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ACMNA Annual Meeting

Neighbors, News and All Things Arcadia

On March 2, 2019 ACMNA hosted its 32nd Annual Meeting at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. The event gave neighbors the opportunity to chat with one another, enjoy some breakfast and hear about the numerous projects the association has been involved with in the last year.

The meeting was opened with the presentation of colors by members of Boy Scout Troop 6. As an added treat, Eagle Scouts Calvin Eng and Max Lunifeld played a violin/cello duet of the National Anthem.

The first order of business was a tribute to Craig Steblay, who is stepping down after 5 years as ACMNA president. (Craig will remain on the board.) Tristahn Schaub, the incoming president, presented Craig with a signed photo of the board members. The 2019 slate was then presented, and was voted into office.



A few highlights from the meeting:

- Tristahn Schaub addressed the construction variance process and the criteria ACMNA uses to craft a position statement. He also explained the new construction guidelines that ACMNA developed, with support from the City of Phoenix and several local builders. Visit www.acmna.org for more information on both topics.
- Tristahn also provided an update on the 56th Street SAVES and Connects Project.
- Jared Sherman, our Phoenix Police Department Community Action Officer, explained how important it is to be vigilantly watching our neighborhood. Your diligent reporting can help our police link similar cases that hopefully end in an arrest! Officer Sherman awarded a Ring doorbell system to a lucky attendee.
- Ed Bull of RED Development discussed the redevelopment plans for CamelSquare (NW corner of 44th and Camelback). RED has been meeting with leaders from surrounding neighborhood groups and is working with them to address their concerns. (Watch for more info in future newsletters.)
- Scott Covey, Parks Supervisor, talked about the recent addition of Camelback Mountain to the Phoenix Mountains Preserve.
- Councilman Sal DiCiccio addressed several issues including the Cholla Trail parking congestion, the condition of city streets, and budget issues. The meeting ended with Sal taking some questions from the audience.

Thank You to the following individuals and businesses for their generous contributions:

- Sal DiCiccio and Kate Brophy McGee for attending.
- Einstein Bros. Bagels, Bosa Donuts and Starbucks for providing discounts on the refreshments.
- Fox Restaurant Concepts for the generous donation of 10 gift cards which were raffled during the event.
- Arcadia residents who attended the event. Your participation is what makes our neighborhood such a wonderful place to live. Spread the word—we hope for an even greater turnout next year!



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, Choir Room (NW corner)

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

News from the Board

2019 Elections

ACMNA is proud to announce our 2019 officers:

President: Tristahn Schaub

Vice President: Jim Carland

Treasurer: John Stofko

Secretary: Karen Magnoni

Officers were elected at the March 7 board meeting. Tristahn, former Vice President, replaces Craig Steblay. John and Karen are continuing in their positions. We welcome Jim as a new officer.

The following board members were re-elected at the annual meeting: Dr. Marvin Borsand, Joe Prewitt, Ian Quinn, Brian Flader, Karen Magnoni, Jody Moman, and Craig Steblay.

Meet Your New ACMNA President

Tristahn Schaub



I moved from Massachusetts to Arizona sight unseen to attend the University of Arizona where I graduated with a BS in Chemistry. Being an outdoor enthusiast, I fell in love with the Southwest and the diversity of climate that's offered here. My wife, Kate, and I moved into our Arcadia home in 2007, having adored this neighborhood for years. I love the cul-de-sac life that 54th

Court provides with a quiet street, views of Camelback, great neighbors and flood irrigation. Citrus trees grace our property tempting us to sleep with the windows open during the spring-time bloom. It's a wonderful, picturesque lifestyle that we're so grateful to raise our son in.

Professionally, I have been working in the bio-pharmaceutical field for over 20 years where I travel most weeks across the Western US. I never imagined I could enjoy such a peaceful, rural residence yet be minutes away from Sky Harbor. Kate works as a nurse practitioner and we have a grade-schooler named Graham. My mother, Cathy, lives not far from us in Villa Lafayette by the black sphinx date palm grove. When I'm not serving on the board some of my favorite things to do are hiking, yoga, working around the house and tinkering with cars.

Why did I join the ACMNA? I feel it's important that I find ways to give back, leaving things just a little better than when I ar-

Safety tips from Officer Sherman

Highlights from our annual meeting

Arcadia is part of the Mountain View Precinct, which encompasses 46



square miles and more than 201,000 citizens. Just 252 sworn officers cover this large area, but targeted crime suppression programs and proactive partnerships between police and neighborhoods are working to reduce crime. In 2018, the precinct saw a 19.9% decrease in burglaries and a 5.8% drop in motor vehicle thefts.

Officer Sherman shared several examples where community tips and doorbell video footage led to the apprehension of criminals. He urges all citizens to be vigilant in working to fight crime.

What can you do to help?

- Keep doors and windows locked, especially at night.
- Consider installing a video doorbell or other surveillance system. These devices are relatively inexpensive. Video not only deters crime on your property, but recorded footage can help police find and convict criminals.
- Lock your vehicle and never leave valuables inside. Even when parking in your garage, do not leave keys in the car.
- Report ALL suspicious behavior to the police. Don't worry that you are wasting their time—it's what the police are paid to do.

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rived. As a parent, I have used this service commitment as a way to teach by example the importance of civic duty. It feels good to do things for others and for the greater enjoyment of Phoenixians, at least that's what I tell myself when I'm picking trash from the oleander bushes on Camelback Cleanup days. I have grown tremendously as a board member, learning about Arcadia history, involvements in zoning cases and engaging with city staff. I'm honored to work with people on our board who share a similar desire to care for our neighbors and preserve the character of Arcadia.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

- Margaret Mead

Phoenix Street Maintenance

City wants your input on road repairs



Tired of rough, bumpy roads? Relief is on the way. In 2015, voters approved T2050, a comprehensive transit plan that expanded investment in bus service and light rail and allocated \$200 million to street improvements. The Phoenix City Council has recently backed an initiative to accelerate pavement maintenance projects on the City's major streets, requesting that the 5-year plan be completed in just 2 years.

The Street Transportation Department is currently developing a new work-plan and is looking for citizen input. They've created an interactive street maintenance map that residents can use to drop a "pin" for specific road conditions (such as rough pavement or potholes). This data will be used to prioritize projects. Visit Phoenix.gov/PavementProgram.

The Streets Department also offers the following advice and warnings:

- Expect more road construction on major streets (such as Indian School Rd, Camelback Rd, 44th St and 32nd St.)
- Restrictions will begin occurring in early spring, and continue through late fall. Winter temperatures, even though mild, are generally too cold for asphalt projects.
- When driving in construction areas, obey all posted signs and keep your speed at or below the limit. Stay focused on the road and your surroundings at all times.
- Be patient and allow extra time. Keep in mind that the end result—nice smooth roads—are worth a little frustration.

City of Phoenix
Street Transportation Department
Contact Info

**Accelerated Pavement
Maintenance Program:**
Email: Pavement@phoenix.gov
Phone: 602-262-6284

**Pavement Maintenance
Program Webpage:**
phoenix.gov/PavementProgram

Pothole Hotline: 602-262-6441

Other street concerns?
**Contact the Street Maintenance
Dispatch Office**
Phone: 602-262-6441
Email: dispatch@phoenix.gov

64th Street Pedestrian Bridge

This bridge to the Arizona Canal Trail was demolished last summer by a drunk driver.

Replacing the bridge involves coordination between Phoenix, Scottsdale and SRP. ACMNA is following the issue and will do what we can to bring about a solution.

ACMNA Mayoral Debate

Candidates discuss plans for the City and Arcadia

On Saturday March 2, immediately following our annual meeting, ACMNA had the privilege of hosting City of Phoenix mayoral candidates, Kate Gallego and Daniel Valenzuela, in a debate. ACMNA board members Jody Moman and Craig Steblay moderated the event and it was live-streamed via Facebook.

After giving their opening remarks, the candidates answered a series of questions, alternating turns as to who spoke first. The list of questions had been pre-determined, and was based on feedback from survey of Arcadia residents. Questions included Arcadia-specific topics, such as the eucalyptus trees along Arcadia Drive, and broader issues including city finances and pension reform.

This was the first event of this type hosted by ACMNA, and we look forward to providing additional opportunities to connect Arcadia to the broader issues faced by our civic leaders.



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Preserving our neighborhood starts with you

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2nd Annual ARCADIA Auto-Rama

Saturday April 27, 7—11am

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
(56th St & Exeter Blvd)



**FREE ADMISSION
FOR LOOKERS & SPECTATORS**

Exhibitor Registration Fee (donation):
\$20 pre-registration ▪ \$25 at the gate

Acceptable show entries include:
Cars, trucks, motorcycles, and vehicles such as ice cream trucks,
military vehicles, trailers, tractors, scooters, etc.

Trophies for multiple categories.

Visit www.acmna.org/events/arcadia-auto-rama for more details
and for registration info.

Anyone from anywhere, can enter anything on wheels!

Bring the whole family!

Camelback Road Clean-up



**Saturday
April 20
8:00am**

Twice a year, Arcadia neighbors come together to clean up our "adopted" stretch of Camelback Road, from 44th to 68th Streets.

ACMNA provides:

bags, gloves, pick-up sticks, vests

We recommend wearing:

long pants, closed-toe shoes

Meet at Shemer Art Center

Clean-up typically takes about 90 minutes.

It's a rewarding way to spend a morning
and is actually kind of fun!

Pitch in to keep Arcadia clean.