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30th Annual Association Meeting

We had over 250 people in attendance at the 30th Annual Arcadia Neighborhood Meeting held on March 11th! Phoenix Boy Scouts of America, Troop 6, Camelback District, Grand Canyon Council opened the meeting as color guards for the American Flag. Senior Patrol Leader, Eagle Scout Will Moody led the Pledge of Allegiance.



American Flag Color Guard, Troop 6

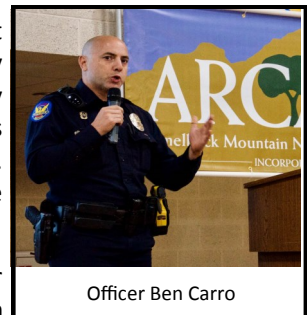
Craig Steblay, ACMNA President, opened the business portion of the meeting by introducing several Founding Board Members of the Association including our Founding President Garrit Steenblik. Retiring Board member Al Frei was recognized for his decade of service as The ACMNA Treasurer. A slate of nominations was presented to the membership for election to the Association's Board of Directors. The nominations included: Marvin Borsand, Patricia Dietz, Jerry Eisen, Brian Flader, Karen Magnoni, Jody Moman, Craig Steblay, John Stofko, Courtney Sucato, Tom Thomas. The full slate was unanimously approved by the Association Membership. The Membership also unanimously approved revisions to ACMNA bylaws which are posted on ACMNA.org.



Chief of Police, Jeri Williams

The Mt. View Police Precinct was well represented and our new Precinct Commander, Anthony Vasquez was introduced to the Arcadia neighborhood. Phoenix's new Chief of Police Jeri Williams provided updates on new police and public safety concepts and her goals for the Phoenix Police Department.

Community Action Officer Ben Carro updated us about crime and safety issues in our neighborhood. Security and crime prevention in Arcadia has been very successful because of the joint efforts of our neighbors and the good work of the Mt. View Police Precinct.



Officer Ben Carro

Keeping Arcadia safe and secure is not just the job of Police, our neighbors need to be alert and keep police informed of anything unusual or out of the ordinary.

Arizona State Legislator Maria Syms made a surprise appearance. Although her presentation was short, Ms. Syms gave a very good update on what is happening in our Legislative District (LD28) and current issues at the State Capitol.



Phoenix City Councilman Sal DiCiccio

Our featured speaker for the event was Phoenix City Councilman Sal DiCiccio. Below is what Councilman DiCiccio had to say in his follow up letter to the ACMNA.

Phoenician PUD- This is a great example of the developer and the neighborhood communicating and working together to make sure that the community's concerns are addressed. The developer significantly reduced the density in the areas that were important to the neighbors and is moving in the right direction with their PUD [Planned Unit Development]

Cholla Trail- I have been aware of the problems associated with this trailhead for years and have worked with neighbors, Parks and Phoenix Police to help alleviate some of the issues in the past. Currently, the neighbors impacted by the trail, in conjunction with my office and ACMNA, are meeting to help design a solution that works for the whole area. I am committed to helping find a workable solution to help this small community that bears the disproportionate impact of our most popular hiking trail.

56th Street Traffic- A subcommittee has been created to take a closer look at traffic solutions for 56th Street. They have my full support and I have asked that the committee look for permanent and long term solutions.

The subcommittee consists of neighbors, parents from nearby schools, my office, high

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ACMNA BOARD MEETINGS

The Association Board of Directors meet at 5:30 PM on the first Thursday of the month (Except August) at Prince of Peace, Room 14.

These meetings are open to the public and Arcadia residents are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Board
Meetings:

May 4, 2017

June 1, 2017





Karen Beckvar



Jim Warne, Sal DiCiccio, Jerry McKenna, Craig Steblay, Paul Roshka



Maria Syms



Tristahn Schaub, ACMNA Vice President

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level city staff and private traffic consultants. There is a traffic study currently being conducted which should be completed in April. Once we have that data, we can begin to look for solutions that make 56th Street safe for residents, families, kids, cars, and bicycles and I believe this subcommittee can accomplish that.

Oppose Commercialization of our Neighborhoods- Whether it's the Wright House or party house rentals.* I oppose the commercialization of our neighborhoods. I encourage the owner of the Wright House to meet with the neighborhood and work with them to find a use that fits the residential character of this neighborhood. As for party houses, my office has been working closely with ACMNA, City of Phoenix and Phoenix Police to make sure that we are responding to the problem of party houses. Due to this close relationship, we were able to get a liquor license cancelled and police notified quickly about one of these commercial events in an effort to shut it down and we plan to continue this effort into the future. Councilman DiCiccio wrapped up with an exceptionally candid question and answer session that had the full engagement of the meeting attendees.

Tristahn Schaub, ACMNA Vice President and Brian Flader, Event Chairman finished the hour and 45 minute meeting with the drawing for almost two dozen door prizes. Many Arcadia businesses donated gift cards, merchandise, and services for our meeting. We needed multiple refreshment tables for the donated refreshments. The ACMNA would like to thank this year's Annual Meeting sponsors.

We feel that local businesses are just as much a part of our community as our neighbors and city staff. Please thank the below businesses for their support as you visit them throughout the year.

**Editor's note: What is a party house? Simply put it's a residence that's being rented out for parties. Stay tuned for an ACMNA special article on this topic.*



Paul Barnes and Jerry Eisen



Neighbors reviewing plans for the Phoenician

Getting to know you

Mr. Joe Crossing Guard

Dedicated is defined as “devoted to a task or purpose; having single-minded loyalty or integrity”. Mr. Joe Mettler Crossing Guard is the epitome of dedicated.

I moved to Arcadia a little over two years ago. Every morning while driving my two younger children to St. Theresa by way of 56th St, we would see a crossing guard running to the middle of each crosswalk at Indian School and 56th St with stop sign in hand and whistle ready to blow to help children cross so they could get to their school safe and sound. He always had the enthusiasm to make an anxious and excited kid running to an ice cream truck look lazy! I’ve looked forward to meeting this crossing guard ever since.

Mr. Joe Crossing Guard, as he refers to himself, dedicates each and every day to our neighborhood children. He starts his day at 6:30am by biking to Indian School and 56th St. to assist the Ingleside students getting to school until around 7:45am. He then heads to Hopi Elementary School to help the students get to school safely until around 9am. Mr. Joe then bikes to a nearby place to grab coffee before it is time for him to return to Hopi for his job as Playground Monitor from 11-1. He returns to the streets for Ingleside and Hopi pickup in the afternoons. His days are completely dedicated to these kids, “his kids” as he calls them.

Mr. Joe moved from Illinois back in the late 80’s to Phoenix. He worked at Home Depot for many years prior to becoming employed by the Scottsdale School District. He lives near 32nd and Indian School and loves being a part of the neighborhood! He knows how valuable and special our neighborhood is and is not only committed to keeping our children safe, but committed to the families and neighborhood as well. Mr. Joe has worked in the Arcadia Little league snack bar, worked as the water guy for the Arcadia High school Football team, is a referee for the Arcadia Iron-Clad Flag Football League, volunteers his time at his church as well as the elementary school he works at. In his spare time he has been known to use his knowledge he acquired while working at Home Depot by helping neighborhood families out with their yard work or any other side jobs they may need.

Mr. Joe is amazed and so grateful of the support our neighborhood provides him. About a year ago, some families put together a donation to purchase Mr. Joe a bike, outfitted with baskets, out of kindness and appreciation for their kid’s safety. On another occasion, families donated uber rides to Mr. Joe upon learning of him being diagnosed with skin cancer so he could get back and forth from his doctor appointments. There is an obvious mutual respect between Mr. Joe and our community.

When Mr. Joe speaks of his job as a crossing guard, he gets emotional and teary eyed because it means so much to him to be able to play a role in our children’s lives. He is the first person many children see after leaving their house and the last person they see before they return home so he knows that his smile and mood can set the tone for the rest of the student’s day. AAA recognized Mr. Joe as Crossing Guard of the Year in 2013-2014. An amazing honor that he mentions with pride. He saved every picture and letter the student’s wrote to help him win the award.

While I was meeting with Mr. Joe last week at Safeway, almost everyone who walked in stopped to say hi to him. A testament to how visible and known he is in our community. When you are driving through the Intersection at 56th St and Indian School or on Rubicon by Hopi, make sure you take the time to not only slow down and follow Mr. Joe’s instructions, but also thank him for his dedication. Mr. Joe hopes to continue with his crossing guard duties for as long as possible, and for our sake, I hope he does!

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Preserving our neighborhood starts with you.

*The mission of the
Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association
is to enable its members to effectively pursue the
preservation of the Arcadia / Camelback Mountain Area
as a residential neighborhood, free from commercial
intrusion and impact.*

Neighborhood Safety and Block Watch

For over 20 years, the ACMNA has actively participated in the Phoenix Block Watch program. The program involves:

- Neighbors actively watching out for each other in cooperation with Phoenix Police to reduce crime in our neighborhood
- Awareness in knowing what is normal activity in our neighborhood and helping police by reporting unusual activities as they occur
- The implementation of crime prevention techniques to enhance home security
- **It does NOT involve apprehending someone – leave that to the police**

For Block Watch to be effective, neighbors need to communicate with each other about suspicious activities. There are several ways to do this. Start by storing the Crime Stop number 602-262-6151 as a speed dial on your phone. Also, store cell phone numbers of your immediate neighbors (next door, behind you, and across the street). Please share suspicious information and photos to one or all of the following;

www.facebook.com/groups/ACMNA

arcadiaaz.nextdoor.com

www.facebook.com/groups/arcadialiving

Some organizations such as “Blockwatch.org” may be serving other purposes such as verifying signups to sell their mailing list. ACMNA has learned that Blockwatch.Org is a for-profit Arizona LLC and is not affiliated with or endorsed by the Phoenix Police Department. Please know that ACMNA partners closely with the Phoenix Police.

www.phoenix.gov/police/neighborhood-resources/block-watch-info



Get more information on Operation Identification and protecting our neighborhood at www.acmna.org/block-watch/