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## ACMNA Newsletter

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## Autorama 2021

Nearly 100 show cars along with over 400 spectators joined the excitement of this year's Arcadia Auto-Rama. Show vehicles spanned almost a century from 1926 to 2021 including a 1948 Plymouth Police Cruiser and a 1931 Indianapolis race car.

Almost 200 ballots were cast for the people's choice of "Best in Show" which was won by Jack Nock with his 1932 Roadster. Jack's yellow roadster won the Best in Arcadia trophy three years ago. Special thanks to Officer Jared Sherman, Sam Stone, Chief of Staff Council District 6, and Jay Swart for their diligence with the judging of "Best in Arcadia" won by Bull Earnhardt with his 1977 Ford Bronco.

We deeply appreciate our sponsors Chapman Ford and Courtesy Chevrolet for helping to make this year's Auto-Rama on one of the best Arcadia events, ever. Thanks to Amanda McCauley and her photography talent, scores of photos can be viewed on our website at:

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



Jack Nock's 1932 Ford Roadster  
(with ACMNA's Brian Flader and Tristahn Schaub)



Bull Earnhardt and daughter, Estee, with their 1977 Ford Bronco

## 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](http://www.acmna.org/agendas)



Autorama: Fun for all ages!



Paul Barnes (red shirt) past ACMNA President 1992-95 and Gerrit Steenblik (red hat), ACMNA's Founder, with his 1952 Ford Pickup.



# Doing Good in the 'Hood

## Superhero Chairman of Camelback East VPC Foils Crime!



Jay Swart, holding the award given him during our Annual Meeting: "In Appreciation for Outstanding Citizenship in Partnering with Phoenix Police"

*This article was written and previously posted on Facebook by Councilman Sal DiCiccio.*

Ladies and Gentlemen, I present Jay Swart, Chairman of the Camelback East Village Planning Committee, neighborhood leader, retired police commander, and all-around great guy. Jay has made a life of serving and protecting others. Please keep in mind he is a civilian and our neighbor, and was visiting his bank when this happened (report courtesy of Phoenix Police):

On Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at approximately 10am, Mr. Swart was inside of a bank located near 20th St. and E. Camelback Rd. As he was talking to an employee, he noticed an individual wearing dark clothing and a backpack quickly enter the bank, look around, and head directly over to the cashier. Mr. Swart was able to see the suspect was armed and demanding cash from the cashier. As soon as the suspect obtained money, he left the bank and Mr. Swart ensured everyone inside the bank was safe and instructed them what to do next.

Mr. Swart immediately called 911 to let the police know what was happening and, as he was doing so, was giving them the suspect's description as well as updating them as to what vehicle the suspect entered and which direction the suspect was now traveling.

Mr Swart also provided the vehicle license plate number and the vehicle was found to be stolen. Mr. Swart was able to provide a specific vehicle description while continuing to update 911 as to the suspect's location and direction of travel, Phoenix Police officers were able to locate the suspect driving the vehicle. (Neither this office, nor Phoenix PD, advise citizens to follow or pursue criminals in any way. Just call 911. Unless you're Jay Swart. Because he's Superman.)

When officers attempted to stop the vehicle, the suspect accelerated away from them. Officers found the suspect vehicle abandoned and, a short time later, located the suspect after he opened the door of a residence and entered in an effort to hide from police. The homeowners - who did not know the suspect - told him to leave and, as soon as he came out of the residence, he was quickly taken into custody by Phoenix Police officers. This event concluded safely for all involved and the communication between Mr. Swart and the Phoenix Police Department was critical to this successful resolution. Mr. Swart utilized his training to ensure everyone's safety while obtaining pertinent and real-time information about the suspect and the suspect's vehicle which enabled officers to locate him and take him into custody. ...Except that Jay didn't stop there! Less than a week later he was instrumental in nabbing a crook who had been repeatedly breaking into a local car dealership. Talk about constituent service!

### Camelback Road Clean-up

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

Have you ever wondered why our streets look so clean?  
It's because of wonderful neighbors like yourself!

**ACMNA provides:** bags, gloves, sticks, vests

**We recommend:** long pants, long sleeves, closed-toe shoes

**Meet at Shemer Art Center**

SE corner of Camelback Rd and Arcadia Drive

Clean-up typically takes about 90 minutes.

**Bring the whole family!**



## What's New?

### Cholla Trail

Progress continues on the relocation of the Cholla Trail. Phoenix Parks Dept. and Host (owner of the Phoenician) continue to negotiate the last details of the new trail and drainage issues. Once finalized, the new trail will have a gated entrance off Invergordon Road and a more direct path to join up with the existing trail. Improvements will also include a much-needed restroom with three stalls and a water fountain with a water bottle filler. There is a six-month timeline for completion due to design, plan review, permits and construction.

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- ◆ Building demo complete, prepping the site for vertical construction
- ◆ Underground utility work, ongoing throughout the summer
- ◆ Construction starts on building foundations in June 2021
- ◆ Core and shell construction for the majority of the buildings will complete August 2022



## Security Lighting

### Enhance the safety and beauty of your home

If you grew up during the energy crisis of the 1970's, you may be conditioned to turn lights off whenever possible. However, there is one type of lighting for which you must act opposite your instinct: security lighting. Criminals often operate at night for the obvious reason – the darkness helps to conceal their activities. Security around your home can be increased by having exterior lighting. With LED technology, it also requires very little energy.

For optimal results, you want to have lighting on your house and strategically placed around the grounds, which may require additional fixture installation. Here are a few steps to help you get started:

**Use What You Have.** Until you execute any plans to upgrade your lighting, use what you have. Leave your front porch light on. Have outdoor lights by the garage? Leave them on. Replace incandescents with LED bulbs to minimize energy usage.

**Install new lighting based on “rings” of security.** Think about where criminals are likely to access your property.

1. Have lights by any entrance door, and also by your garage and any gates to your property.
2. Light up your yard using pathway lights, and lights around porches and patios. Up-lights can be used to shine up into trees. Flood lights can be used to illuminate large areas. Landscape lighting will also provide a greater sense of depth for your property at night.
3. Illuminate exterior walls or fences. This acts as a deterrent to anyone who is thinking about entering your property.

#### The end goals are:

- If you look at your home from the street, you should not be able to see any large areas of shadow where someone can hide.
- If you're inside your home, you should be able to look out your windows and clearly see all critical areas of your yard.
- However, also remember to have some fun with it – additional lighting can make your home more beautiful and make it more pleasant to be outdoors at night.

Visit our website to read this complete article, including lighting suggestions and diagrams: [www.acmna.org/security-lighting](http://www.acmna.org/security-lighting)

**The Shemer Art Center's Expansion & Legacy Campaign** continues in an effort to raise funds for the planned expansion to the adjoining property to the south. The goal is to raise \$2M to acquire the property, remodel and re-landscape the site, allowing Shemer to increase the size and scope of programs it offers.

We only need a few more donors to help us reach our goal. Timing is of the essence! Want to know more? Come take a tour of our current facility (the very first home built in Arcadia) and see why the legacy of the Shemer Art Center is important - to the neighborhood, city and state of Arizona! For information on how to donate visit our website: [shemerartcenter.org/shemer-expansion-legacy-campaign](http://shemerartcenter.org/shemer-expansion-legacy-campaign). A GO FUND ME account has also been set up for the Shemer Art Center's Expansion.

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*Preserving our neighborhood starts with you*

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## ACMNA Annual Meeting Recap

A big thank you to ACMNA residents and guests who joined our first ever Remote Annual Meeting in March. We appreciate the adaptability of BSA Arcadia Troop 6, who helped kick things off with a video recorded flag ceremony. Our on-line residents voted to re-elect the following board members: Denis Frank, Heather Giannangelo, Andy Gough, Amanda McCauley, Tristahn Schaub, Sue Tessmer and Tom Thomas.

ACMNA President, Tristahn Schaub's "State of the Neighborhood Address" highlighted:

- ◆ Arcadia's Real Estate Market being one of the hottest in the nation fueled by low inventory and cash buyers.
- ◆ Three forms of commercial intrusion impacting residents: short-term rentals, digital advertising and marijuana dispensaries and how ACMNA is addressing them.
- ◆ ACMNA's investment in creating a CC&R web page to aid residents in establishing property protections.
- ◆ Diversity, street maintenance, graffiti and upcoming neighborhood events were also addressed.

Officer Sherman discussed the low officer count at Mt View Precinct with 196 street officers serving 200K area residents. Council Chief Sam Stone talked about the influx of new residents and the added stress on water resources, social services and transportation. Aaron Lieberman addressed legislative efforts surrounding Short-Term Rental reform. Lastly, Phoenix's Parks Department gave an update on Cholla Trail's remodeling. Overall it was an efficient way to update our community and one we plan to use as a supplement for future live events.



*Our board—and neighbors—helping to keep our streets clean.  
Want to pitch in? See our front page for details.*