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ACMNA to Host Mayoral Debate

Sat March 2, 11am (immediately following our annual meeting)

Prince of Peace Church, 3641 N. 56th Street

Hear Ye, Hear Ye...

Come meet your candidates for Phoenix mayor, and find out where they stand on issues important to our community.

ACMNA is hosting a mayoral debate on Saturday, March 2, immediately following our annual meeting at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

The two candidates, Kate Gallego and Daniel Valenzuela, will be responding to questions written by ACMNA board members, and will also accept written questions from the audience. Some of the subjects we expect to cover are:

- ◆ Water rates
- ◆ Light rail, traffic and road conditions
- ◆ Building and zoning regulations
- ◆ CamelSquare renovation
- ◆ Future of the David Wright house
- ◆ Group homes and Airbnb rentals
- ◆ Police, public safety, and homelessness issues

The moderators will be ACMNA board members Jody Moman and Craig Steblay, who have graciously volunteered their time to prepare for the debate.

The hour long debate will help us understand how the future mayor will impact Phoenix neighborhoods, so we can make an informed decision prior to the March 12 election. We encourage all Arcadia neighbors to attend, and to invite family and friends as well.

If you wish to submit questions and/or topics of interest for the debate, please email to info@acmna.org.



ACMNA BOARD MEETINGS

The Association Board of Directors meet at 5:30pm 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

Save the date!

2nd Annual Auto-Rama



Sat, Apr 27

8—11am

Location TBA

Back by popular demand! Enter your vehicle or come check out your neighbors' cool cars. Info coming soon to our website: www.acmna.org/events/arcadia-auto-rama



Redevelopment of the CamelSquare property at the Northwest corner of Camelback Rd and 44th Street continues to be a focus of ACMNA and surrounding neighborhood groups. At our January board meeting, Shannon Johnson, who resides in the Arcadia Villa neighborhood directly behind the property, presented an update. Neighbors recently met with a representative from RED Development and presented their requests, including:

- ◆ Height restrictions of 56 feet
- ◆ Maintain current setbacks
- ◆ No multi-family housing
- ◆ No PUD (Planned Unit Development) which would alter current zoning restrictions on the property

Sal DiCiccio is working with neighbors and supports their interests. So far, representatives from RED have been cooperative and show a willingness to address neighborhood concerns. This is a large property on an already busy corner, and new development will impact Arcadia and surrounding areas. ACMNA will continue to monitor and report on the progress. For the latest updates, attend our annual meeting on Sat, March 2, 9am (see back page of this issue for more info.)



REMINDER!

The 68th Street Canal Bridge (north of Indian School) will close for replacement beginning today, January 2nd through the end of March.

Plan your commute accordingly...Both Lafayette Blvd. and 56th Street will be experiencing more traffic.

For more information on the project, visit:

<https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/construction/project-list/68th-street-bridge-reconstruction>

Phoenix Police Dept joins Ring™ Neighbors App

We're excited to announce that Phoenix Police has joined Neighbors by Ring! The 'Neighbors' app is a digital neighborhood watch right on your phone where you can get real-time crime and safety alerts from your neighbors and law enforcement. PhxPD will be using 'Neighbors' to monitor crime in your area and send you updates on key crime incidents so you can all stay informed. By working together, we can all make Phoenix a safer community.

Download the free 'Neighbors' app today to see what's happening in your neighborhood: <https://download.ring.com/phoenixpd>

Users should understand that the Neighbors app is not a primary reporting tool and is not monitored by Phoenix Police 24/7. For emergencies and crimes in progress, call or text 9-1-1. To report a crime or file a police report, call Crime Stop at (602) 262-6151. Remain anonymous by calling Silent Witness

- ◆ (480) W-I-T-N-E-S-S (English)
- ◆ 480) T-E-S-T-I-G-O (Spanish)

(Please note, this is not an official endorsement of Ring. Video surveillance can be a useful tool in combating crime and there are several brands available.)

Are you up on the latest news ?

Want to keep up with everything going on around Arcadia? Sign up for email updates from ACMNA.

Visit our website:

www.acmna.org/join-our-mail-list/

(we do not have any commercial advertising and our list is strictly confidential)

Don't be fooled when you fuel

Tips for avoiding credit card skimming at the gas pump

These days, it seems that credit card fraudsters are lurking everywhere. One of the newest threats is at the gas station. Small devices designed to capture credit card information are hidden in the card readers at self-serve fuel pumps. The data is later retrieved and either used by the criminal directly or resold on the black market. Skimmers, or the newer blue tooth versions called shimmers, are a growing threat all around the country.

In 2018, 148 skimmers were reported to the State of Arizona Weights and Measures Division, more than 2 ½ times the number found in 2017. Each device can easily capture more than 100 transactions a day, making them a lucrative proposal for thieves.

So what can you do? Skimmers and shimmers can be hard to detect, but a few common-sense tips can help protect you:

1. Choose pumps that can be easily seen from the station building, and that are in well-lit areas. Thieves are more likely to put devices on pumps that are hidden from view of station employees.
2. Inspect the dispenser and card reader before you use it. If you notice signs of tampering (scratches, broken seals, pry marks, etc.) or if the reader is loose, don't insert your card.

3. Beware of large vehicles that park by pumps for lengthy periods. Criminals can hide behind oversized trucks and SUVs while they tamper with the pump.
4. If you must use a debit card, run it as credit so you don't have to enter your PIN.
5. When possible, pay inside the station instead of at the pump. And of course, using cash is always safer.

Of course, you should always trust your instincts. If something doesn't seem right, or if you notice someone behaving suspiciously, report it to an employee or leave the station if need be. It's also important to monitor your credit card and bank statements carefully. Report any unauthorized charges, no matter how small, your financial institution and local law enforcement.



Camelback Mountain Becomes part of Phoenix Mountains Preserve

It's now official! Camelback Mountain, formerly a city park, is now included in the Phoenix Mountains Preserve. This status, which was actively supported by ACMNA, will enhance enjoyment of the trails while providing increased maintenance and conservation. This designation will not change the availability of the two existing trails, Echo Canyon and Cholla Trail.

News from the Board

ACMNA welcomes our newest board member, Ian Quinn. Ian is stepping into the position vacated by Jerry Eisen. We will miss having Jerry on our board and we thank him for his service and for the last 6 years.

The following board members are up for election in March: Dr. Marvin Borsand, Joe Prewitt, Ian Quinn, Brian Flader, Karen Magnoni, Jody Moman, and Craig Steblay.

As of now, we have a full board, however if you are interested in being a member of our board in the future when a position becomes available, please email your bio as well as why you are interested in being a part of our board to ACMNA.org. We invite all of our community to attend our monthly meetings. They are held the first Thursday of every month at Prince of Peace at 5:30pm in room 14.

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Preserving our neighborhood starts with you

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ACMNA 32nd Annual Meeting

Sat March 2, 8:30—10:30am (meeting begins at 9am)

Prince of Peace Church, 3641 N. 56th Street

Don't miss your chance to socialize with your neighbors and get up-to-date on important issues affecting Arcadia and surrounding areas. The 32nd annual ACMNA annual meeting offers all this and more. This year's agenda includes:

- ♦ Information on the 56th Street redesign
- ♦ Latest news on the redevelopment of CamelSquare
- ♦ Presentation on Camelback Mountain Preserve
- ♦ Neighborhood safety advice and information
- ♦ Election of board members
- ♦ And other important neighborhood topics

Doors open at 8:30am. Come early to mingle and grab coffee, bagels and other treats. The regular meeting ends at 10:30am, but plan to hang around as **ACMNA will host our first ever mayoral candidate debate at 11am.** See the front page of this newsletter or visit our website for more information.

