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## ACMNA Newsletter

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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)

Upcoming Meetings:

December 7, 2017

January 4, 2018

## Arcadia Neighborhood Picnic Recap

Nearly 400 neighbors and friends gathered on Saturday, October 28th at the Shemer Art Center for a sunny afternoon BBQ and picnic to celebrate G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods). G.A.I.N. events are collaborative efforts among neighbors and first responders to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. In that spirit, ACMNA teamed up with Arcadia Osborn Neighborhood Association (AONA), along with our local police and fire departments to host a free entertaining family-friendly event.

The fire department gave kids tours of their impressive trucks. The police department brought one of their lovable K9's, Jax and shared various gadgets and gear used in their jobs. Guests enjoyed live music and fresh hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, Rita's Italian Ice and snacks. Kids were also treated to a bouncy house, field games, crafts table and a balloon artist. Hamburgers and hot dogs were grilled to perfection thanks to the grill skill of Police CAO Officer Ben Carro, Tim Moman and Sam Stone.



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Not only did neighbors have the opportunity to catch up with each other and our first responders, but were also able to meet and chat with Mt View Police Commander Anthony Vasquez, State Senator Kate Brophy McGee, Phoenix Councilwoman Kate Gallego, CEVPC Chairman Jay Swart, State Representative Maria Syms, and the ACMNA and AONA Board members.



ACMNA Board member, Brian Flader, who led the planning and organization of the event, credits the event's success to strong engagement of Arcadia's Police Department, Fire Department and the support of community stewards such as The Shemer Art Center and SRP. We also very much appreciate our sponsors Rita's Italian Ice, Chick-fil-A, Phoenix Scaffolding, A to Z Rentals and SpeedPro Imaging.

Special thanks to our  
photographers:  
Patti Dietz & G.H. Dorr, III  
Many more photos from this  
event are available at:

[acmna.org/photo-gallery](http://acmna.org/photo-gallery)



Ofc. Lisa Fisher & K9 Jax





## HOPi REBUILD UPDATE

Hopi Elementary has a storied and celebrated history in the Arcadia Camelback community, with many families sending second, third and even fourth generation students to the school. With so many memories, Hopi holds a special place in the hearts of many Arcadia residents. It is bittersweet to many, and deeply disappointing to some, that the next chapter of that story entails a complete rebuild of Hopi's nearly 60-year old campus. With a \$21 million construction budget, Hopi will be replacing its existing buildings with three new buildings, which includes a 40,000+ square foot classroom building, 20,000+ square foot multi-purpose building and 9,000+ square foot administration building.

The Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) governing board (SUSD Board) is tasked with administering the funds from the \$229 million bond approved by voters on November 8, 2016. As required by law, the bonds may only be used for buildings and buses. SUSD officials disclosed that over 50% of the bond budget was earmarked for rebuilds, as eight elementary schools needed rebuilds. Hopi is scheduled to be the first of three announced elementary school rebuilds to be covered by the bond. Hohokam and Pima are the other two elementary schools approved for a rebuild. The SUSD Board officially approved rebuilding Hopi at a December 2016 meeting.

Hopi formed a rebuild committee in March 2017, with Hopi's site committee selecting 10 representatives from among the teachers, parents and community members who applied to participate on the committee. The Hopi rebuild committee is led by the principal, Tamara Jagodzinski (or Mrs. J). The rebuild committee has met over 17 times, including with SUSD officials, the architect firm, Hunt & Caraway, and the general contractor, Core Construction. The rebuild committee was formed to provide community input to the architectural designs and plans but was not given any decision-making authority as that was strictly reserved for the SUSD Board.

Prior to the formation of the rebuild committee, the SUSD Board had prioritized addressing the issues of traffic congestion, accommodating the large student population and avoiding a two-story structure. These issues had to be balanced with providing a safe and optimal learning environment for Hopi students. The SUSD Board also made the decision to keep the school open during construction, which presented another logistical and design challenge. With these goals and constraints in mind, the SUSD Board had determined the dimensions, floorplans and siting of Hopi's buildings before forming the rebuild committee. Hopi, like Pima and Hohokam, would be moving from the model of spread-out classroom buildings to one classroom building, with separate administration and multipurpose buildings.

The rebuild committee collected input by meeting with parents, neighbors and other teachers. Committee members also received e-mails related to the rebuild project. Committee members shared the various collected views with SUSD officials and architects at the rebuild committee meetings. Hopi also held three community forums in May, September and October of this year.

Although construction fences went up the last weekend of September, as a result of community meeting feedback, a petition to slow down the construction process and various letters and e-mails to SUSD officials, the SUSD Board halted construction and held a special meeting on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> to consider the following options:

- A. Continue the rebuild plan with no further changes to design
- B. Continue the rebuild with some layout changes
- C. Re-design the rebuild so that the classrooms are separated into two buildings
- D. Remodel existing classroom buildings and build new multi-purpose and administration buildings
- E. Stop construction to consider total redesign

The SUSD Board voted 4 -1 in favor of option B, which they believed would be in the best interests of Hopi students and teachers. More than two dozen Hopi teachers and rebuild committee members met the week after the special SUSD Board meeting to listen to a presentation, and give input on, the major changes to the layout and design of the buildings and landscaping. The changes included windows for all grade-level classrooms, a height reduction for all three buildings, indented breezeways, increased outdoor learning spaces and reduced pavement. The architects also presented a mid-century modern façade that garnered very favorable feedback.

Prior to the SUSD Board's special meeting, some features that were in the process of being incorporated into the Hopi design were a direct result of committee and community forum input, including the following:

- Maintaining three separate playground areas, divided by grade levels
- Maximizing field and playground space for basketball courts and little league games
- Reorganizing bike path entries to the school
- Designating a lunchroom area, separate from gym
- Preserving Hopi memorabilia such as the tiles, marquee, dedicated benches

Another positive by-product of the SUSD Board special meeting was the emergence of a group of enthusiastic parents, teachers and community members with ideas to improve the current design, with its modern updates of increased indoor square footage, playground area and parking, while minimizing construction delay. Mrs. J sent out notices November 2<sup>nd</sup> soliciting volunteers for the vacancy on the rebuild committee and leaders for its preservation efforts. The rebuild committee will continue to meet with community residents, the architect, builder and SUSD officials to facilitate a constructive dialogue as the rebuild progresses. Mrs. J, SUSD officials and Core have a communication plan to notify immediate neighbors of construction schedules.

Mrs. J and the SUSD Board will continue to send communications related to the rebuild, which ACMNA will post on its site. In the meantime, you can find more information on the Hopi rebuild on SUSD's site, [www.susd.org](http://www.susd.org), under Bond & Override Information. You can also submit a question through the Bond Project Input Form, make an appointment with Mrs. J or reach out to a rebuild committee member if you have questions or want to get more involved.



The Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association (ACMNA) is a non-profit 501c3 association that relies on donations to help with legal defense fees for neighborhood preservation as well as the costs associated with community building events such as the Arcadia Picnic and our Annual Neighborhood Meetings.

We are again asking for your support to help continue our good work towards preserving and protecting our neighborhood when threats arise. Any amount of contribution is greatly appreciated and will help show your support of your neighborhood. 100% of your donation goes towards helping preserve Arcadia as a residential community and building community pride.

Please look for a personal letter in your mail in the next few days that contains more information and a convenient return card and envelope. Donations are always appreciated through our on-line donation portal [[www.acmna.org/donate](http://www.acmna.org/donate)] that accepts major credit cards. Your support is greatly appreciated and directly helps to keep the quality and tranquility we all love about Arcadia. Neighborhood preservation starts with you!



## City of Phoenix

### Construction Noise Complaint Program

Building construction in Phoenix is generally only permitted during daytime weekday hours, unless an extended hours construction permit has been issued.

To address community requests regarding construction-related noise during evening and early morning hours, the Planning and Development Department has implemented an After-Hours Construction Noise Complaint Program. Inspectors will be on-call to respond to active construction noise complaints weekdays from 7:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. October 1 through April 30 and on weekends from 7:00 p.m. Friday until 7:00 a.m. Monday

Because the City of Phoenix does issue Extended Construction Work Hours permits, on-call inspectors will research whether the project has an after-hours permit before responding.

Please note that on-call inspectors will only be investigating construction noise complaints related to construction projects that require permits under the Phoenix Building Construction Code such as roofing a new home, and NOT minor repairs being done by homeowners.

Complainants **must** provide their contact information for call back by the on-call inspector. If the inspector cannot reach the complainant, the complaint will not be investigated. On-call inspectors will respond within two hours.

**Complaints can be made by calling or texting 602-320-1071, or by emailing [constructionnoisecomplaints@phoenix.gov](mailto:constructionnoisecomplaints@phoenix.gov). If submitting via text or email, please attach a photo of the construction work being conducted.**

**Note:** Complaints related to noise issues that do not meet the above criteria (i.e. lawnmowers) should be directed to the Phoenix Police Department non-emergency line at 602-262-6151.

## Crime Prevention Tips for the Holidays (some of them for the rest of the year too)

**1. Deterrence** - Remember, thieves are smart and will target a home based on the risk of being caught vs. the reward for taking the risk. You should advertise your security system to show that your home has an increased risk of getting caught. Those window stickers and yard signs furnished by the alarm company send a message to burglars and makes your home less of a target. If your window decals and sign are faded or missing, call your alarm company for new ones.

**2. Festive lighting - be secure.** A common mistake of many festive decorators is to feed extension cables through partially open windows, criminals know to look for this vulnerability. When it comes to outdoor lighting, opt for solar or battery-operated lights or install outdoor electrical outlets.

**3. Don't advertise with empty boxes.** Refuse collections over the holiday period might be on a different day than normal. Make sure to put recycle and trash out just before the collection. Especially if you have a common alley dumpster. And never-ever leave packaging from expensive items in plain sight.



**4. Don't advertise on social media!** Social media savvy families, especially teenagers, sometimes tend to publish their whereabouts during the holiday season, including any vacation plans. Uploaded photos of pricey Christmas gifts can also be a problem. If privacy settings aren't tied down, it can allow burglars to go shopping just by viewing the Facebook pages of you or your kids.

**5. Check doors and windows for weak spots.** Statistics show that 30% of burglaries happen through windows. Installing a few dead-bolts and additional window locks will increase the security of your home.

**6. Keep your curtains, drapes and window blinds closed at night,** making sure valuable items are out of sight. When going out for the evening make use of inexpensive timers to operate a radio, stereo or TV to give the illusion that someone is home.

**7. Plan ahead!** If you're going away, cancel newspaper and mail delivery. Arrange for a neighbor to park on your driveway to help create the impression someone is home. Again make use of inexpensive timers for lights, TV's and radios.

**8. Lock garages and sheds.** Tools, ladders and even a wheelbarrow could be used to rob your home. Garages are often targets for burglars looking for tools, bikes and sporting equipment. Always be sure to lock the door between the garage and the house so thieves can't get into your home through the garage.

**9. Don't hide keys.** Burglars are smart and know to look for hidden keys under rocks, in flowerpots, or above door ledges. Instead, give a spare key to a trusted neighbor or friend.

**10. Visibility** - Crooks don't want to be seen, Install a few motion sensor flood lights around your home exterior to make approaching your house too conspicuous for a burglar. If you have an alley, lighting the rear yard and around storage sheds is most important.



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## Crime prevention tips to keep your Holidays safe and happy

The Holidays bring the busiest shopping weeks of the year, and for many people it means our homes are being stocked with the latest and greatest electronic gadgets, jewelry and must-have gifts. Unfortunately, thieves see Christmas differently as your special gifts and Holiday treasures are also their incentive to make money by committing burglaries! These crooks are smart, very smart. But that can be a good thing because they are also smart enough to stay away from a properly protected home.

See inside for 10 great suggestions to insure a happy, theft free Holiday.

## Thieves **see** your Christmas differently

Help ensure a crime-free Christmas for your home and family by following a few simple steps!

