

# ARCADIA CENTRAL

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## *Annual Meeting*

MARKING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ACMNA



Mayor Greg Stanton and Jim Bonadio  
- Honored for a decade of service to ACMNA



Wally Graham, President AONA - Sal DiCiccio,  
Councilman District 6 - Craig Steblay, President  
ACMNA - Cmdr. Paula Veach - Neal Hadad, President  
Neighborhood Coalition of Greater Phoenix



Councilman Sal DiCiccio addresses neighbors and  
takes a stance against the David Wright House

## *Minute news*

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### **CAMELBACK ROAD CLEAN-UP**

Saturday, April 9, 2016

8:00am 10:00am

#### **ARCADIA FAMILY FUN RUN**

Sunday, April 17, 2016

7:30am 8:30am

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[facebook.com/groups/ACMNA](https://facebook.com/groups/ACMNA)

The 29th Annual Meeting, Saturday, February 6th was one of the strongest showings we've had of neighborhood support with well over 200 people in attendance. Several founding members of the Association were introduced; Dwayne Lewis, Dr. Richard Spiegel, David Dodge, Sally Geyer and Joan Warne. Board Members Kendis Drake and Jim Bonadio were recognized for their 10 years of service, ending their board terms.

Mayor Stanton and Councilman DiCiccio were present as were leaders from several other neighborhood associations. Also attending were several members of the Camelback East Village Planning Committee, including the Chairman, Jay Swart.

A slate of nominations was presented to the membership for election to the Association's Board of Directors for the next two years. The slate included; Linda Bair, Karen Beckvar, Kera Drake, Sally Geyer, David Gordon, Jerry McKenna, Paul Roshka, Tristahn Schaub, Marilyn Miller Schmidlin, Tracy Wadas, and Joan Warne. By a show of hands, the slate was unanimously elected by the Association Membership present.

Precinct Commander Paula Veach was also present along with Sergeant Marc Rivers who remained throughout the meeting, making themselves available to attendees for questions.

Arcadia Cares presented the good work they have committed to fighting hunger. Neighbors, Scouts and various volunteers have come together to pack food items for Food for Kidz [www.foodforkidz.org](http://www.foodforkidz.org)

Dan Drake led a presentation on the ACMNA's formal position on the David Wright Foundation's Project. You can view it online at: [www.acmna.org/wright-house-info-links](http://www.acmna.org/wright-house-info-links)

Both Mayor Stanton and Councilman DiCiccio conducted Q&A sessions, primarily addressing questions about the David Wright House. Legal representatives from the DWH LLC were also present and provided comment to questions raised regarding the property.



### **DID YOU KNOW? FAMOUS TITANS**

**STEVEN SPIELBERG** - Graduated from Arcadia High School. While growing up, Spielberg would show his homemade movies while his sister served popcorn!

**LYNDA CARTER** - Wonder Woman herself graduated from Arcadia. Carter went on to attend ASU but dropped out to pursue acting and then became a TV star!



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## UPDATES - FROM COMMUNITY OFFICER CARRO

*Last week, Arcadia's Community Action Officer, Ben Carro spoke with neighbors and Members of the ACMNA.*

*He spoke to the following topics:*

### **PANHANDLING** (notably on 44th and Camelback)

Panhandling is not illegal in Phoenix.

When a panhandler steps off the curb and onto the roadway this is considered OBSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC and citations are being issued.

When a panhandler is hanging out on the front lawn of a business (against the business owners wishes) this is considered TRESPASSING and they can be cited as well.

DO NOT GIVE MONEY, if you wish to help, give food or water. NO MONEY.

"Almost all money they raise goes to BUYING DRUGS." - Ben Carro

Panhandling related arrests made on 44th and Camelback lead to finding drug paraphernalia on their person (pipes, needles, etc...). Not many drugs are found because they are actively raising money to buy more with donations from the neighborhood.

Amazingly, the panhandlers working the corner(s) come from as far as Mesa. They come early in the morning, work a 12 hours shift (think 6:30 am – 6:30 pm) and then go home. Why do they come so far? Because people give out \$20's at Camelback and 44th.

If you see them stepping into the road, call Crime Stop 602-262-6151



David R. Tribble

### **SHOW ME THE RADAR**

In response to neighbor complaints within Arcadia, Ben and others will be running the "Show me the Radar" campaign again to raise awareness to speeds on neighborhood streets.

The primary purpose will be to raise awareness to speeding and some citations may be issued.

The primary focus areas will be Lafayette (particularly Hopi School Zone), Exeter, Arcadia Drive, 56th St and Jokake.

Note - If a speed limit is not posted, it's 25 MPH through out the neighborhood streets.

### **BIKE THEFT STING**

A \$2,000 Mountain Bike has been placed at popular theft locations with very few takers. This program will not last much longer due to its lack of success.



*We need your support to*  
**PRESERVE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS**



The proposed development and expansion of the David & Gladys Wright House will have a huge impact in our neighborhood.

We encourage you to see **how big the scope** of the project really is by visiting our website [www.ACMNA.org/developers-plans](http://www.ACMNA.org/developers-plans)

We need you to get involved and speak out against commercial development under the guise of preservation!

**WE VALUE** the family lifestyle and residential atmosphere Arcadia has provided for families for almost 100 years.

**WE VALUE** each resident's peaceful enjoyment of Arcadia.

**WE VALUE** the integrity and historic preservation of the David & Gladys Wright House.

**WE VALUE** treating all homeowners equally with regard to their property rights.

**WE VALUE** the Arcadia Camelback Special Planning District and the protection it has provided property owners since 1999.

**WE DO NOT SUPPORT** compromising the public safety of our neighborhood with the **service of alcohol to the public.**

**WE DO NOT SUPPORT** activities which create a **commercial environment** on residential properties.

**WE DO NOT SUPPORT** a property increasing traffic in our neighborhood with a projected **120,000 visitors** annually or 10,000 monthly.

**WE DO NOT SUPPORT** the precedent of allowing the encroachment of **intense commercial uses** in our residential neighborhoods.

**WE DO NOT SUPPORT** public policy that **circumvents current residential zoning** restrictions.

*How can you help?*

Get involved and get informed. Talk to your neighbors.

Talk to City Council members and City Officials.

Donate to help our efforts in spreading the word.

FIND OUT MORE AT [WWW.ACMNA.ORG](http://WWW.ACMNA.ORG)



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*Preserving our neighborhood starts with you.*

**ARCADIA**  
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 WEBSITE **ACMNA.ORG**

## *Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association* **FORMAL POSITION ON WRIGHT HOUSE**

During our Annual Meeting, Dan Drake led a presentation on ACMNA's formal position on the David Wright Foundation's Project. It outlined the formal position statement and the rationale for how the board arrived at this position:

- We are in full support of HP (Historical Preservation) rezoning on the historically platted 2.4 acre David Wright House only.
- We are opposed to any rezoning, of any type, on the 2+ acres north, or the 1+ acres south, of the historically platted 2.4 acre Wright property.
- Furthermore, we are strongly opposed to any rezoning that includes "L" (Landmark) designation on any property, or portion of property that would potentially allow a Special Use Permit to conduct Commercial activities or operations within the Arcadia Neighborhood area.

*Resolved by unanimous vote of the ACMNA Board of Directors, November 5, 2015*

Some of the key issues surrounded the desired commercial uses of food, beverage sales, alcohol sales, charging admission and paid events such as concerts and weddings with up to 500 people at a time. Also of concern were the traffic and noise concerns involved with potential attendance rates north of 100,000 visitors annually. Service trucks and delivery access off neighborhood streets was also a concern. On the property, two massive builds were highlighted, including a subterranean visitors center, education, event facility and a massive outdoor 180 ft. wide Amphitheater/Pavilion which included a 30 foot high shade structure.

To view our presentation, please visit: [www.acmna.org/wrighthouse-info-links](http://www.acmna.org/wrighthouse-info-links)