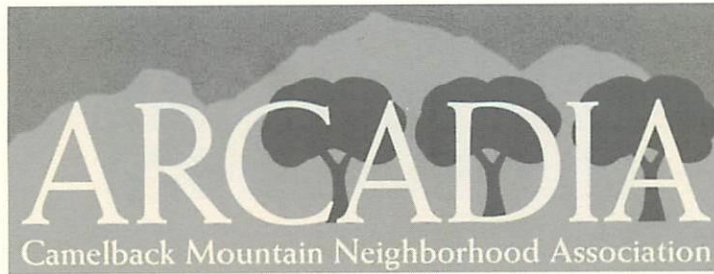


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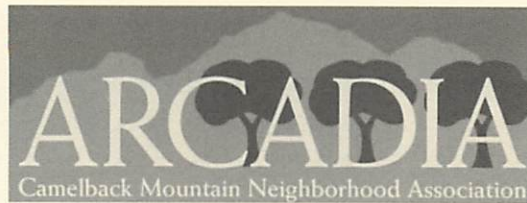
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"I Love a Parade!"

Celebrate the 4th of July in Arcadia-Style

It is never too early to be planning for the gigantic, stupendous, and fun Arcadia Fourth of July Parade. Because the 4th is on a Thursday, some might be taking the opportunity to make it a four-day weekend, attendance might be affected. Nonetheless, we hope that all who can will troop on over to the intersection of Jokake and Calle Tuberia by 8am to visit with other neighbors, meet a few celebrities, button-hole some local politicians seeking office, and cheer on the kids with the decorated bikes. Plan on bringing a picnic-basket with breakfast goodies to enjoy after the parade at the picnic set up by neighbors, who are regular participants every year. We do not yet know the name of the grand marshal but you can be sure it will be someone worth meeting. It has become an annual neighborhood event that the entire family will enjoy. We hope to see you there.



The ACMNA Annual Meeting

The Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting is always an important event for our neighborhood. This year's meeting was held on May 11th, and continued that tradition. Mayor Greg Stanton, City Manager David Cavazos, State Representative Eric Meyer, Mountain View Precinct Commander Glen Gardner, and Community Action Officer Ben Carro attended. Each spoke about areas of concern to our residents. In addition, the association arranged for a free document shredding service in the parking lot that morning. A great number of attendees took advantage that service, and were able to get rid of all that personal paperwork and other "stuff" that had been accumulating.

One special guest was Greg Bruns, publisher of The Arcadia News. He discussed a book he is writing about the history of Arcadia. He solicited memories and stories of the neighborhood and also asked for photographs that might not have been in wide circulation. He intends to include those in his book. Watch his newspaper for future announcements about its publication.

Attendees enjoyed excellent coffee and bagels from Einstein's as well as delicious donuts from BoSa. In addition each had an opportunity to win a door prize. Your association enjoys excellent support from the following neighborhood businesses. We encourage you to patronize them, and when you do please thank them for their support of ACMNA. They provided the following Door Prizes awarded at the Annual Meeting: 1.) Paula Moyes of Moments Salon, 5025 N 44th St., 602.840.4700, who provided a gift basket of Moroccan Oil Hair Products; 2.) Eric Moerman of Orange Theory Fitness, 5109 N. 44th St., 602.955.1798, who donated a one-month premier membership. 3.) Mandy Duarante, of Bricks Studio, 4550 E. Indian School Rd., 602.954.5200 who contributed one month of dance classes. 4.) Chelsea Smith of Pivot Pilates, 4550 E. Indian School Rd., 480.216.3804 who offered a five class package, 5.) Kathy Klopach with Rita's Ice Custard, 4730 E. Indian School Rd. who donated \$10 in gift cards, 6.) Brooke Wilson with The Village Health Club & Spa, 4444 E Camelback Rd., who donated a one-month membership, 7.) Jaret Johnson from Milagro Grill, 4280 E Indian School Rd. who offered a \$25 Gift Certificate, and 8.) Rachel Segal of The Body Ability, www.Bodysability.biz who donated 2 Free Workouts.

Election of Board of Directors

Our By-Laws call for the annual election of half of the membership of the Board of Directors. The following members were voted to 2-year terms, ending in May 2015: Roger Brevoort, Al Frei, Alan Maguire, Ron Passarelli, Hugo Paulson, Richard Rea, Craig Steblay, & Courtney Sucato. Members continuing to serve until the end of their terms in May 2014 are: Linda Bair, Sue Bloom, Jim Bonadio, Jordan Cohen, Kendis Drake, Sally Geyer, David Gordon, Donald Squire, and Joan Warne. Ex-Officio Members are past presidents: Paul Barnes, David Dodge, Joanna Peters, and Richard Speigel.



Arcadia Crime Prevention

The City of Phoenix Police Department underwrites a program called Block Watch. Neighborhoods apply for grants that are intended to help lower crime in affected areas. Your Association has been fortunate to be a recipient of several of these grants using the funds to help support the cost of these newsletters.

We at the association highly value our relationship with the City of Phoenix Police Department and the Block Watch grants that we have received.

Seasonal Reminder

As summer approaches, we all are thinking about where we can go to get away from the heat that we know is coming soon. Rather than leaving it to the last minute, we recommend that you consider planning for how you will protect your home from unwelcome intrusions while you are gone. In point of fact, these suggestions should be in place even while you might be away for just a few hours.

Sensible Home Security

* Lock all doors and windows, NOT JUST SCREENS. Screens can be easily cut to gain entry. While nights are still comfortably cool, we might be tempted to leave windows and doors open in order not to run the HVAC. But window screens and screen doors are not effective deterrents to intruders intent on getting into your home. We have been lucky lately that break-ins have not been happening, but we don't want you to wake up and find that someone has entered your home.

* Close and secure your garage. Don't leave it open even a few inches!

Garage doors can be jimmed and forced open. But if you have left your home during the day, once the garage door is raised, the intruder has immediate access to your home if the door from the garage into your home is not locked.

* If you have a security system use it. No matter whether you consider it just a "short time away" that system is designed to prevent the loss of goods or physical threats. If it is not set, it can not help you.

* Lock your vehicle. If you park in the driveway and have a garage, do not store your garage door opener in your vehicle. A thief can access the vehicle and use the garage opener to gain entry into your home. Do not leave valuables in vehicles even if locked. A computer makes a very attractive theft and one that can generate immediate cash for the thief.

Far more troubling is the information you may be keeping in the car that shows your registration information, maybe a Social Security number, perhaps a cancelled check, or something with a signature on it or other information that an identity thief will find tremendously valuable. Carry items that have this information with you; don't leave them in the car.

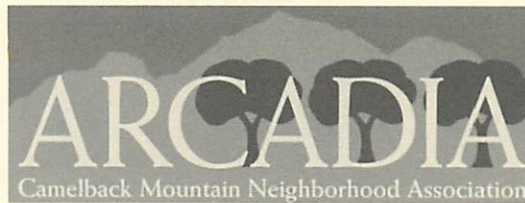
* If you have a doggie door, keep in mind an agile, smaller young person could crawl through it.

Secure this point of entry. And big dogs need big doors so be careful because some doors large enough for dogs weighing over 65 to 70 pounds are usually not as well braced or supported on the door itself and can be easily forced in.

* Lock your gates. If a criminal has to deal with locks or jump over fences, they will be much more obvious to neighbors as something out of the ordinary. Keep in mind that intruders are seeking the easiest pickings. If there is an obstacle, unless there is a strong and visible reason to break in, most will go to the house that offers the least resistance. And it is very difficult to carry a 55-inch TV over a 6-foot fence if the gate is locked.

* Light the night. Low voltage lighting and/or motion-activated lighting are tremendous deterrents to crime. Leaving the outside lights on all night can be a good prevention tool.

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* Consider installing an alarm system. Burglars do not like having any attention drawn to them. A good system is worth the cost of installation and monitoring.

Be a Good Neighbor

* Be watchful of suspicious activity around your home and your neighbors property.

* Watch for vehicles driving through alleyways. Alleys are not to be used as thoroughfares. Report suspicious activity. If things don't look right, don't try to analyze the situation, call 911.

* Get to know your neighbors. Pick up newspapers in the driveway, and know what vehicles should be parked at the home.

* Be wary of solicitors. Do not allow people into your home that you do not know, and monitor their activity after they leave your doorstep.

What to Do if You Are a Victim

* If you arrive home and believe your home was burglarized, don't enter. Call 9-1-1 and report the crime immediately. Don't touch or disturb anything. Evidence collection has led to the arrest of many burglars. Allow the officer to view the crime scene just as you found it.

* If you believe someone is in your home while you are home, DO NOT CONFRONT THE INTRUDER. If you can, quietly exit the home and call 9-1-1. If you cannot leave without alerting the criminal, go to a safe room, lock the door and call 9-1-1.

The best defense against crime is to be aware and informed. Following these simple suggestions will go a long way toward keeping your home and neighborhood safe.

Please call 911 to report a serious crime, fire, serious medical condition, crime in progress, or any situation requiring immediate response by Police, Fire or Emergency Medical Personnel.

If there is anything that appears suspicious, call 9-1-1. Let the dispatcher decide whether or not to immediately send a police officer.

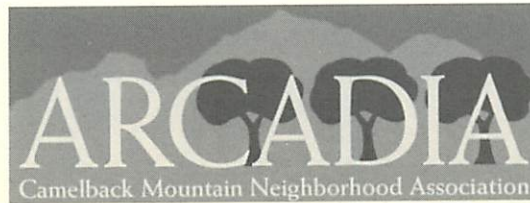
Please call NON-EMERGENCY CRIMESTOP (602.262.6151) to report any situation NOT requiring immediate response such as calls to report a burglary that has just been discovered, thefts, stolen vehicles, non-urgent traffic problems, or loud noise complaints. The key here is that this number should be used when you want to report an incident that has already occurred and has just been discovered but does not require an officer to be immediately dispatched to the scene.

We want you to enjoy your summer and return to your home as you left it when it is finally cool enough to return to Phoenix.

Keep Up To Date with ACMNA's e-mail Alerts

Your association continues to add e-mail addresses so that we can send you timely and informative communications between our newsletters. We have over 950 addresses at this time and are working to get as many people signed up as possible. Rest assured that the list is not available to anyone outside of my office and that no one will have access to any of the information. We value your privacy and want to assure you that your information is safe with us.

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Arcadia Appreciates Our Municipal Services

Your Association has long enjoyed an excellent relationship with the City of Phoenix and the various City Departments providing superior service during these difficult times. Not enough can ever be said about our police officers and firefighters (men and women) who work so hard in dangerous situations. Often forgotten are the thousands of employees of the City of Phoenix who work diligently to provide you with the best in municipal services. Our Water Department is the largest city-owned water department in the United States. The City has over 12,000 miles of water lines and sewers, 58,000 fire hydrants, thousands of miles of streets, and a myriad of other stupendously large operations that we are able to think little about because they are so dependable, yet they make our city a great place to live and work. Recently, there have been a lot of negative opinions voiced about the city, its budget, and attendant expenses. However those that make those statements seem to forget that the city is only providing services the citizens desire; it doesn't create things not wanted. Phoenix currently operates in an extremely sensitive and fragile economy, without the ability to generate the large sums that some cities enjoy. ACMNA appreciates the independent professionalism of our municipal departments and the public servants that make this city work.

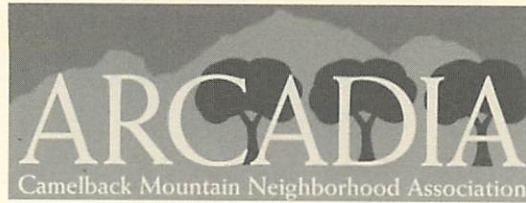
The Shemer Art Center & Museum

The Shemer Art Center has been a delightful neighborhood asset for several decades. Its energetic and creative Executive Director, Jocelyn Hanson, and its volunteer Board of Directors continue to offer a wide array of art classes, exhibits, and lectures. It has recently announced that the center and its sculpture garden are available for social receptions, weddings, and other special events. The view of Camelback Mountain from the sculpture garden is a special treat. We encourage you to stop by and enjoy this neighborhood attraction at the southeast corner of Camelback Road and Arcadia Drive. To learn more about The Shemer, go to: <http://www.shemerartcenterandmuseum.org>.

David Wright House

As this goes to Press, the process to transform the David Wright House from an empty, unoccupied shell to a rehabilitated home is progressing, albeit at a deliberate pace. Critical to the process is creating a legal definition in zoning categories that will permit the house to remain and be creatively used for architectural appreciation and study. To that end, Grady Gammage, noted real estate attorney, is working to craft a uniquely specific definition that will permit the house to retain its single-family character, allowing for limited uses, and it will not be commercialized.

We are told that work is progressing and the process will be completed later in the fall. Residents should be aware that ACMNA is closely monitoring the process to prevent excessive traffic and uses that might have a negative impact on the neighborhood.



HOUSING PRICES ON THE REBOUND

Recent news reports have observed improvement in home values, particularly true in the Arcadia area. The upturn in home values and prices is bolstering confidence among local builders and developers. This will invariably renew redevelopment pressures in our immediate area. Also, current home owners are now feeling sufficiently confident that they are improving their homes, and planning additions, to meet new needs or desires.

Your association is required by its by-laws to maintain the quality of lifestyle and amenities that make Arcadia desirable. That mission creates a quandary for ACMNA. On the one hand, ACMNA works to uphold the current zoning requirements of the City of Phoenix, but on the other we are aware that individuals have personal desires and family pressures that bump up against current zoning restrictions. For example, the lot sizes and the lot coverage (that portion of the lot under-roof) were set with an eye to proportionality. If the coverage increases above the 25% increase permitted, the amount of green space, setback requirements, and openness are all negatively affected.

In most cases, it is not the current home owners causing this concern. Rather it is speculative builders who buy lots and scrape them, intent on replacing existing homes with much bigger houses that they price far above the cost of construction.

These speculative builders lust after the larger lots found in Arcadia. What, sadly, occurs as a result is the over-sizing of the new houses they build on those lots, diminishing the very green yards that have been the hallmark of this neighborhood. Their only intent is to market larger homes that can be sold for more money, irrespective of what it does to the integrity of Arcadia, how it can negatively impact the immediate neighbors when this much larger house looms over adjacent properties. Privacy is affected, and neighborhood proportionality is affected. That is why your association works to help preserve the quality of the area.

Far too often, in fact, nearly every hearing, the builder professes great respect and admiration for the area and pledges that he and his family are thrilled to have a home in Arcadia. Yet, in most instances, two years later (or as soon as it can be sold) the builder is gone and the intrusion remains.
