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Arcadia Neighborhood Picnic The best ingredients make a great event!

Take a beautiful day, find a fun location, grill some burgers & 'dogs, hire some great entertainment, and invite all your friends and neighbors. It all adds up to a fabulous Arcadia Neighborhood Picnic.

This year's event was held Sat, November 2 at Hopi Elementary School. Entertainment included the DinoCrew, a balloon twister, Phoenix Police Dept and K9 unit, Phoenix Fire Dept, and a kids' coloring contest sponsored by Sue Tessmer and Keller Williams Realty. The Arcadia Garden Club and NextCare urgent care also set up booths. Arcadia's own Dusty Tuffet band set a fun and folksy mood, and got a few people up to dance! Everything was free--ACMNA's way to give back to the community and connect with our neighborhood.

Many thanks to our sponsors/contributors who helped make this event so great: Chick-Fil-A, Arcadia News, NextCare of Arcadia. ACMNA also gives a huge shout-out to our Events Chair, Brian Flader, and the other board members who volunteered many hours of their time to make this year's picnic so extraordinary.

Thank you to the ACMNA for hosting an amazing picnic at Hopi Elementary School last Saturday! It takes a 'village' or cohesive neighborhood to host such a popular event! It was good to have it at Hopi with lots of parking and room to accommodate our neighbors!! After living on Lafayette Blvd for 35 years, this was the best Picnic yet!

- Jenny Grote

Visit www.acmna.org/photo-gallery for more pics!

ACMNA BOARD MEETINGS

The Association Board of Directors meet at 6:00pm 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



Camel Square

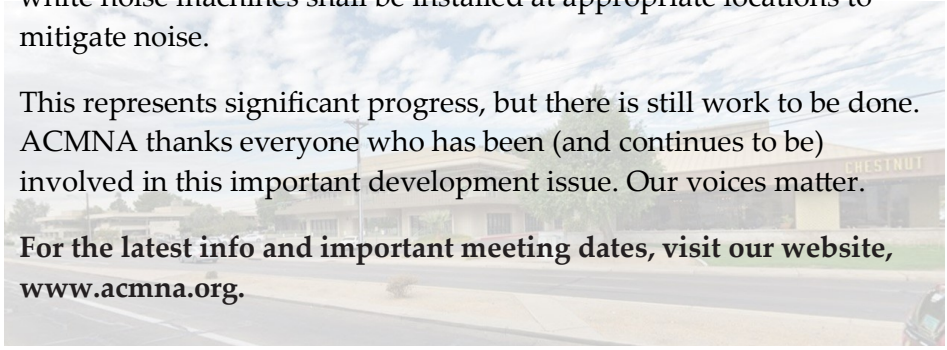
Compromises continue

At a last-minute meeting held November 19, the NOto75feet committee and Red Development came to an agreement regarding key points. Here is a condensed version of what was approved by Phoenix City Council on November 20:

1. The tall office building (fronting Camelback Rd) shall be a maximum of 58' of building height. Items allowed above the maximum building height shall be limited to: accessory improvements for a rooftop garden including seating areas, restrooms, a maximum 1,000 square foot elevator vestibule, elevators, and stairwells, other reasonably necessary equipment and improvements. The third floor of the building shall have a minimum ten foot deep architectural recess along the entire length of the South elevation (*ACMNA note: this is intended to preserve mountain views.*)
3. The western-most office building (also fronting Camelback Rd) shall be a maximum of 42' of building height on the eastern 100' of the building, and the remainder of the building shall be a maximum of 36' of building height.
4. The hotel (fronting 44th St) shall be a maximum of 59' of building height. Improvements for a rooftop lounge and dining, including restrooms, kitchen, and shade canopies, however, shall be allowed above the maximum building height. Sound masking systems such as white noise machines shall be installed at appropriate locations to mitigate noise.

This represents significant progress, but there is still work to be done. ACMNA thanks everyone who has been (and continues to be) involved in this important development issue. Our voices matter.

For the latest info and important meeting dates, visit our website, www.acmna.org.



SAVE the DATES

ACMNA has lots of fun and informative activities on our schedule. Mark your calendars and enjoy all Arcadia has to offer!

ACMNA Annual Meeting

Sat, February 29

8:45am—10:45am

Prince of Peace Church

Meet new neighbors and catch up with ones you already know. Get the latest updates on everything Arcadia, along with info on other projects around the area.

Arcadia Cares:

Food for Kidz Packathon

Sat, March 21

Prince of Peace Church

Signups will begin in January
Monetary donations are being accepted
For more information, contact Steve Crofton at stephen.crofton@gmail.com or Heidi McNeil Staudenmaier at hstaudenmaier@swlaw.com

Auto-Rama, 3rd Annual

Sat, April 4

7am—11am

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Calling all car lovers! Register your unique or collectible vehicle, or just come to view. Admission is free. Registration is \$20 in advance, \$25 at the gate. Visit www.acmna/events for more info.

ARCADIA BULK TRASH PICK UP SCHEDULES

PHOENIX

Placement begins: Collection begins:

Dec 14, 2019

Dec 23, 2019

Mar 14, 2020

Mar 23, 2020

Jun 13, 2020

Jun 22, 2020

Sep 12, 2020

Sep 21, 2020

SCOTTSDALE

Collection:

Week of Dec 16, 2019

2020 dates not yet published

More info: www.phoenix.gov/publicworks/bulktrash
www.scottsdaleaz.gov/solid-waste/brush-bulk-collection

We wish you a safe and happy Holiday Season and best wishes for a wonderful New Year!

Protect your online purchases from “Porch Pirates”

Thanks to modern technology, we can buy just about anything online and get it delivered to our doorstep in a snap. Not only has that been insanely convenient for us, but it’s also created a giant window of opportunity for so-called “porch pirates” too.

According to a recent report, at least 23 million Americans have had packages stolen from their porches, mailboxes, and stoops. Lucky for us though, there’s a slew of new high-tech sheriffs in town to put a stop to these pesky poachers.

Package Guard

Package Guard is a frisbee-sized disc that might look low-tech, but it’s actually a connected package portal that sends an alert to your phone whenever a delivery arrives at your door. The disc senses when a package has been set down. As long as you tap the app before you pick the package up, all is well. But if a Porch Pirate tries to take it first, the disc rings out an extremely loud alarm, letting everyone within earshot know that some shady business is going down.

Amazon Locker

Another option comes straight from the world’s largest online retailer. It’s called Amazon Locker, and it’s kind of like a post office box, but just for Amazon deliveries. You get an email as soon as the package arrives at the locker and you have three full days to pick it up. Amazon Locker has locations in more than a dozen major U.S. cities, and many are open 24 hours a day for convenient pick-up. Our closest location is 3912 E. Camelback Rd., in front of the 7-11 store.

Security cameras

If you’ve been a victim of Porch Pirates in the past, or simply want a little added peace of mind that nobody has been snooping around your house, a security camera can put your mind at ease. (Sometimes just posting a sign that anyone who approaches is being recorded is



enough to deter a criminal.) For this, you have an endless number of options depending on your budget. One note here though: according to police, security cameras are only as useful as the information they capture. The picture quality needs to be good enough so that criminals can be facially identified. It’s also helpful if cameras can be positioned to capture license plate numbers, which are valuable leads for police.

Lock it down

For some people, the simplicity of a lockbox works best. A lockbox can be bolted to your house, porch or other surface. Once installed, simply

share the unique code with the delivery service whenever you place an online order — you know those little “special instructions” boxes when you reach the online checkout? Just toss the code in there — and reset the codes whenever you think you’ve given it out to too many people. It’s as simple as that, and your packages stay put until you pick them up.

Condensed from an article on usatoday.com. Jennifer Jolly is an Emmy Award-winning consumer tech contributor and host of USA TODAY’s digital video show TECH NOW. Follow her on Twitter @JenniferJolly.

ACMNA Board Nominations

Would you like to contribute to our neighborhood? The Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association will have some open spots on the board. If you are interested or know of someone who would be a good candidate, email: info@acmna.org. Please include a bio of yourself along with the reasons you would like to serve on the board. All applicants must reside within the Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association, which can be found on our website.

For additional information visit: www.acmna.org

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Preserving our neighborhood starts with you

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Help ACMNA Continue to Make a Difference

A note from our President, Tristahn Schaub

It was great to see so many residents and families attend this year's ACMNA Neighborhood picnic. I have always viewed these activities as an extension of our mission, to preserve the area as a residential neighborhood, free from commercial intrusion and impact. The term residential neighborhood means more than just a clustering of homes describing "where" we live. It defines our roots, our surroundings and the services that nurture and support us.

Yes, a significant portion of ACMNA's focus is on preservation from a zoning and development perspective. However, we continue to prioritize and grow our community engagement events. We believe that bringing neighbors together and preserving those aspects is equally important to the long-term survival of the area.

In the recent weeks, you may have received a letter from me outlining ACMNA's need for financial support. As a highly active Neighborhood Association we are dependent on residents to fuel our mission. If you have not already done so, please consider contributing to ACMNA either through our on-line donation portal at ACMNA.org or by mail using the return address found on the Newsletter. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at our next community event on February 29th, the ACMNA Annual Meeting at Prince of Peace Church.

