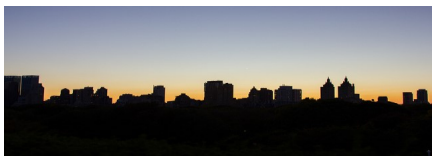
# HISTORIC ROOSEVELT TIMES



**September, 2016**

THE ROOSEVELT NEIGHBORHOOD

## Updates, News and September Meeting Agenda Items

**Portland on the Park, FoundRE Hotel, and R^3 Development:** Tim Sprague will be on hand to give us an update on the progress of all three of his developments.

**Fillmore RFP Results:** FINALLY! We will either have the selected developer come to present their plans to the group or a City CED staff member give us an update.

**FAA Update:** We will have an update on the process of the suit as our response to the court was submitted on August 4th. Additionally, we will have information regarding an upcoming fundraiser to pay the remainder of the legal bill.

**3rd and 5th Avenues:** We will have the results of the August 23rd public meeting and discuss.

This may be an action item.

**Circles/Stewart:** We will have an update on the development plans if any are available along with an update from the scheduled August 23rd site review meeting at the City.

**Starbucks at 7th Ave and Roosevelt:** Will Rodriguez was granted his variances which RAA unanimously supported so he can move forward with the proposed development. **Four destroyed historic buildings:** Four buildings had been moved to a vacant lot over a decade ago by long term preservationist, Rob Melikian. He then sold them at cost to another preservationist, the late Alec Tanner, who lost them to the mortgage holder during the recession. As they were not designated, they were able to be destroyed this month….which leads to the next topic:

**Potential Change in Historic Demo Procedure and Expansion of the Roosevelt District?** Beginning with the City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Commission, there could be a change in procedures for demolition permits for older commercial buildings whether historically designated or not allowing 30 days for public notice (and hopefully alternative solutions in many cases). Also discussed is the possible expansion of the Roosevelt Historic District. This is a possible action item.

**Home Tour:** WE NEED HOUSES AND VOLUNTEERS!!

**Upcoming Council Vote on LED lights in Parks and Streetlights**: We have a request for a presentation about the light change. This is also a possible action item.

**Block Watch and Homeless Update:** Mark Davis (**markdavis27@gmail.com**) and Sherry Rampy (**sherryrampy@cox.net**) are working on Block Watch items (signs and alley lights) and setting up Block Watch lists. NEEDED: One Block Watch Captain (Captain, OH Captain) for each block (or apartment complex) PLEASE contact either one if interested in being involved. ALSO and update on the meetings regarding the upcoming overflow shelter closing and homeless issues in the neighborhood. ALSO NEEDED: A neighborhood representative that will attend the meetings and report back. This may also be an action item.

**Phoenix Elementary #1 School Board Election:** Portland Street neighbor, Angel JannaschPennell is running for re-election and will come address the neighborhood.

**State Representative Ken Clark:** Last but certainly not least, Ken Clark, one of our State Representatives will come give us an update.

Whew…who said summer was slow. See ya at the meeting!

## In This Issue: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— Grand Coffee Company (Amsterdam's)
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Roosevelt Historic District Thanks The New City Church for hosting the RAA's monthly meetings. Our get-togethers are held on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is on September 6th starting at 6 pm with our "meet and mingle" New City Church is located at 1300 N. Central Ave. (NW corner of Culver and Central)

## New Use, Old Spot- Grand Central Coffee Company

Meeting a friend for coffee at the newly opened **Grand Central Coffee Company** at **718 N Central** brought back memories of Halloween weekend 1998 and I was dressed as Cleopatra. "Mark Anthony" was by my side and we drank and danced at the newly opened **Amsterdam**.

Right now it's a coffee shop **open 6am-midnight Su-Th and 6am-2am Fri and Sat.** serving tons of baked goods, coffee, beer, wine, and liquor. By October it will have a full kitchen and small market and be open 24 hours a day.

It still retains the great space, tons of seating on the main floor as well as multiple balconies. The funky decor of architectural salvage and kitch have only been added to since the Amsterdam days. Once the cooler weather hits, it has great outdoor patio space.

Keep it in mind…not just for old time sake, but for a fun, funky atmosphere to enjoy a drink and great company. There is also special event space, night club on Saturday 10pm-5am. Check out their fb page or go to www.LiveOnCentral.com

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## Letter from the President

There are a tremendous number of developments and changes occurring in our neighborhood and many will have long term, lasting effects, so now is an important time to get involved.

If fact, that is the reason that I wanted to become President of RAA this year. I've endeavored to increase communication and participation so that our neighborhood has a strong and respected voice not just with our elected officials, but with City staff, developers, small business owners, and our own residents.

We have the most diverse neighborhood within the City. Our diversity spans our architecture, land and building uses, as well as the people that call this place home.

That said, there is a membership form in this newsletter. If you aren't a member, please complete the form and become one.

I believe that we attract what we support. Please join the effort in making our neighborhood even more dynamic.

*Union at Roosevelt Apartment/Retail*

*Portland on the Park Condos*

## Monthly Meetings and Article/Ad Submissions

The September, 2016 monthly meeting of the Roosevelt Action Association will be held at **'New City Church' (Northwest corner Central and Culver) on Tuesday, September 6th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm with a "Meet and Mingle" starting at 6:00 pm with the actual meeting starting at 6:15 pm.** All residences of the Historic Roosevelt District are welcome to attend these meetings. Our newsletter is full of articles of interest to the community along with advertisers. If you or someone in the neighborhood would like to submit an article or know of someone who would like to advertise in our paper please contact Douglas Churchill, our Editor at: (602)606-2914 or send an e-mail with your article or information to dchurchill37@yahoo.com. If you are submitting an article or ad please send in Jpeg, or .doc file formats. The cut-off deadline for submittals is the 15th of each month which will go in the following months issue.

*Alta Fillmore Apartments Pool area*

*Townhomes on 3rd Avenue & McKinley*

## Meet Me Downtown

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Meet Me Downtown is a free weekly (rain, shine and holidays) walk-run starting from The Corner in City Scape from 5:15 to 5:45pm on Mondays. We will provide a route guide for a 3 mile walk downtown and through the Roosevelt Neighborhood. Return to The Corner by 7:00pm for music, free incentive awards for regular participation and a free raffle. Stay downtown after and enjoy discounts in several "Meet Me" restaurants.

Register here...http://www.meetmedowntown.com/wp-login.php?action-register or register when you arrive. MMDT is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield Arizona and brought to you by FitPHX and Downtown Phoenix Inc.

# RESTORING THE CHARM

Hi neighbors,

I'm back with part 2 of our 5 part design and restoration series, Restoring the Charm. This month we're talking about those three F words in the world of design: finishes, fixtures and furniture. Clients living in historic neighborhoods often ask me for help adding special period appropriate design pieces to their homes. Sometimes those items come in at the remodeling stage by means of surface materials (ceramic tile, soapstone countertops, special plaster work, detailed carpentry, etc.)…or maybe it's adding a vintage light fixture or finally splurging on that gooseneck kitchen faucet with the oak handles…sometimes it's planning a new living room around a Stickley Eastwood chair that found its home tucked in between a fireplace and a built-in. Whatever it might be, I always want my suggestions to add value to a home - not necessarily monetary value, but character and "happy homeowner" value.

I've been designing in and around the historic neighborhoods of Phoenix for a good decade or so and during that time, I've compiled quite the Go-To list for the 3 Fs. Here are some of my favorites -

**FINISHES**

**Wallpaper** - You really can't beat Bradbury & Bradbury (bradbury.com) for both true reproduction and "inspired by" patterns. The Original Morris & Co. (through the design trade) is also a favorite. Check out their fabric while you're there.
**Tile** - Motawi (www.motawi.com) has stunning ceramic tiles in all sorts of colors and patterns. This is where you plan your dream fireplace surround.

**FIXTURES**

**Lighting** - Rejuvenation (www.rejuvenation.com) offers new light fixtures in styles and finishes appropriate for many eras and they often have some wonderful antique pieces.
**Plumbing** - If you have a healthy budget, Waterworks (www.waterworks.com) is your place. They are the cream of the crop in the land of plumbing fixtures and their price tags back that up. If you don't feel like trading in next summer's vacation budget for a faucet, Newport Brass (www.newportbrass.com) is a nice alternative.

**FURNITURE**

**Furnishings and Casegoods** - Stickley (www.stickley.com) is a winner here for their beautiful designs and quality USA craftsmanship. Caledonia Studios (www.caledoniastudios.com) is also worth a peek.
**Area Rugs** - The Persian Carpet (www.persiancarpet.com) is my favorite source for period patterns and quality construction.

That's it for the three Fs and part 2 of our 5 part series. I hope I've turned you on to some new sources for special pieces that will add a little more character to your home and make you an even happier homeowner.

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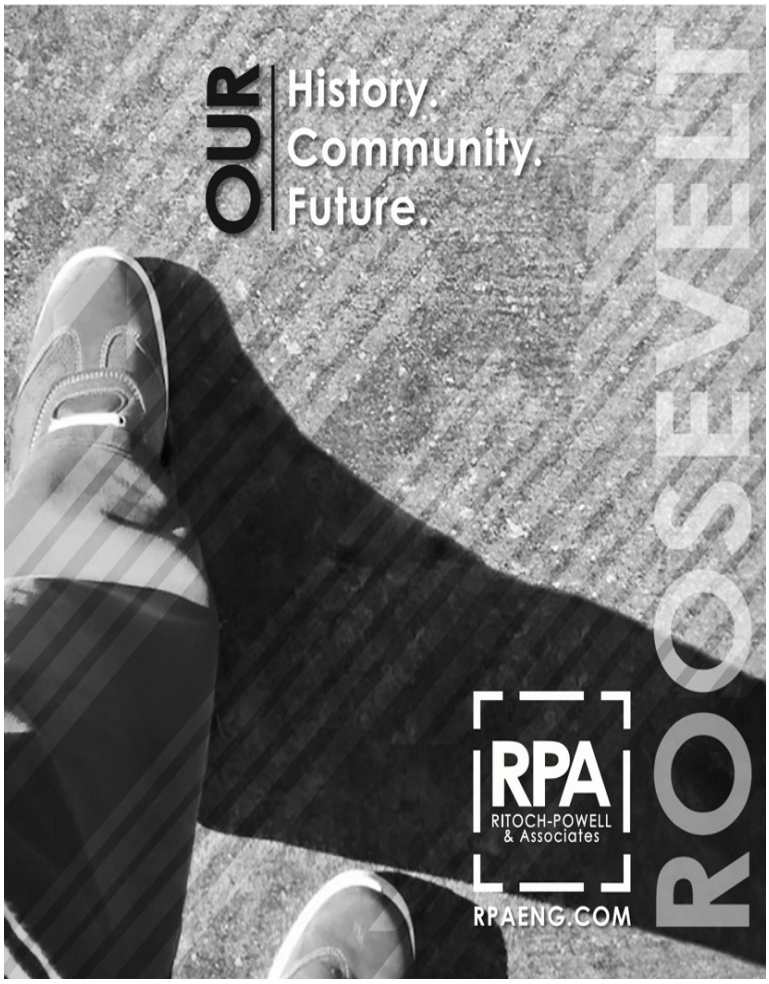


# HISTORIC ROOSEVELT HOMETOUR

It's nearly Home Tour time again! Our neighborhood Home Tour will take place on **November 13 2016**. Last year was a great success and a lot of fun, even with the rain.

This year we are going to feature houses on Lynwood, Willetta and Culver Streets, between Central Ave and 5th Ave. If you happen to live on those streets and want to be on the tour please let me know. Our goal is to have 12 houses this year!

Vendors and Food truck owners are already emailing to reserve their spots. This will be a great tour!

If you want to be on the tour or have a neighbor that you think should be on the tour, contact me at: **pekaluzny@gmail.com** or text me at **(917)392-9648**

Thank you so much!

Pierre Kaluzny

## Calendar of Events — September, 2016

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| Sept. 1 - Sept. 5 | The World of Giant Insects<br>Arizona Science Center (4th St & Washington) |
| Sept. 5 - Sept. 26 | Motown on Mondays<br>Crescent Ballroom (2nd Ave. & VanBuren) |
| Sept. 1 - Sept. 18 | The Three Billy Goats Gruff<br>Arizona Puppet Theatre (3rd Ave & Latham) |
| Sept. 2 | First Friday & Artlink First Friday<br>(Roosevelt St between Central & 7th St) |
| Sept. 7 | Wednesday Movie "The Great Gatsby"<br>Burton Barr Library 2 PM (Central & Willetta) |
| Sept. 9 | City Lights Movie Nights<br>City Scape (1st Ave & Van Buren) |
| Sept. 14 | Wednesday Movie "Wag the Dog"<br>Burton Barr Library 2 PM (Central & Willetta) |
| Sept. 10 | Distant Worlds - Music from 'Final Fantasy'<br>Symphony Hall (2nd St. & Monroe) |
| Sept.16 - Sept 18 | Beethoven's Symphony No. 5<br>Symphony Hall (2nd St. & Monroe) |
| Sept. 21 | Wednesday Movie "Dave"<br>Burton Barr Library 2 PM (Central & Willetta) |
| Sept. 22 - Sept 30 | Jack Rabbit and the Easter Basket<br>Arizona Puppet Theatre (3rd Ave. & Latham) |
| Sept 23, 24 | Brahms's Symphony No. 4<br>Symphony Hall (2nd St. & Monroe) |
| Sept. 28 | Wednesday Movie "The Manchurian Candidate"<br>Burton Barr Library 2 PM (Central & Willetta) |
| Sept. 30 | Bravo Broadway—Music of the Night<br>Symphony Hall (2nd St. & Monroe) |

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Completed Membership Form can be mailed to RAA—P.O. Box 2788—Phoenix, AZ 85002, brought to monthly board meetings. Membership is on a calendar year basis and **dues must be paid** to vote at meetings. Board terms start with the March RAA Monthly Meeting with election at the February meeting.

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| Street Light Maintenance | (602)495-5125 |
| APS Emergency Number | (602)258-5483 |

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