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ACMNA Newsletter

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ACMNA 33rd Annual Meeting

It's all about Arcadia. This year, we chose to focus on issues that specifically impact our neighborhood. Boy Scout Troop 6 Color Guard opened the meeting, followed by ACMNA President, Tristahn Schaub's "State of Arcadia" address. Topics included commercial intrusion (such as digital billboards), 56th Street project, property values, and the Wright House. Paul Barnes was recognized for providing years of service and leadership to Phoenix neighborhoods. The presentation is available at www.acmna.org. In addition, revised [bylaws](#) were presented and unanimously approved, and our 2020 slate of board members were elected (see page 2).



A growing concern, in Arcadia and beyond, is the proliferation of short-term rentals, especially when they are used as party houses. Arcadia's large homes and prime location make this a popular spot for party rentals, which can be very disruptive to neighbors. At ACMNA's invitation, [Senator Kate Brophy McGee](#) spoke to this problem. She is now sponsoring a bill, [SB1554](#), in the AZ Senate to tighten the restrictions for short-term rentals that are used as event venues.



Crime in Arcadia? Not so bad. Burglaries are down over 15%, according to our Community Action Officer, Jered Sherman. Vigilance, including technology such as video doorbells, are the best weapon against neighborhood crime. Our new Precinct Commander, Chris Eyrych also spoke, and introduced his staff. We are blessed to have such an outstanding relationship with our friends in blue at the [Mountain View Police Precinct](#).

Other topics and presentations included: 56th Street - Mark Melnychenko, Phoenix Streets Department | The new Cholla Trail on Camelback Mountain - Scott Covey, Phoenix Parks Department | 44th Street & Camelback Road Redevelopment - Jeff Moloznik, RED Development | Shemer Art Center expansion - Shonna James, Executive Director.

Thank you to: Steve Radonich of Boy Scout Troop 6, Starbucks (56th and Indian School) for providing the coffee, and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. We look forward to seeing you all at our neighborhood events throughout the year.



ACMNA BOARD MEETINGS

The Association Board of Directors meet at 6pm 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

Bylaw Revisions

The ACMNA Board recommended amending the association [bylaws](#) to better align with our Mission Statement. These amendments were unanimously approved by the general membership at our annual meeting, and can be viewed at www.acmna.org/bylaws-and-articles-of-incorporation.

2020 Elections

ACMNA is proud to announce our 2020 officers:

President: Tristahn Schaub
Vice President: Dr. Jim Carland
Treasurer: Michael Phillips
Secretary: Karen Magnoni

Officers were elected at the March 5 board meeting. Tristahn, Jim and Karen are continuing in their positions. We welcome Michael as a new officer.

The following board members were re-elected at the annual meeting: Jim Carland, Sally Geyer, Marilyn Schmidlin, Joan Warne and Michael Phillips was elected as a new member. Two members have recently resigned from the board: John Stofko (treasurer) and Lisa Binsfeld (newsletter editor). Their contributions will be missed.

ACMNA currently has a few open spots on our board. If you love Arcadia and would like to make a difference for our neighborhood, please submit a short bio along with the reasons why you would like to serve. Email to: info@acmna.org.

What is T2050 and how will it affect you?



Don't worry, it's not the next super-virus. T2050 is the City of Phoenix transportation plan that is speeding up road construction, expanding light rail, improving bus service and enhancing traffic signals and other technology to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion.

One of the components, [Bus Rapid Transit \(BRT\)](#) is something new to Phoenix. Elements of BRT may include easier rider access, streamlined fare collection, dedicated bus lanes, and prioritized treatment at traffic signals.

Citizens are urged to stay informed and provide input via the interactive [pavement management dashboard](#).

Visit www.phoenix.gov/t2050 for more information.

Cholla Trail

Uphill Battle Continues

Progress is continuing on the Cholla Trail relocation project, but it is moving slower than most would like.

Steve Covey from the Phoenix Parks Department presented at our annual meeting. He stated that summer is the best time to start activities necessary to relocate the trail. Phoenix Parks Department and Host (owners of the Phoenician Resort) are still finalizing the trail options. Funds are budgeted, so at this point it's mostly a matter of timing and agreeing on minor details.

Highlights from the presentation include:

- Cholla Trail is now the #1 hiked trail in Phoenix.
- There were over 465,000 people that hiked Cholla Trail in 2019.
- The number of hikers is expected to increase in the future.
- There were over 225 rescues on Camelback Mountain in 2019.
- Cholla Trail, which is accessed from a public residential street, was never intended to be this popular. The Invergordon entrance is a more suitable location.



We are hopeful that the trail relocation will be completed by the Fall of 2020, in time for the busy winter hiking season.

More Photos from our Annual



56th Street Project Update

Help is on the way... but not as soon as we'd like

22 That was the number of reported accidents for the intersection of 56th St and Indian School Road during 2019. "This number is quite high for such an intersection", stated Officer Sherman during his address at ACMNA's Annual Meeting. Even more concerning-- many of them occurred at the time of day when children are coming and going from school. Complaints about risky driving behaviors, from residents and parents of schoolchildren, continue to come through ACMNA's website and we ask the same question most residents do, "When will this be fixed?"

During three public engagement meetings, residents gave feedback to create a design plan that addresses the primary concerns of the community. The pace of the project will be determined by funding. The project is slated for final design in July of 2022 with construction beginning mid-2024. Initial funding grants are time-bound and must be used for this project's purpose, which gives this project some certainty. However, we still find ourselves in a significant funding shortfall which we seek to supplement through a variety of grant requests and reallocation of unused funds. The funding uncertainty will most likely result in a dual-phased approach with priority being given to the school areas between Indian School and Thomas. As more funds are garnered, the second phase between Camelback and Indian School will begin.

Is there any way to get this done sooner? ACMNA has been told through multiple channels that the biggest opportunity to expedite this project, and many other overdue streets projects, is to pass an increase in the Gas Tax.

Currently, drivers in Arizona pay a state tax of 18 cents per gallon for gas, an amount that has been unchanged for nearly 30 years. HB 2899 will increase the gas tax, gradually, to 36 cents per gallon. Money generated by the tax would be used to fix and build roads across the state. If you feel the 56th Street project is worth moving along, you may wish to read up on the proposed legislation and how it can help. In the meantime please [visit our website](#) for more information and [slides](#) from The City's presentation on 56th St from our Annual Meeting.

Traffic Driving You Crazy?

Have you heard the joke "I would tell you a traffic pun but it would drive you crazy"?

Report traffic related concerns to:
City of Phoenix
Traffic Complaint Hotline
602-534-7733

You can use this number to report a variety of traffic related issues including but not limited to, speeding, illegal parking, and school zone enforcement. Traffic concerns may also be emailed to:

traffic.complaints@phoenix.gov

The telephone hotline is **not** an emergency phone number. If you have an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

"We wanted to write a bit more but we hit a roadblock"

Photos from our Annual Meeting

Photos by: Amanda McCauley and GH Dorr III



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Preserving our neighborhood starts with you

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CoVid-19: Assistance for Elderly within the Community

To assist with current challenges, we are attempting to build a data base of vulnerable elderly adults within the community who might not have family, friends, and/or the ability to supply their basic needs. We are looking to help in various ways, possibly assisting in getting them basic necessities they cannot go out and shop for, and find such necessities as: toilet paper, hand sanitizers and other items. We might even be able to help with some food packages and getting them medications if they are unable to pick them up.

For more info visit: www.acmna.org/important-notice

The following Arcadia events have all been cancelled:

Arcadia Cares, Food for Kidz: scheduled March 21st

ACMNA April Board Meeting: scheduled April 2nd

Arcadia Auto-Rama : scheduled April 4th

Art in the Garden - Shemer Art Center: scheduled April 4th

Visit our website, www.acmna.org and sign up for our emails to stay informed about possible rescheduling.

Bring the whole family! Camelback Road Clean-up



**Saturday
April 25, 8:00am**

(this event may be impacted by CoVid-19, for info visit www.acmna.org)

It's not my trash, but it's my neighborhood!

Have you ever wondered why our streets look so clean?
It's because of wonderful neighbors like yourself!
Come help cleanup Arcadia's section of Camelback Road.

ACMNA provides:

bags, gloves, sticks, vests

We recommend wearing:

long pants, long-sleeved shirt, closed-toe shoes

Meet at Shemer Art Center

SE corner of Camelback Rd and Arcadia Drive

Clean-up typically takes about 90 minutes.