

Historic Roosevelt Times

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Historic Preservation (?) Update

Honoring the Sexon House, 338 N. 4th Ave,

c.1910 - 2017

Sadly, another historic home has been lost to the dump.

In July, we reported that a demolition permit had been pulled for the grey and white bungalow at 338 North 4th Ave - just down the street from the Campbell House. It was demolished in August. The owner shared that the land would be easier to market without the house and they heard it would "go historic" (not accurate) which would prevent them from demolishing the house (not accurate). The house was still owned by the original family from the 1910's, and the house was occupied until recently.

The center of the house was being supported by a single stack of courageous Phoenix Brickyard bricks, but they'd started to give way so the foundation was shifting. Although appearing in a state of disrepair, with some exceptions, most of the walls, trim, numerous windows, floorboards and doors were in excellent condition- they were just hiding underneath layers of wear. *(continued page 2)*



Community Homelessness Meeting & Town Hall

-Rachel Davis

Over a hundred people attended an open house that featured discussions and Q&A with homeless service providers including COP Neighborhood Services, PD, and the Human Service Campus.

Counts of people on the streets in Phoenix and across the country indicate a 50% increase in homelessness over the past three years. Some causes include rising rents and increase in drug use.

Within the homeless population, Police Departments are now seeing repeat criminal offenders with a propensity for violence and property crimes. These people typically don't respond to offers of assistance. The police and city prosecutors are working to get them in custody, and use that time in custody to encourage their use of services.

Churches & other groups continue to hand out food in the parks. The handouts are not helpful; in fact they serve the criminal element and contribute to loitering and trash. The panel suggested supporting existing food programs (Andre House, St. Vincent de Paul, etc) because they have connections to other services as well.

Each year, the City of Phoenix gives grants totaling \$4.2 million to various organizations including shelter, employment support and rapid rehousing. One grantee, Community Bridges, responds to reports of homeless people potentially in need of services. *(continued page 5)*

RAA September General Neighborhood Meeting

Tuesday, September 19th 2017, UL2 Building

(SWC 2nd Ave/McKinley - 650 N. 2nd Ave)

Social "Quarter" 6:00-6:15, Official start 6:16

Entrance on north side of building (McKinley St)



On the agenda:

- State representatives Lela Alston and Ken Clark will share a legislative update.
- Presentation of a proposed development on a single lot at 837 N. 5th Avenue.
- Presentation by City of Phoenix with results of RFP for development of a vacant lot at 814 N. 5th Ave.
- Police Department/Community Action Officers will outline upcoming changes in Homeless Services intended to address ongoing challenges with transient population and crime/safety/sanitation issues in the neighborhood and at Hance & Roosevelt Parks.
- Standing committee updates.

Historic Preservation.... (continued from page 1)

Fortunately, the owners gave permission for a last-minute opportunity to salvage some materials prior to the home's destruction

Within an hour of frantic calls to the city HP office and the Phoenix Historic Neighborhood Coalition, preservationists arrived at the house and hurriedly began salvaging. Saved were interior doors (including two spectacular old-growth 36" pocket doors signed "F.A. French" - see photo), window weights, hinges, the front door and sidelights, leaded glass window, and as many pieces of trim as could be removed before sunset. One well-known preservationist single-handedly disconnected and carried out the claw-foot tub at 7PM - just as a massive monsoon approached.

With less than 24 hours notice, there was not time to salvage the stain-grade trim, fir floors, bricks or other materials that had managed to survive years of no maintenance. In other cities, the loss of these house parts may not have been outstanding. But in Phoenix, even a paint-covered bin pull or strike plate takes on significant meaning.

Many preservationists who watch a home of such craftsmanship be destroyed feel a deep-rooted sense of injustice. This one was especially hard to watch since it was destroyed out of indifference, fear and speculation. Even the hardest preservationists would've shed a tear as the backhoe operator struggled to knock over the massive porch pilasters and when he was given a double thumbs-up to uproot two 100-year old palm trees at the back of the lot. This has to stop.

A heartfelt community "thank you" to the people that were able and willing to help salvage on such short notice.



Part of a macro problem---what's being done, and how can you help?

Not unlike during the last housing market uptick, increased land speculation is threatening historic buildings across downtown as developers rush to secure land. South Roosevelt is still peppered with vacant lots from previous market busts.

If you want to help, you can join a team that's mapping South Roosevelt to identify historic structures. There's also a working group that will brainstorm creative funding sources and methods as alternatives to demolition. There are outstanding resources such as maps, photographs & studies that residents and Roosevelt Action Association boards from the 1980's and '90's compiled. There are some old photos and files that are fun to look through! Please send an email expressing interest to: Info@RooseveltNeighborhood.org



The McKinley Row townhouse project by Roosevelt's hometown community builder, Metrowest, is nearing completion. The balconies and front porches with walk-up stoops to activate 4th Avenue.

More info at mckinleyrow.com

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Roosevelt Action Association Goals

Historic Preservation

Educate & Communicate about:

- Funding
- Rehabilitation
- Development Proposals/Projects

Monitor development in & around Roosevelt:

- Businesses/commercial
- Residential development (in and around)

Support development that is compatible and beneficial to other goals

Promote programs that:

- Preserve historic and prehistoric archeological sites
- Provide safe housing
- Improve deteriorated housing
- Enhance aesthetic street treatments
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(Homelessness Town Hall, cont'd from front page)

They have had some successes, however 75% of people they talk to refuse services.

This month, a new reporting and response system called "C.A.R.E.S." will be introduced. There will be one phone number to call for ALL homeless-related issues. The most appropriate responder will be contacted for resolution. This may or may not be the police department. The phone number had not been released at time of this printing.

The panel suggested that in the meantime, the community should provide feedback by sharing any problems they observe with the PD Community Action Officers/Crime Stop and the Neighborhood Services Dept. so that resource organizations can formulate appropriate programs.

Contacts:

Neighborhood Services:	602.534.4444
Crime Stop:	602.262.6151
Phoenix Revitalization Corp:	602.253.6895
Human Services Campus (CASS):	602.229.1241



The go-to for all things downtown!

Must be present to win

This 1938 raffle ticket was found in a wall at the Sexon House during salvage (see page 1). It was for a drawing at the AJ Bayless' second grocery store that opened in 1931 at Central & Moreland St (roughly across the street from the Irish Cultural Center). Next month on Oct 5th, it will have been 99 years since the 1st prize drawing. The grand prize was a 1938 Chevy Sedan, and the total prize pot of \$1400 is equivalent to \$24,000 today!



Roosevelt gets its first James Beard Award-winning Chef: Alessandro Stratta

Often called "The Oscars of Food," the James Beard Foundation Awards have been handed out annually since 1990 to recognize excellence in cuisine. In that time, Arizona, specifically Phoenix, has had it's fair share of nominees and winners. But, to the best of our knowledge, Roosevelt has never had a restaurant within its boundaries run by a James Beard Award nominee or winner.

Many have been a short walk or bike ride from Roosevelt's borders - among them Silvana Esparza (multi-time nominee) of Barrio Cafe and Barrio Cafe Gran Reserva, Chris Bianco (2003 winner) of Pizzeria Bianco and Panne Bianco, and Nobuo Fukuda (2007 winner) of Nobua Teeter House.

The James Beard honor is now within Roosevelt's borders. Alessandro Stratta has been named as Culinary Director of the Found:Re Hotel located at Central Avenue and Portland Street. Alex was a James Beard recipient in 1998 during his time at renowned Mary Elaine's at the Phoenician. At Found:Re, he is part of the ownership and management of all of the hotel's food operations, including the Portland Park viewing restaurant, Match Cuisine and Cocktails. It sounds like Alex is truly interested in tapping into the neighborhood for his latest venture and a revamped menu is expected in September. Welcome Alex to the 'hood; we look forward to new dining and drinking adventures.

Some food & drink rumors to stay tuned for ...

Rumor has it that a neighborhood wine bar will be locating at The Union at Roosevelt in the prime corner located at Roosevelt and 1st Avenue.

Rumor has it that nationally known mixologist has scooped up a bungalow in south Roosevelt with the intention of opening a garden-to-glass cocktail bar. Sounds exciting!

Text Amendment to triple maximum building height at Central & Willetta opposed by RAA

There is an application for a Text Amendment to increase the maximum height from 75' to 250' on the parcel formerly known as Artisan Lofts Phase II. (See July newsletter on the Roosevelt website for details). Attorney Larry Lazarus, who offices in Roosevelt, is representing the owner and made a presentation at the August RAA neighborhood meeting. It suggested an offer to reduce the request to 200' with a building form with a series of staggered heights, with maximum height at Central Ave. RAA members in attendance and the RAA Board voted overwhelmingly not to support this or any amendment that increases the allowable height from current 75'. Hearings have been postponed. Updates will be posted online and in the October newsletter.

Please send your opinions to the City of Phoenix Project Planner Hannah Oliver at Hannah.Oliver@phoenix.gov or call her at 602.256.5648

Downtown Park & Other Events - September 2017

Civic Space Park- 424 N Central

Mon-Sat Splash Pad

SPORTS AT HOME

AZ Diamondbacks Baseball

ArizonaDiamondbacks.mlb.com

Sept. 8-10 San Diego Padres

Sept. 11-14 Colorado Rockies

Sept. 22-24 Miami Marlins

Sept. 25-27 San Francisco Giants

Phx Mercury Basketball

Mercury.WNBA.com

Sept. 1 Connecticut Sun

Sept. 3 Atlanta Dream

OTHER EVENTS

Sept. 1 First Friday www.RooseveltRow.org

Sept. 19 RAA General Membership Meeting (see page 1)

Sept. 15 Third Friday www.RooseveltRow.org

Herberger Theatre www.herbergertheater.org

Sept. 8-23 The Effect

Sept. 18-28 Top of the Charts (lunchtime Theatre t Kax Stage)

Sept. 29 Stand up for Downtown Theater

Comerica Theatre www.comericatheater.org

Sept. 2 Dave Chapelle

Sept. 3 Idina Menzel

Sept. 8 Ricardo Arjona

Sept. 10 Luis Fonsi

Sept. 16-17 Paw Patrol Live! Race to the Rescue

Sept. 23 Impractical Jokers Live!

Sept. 24 Fleet Foxes

Sept. 25 Jon Bellion- The Human Condition Tour part III

Sept. 27 Paramore - Tour Two

Sept. 30 Return of the Latin Kinds of Comedy

Arizona Puppet Theatre - 3rd Ave & Latham

www.azpuppets.org

Sept. 1-3 Three Billy Goats Gruff

Sept. 6-30 Goldilocks

Community Contact Info

Police Community Action Officers:

North of I-10: Ofc Ben Harris - 602.361.4501

South of I-10: Ofc Jeff Howell - 602.534.6438

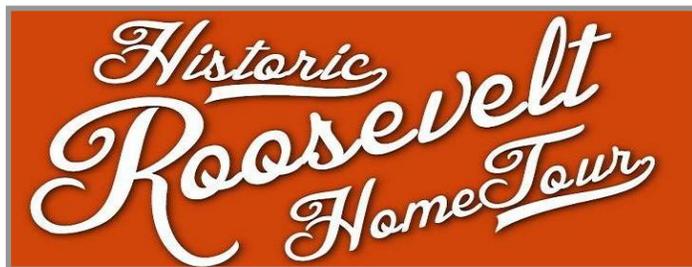
Street light outages: include pole number: 602.495.5125

Graffiti Busters: no tag too small! 602.534.4444

CRIME STOP (non emergency Police) 602.262.6151

Property Maintenance Violations: 602.262.7844

APS Emergency: 602.258.5483



Roosevelt Historic Home Tour Monthly Update Home Tour: Sunday, November 19th

November 19th seems like long way in the future, but it's only 10 weeks away. Some details have been finalized- tickets will go on sale this month (www.RooseveltNeighborhood.org). Ticket prices are \$18 on the day of; presale online price is \$15. The tour set-up is the same as in 2015, with general information, ticket sales, vendors, and food trucks set up along Portland Street, which will be closed from 3rd Avenue to 5th Avenue. At this stage, you can help by securing vendors and sponsors, and being a part of the marketing and promotional effort. There are plenty more fun volunteer opportunities. More info from 2017 Home Tour Chairperson, Pierre Kaluzny at Pierre@SputnikMoment.com.

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