he has much more to get done.

Your property has voting rights in SRP's elections - even if you are an APS electric customer or you don't use flood irrigation.

Use the following steps to vote for Jack:

1. Request ballots to vote in the election by calling 602-236-3048 or by visiting [srpnet.com/elections](http://srpnet.com/elections). There are separate ballots for electricity and water usage. Ballots for electricity customers, even if your electricity comes from APS, are from the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District. Ballots for flood irrigation users are from the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association. Each owner is entitled to ballots for both types of usage and each may vote. However, if the property is held in a revocable trust, only the trustee may vote on behalf of the trust.
2. Complete a ballot for electricity and water, and send them back to SRP for counting.
3. Jack's name is listed on the ballots as: White, Jr., John "Jack" M.

Time is of the essence! Requests for ballots ends March 17th, and completed ballots must be received in SRP's offices by March 29th at 5:00 pm.

We hope you support Jack White and help him get re-elected to both Boards at SRP (electricity and water). We know he will do great things in years to come. If you have any questions, contact Jack directly at 602-770-3558.



As part of the FitPHX program, the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department will be enhancing walking paths at eight city parks, thanks to a \$25,000 grant from Coca-Cola of Arizona. The grant also will help pilot a new walking program at sites around the city.

"We're excited to receive these funds to help get Phoenix moving," said Mayor Greg Stanton. "You'll see WalkPHX sites in all parts of the city – great places to walk, jog and run. WalkPHX will help give our residents an opportunity to become more active and healthy."

FitPHX, part of the city's Parks and Recreation Department, is planning and designing new signage and mileage markers at eight different city parks that have established walking paths. The city also will seek additional community partners to expand the WalkPHX program to other locations.

FitPHX is a citywide initiative, led by Mayor Stanton, Councilman Valenzuela and Olympic Gold Medalist Misty Hyman, with the goal of improving health and wellness in the region and making the Phoenix area one of the healthiest in the nation.

The program encourages residents to lead healthier lifestyles, focusing on childhood and adult obesity, nutrition education, active infrastructure, healthy worksites and encouraging the use of public transportation, bicycling and walking. For more information, visit [phoenix.gov/fitphx](http://phoenix.gov/fitphx).

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## Block watch and Community Meetings:

January 22, 2014 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Community Meeting

Mountain View Precinct, 2075 East Maryland Avenue

January 28, 2014, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Phoenix Block Watch Advisory Board

PV Community Center, 17402 North 40th Street

February 1, 2014, 8:00 AM - noon

Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Training

Mountain View Precinct, 2075 East Maryland Avenue

## Crime Statistics *By Andy Mezulis*

**September 1 – December 18 2013**

9/3: 300 block W. Highland--Burglary

9/5: 600 block W. Pierson --Assault

9/12: 100 block W. Highland--Assault

10/21: 300 block W. Pierson—Burglary

10/23: 300 block W. Highland--Burglary

11/5: 300 block W. Pierson--Burglary

11/9: 200 block W. Coolidge--Burglary

11/15: 100 block W. Elm--Burglary

TOTAL PPHD: 8

TOTAL ZIP 85013: 148

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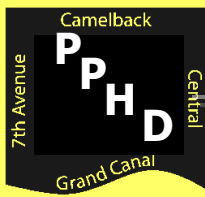
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**Officer Jon McLachlan**

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