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WE ARE SENDING OUT EMAIL BLASTS

Be sure to check your spam boxes!
Emails will come from info@acmna.org

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A note from the President

CRAIG STEBLAY

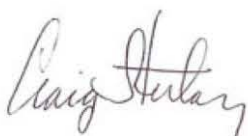
TO MY NEIGHBORS - THANK YOU

While surfing the Internet to find the perfect thank you message, I learned that "perfect" in a thank you letter simply means, truly sincere. The irony is it hardly seems sincere to copy something from a website. Besides, I seriously doubt some blog could ever say what I'm really thankful for.

In last month's newsletter, we asked our Members for donations to help our Association with legal and other expenses for thwarting the commercial events venue threatening Arcadia. The response so far has been fantastic, both from mail and from our website. Again, thank you.

Arcadia can't be sustained, as we know it, in a vacuum. Neighborhood preservation takes more than financial support alone. We also need concerned and caring neighbors, and people who make the effort to attend meetings where the outcome can forever affect our community. These are why I'm grateful and why this is more than a neighborhood. It's home.

To all of my neighbors, who care so much about Arcadia, I want to extend my sincerest gratitude.



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IT'S THE SEASON FOR GIVING - AND GIVING BACK!

What better time to give back to our communities around us! Several local and valley wide organizations need help not just during the holidays but EVERYDAY.

- **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** fmssc.org
Mesa Fiesta Building | 1345 South Alma School Road, Mesa, AZ 85210 Phone: 480.626.1970
- **ANGEL TREE AT THE MALL** Most of the major malls across the valley have Angel Trees set up to help children and families fulfill their Christmas wishes.
- **FOOD IS ALWAYS NEEDED AT THE AREA FOOD BANKS**
St. Mary's can always use canned goods and staples as well as local food banks. Go to www.azfoodbanks.org/index.php/foodbank to find a food bank near you.
- **WALK A DOG!** The Animal Welfare League and Lucky Paws always need people to walk their dogs as they wait for their new family to discover them! Who knows, you may find your new family member this holiday season!

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In our October issue, we provided a very detailed status update regarding the David and Gladys Wright House. There have been a couple of key meetings in November which are summarized below.

DAVID AND GLADYS WRIGHT HOUSE - UPDATE

VERITAS GREAT HEARTS - NOVEMBER 12TH

An open meeting was held at the Great Heart Academy on 56th Street regarding concerns raised by parents, neighbors and the nearby impacted neighborhood associations over Great Hearts Arizona signing an agreement with the David Wright Foundation (DWF) to provide overflow parking for large DWF events. Christine Jones, interim CEO of Great Heart Academy and members of the school's boards were present to hear the concerns first hand.

On November 19, the Boards of Archway Veritas and Veritas Prep held their regularly scheduled meetings. During their meetings, they each discussed the parking agreement that Great Hearts Arizona entered with the David Wright House. Great Hearts, as the owner of the 56th Street Quayle campus, signed an agreement with the David Wright House; however, as the lessees of the property, Veritas Prep and Archway Veritas would need to enter into an additional agreement with the David Wright House if the schools actually want to allow overflow parking on their respective campuses. Only if the schools consent to such an agreement would the Wright House be able to use the school parking lot for overflow parking.

As of this writing, the David Wright House has not approached either school about a parking agreement. After each Boards' discussion last Thursday, both Boards expressed that they were not interested in entering into the parking agreement that had been signed by Great Hearts and neither Board took any further action on the matter. Should the David Wright House approach either school about a separate parking agreement in the future, the two school boards will take up the issue at their next regularly scheduled board meeting.

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION - NOVEMBER 16TH,

The Historical Preservation Commission held an open meeting to review the developer's request to increase



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the lot size for historical preservation (HP-L) to include acreage he purchased that was not part of the original DW House property. The Staff Report conducted by the City Planning Department concluded that 3.67 acres actually qualified as historical and the 5.9 acre request should not be recommended for HP-L. The Commission voted 7 - 2 in favor of the developer's request on the 5.9 acres voting against the City of Phoenix Planning Department's recommendation. The two nay votes were cast by commissioners, Kathryn Leonard, Historian and Thomas Jones, Archaeologist.

"OF COURSE IT'S COMMERCIAL IF IT INHERENTLY FALLS UNDER LANDMARK"

Mark Briggs, Commissioner

November 16, 2015 | Historical Preservation Commission Hearing

While this Historical Preservation Commission meeting was a gating event required for expanding beyond the actual historical lot and in achieving HP-L status, there are additional approvals which must be given before any change is in effect. Those steps include reviews by the Camelback East Village Planning Committee, the City of Phoenix Planning Commission followed by City Council voting on the application for HP-L. In addition the developer must file a separate application for the Special Use Permit. This application must go through the same process before any special commercial uses can be granted.

For future updates please go to the ACMNA website www.arcadiacentral.com

Board of Directors Elections 2016

The election of the eleven seats on the ACMNA Board of Directors, whose terms run to 2018, will be on the Agenda at the ACMNA Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 6th, 2016 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. As stated in the ACMNA By-laws board members shall serve no more than 10 consecutive years; Kendis Drake, Board Secretary and Jim Bonadido who have been of service for 10 years will be stepping down.

ACMNA ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 6 2016 9 AM - 11 AM

The current members of the board whose terms are up in 2016 may or may not decide to continue on the board. Currently serving Board Members whose terms are up and who have indicated an interest in continuing to serve are: Linda Bair, Tristahn Schaub, Marilyn Miller Schmidlin, Sally Geyer, Jerry McKenna and Joan Warne. Their names will be forwarded to the nominating committee, who will also review the names of neighbors who submit their names. The ACMNA Board is a working board that requires a commitment of time with the following criteria:

- A homeowner within the ACMNA boundaries
- Attend monthly board meetings
- Serve on one committee
- Uphold and support the Mission Statement

BECOME A BOARD MEMBER If you wish to offer your name for consideration, please send a short personal bio with any pertinent background information and a reason or two about why you would like to serve to: info@acmna.org (use "Board Nomination" as the subject line) or mail your submission to ACMNA Nominating Committee, 4340 East Indian School Road, Suite 21, Box 293, Phoenix, AZ 85018. Please visit www.acmna.org/who-we-are for more info on our sub-committees and Board membership.

TERMS EXPIRING IN 2016:

Linda Bair	David Gordon	Marilyn Miller Schmidlin
Jordan Cohen	Jerry McKenna	Donald Squire
Sally Geyer (Legacy Member)	Tristahn Schaub	Joan Warne (Legacy Member)

TERMS CONTINUING TO 2017:

Marvin Borsand	Claudia Richardson	Courtney Sucato
Jerry Eisen	Jennifer Sheedy	Tom Thomas
Al Frei	Craig Steblay (Legacy Member)	Emily Whitwell
Alan Maguire		

*Not sure what to do this Holiday season
when family and friends come to visit?*

**WE HAVE SOME
SUGGESTIONS!**

Zoolights at the Phoenix Zoo

5:30-10:30pm going on nightly now through Jan 10.

Botanical Gardens Luminaria, or as they say: LAS NOCHES DE LAS LUMINARIAS. Now until December 31. 5:30-9:30pm. Visit their website for details: www.dbg.org

Take advantage of our great weather and **ride bikes** to the local restaurants.

Christmas lights display at Calle Tuberia and Calle Feliz. Please be respectful of the neighbors while parking!

Glendale Glitters: Historic Downtown Glendale comes to life with 1.5 million twinkling lights located throughout a 16-block area. Check www.glendaleaz.com/events/ for details

Explore Old Town for the first time again. It's fun to play tourist. Take in the fun shops and lively atmosphere.

Hike! Don't just limit yourself to Camelback Mountain. Papago Park, South Mountain, McDowell Mountain, Piestewa Peak/Dreamy Draw, have many trails choices and can accommodate different hiking experience levels.

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Preserving our neighborhood starts with you.

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Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association
— INCORPORATED 1988 —

Since its founding in 1987, the mission of the Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association has been to preserve the appealing ambiance and qualities that make our neighborhood such an enviable place in which to live.

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE **ACMNA.ORG**

IS A GRINCH WATCHING YOUR BLOCK?

Block Watch: what you need to know

Every year we hear stories of thieves stealing Christmas trees, children's gifts from cars and homes, and robbers ruining a holiday season. Common sense and awareness are your best protection, but just in case the following tips will also help protect your holiday from a Grinch.

LOCK EVERYTHING: More than often thank not a burglar gets into a house because something was left open or unlocked, especially with house guests visiting who may not have keys. If you have an alley, never leave the gate unlocked - ever. Don't leave empty boxes from computers, appliances or anything else out that says "I just got a new and expensive gift."

DON'T SHOP ALONE: Shop with someone else. Robbery and thefts occur in and around commercial areas and malls. Have security walk you to your car. If uncomfortable with the situation, go back inside of the store. Try to avoid multiple trips with presents from the mall to your car.

SECURE VALUABLES: Never leave anything of value out in plain sight. Now may be a good time to consider placing any jewelry, extra cash or other valuables in a safe deposit box or even a secure hidden safe within the house. Nothing should ever be visible from any window and the master bedroom is the first room any intruder will check for valuables.

CROOKS USE FACEBOOK TOO: Control your social status. You might be tempted to broadcast to the world about how excited you are for your holiday travels or shopping sprees, resist the urge to broadcast to the world that you are not going to be home - it can be a dangerous thing to share.

LEAVE THE LIGHT ON: The more it looks like someone is home, the less likely that someone will try to intrude. Keep the lights on, the Christmas lights lit, and the television on. Anything to signify to potential robbers that someone is home. The home automation and smart-phone interactive management tools available from many security systems allows for you to turn off and on the lights day and night to keep up appearances that someone is home.

ACTIVATE YOUR ALARM SYSTEM: Your mind is distracted and you could be in a rush to get out the door. Don't forget to arm your security system - this simple step will go a long way to protect your home.

WHEN IN DOUBT, THINK LIKE A ROBBER: How would they get in? Does it look like someone is home? Where are your valuables? Use common sense and remember these easy home security tips and ensure your possessions will be safe from harm while you are out doing your Christmas shopping, traveling or partying.