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The Nash 3rd Anniversary Celebration featuring NEA Jazz Master Kenny Barron takes place Oct. 16-18

By Joel R. Goldenthal

The Nash in downtown Phoenix is celebrating its 3rd Anniversary with 3 days of events, including some of the top names in Jazz!

On Saturday, October 17th at 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Master Kenny Barron will perform with his all-star Platinum Trio: Kenny Barron-piano, George Mraz-Bass and Lewis Nash-drums. All 3 of these musicians have played extensively with Dizzy Gillespie, Stan Getz and a long list of the who's who of jazz giants. Collectively they have played on well over 1,000 recordings.

On Sunday, October 18th The Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz Fellows Ensemble, a select group of gifted young jazz musicians from around the world will perform at **The Nash**, with special guest Lewis Nash.

In addition to these concerts, there will be a private reception and party for Kenny Barron in a North Phoenix home on Friday evening, a Master Class with Kenny Barron on Saturday afternoon, and a Sunday afternoon Thelonious Monk Institute education workshop.

In April 2012, Jazz in Arizona (a nonprofit organization) opened **The Nash**, strategically located in the burgeoning Roosevelt Row Arts District of downtown Phoenix. Now with 300 performances and 60 educational programs in a year, **The Nash** has proven to be the hotbed of jazz activity in Phoenix and has given America's 6th largest city a jazz venue that ranks with those in New York City and Chicago. In fact, in February 2014 and again in 2015, foremost jazz publication Downbeat Magazine named **The Nash** to its list of "Great Jazz Venues in the World".

For 3rd Anniversary Celebration tickets and more information about **The Nash**, visit www.TheNash.org or call Lorene Ely at 602-686-7481.

Tickets on sale now at www.jazzinaz.org

The Nash



"Roosevelt Historic Home Tour" 2015

The Home Tour is just around the corner, and we need some help from our residents! The Home Tour is going to feature Latham and Portland Streets, we have eight homes that are committed to being on the tour but we need four more! So if you live on one of those two streets and have been thinking about putting your house on the tour, **PLEASE** say yes and join the fun.

This year we will have 8 food trucks, that is more trucks than at the farmers market on Saturday! We are also going to have 40 craft vendors. The food truck spots are already filled and the truck owners are excited to be in our neighborhood for the day, the vendor spaces are filling up as well. If you have an interest in a booth, feel free to contact me.

The tour will be on Sunday, November 15, 2015 from 10 am to 3 pm. Please consider being on the tour, it is a good experience and there is an incredible after party for the homeowners!

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Save the Date: 2015 Roosevelt Home Tour == Sunday November 15th

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Neighborhood events:

The Roosevelt Action Association has three on-going events so we can get to know more about each other and to construct a better relationship with our neighbors.

1. **Building a Neighborhood Directory.** There was a directory in our Historic District over a decade ago. It will be organized by street and show a photo of each house, list addresses, with contact information of each one of us. **WE DON'T SHARE THE INFORMATION WITH ANYBODY OTHER THAN NEIGHBORS.**
2. **Compile Block Watches.** Not only is Block Watch a good idea, there are grants available for a variety of uses ranging from alley lights to newsletter printing, website access... check it out!! www.rooseveltneighborhood.org
3. **Membership Drive.** Membership lets you have a voice within the neighborhood and the City. Having a strong cohesive neighborhood association can actually affect where you live. How? The pedestrian streetlights that allow our neighborhood to be much more friendlier and safer to walk around were allocated through participation in the City NIA. Our Historic District was one the very first built in Phoenix and we have some of the most diverse architecture in the area with homes and apartments being back as far as the late 1800's. By the year 2020 there will be an added 1,000 new household units in our district. We have a great history of cooperation with some great developments like Portland Place, The Goldspot Market (aka Desert Viking) and Roosevelt Commons (Butler Housing Co.)

Becoming interested and participating in our new directory, block watch, or membership is as easy as contacting Sherry Rampy at sherryrampy@cox.net or (602)571-5032 for information and instructions how to enroll.

Sherry Rampy, RAA Vice President

Calendar of Events — October, 2015

Week of 10/1—10/3

- Thursday:** MACH: Art Haven 6-7:30pm (Burton Barr Library)
hive@central 6-8pm (Burton Barr Library)
- Friday:** First Friday 3-10pm (Roosevelt from Central to 7th St)
Star Wars party 6-8pm (Burton Barr Library)
- Saturday:** Yoga in Park 8:30-10am (downtown Civic Space Park)
hive@central (ABCs of Start New Bus) (Burton Barr Library)

Week of 10/4—10/10

- Tuesday:** hive@central (So you want to start a non-profit)
12-1pm (Burton Barr Library)
- Thursday:** hive@central 6-8pm (Burton Barr Library)
- Saturday:** Yoga in Park 8:30-10am (downtown Civic Space Park)

Week of 10/11—10/17

- Wednesday:** hive@central 6-7:30pm (Burton Barr Library)
- Thursday:** hive@central 6-8pm (Burton Barr Library)
- Friday:** hive@central (One-on-One Advice for Bus. Dev.)
3-4pm (Burton Barr Library)
- Saturday:** Yoga in Park 8:30-10am (downtown Civic Space Park)

Week of 10/18—10/24

- Tuesday:** hive@central 6-8pm (Burton Barr Library)
- Thursday:** hive@central 6-8pm (Burton Barr Library)
- Saturday:** Yoga in Park 8:30-10am (downtown Civic Space Park)

Week of 10/25—10/31

- Tuesday:** hive@central Business Roadmap Program
6-8pm (Burton Barr Library)
- Wednesday:** Book Club **After Dark** by Haruki Murakami
6-7pm (Burton Barr Library)
- Thursday:** hive@central Business Roadmap Program
6-8pm (Burton Barr Library)
- Friday:** hive@central (One-on-One Advice for Bus. Dev.)
2-3pm & 3-4pm (Burton Barr Library)

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Awesomeness of Historic Roosevelt

By Sherry Rampy

While delivering newsletters last month, I was struck with just how truly amazing our neighborhood is. Roosevelt has had and continues to have an incredible diversity in architectural styles and uses. The people that have shaped the neighborhood and City that have and continue to call it home have been just as diverse and amazing.

Internationally acclaimed artists and architects have and continue to call Roosevelt home as well as mayors, state legislators, founders of non-profits and museums, school board members, developers, Emmy award winners, journalists, craftsmen, professional athletes, entrepreneurs, philanthropists and all round awesome neighbors. Their stories are so interesting that I've decided to highlight one such neighbor a month (this is a goal, not a promise).

As I was deciding where to begin, I was reminded of the loss of two friends that had a huge impact on Roosevelt, Alec Tanner and Kris Lowery.

Kris Lowrey, a real estate broker, introduced "lofts" to Phoenix bringing a developer from Denver to transform a horribly dilapidated 1929 apartment building amidst vacant lots into what we know today as 'The Filmore Lofts' at Second Avenue and Filmore. This was a huge risk and many thought they would be another of Downtown's development disasters. 'The Filmore Lofts' were the first and happily Downtown has yet to see the last of its Loft projects.

Kris went on to convert what was originally built in the 1920's as another apartment building but lastly served as a group home for paranoid schizophrenics into the 'Fontenelle' at Third Avenue and Roosevelt.

Alec Tanner also transformed a dilapidated group home into a landmark property. In 1998 at the age of thirty, he purchased 303 West Portland Street which had operated as the 'Casa De Amigas Group Home' for longer than he had been alive. It had enclosed porches, rolled roofing, and aluminum slider windows. Thankfully, it also had a grand curved staircase, coffered ceilings, and pocket French doors that framed the view of a stately fireplace. He hadn't been looking for a historic restoration project when he fell in love with his home, but neither were Angel and Mike Penneli, who became his neighbors after stopping in an open house next door. They too restored a dilapidated home into one of the jewels of the neighborhood (AND it's on tour this November 15th during our annual home tour...just a quick tour!!...mark your calendars...and those of your friends!!).
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Then and Now

Back in 1882, when Phoenix had been incorporated for just one year. Trinity Episcopal Church opened its chapel doors at 2nd Avenue and Jefferson Street. One of its first parishioners was an English gentleman known as "Lord" Darrel Duppa, the man credited with giving Phoenix its name. The new Church depicted on this postcard, was constructed between 1915—1920. The work was finished in time for Christmas services. Designed by Coolidge and Shattock, one of the most prominent firms in the United States, it was hailed as an architectural masterpiece. Trinity attracted a dedicated following of some 3000 worshippers, including many of Phoenix's leading families, such as the Heards and Goldwaters. In the late 1980's the Church's population dwindled with the increase of crime and blight in the area. It underwent a 1.85 million dollar renovation some years ago. Today, like the Roosevelt Neighborhood, the Trinity Cathedral remains an important part of downtown and is thriving. (Thanks to Mark Hughes for sharing his postcard collection) - Monica Goddard



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Roosevelt Monthly Meetings

Roosevelt Action Association usually hold their monthly meetings on the First *Tuesday of each month from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at UL2 at 2nd Ave & McKinley St.* All residents in the district are invited to these meetings to share thoughts and ideas with the Board of Directors and regular attendees. Also as a reminder the cut-off for submitting articles or ads for the newsletter is the 15th of each month. Please contact Doug Churchill with information at (602)606-2914 or dchurchill37@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support.

Looking for a Good Book?

By: Monica Lee Goddard
Member: Friends of the Phoenix Public Library

Move over Amazon. Well not quite, but here is a site that not only provides bargain books but helps the community. Started by the "Friends of the Phoenix Public Library" is a way to order books thru their new on-line program, "Books for Good."

The name 'Books for Good' was chosen because when you buy a book at the site, your money does good in our community. The inventory is made up of books donated from many non-profits and other sources. In turn the proceeds are shared. Your purchase from 'Books for Good' can support local charitable groups, including Friends of Libraries across Arizona, Phoenix Art Museum, and Fresh Start Women's Resource Center. Books for Good was also created to spend less on e-commerce fees and more on mis-sions.

Keep in mind most of the books are donated by folks in our community, or discarded by libraries, so you not always find the title you're seeking. But if you check Books for Good first you might be surprised at the selection and competitive pricing (you have the option of saving on postage and picking your order up at the Burton Barr Central Library). The friends of the Library also holds regular warehouse sales with more titles and has books for sale at the Friends Place in the Burton Barr Library. Not looking for a book but want to donate yours? The Friends can use those too. You can learn more about 'Books for Good' and the Friends at www.plfriends.org



Meet Me Downtown



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

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Audubon ARIZONA

Close Encounters (Audubon Center)

By Monica Lee Goddard

Did you know that less than two miles from downtown is a great spot to learn about birds and local habitat, take a walk or enjoy bike trails.

It is the Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center in the heart of the City of Phoenix's Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area, a 600-acre park along the historic Salt River. The Center is a gateway to a lush Sonoran riparian habitat used by over 200 species of birds and other wildlife—beavers, muskrats, coyotes, jackrabbits, cottontails, and javelinas—to name a few.

The Center offers interactive exhibits, an interpretive loop, connection to the Rio Salado Habitats sixteen miles of hiking and riding trails and a variety of hands-on nature programs including beginning birding classes and bird walks, school field trip programs and more. I know our family enjoys just wandering thru the habitat area and I think your will enjoy it too.

Every Saturday at 8-9 am there is a bird walk. A fun experience for children is the chance to view some Arizona wildlife up close. Every Second Saturday 11-noon Arizona Fish and Game and Liberty Wildlife have birds and reptiles on display and are ready to tell you more about them. All these activities are free. Fall hours are Tuesday thru Sunday 9-4. Mark your calendars, on October 23rd to 25th the Center will be open 5:30—8:30 pm for the annual Enchanted Trail. A night of free family fun including Halloween crafts, trick or treating and animal encounters. No matter when you go this is a great time of year to visit. For more information go www.riosalado.audubon.org

Awesomeness Roosevelt (continued from page 3)

Alec went on to restore and renovate over thirty-five homes in central Phoenix, many within the neighborhood inspiring others to do so along the way. When asked why he was restoring a home on Lynwood he replied, "because I can make it beautiful".

Alec Tanner and Kris Lowrey became best friends. While they both passed away last year and we can't enjoy their laughter any longer, their presence in the neighborhood can still be enjoyed and appreciated.

Letter from the President—October 2015

WHATS NEW: Well it is time for the seasons to change in our beautiful neighborhood...instead of it averaging 115 we can expect the average to round down to a breezy 106! During this time of the year we will have our yards scalped and new winter grass planted. Please be respectful to your neighbors and make sure the shared trash cans are not filled with your clippings.

Big shout out to **Mark Davis** and **Tom Nieson** for hanging the Block Watch signs in the Alleys. You will also notice the "Sandwich Boards" on 5th and 3rd Avenue that provide information about our monthly meetings. These boards and the signs were all part of a block watch grant that the RAA received a couple years ago.

It looks like we are going to have over 700 new neighbors at the 7.5 acres parcel located on 5th Ave/Filmore (Old Pappas School). Trammell Crow/Chavez foundation were the successful respondents from the Request for Proposal from the City. We have requested that they provide information about their plans at our October meeting.

MEETINGS: I would like to invite all of you to attend our monthly meetings to hear about our financials and minutes, to meet our great Community Action Officers (Officer Howell and Officer Harris), to get involved (Home Tour, Newsletters, Roosevelt Kids Club, etc) and to hear of any changes occurring in your neighborhood. The meetings are the first Tuesday of each month, from 6:00pm till 7:30pm and are located at the **UL2 Building** (southwest corner of 2nd Ave/McKinley), north entrance at the ground level. I recommend that everyone check out www.rooseveltneighborhood.org and like us on Face Book.

FINALLY: I hope everyone has a fun and safe Halloween!!!

Karl Obergh, President

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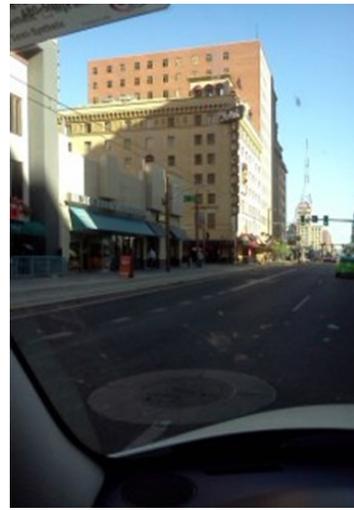


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Ghosts in downtown Phoenix

While visiting the heart of downtown Phoenix and you're dying for a haunted experience, you can definitely find one at The Hotel San Carlos. Built in 1928, this Renaissance style hotel was one of the first buildings in Arizona to have air conditioning, making it a more lavish place to stay during that time. This attracted many old Hollywood stars such as Marilyn Monroe and Mae West, who actually had a suite named after her.

Although the hotel has had its fair share of celebrities, it has also had its fair share of spooky entities.

Before the hotel was built, the land it was built on was the location site of the very first school in Phoenix. It was also built on Native American grounds, hence its name came from the San Carlos Indian Nation. There are many stories that, during the time, the school was run many children had died from the flu in 1918 in the surrounding area.

Mauri Mclean, tour coordinator at the San Carlos, mentioned that the school built a well in 1870 and three boys had drowned after being caught under the fast flowing river. The well is actually still in the basement and water is still being drawn from it. It has been reported by many of the hotel workers that they have heard children laughing in the basement, objects moving and apparitions of a little boy have been lingering in the basement.

The hotel is also known to be haunted by a few other spirits. One is a young lady by the name of Leone Jensen who jumped to her death from the roof of the hotel after a love affair went awry. Guests have seen her, this friendly ghost, roaming the hallways and has also been noticed standing at the foot of guests beds. Another group of spirits that have been encountered within the hotel is a former hotel manager and his wife and three children, haunt the second floor gym, which during the time of his employment in the 30's was the manager's apartment. He is known as "Bob the Whistler" and you can, some times, hear him whistling down the hallways.

Rates for the San Carlos Rooms start at \$79. These ghosts haunt the 2nd and the 7th floors and Mclean recommends for those who want to encounter a paranormal experience, that they should stay on these floors. Specifically room 702, because that is where Leone is seen the most and where she stayed before she committed suicide.

This classic hotel offers many different promotions and ghost tours. It is possible to book a personal tour with Mauri, where you get to visit more of the limited portions of the hotel. For more information you can check out their website at <http://www.hotelsancarlos.com/>

This article is a reprint from (Ghost tours, haunted hotels in Phoenix, October 7, 2011 by ajsteph1

Footnote: If you are ever downtown Phoenix at the corner of Central and Monroe and wish to see other notable celebrities who stayed at the San Carlos in the past, just look down at the sidewalk and see their stars along Monroe and Central.

Historic Roosevelt District History Sketch

By Doug Churchill

Historic Roosevelt District MRA is located in Central Phoenix. This district was placed on the "National Register of Historic Places" in 1983. Winding through the Roosevelt Neighborhood, one passes along palm tree-lined streets with homes consisting of one, one-and-a-half and two story residences. The area is also host to the Margaret Hance Park, on the West side of Central Avenue. There also other historic buildings including Kenilworth School Phoenix LDS (Latter Day Saints) Church, (Now the home of the Phoenix Puppet Theater), Trinity Cathedral, Knights of Pythias building and the infamous Westward Ho Hotel.

Most of the buildings in the Roosevelt Neighborhood MRA were built between 1893 and 1938, which became the homes of many political figures, entrepreneurs, capitalists and community leaders. The architectural development of this district may be divided into three building phases: early development (1893—1910), middle development (1911—1925), and late development (1926—1938). Few of the buildings erected during the early development have survived. Most notable among those that are extant are the O.C. Thompson House, the Ezra W. Thayer House, the Herman D. DeMund House, and the Harry E. Pierce House. Moreover, along Second Avenue stand a row of vernacular Neoclassical cottages built between 1904 and 1907.

During the middle phase of development the Bungalow was the predominant style. Among the bungalows are houses and apartment buildings in the Mission Revival, Spanish Colonial Revival, English Cottage

Revival, Southwestern vernacular, and *Prairie* styles. There are also *Dutch Colonial Revival*, *Italian Villa Revival*, and *Neoclassical Revival* houses. The striking silhouette of the streetscapes is created by the juxtaposition of gabled rooflines, occasionally interspersed with hipped and flat roofs.

Houses erected during the late phase of development are distinguished from their immediate predecessors by their greater simplicity and economy of detail. Notable exceptions include a number of Period Revival houses. Most of which are one story in elevation and asymmetrical in massing, with gabled roofs. Construction of these homes and buildings were made with the use of brick, wood, stone, prefabricated components and pressed and cast metal. The completion of the transcontinental railroad in Arizona in 1883 and 1884 made use of imported materials much easier and a relatively inexpensive to use. The majority of the buildings in the neighborhood are built of local, soft brick, although almost 70 percent have a stucco finish. Other materials used for structural systems in the Roosevelt Neighborhood MRA include concrete block and reinforced concrete.

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