

# ARCADIA CENTRAL

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## ACMNA Newsletter

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## Annual ACMNA Meeting Wrap-Up

Thank you to all who attended the ACMNA Annual Meeting held on March 11 at Prince of Peace Church. We had well over a couple hundred neighbors in attendance. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Eagle Scout Jacob Lara and the Boy Scouts of Troop 6, Camelback District. Thank you to Troop 6!

Craig Steblay, our ACMNA President, conducted some annual business beginning with the election of our 4 new directors. Congratulations to Dr. James Carland, Amanda McCauley, Lisa Binsfeld and Dr. Dennis Frank. They were all voted in with unanimous approval. We had over 8 applicants this year interested in filling the 4 empty positions. We are very grateful for the interest of our neighbors to be involved!

Tristahn Schaub discussed the Preservation Committee of ACMNA and the process elements of requested variances. They include, active dialogue with the city on filings and variances within our boundaries as well as engagement with applicants and architects, visiting the property, speaking with primary stakeholders, meet and discuss case findings relative to "The Four Tests", submitting a position statement on ALL Variances, attend hearings and also posting on the ACMNA website. The goal of the Preservation Committee is to preserve Arcadia's neighborhood appeal, to have consistent and active engagement with the city and applicants, provide a community/street level perspective on variances, and provide awareness and transparency to the process. More information on variances at: <https://www.acmna.org/variances/>

Precinct Commander, Anthony Vasquez as well as our Community Action Officer, Jared Sherman, spoke to our community regarding issues surrounding our neighborhood. They informed us that Chief Williams' goal for the year is to work on crime suppression as well as Employee Wellness. Mountain View Precinct is a very busy precinct with 122,000 calls for service in 2017. Arcadia is an "A" as far as crime is concerned. We rate very high due to the lack of crime happening in our area. They reminded us that even though our crime is low, it is still very important to be vigilant and not present ourselves as targets to criminals. We need to lock our doors, put items away out of sight, and report any suspicious activities and crimes. If you have a non-emergency, please report it to 602-534-9292. You can also call Officer Sherman at 602-495-0486.

We are very grateful to Greg Bruns, Publisher and owner of Arcadia News, for providing our neighborhood with information on the history of Arcadia. He provided us all with copies of his recent news issue with write ups of the history of Arcadia as well as the surrounding resorts. Did you know that in 1915 Seymour Jackson sold 5-acre lots with requirements of spending a minimum of \$5,000 on your home as well as having 85-foot setbacks from the sidewalks? How things have changed! Also on the historical note, Dan Colton, along with Greg Bruns provided the room with information on disputed Eucalyptus Trees on Arcadia Drive.

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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 July and August) at Prince of Peace, Room 14.

These meetings are open to the public and Arcadia residents are encouraged to attend. Agendas are posted 5 days prior to meetings at:

[www.acmna.org/agendas](http://www.acmna.org/agendas)

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Arcadia Estates has spent \$60,000 cleaning up or trimming the trees within its boundaries since 2000. The trees need structural cutting according to arborists and they will not cut trees that are not on Arcadia Estates property. Portions of the trees fall outside the property lines of Arcadia Estates but on the City of Phoenix right of way. You can find more information on this at

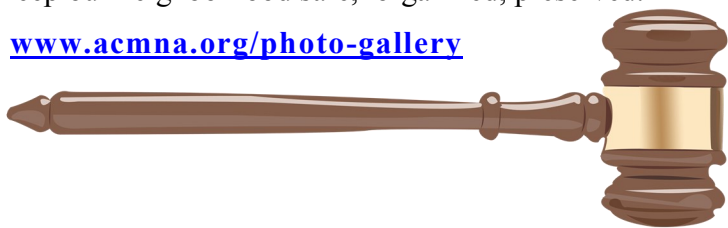


[www.acmna.org/historic-trees](http://www.acmna.org/historic-trees)

Other speakers and guests included; Senator Kate Brophy McGee, Arizona State House of Representatives Maria Syms and Kelli Butler as well as Sam Stone, DiCiccio Chief of Staff. They spoke on issues directly affecting our neighborhood such as HB 2461 (School Zoning Equity), HB 2333 (Expansion of Commercial Uses in Neighborhoods), and Group Homes. These are all issues that ACMNA is closely monitoring and have been providing our input to the city and state on these bills and issues on what their potential impact on Arcadia will be. Sam Stone also spoke on the \$120,000 design project for 56<sup>th</sup> Street from Camelback south to Thomas. This is a project that we are very excited about and look forward to meeting with the architects and designers in the future on. The neighborhood will be invited to be involved by providing input and comments, questions and concerns on the design and planning. Look for more information to come in the near future.

Thank you again for all who attended as well as our wonderful speakers, City of Phoenix Police Officers and Troop 6. Our Annual Neighborhood Meetings are a reminder of how neighbors working together can keep our neighborhood safe, organized, preserved.

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## What's a Neighborhood Worth?

We typically think about the value of our home, but do we ever think about the worth and value of our neighborhood?

We live in one of the most desirable areas of Phoenix, the valley and the state. Have you stopped to wonder why? It's because we have many of our needs and wants in close proximity. Shopping, dining, entertainment—check, check and check. Scenery? Check. A nearby airport? Check.

But a good neighborhood is more than that. A good neighborhood, like the one we live in, has schools that link our children and their parents in meaningful ways. It provides for shared experiences at houses of worship, at neighborhood coffee shops and at little league games. A good neighborhood, ultimately, is about involved and committed people. Maintaining that quality of life means more than a remodel or a new build. Maintaining that level of excellence requires our cooperative participation and our vigilance.

Consider some recent activities in the (ever-expanding) neighborhood called Arcadia:

- the rebuilding of Hopi elementary school
- the challenging of group home/sober living placement in neighborhoods
- the rejection of a digital billboard at 42nd Place and Indian School
- the withdrawal of an application to convert a digital billboard at 56th Street and Thomas

Also consider new projects on the horizon:

- the redevelopment of the SUSD administration property at 44th Street and Indianola
- the redevelopment at the northwest corner of 44th and Camelback

In all of these examples; citizens and neighbors have worked and are working to secure the best possible options for the people who live, work and play here in our neighborhood. It means finding ways to challenge those who are focused simply on their own project and instead seeing the broader concerns of entire neighborhoods. All of that requires teamwork and coordination. It happens when neighborhood associations and their individual members and neighbors all work together to uphold what is important to our neighborhoods and to the people who live there.

To me, this is the best part of Arcadia: neighbors and neighborhood associations look out for me, and I, in turn, look out for them. We spend a vast amount of time (and a fair sum of money) in our neighborhood and surroundings. It gives us a right and a responsibility to maintain those values. So when I think about what my neighborhood is worth, I ask myself: What do I have? What can I lose? How can I improve it?

The value of my neighborhood, our neighborhood, is priceless. I feel fortunate that we have the connected volunteer infrastructure to preserve, protect and defend the place where we live, work and grow. Thank you to all of you who contribute to the volunteer infrastructure that comprises a neighborhood - our neighborhood.

Neal Haddad  
Neighborhood Coalition of Greater Phoenix





On March 31st, a group of Arcadia residents met at the Shemer Art Center then headed out to pick-up trash along Camelback Rd. Residents were able to cover both sides of the road from 45th Street all the way east to 64th Street in just a few hours. Think about helping out at future clean up dates. The next date will be scheduled for the Fall.



## Arcadia Water Company

### \$200 Citrus Tree Rebate

**This rebate is good for \$200 per household per year. You will need to turn in your citrus tree purchase receipt to Arcadia Water to received your rebate. Contact Arcadia Water Company for more information.**

While many neighbors are enjoying the new bike share programs around the Valley, abandoned bikes in our neighborhood continue to be a problem. What should you do if you have an abandoned bike in front of your home?

If it is green, call LimeBike at 1(800) 546-3345.

If it is yellow, call OFO Bike at (602)632-2985 or email [CS\\_US@ofobike.com](mailto:CS_US@ofobike.com)

**If the bike is not picked up within 48 hours, please call the Neighborhood Services Department at (602) 534-4444** as the bikes would be considered abandoned property. You can also call the police non-emergency services number at (602) 262-6151 to tell them you have attempted to have the bike picked up, but you are not receiving any response.

## Arcadia Cares

The Fourth Annual Arcadia Cares: Food for Kidz Packathon was held on Saturday, March 24th at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and was an incredible success. The event was a complete community effort, which included well over 700 volunteers from ages 3 on up from all over the Arcadia neighborhood. Once the dust had settled, the final number of rice & bean meals packed were 129,168! This doubled the number of meals packed at the first Packathon in 2015 (62,708). The 2018 numbers improved upon the 2017 Packathon results by nearly 40,000 meals. Approximately 75% of the meals packed this year will go to the Valley View Community Food Bank to remain here in Phoenix to serve needy children, families and individuals. Around 10,000 meals will be sent to the Navajo Nation Reservation in Northern Arizona and the remainder will be shipped by Food for Kidz to overseas locations



## Noise

The ACMNA has been receiving complaints about loud noises around the area of Lafayette and Jokake. These noises resemble "jet engines" or a low rumble and are loud enough to wake residents. Jared Sherman, our Phoenix police department community action officer, suggested the following sources for the noise:

- 1.) Arizona National Guard Station training at Papago Park which could create some noise.
- 2.) The flight paths for Sky Harbor have been temporarily altered due to runway construction, it will be rerouted when construction is complete.
- 3.) Police helicopters. If there is a report of a head lamp on the Camelback Mountain after park hours, the police are required to check on it. With over 9,000 people going up and down each side, each week, it could be highly likely that the police are responding to night hikers.
- 4.) Occasionally, we will get traffic from emergency response helicopters from hospitals and police, traffic that is vital for saving lives or catching criminals.
- 5.) Media helicopters. In the economic downturn, most media outlets discontinued their news helicopter programs. Now that the economy has strengthened, several news outlets have again added news helicopters to their fleets. Some traffic might be attributed to them.

We will continue to investigate other possible sources of the noise.



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## *Arcadia AutoRama Winner*



Jack Nock won with his 1932 Ford Roadster Hot-Rod

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