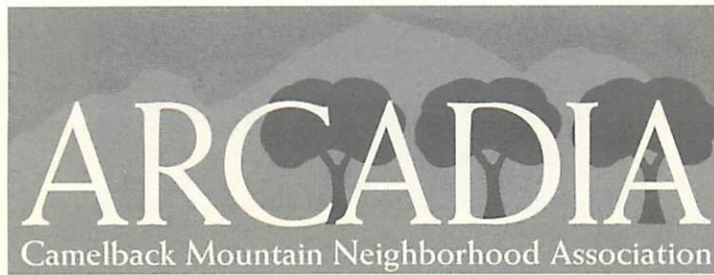


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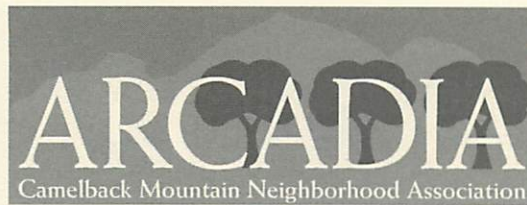
## The Maricopa Flood Control District Lafayette Blvd. Project

By this time, you all are probably aware that Arcadia Drive is open. Lafayette continues to be restricted as the installation of the seven-foot diameter pipe is continuing. The stretch of street between AJ's and the Village is due for construction beginning February 15. Completion of the entire project is expected by August or September. Won't that be a relief? Traffic continues to be a problem as cars (and worse, the construction trucks) are directed through neighborhoods. Through the efforts of Ben Carro of the Phoenix Police Department, increased enforcement of speed limits has been helpful.

## The David Wright House

At this writing, as you may know, the house was purchased by an individual who is seeking a use that will provide some limited access to the house without altering the residential character of the area. The sellers worked closely with Mayor Stanton's office which helped encourage the successful outcome of this matter. We recognize that the sellers were responsible in handling this difficult situation and the best possible conclusion has been reached. Although details are closely guarded, it would appear that this result is an excellent one for which we have Mayor Stanton to thank.





## HELP OUR POLICE

Our neighborhood is far from immune to burglaries and thefts. Culprits take advantage when we neglect to use common sense in protecting ourselves, and our property. Our police department does an outstanding job of reacting to threats. They provide almost immediate response to concerns raised by citizens.

The problem is that our city is large, the precincts are enormous, and the number of officers limited. While we often feel as though we are a prime target, in truth other areas suffer from far more crime; often involving personal danger. Nonetheless, it is incumbent upon us to make certain we make a conscious effort to observe our surroundings and to be alert to activities that appear to be nefarious. If you see something that is disconcerting or "just not right" call 911. Our police can't be everywhere, so they really do appreciate citizens who are alert to suspicious activities, and not hesitant to call them. What you see is critical to helping our officers apprehend those who are breaking the law. The more we all help report suspicious activities, our reputation as a neighborhood that is active in preventing crime, will help make our area less attractive to criminals.

It is important that you get as good a description as you can of the individuals and their number. It is particularly helpful if you can describe their height and physical attributes, their clothing, and their vehicle. The more detail you can provide, the better.

If the individuals drive off, the responding officers responding to your call are in a better position to apprehend them if you can provide a good description of the car and the individuals involved. This is common sense, but in the heat of the moment, we can get excited and may not take the time to make sure we have really good descriptions.

One thing I recommend that you might try is to practice looking at someone and see if you would be able to provide a description of this person that would be helpful to the police. As you get in the habit of focusing on key identifying features and the more you practice the better you will get at being able to quickly remember the important identifiers so you can provide them to others.

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## SOLICITORS

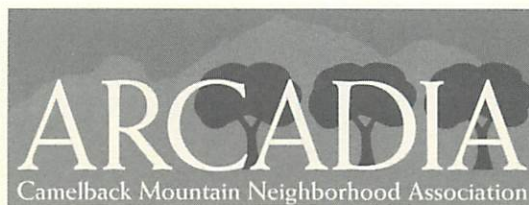
We have received reports that out-of-state sales people are targeting Arizona and finding their way to our front doors. They are part of the "Snow-Bird" seasonal migration. The police have had reports of vans that brought small groups of door-to-door solicitors to Arcadia and other neighborhoods, dropping them off and returning hours later to take them back to a motel. They are selling all manner of items using a variety of stories and sales pitches to encourage you to buy.

You are urged to never let them into your home. That is not to suggest that all solicitors are "casing your home" in anticipation of coming back later when you are not there. It is best to be cautious with all door-to-door solicitors.

The Phoenix City Council recently enacted an Ordinance setting out the following very specific, requirements regarding solicitors:

- Hours: From April 1 to September 30: Only from 9 AM to 9PM  
From Oct 1 to March 31: Only from 9AM to 7PM
- Identification Required: All solicitors must be 16 or older and must have a government issued identification ID card.
- Student Solicitors: If a solicitor is 15 years old, or younger, s/he must have a government issued identification card in the name of that person or a photo ID issued by their school. That ID needs to have the name of the school issuing the ID.
- Solicitors must show their ID, especially if you request to see it.
- If a notice or sign that says "no soliciting" is posted, the solicitor must leave immediately.
- No solicitor may open a door or gate that bears a sign that prohibits soliciting.





If a solicitor is going door to door seeking to speak to occupants, they must:

1. Leave immediately when requested to do so.
2. Leave the premises after observing the sign prohibiting trespassing.
3. Not open a door or gate that bears a sign prohibiting trespassing.
4. Not pass through an open door or gate that bears the sign that prohibits trespassing.
5. Must not make physical contact with any window or other structure on private property
6. Cannot falsely claim to have a license issued by local, state or federal government.

The official citation for these regulations is the City of Phoenix City Code, Section 23, Article XII.

Granted, there are some weasel clauses in the ordinance, but clearly the solicitor has to leave if you have posted "no solicitation" or "no solicitors" on your property. Further, the ordinance indicates that a 'no trespassing' sign is reason for any legitimately registered solicitor to leave immediately when asked.

If you ask them for their ID they must show it to you. If they do not have it, or if they do not show it to you, they are in violation of that ordinance. You should instruct them to leave your property and you should call the police precinct, 602.262.6151, to report persons soliciting with out proper ID.

if the individuals are acting suspicious, will not leave when asked, and are aggressive, call 911 immediately.

While door-to-door solicitation and delivery of advertising flyers are permissible under the ordinance, there are some that are just using this as an excuse to get close to the house, see if anyone is home, and find a way to break in. We want to remind everybody, again, to keep your exterior doors, especially garage doors, closed and locked. Open garage doors leave all the valuable stuff you store in your garage clearly visible from the street. That is always a temptation for those who are looking for things to steal.

When parking your car, always lock it. Documents we all keep in our cars can provide identity theft thieves with identity information they are looking for.

Just because you are home doesn't mean that your possessions are safe. We had a neighbor who had items stolen from his carport while he was watching a football game. Oh, and they also ransacked both cars that were in the carport. This game was in the afternoon.

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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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## Save the Date ❖❖❖ Annual Meeting

The Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association is tentatively planning on having our annual meeting on **Saturday, May 13 at 9 AM** at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Future editions will provide information about speakers and presentations planned.

Please plan to attend to visit with neighbors, ask questions about the workings of your city government, to take advantage of an opportunity to voice your opinion about your pride in our neighborhood or to ask about problems you see.

If you have specific suggestions about topics you would like to see us present, please let us know by sending us your thoughts to: [info@acmna.com](mailto:info@acmna.com). Our planning is just now underway.

Board positions may be open, so we would appreciate hearing from any Arcadia homeowner who might be interested in serving on the Board.

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## E-Mail Reminder

The ACMNA e-mail broadcast list now numbers over 900 e-mail addresses of Arcadia neighbors. We use it only to rapidly communicate issues of interest, or concern to our residents. We are happy to add new addresses of anyone else who would like to be included. Please send your request to our president at [rrea@azboss.net](mailto:rrea@azboss.net). If you receive this newsletter from a friend and would like to receive your own copy, please send your name and address to the same e-mail address, [rrea@azboss.net](mailto:rrea@azboss.net), or drop us a note, the old fashioned way via the U.S. Mail, to ACMNA, 4340 E. Indian School Road, Suite 21 Box 293, Phoenix, AZ 85018.

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## Annual Dues

Your association does not have membership dues but does cover its expenses with donations (voluntary dues) from residents who benefit from our efforts. ACMNA prints signs asking residents to "Heed the Speed", mails quarterly newsletters (like this one), provides access to an e-mail system that allows for rapid dissemination of information of importance to residents, and provides food and beverages at our Fall G.A.I.N. event, as well as at our Annual Meeting.

If you are so inclined, we would welcome a contribution to assist in continuing our efforts. You can send your voluntary dues to: ACMNA, 4340 E. Indian School Road, Suite 21 Box 293, Phoenix, AZ 85018.

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