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Living with Wildlife When nature and neighborhoods collide

Bobcats in the front yard, coyotes trotting down 56th Street, hawks and owls perching in palm trees. If you follow any of the neighborhood email or social media groups, you know that there have been numerous sightings of wild animals in our neighborhood. You've probably seen or heard them yourself. It's important to remember that, scary as they can be, these animals are just trying to survive. By taking the proper precautions, it is possible to coexist with wildlife.



Stay safe with these tips from Arizona Game and Fish:

Do not intentionally feed wildlife. Animals quickly associate access to food with humans.

Keep bird seed off the ground and out of reach of other wildlife. A platform can be attached to the bottom of most feeders to catch spilled seed.

Store all garbage securely. Do not discard edible garbage where javelina, bears, coyotes and other wildlife can get to it. Garbage cans should be put out on the morning of collection and secured as soon as possible to avoid animal scavenging.

Feed pets indoors or remove leftover food immediately.

Fence your garden or yard to provide a physical barrier to exclude wildlife. Poultry wire laid horizontally and buried just below the soil surface can prevent some animals from digging.

Securely close all openings to spaces under buildings and mobile homes. This is most critical in the spring when wildlife like foxes and skunks are looking for den sites.

Don't let your pets roam free – they may end up a meal for coyotes, hawks, owls, bobcats and other predators, or come into conflict with javelina and skunks. Keep your pets on a leash whenever they are out of the yard, and always supervise small pets when outdoors.

Trim shrubs up from the ground so they don't create hiding places for wildlife.

Plant native vegetation instead of tempting non-native ornamentals. Contact your nearest Arizona Game and Fish Department offices for a list of javelina-resistant plants.

Discourage wildlife presence. You can often do wildlife a favor by going out of your way to make them uncomfortable. If wildlife maintain their natural fear of people, they are less likely to become a nuisance and more likely to live a longer life. Make wildlife feel uncomfortable by making loud noises, throwing rocks, etc.

Get your neighbors involved. (Share this info with them). Wildlife that are attracted to one home often visit adjoining lots. Neighbors working together are most effective.

Contact Arizona Game and Fish if you have any questions or concerns at **(602)942-3000**.



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

Crime Reporting

Big or small—don't hesitate, make the call

Have you ever been in a situation where you wondered if you should call the police, but worried that your incident wasn't important enough?

Phoenix Police
Non-emergency line
602-262-6151

Officer Jared Sherman, our local Community Action Officer, wants citizens to know that your calls, even for seemingly inconsequential things, are not a bother to police. Here, in his own words, is his advice:

As a police department we always want people to call and report any crime, no matter if they think it isn't "worth while". The reason behind this is various:

- 1:** It helps us to know when there are crime "trends" in certain areas. We might have a certain person/s committing crime in a particular area. With everyone reporting, we can see trends and know when the crimes are taking place, what days are most frequent, and possibly other modus operandi.
- 2:** It helps us to report to the federal government how many crimes are occurring within our city. Which, helps us to receive financial aid in the form of grants, and budgeting from the city as needed.
- 3:** It allows us to provide the citizens with face-to-face information about what is happening in their area. When you report a crime to us, we are able to speak with you and let you know what is going on in your community.

These are just a few, but the most common, reasons we always want our communities to call us and report any crime, no matter how big or inconsequential they might think it is.

FREE Citrus Drop Off

Oranges and lemons and grapefruit oh my! Arcadia trees are overflowing with citrus this time of year, and most of us have way more than we can eat. It's important to get the fruit off the trees to discourage roof rats and other pests that like to feed of the bounty.

This year, we are on our own to find someone to pick the fruit. St. Mary's Food Bank no longer provides gleaning, but they are offering free citrus drop off at the following times and locations:

Saturdays in February (1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd)

Safeway Parking Lot (4750 E Indian School Rd)

Shepherd of the Hills Parking Lot (5524 E Lafayette Blvd)

Look for signage and citrus bins.

Go-go Gophers

ACMNA President Tristahn Schaub shares tips on dealing with these pests

If you've seen the movie *Caddyshack*, you've laughed at the lengths Carl Spackler (Bill Murray) goes to catch the gopher menacing the Bushwood Country Club. However, what makes for a good laugh on film, in reality brings damage to property and frustration for Arcadia homeowners.



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The mounds you see around the neighborhood are the handiwork of a pocket gopher. They range from hamster-size to squirrel-size and despite the volume of mounds you see in your yard, it's usually just one gopher doing all the work. They feed mostly on fresh roots and have been known to kill off small shrubs. Typically, they establish a tunnel system along a property line and burrow under your walls for snacks. If gone unnoticed, they will expand their network throughout the yard. They do not like their holes to be unplugged and if you scoop out the dirt, they'll plug it up within a day.

There a host of treatments for gopher infestation. Like Carl Spackler, I've tried most of them in my epic battle between man and beast. Here are some of the best approaches I've found for removal:

- 1. Cinch traps** - The most effective means of trapping them and what most pros use. These can be bought on-line or at ACE Hardware (32nd St and Indian School) for under \$20.
- 2. Poison pellets** - The same pellets used for roof rats get dropped into the still-sealed tunnel. Poke the earth to find the tube, drop in the pellets and gently cover-up the opening.
- 3. Carbon Monoxide** - Unplug an active mound and feed a tube down into the tunnel system. The other end attaches to a motor's exhaust pipe for about an hour.

I have tried other traps, smoke bombs, flooding, Juicy Fruit gum and just never have any luck. There are several exterminators that can handle gophers, but it's not cheap. I've heard estimates between \$200 and \$500 depending on the size of infestation. If you have questions regarding these methods, please feel free to reach out at info@acmna.org.

ACMNA Board Nominations

ACMNA welcomes our newest board member, Michael Phillips. Michael is stepping into the position vacated by Craig DeMarco. Hillary Gurley and Adrian Evarkiou, who are at the end of their current terms, have both decided to not to seek reelection. Craig, Adrian and Hillary have all been very valuable to our board and we will miss their perspectives and the time they have provided to serving ACMNA. Other board members up for reelection are: Dr. James Carland, Sally Geyer, Marilyn Schmidlin, Joan Warne and Michael Phillips.

At this time, we have two open board positions. If you are interested in being a member of our board please email your bio and a short write-up of why you are interested in being a part of our board to ACMNA.org.

We invite all of our community to attend our monthly meetings. They are held the first Thursday of every month at Prince of Peace at 6:00pm in the choir room. For additional information visit: www.acmna.org.



FOOD FOR KIDZ PACKATHON

March 21, 2020 | Prince of Peace Church

The Sixth Annual **Arcadia Cares: Food for Kidz Packathon** is fast approaching. The entire Arcadia community is being invited to participate in assembly-line packing of meals for needy children and their families, locally and internationally.

Hundreds of volunteers are needed to have a successful Packathon. Volunteers are sought for one-hour shifts starting at 8:15am. The final shift will conclude around 1:45pm. All ages from three on up are welcome to participate. Signups begin on Sunday, January 26 online through the Prince of Peace website, www.poppheoenix.org. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Crofton, stephen.crofton@gmail.com or Heidi McNeil Staudenmaier, hstaudenmaier@swlaw.com.



Third Annual Arcadia Car Show

Sat, April 4

7:00am - 11:00am

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
(4225 North 56th Street)**

FREE ADMISSION FOR SPECTATORS

**Show Registration Fee (donation)
\$20 advance, \$25 at the gate**

The Arcadia Car Show is becoming a beloved tradition for car enthusiasts through-out the Valley. This year's event is expected to be bigger and better than ever!

Acceptable show entries include: Cars, trucks, and specialty vehicles such as ice cream trucks, military vehicles, etc. Anyone from anywhere can enter almost anything on wheels.

Trophies Include: "Best in Show" (Judges Choice) and "Best in Arcadia" (Peoples Choice). The "Best in Arcadia" award includes "bragging rights" published in the May edition of the Arcadia Central newsletter.

Visit our website, www.acmna.org, for details and registration info.

For Sponsorship Opportunities please email: carshow@ACMNA.org

ACMNA is continually working to pursue the preservation of our neighborhood as a residential area, free from commercial intrusion and impact. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of those who have made donations to support our mission. Visit www.acmna.org to learn more and see how you can help.

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Preserving our neighborhood starts with you

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ARCADIA

Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Sat February 29th
8:45am 10:45am
Prince of Peace Church
(Gymnasium)

Social Event or Meeting? Well, we think it's both. A chance for Arcadian's to get better acquainted - yes. But also, this is our chance to ask questions, get answers and make suggestions to our City Councilman, Sal DiCiccio, police officials and other City representatives. Coffee, juice, bagels, pastries, and plenty refreshments will be provided.

The agenda includes:

- ◆ Latest news on the redevelopment of CamelSquare
- ◆ Information about the Cholla Trail relocation
- ◆ Meet Mountain View Precinct Commander Eyrich
- ◆ Neighborhood safety advice and information
- ◆ Election of board members
- ◆ And other important neighborhood topics

Don't miss this chance to get involved in your neighborhood. We look forward to seeing you there!