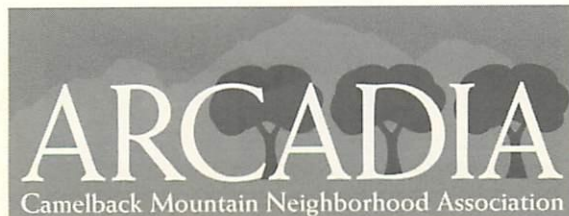


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# April 2013 NEWSLETTER

## Save the Date

Saturday, May 11, 2013 -- 9am

## ANNUAL MEETING

Gangsei Hall  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Parish Campus  
3641 n. 56th Street

Join Us on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00am

### **Camelback Road Spring Clean-Up**

Meet-up at the Shemer Art Center  
Camelback Road at Arcadia Drive

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association will be held Saturday, May 11 at 9:00 AM in Gangsei Hall, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 3641 N. 56<sup>th</sup> Street. Please plan to come early, grab a cup of coffee and a bagel or a doughnut and visit with your neighbors. Mayor Stanton has been invited to attend.

You will have the opportunity to meet our area Community Action Officer, Ben Carro with the Phoenix Police Department Mountain View Precinct. You will be able to share your thoughts, and hear those of your neighbors, concerning crime and crime prevention in Arcadia. Officer Carro will be speaking specifically about property crimes and prevention measures recommended by the police department.

A representative of the Maricopa County Flood Control District has been invited to speak to the progress of the flood control project, which is on-going but nearing completion.

The ACMNA has arranged to have a secure document-shredding truck on the premises that day. You are invited to bring as many old papers, documents, or anything that needs secure disposal, to the meeting and have those documents shredded before your eyes. The newspapers and television news shows have devoted a tremendous amount of coverage about identity theft in Arizona. We all are potential victims of this spreading crime. One of the better ways to prevent your personal information from being stolen is to have it shredded. We hope that many of our neighbors will take advantage of this service.

The election of board members for the 2013-2015 term is also on the agenda. Current members up for re-election include: Roger Brevoort, Al Frei, Alan Maguire, Ron Passarelli, Richard Rea, Craig Richardson, Craig Steblay and Courtney Sucato. In addition Hugh Paulson has requested consideration for election to the board. There are a few additional openings, if you would have an interest in serving. Send a note of interest, with a short statement about your background, and reasons for wishing to serve, to: [info@acmna.com](mailto:info@acmna.com).

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## ANNUAL DUES

This time every year ACMNA sends out an appeal for Arcadia neighbors to send in a voluntary contribution to help defray the costs of running the organization. Please use the self-addressed envelope that is attached to this newsletter to remit a contribution through the mail. Otherwise, bring it to the annual meeting. Please accept our thanks for your generosity.

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## TRAFFIC ROUNDABOUTS

Arcadia has two traffic circles, also known as roundabouts, at the intersections of Lafayette at 64<sup>th</sup> Street and Exeter at 56<sup>th</sup> Street. Not all drivers understand how to navigate these traffic control



devises. Travelers familiar with Europe or Australia soon learn to use them correctly, but they still seem to baffle many local drivers.

A driver needs to follow a very basic rule -- use your blinkers as you would if you were entering a regular intersection. If you want to go to the left, use your left turn indicator, same with the right. If you intend to go straight, you don't signal. Now, when you enter the intersection, the driver follows the circle and exits the circle when the desired direction is achieved. For example, if I am westbound on Exeter and I want to turn to the south on 56<sup>th</sup> Street, I activate my left turn indicator, enter the circle and continue around the circle until aligned with 56<sup>th</sup> Street going south. Pretty damned easy. The goal of these roundabouts is to slow traffic, ease congestion, and decrease auto emissions. Traffic circles are seen more and more throughout the country, and statistically are proving to be safer than traditional intersections. According to ADOT, modern roundabouts decrease accidents by 40-60%, reduce injury by 80% and fatal accidents by as much as 90%. The rules of traffic circle etiquette are simple:

- 1) Slow down as you approach the circle (you do not always need to stop)
- 2) Watch for a gap in traffic flow and merge into the circle
- 3) **Vehicles in the circle have the right-of-way**
- 4) Proceed around to your exit/street and watch for pedestrians

Note: The automobile that reaches the yield sign first has the first right-to-enter the circle. If two autos arrive at the yield sign at the same time, the automobile on the right should enter first. If there are several automobiles waiting to enter, etiquette calls for taking turns entering the circle the same as with a stop sign.

## Identity Theft

We like to think that we are living in a perfect world where no one is taking advantage of us. And then we recognize that identity theft is a crime that is on the increase. The best way to stop it is to be alert to how your identity can be stolen.

### **Burglaries at your office, at your home or of your vehicle**

If your home is broken into, if someone breaks into your car or steals your briefcase, think of the amount of personnel information that might be found. Your social security number, your address, your age and any number of pieces of key information that would allow a culprit to take it to open an account and purchase items using your information. And you are none the wiser until the damage is done.

### **Dumpster Diving**

Identity thieves frequently avail themselves of printed materials we place in our trash, where it is left in either dumpsters or garbage cans for pick-up in alleys or at the street curb. The best advice is to never put bills or confidential information in the garbage without cross-cut shredding it. These thieves are always looking for identity data that can be used to make fake identities.

In Phoenix, an officer was called to look at some boxes that had tax return information. The accountants in the office building in front of the dumpster just said that they had run out of room and were throwing out old files. Guess what information those files contained.



### **E-Mail**

We all receive a lot of e-mails. If you don't recognize the sender (and even if you do recognize but the message seems strange) don't open the e-mail. Fake e-mails, also called e-mail "phishing," let the sender attach "cookies" to your computer and search all of the information you have placed on the computer.

We all have heard about e-mails that people responded to that were bogus. There is a lady in Phoenix who lost \$15,000 because she received an e-mail indicating she had won the lottery in Canada and that she had to send money for the taxes before she could be paid. She sent the money and the money disappeared. As I write this newsletter, I received a warning from the United States Postal Service regarding this scam. The warning states that if you receive an e-mail that states you have won a lottery; delete it. If you receive a letter so stating, shred it. And if you get a phone call letting you know you have won; hang up. There are people who work 24 hours a day trying to create scams that the unsuspecting will believe. Don't. If it is too good to be true; it is.

Shred all receipts. Most stores now use only partial account numbers but the time it takes to shred a receipt will pay enormous dividends if it protects you.

### **Protect yourself**

Once a year you should order a credit report from the three national credit firms; Equifax, Trans Union, and Experian. You are entitled to one free credit report each year from each. Look to see if there have been transactions or borrowing about which you know nothing. Immediately contact that agency, and your bank, and the credit card company involved to let them know of the fraudulent use of your identity. It won't be sufficient to just tell them; you will have to write letters and spend a lot of time but you will be protecting your name and your credit.

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## Arcadia Events

### **Sunday, April 14 -- 7am -- Arcadia Family Fun Run**

On Sunday, April 14, iRun, a local runner's shop will be conducting a fun run, benefiting Team Taylor and First Candle. The route will go from Indian School and Arcadia Drive north to Lafayette, west on Lafayette to 46<sup>th</sup> Street, north to Exeter, east on Exeter to 54<sup>th</sup> Street, south to Lafayette, west to Arcadia Drive and south on Arcadia Drive to the starting point. The race is expected to attract several hundred runners, walkers and bicyclists.

The following street closures and restrictions will be in effect beginning at 7:30am until approximately 10am: 48<sup>th</sup> Street: Closure from Indian School Road to Lafayette from 7:30am to 8:15am; limited to local access available on the rest of the route. Please direct questions about the street closures Mike Dando [michael.dando@phoenix.gov](mailto:michael.dando@phoenix.gov) 602-495-6785.

### **Saturday, April 20 -- Camelback Road Cleanup**

Join us at 8am when we will be picking-up debris along Camelback Road from 46<sup>th</sup> Street to 64<sup>th</sup> Street on both the north and south sides of the street. The many oleander hedges that have been allowed to grow out over the right of way necessitate getting this work done as early in the day as possible, before traffic get too heavy. More information will be available on our web site.

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## David Wright House ~~ Update

The David and Gladys Wright House in Arcadia, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright for his son David in the early 1950s, has been purchased by a Delaware Limited Liability Company formed by a family with long standing ties to Phoenix. When previous owners threatened to demolish the house last year there was an international outcry. The new owners are deeply interested in Wright's architecture and absolutely committed to preserving the house. Phoenix attorney Grady Gammage, Jr. has been hired to represent the new ownership. The family strongly prefers to remain anonymous.

Mr. Gammage and representatives of the ownership have begun meetings with members of the neighborhood to discuss plans. The intent is to fully restore the home, including the interior furnishings and the famous circular rug, and to plant the landscape as Wright had originally intended. Once it is restored, the house will be opened for tours by small groups of school children, architecture students and the public.

"We have discussed with the City of Phoenix using the Shemer Arts Center as staging for visitation. Visitors would park at that location and be taken to the home by mini bus. We will take all possible steps to limit traffic on residential streets in the area," said Gammage. "We will need to add a visitor accommodation facility on site with handicap restrooms and conveniences for visitors, as well as space to accommodate an introductory lecture or video. While there are not yet plans for such a facility, we expect that it would be below grade so as to minimize any visual impact."

The City process involves a text amendment to the zoning ordinance allowing designated landmark structures to be able to obtain a special permit to open to the public. Once that amendment is in place, the ownership of the David Wright House will apply for such a special permit. That process will take place later this year, and will include stipulations concerning the hours and manner of operation. Once the permit is approved, the house will be donated to a non-profit corporation, landmark status will be approved, and a permanent preservation easement will be dedicated on the property.

"This house is one of Wright's most significant structures," said Gammage. "It was designed for his son, it is one of his last great works, and it was intended as a showcase of how to live in the desert. In many ways it is the link between two of his best-known buildings, Fallingwater and The Guggenheim Museum. It deserves worldwide recognition, and can serve to ignite interest in architecture for generations to come."

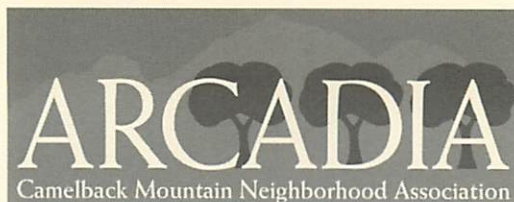
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## Shemer Art Center

Consider visiting The Shemer Art Center this month to enjoy the current exhibits. The sculpture garden is a special treat, with its view of Camelback Mountain.

Go to the Shemer website -- <http://www.shemerartcenterandmuseum.org/> -- for information about classes, events, and exhibits. The Center invites its Arcadia neighbors to join as members. It is a unique and enriching neighborhood asset.

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## Our Purpose

Since its founding in 1987, the mission of the Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association has been to preserve the appealing qualities that make Arcadia such a great neighborhood in which to live.

These qualities include: the non-commercial, family friendly, residential character of this place; its single family zoning; our generous setbacks, wide side yards, and understated homes; and the portion of Arcadia south of Camelback Road which is a green desert oasis with broad lawns and the historic citrus trees that shade us from the summer heat and stand as a symbol of our unique area.

While always eager to promote projects that enhance and support these positive attributes, the Association, as part of this mission, also remains "eternally vigilant" to protect our neighborhood from activities that take away from our valued environment.

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