

# ARCADIA CENTRAL

Newsletter of the Arcadia Camelback Neighborhood Association

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## Controlling Stinknet Post Emergence

The last newsletter covered the use of preemergent herbicides for controlling invasive Stinknet weeds in your landscape. This article covers the use of post-emergent herbicides to destroy Stinknet weeds you find growing in your landscape.

### Identification

Stinknet is a deceptively pretty invader, with fine, dark green, "carrot like" leaves (which are dotted with resin glands). Flowers are pretty yellow globes. Growing season is late November until the end of January. It begins to flower in early January and begins to set seeds by early February. Stinknet readily infests sunny, disturbed soils, areas bordering any vegetation, cracks in pavement and sidewalks. The plant has a strong, unpleasant odor, reminiscent of turpentine. Handling the plant may cause skin irritation and the foliage is caustic when burned.

### Destroying Stinknet Noxious Weeds

The most important goal in stinknet management is to prevent plants from going to seed. Once plants have set seed, they are prone to dropping seeds during any physical attempt to remove the plants. Plants which have gone to seed should not be sprayed with an herbicide. Those plants are dead or in the process of dying. Herbicides will not clear dried brush or kill seeds on standing plants.

Isolated plants of stinknet can be controlled by pulling, or digging out, by the roots when growing in moist soil (wear gloves and long sleeves to avoid allergic reactions). It does not reproduce from root fragments. If stinknet plants have come into bloom, the stems may be pulled or weed-whacked and left on the ground. The flower heads will not mature into seeds after the stems are severed; however, the base of the weed-whacked plant will regrow. Larger patches of stinknet, or patches established for a second year, can only be effectively controlled by herbicides.

Post-emergent herbicides are most effective when applied to small, young, actively growing healthy plants before they flower. The most cost effective herbicides are Translane (clopyralid) and Finale (glufosinate-

ammonium). Garlon (triclopyr ester), and Triclopyr4 (triclopyr ester and Naphtha) are also effective post-emergent herbicides. For the impatient, Tribune (diquat dibromide) is the best post-emergent herbicide, with rapid burndown within 3-7 days, completely controlling stinknet with no regrowth – but it is extremely expensive. After the plants flower, the best bet is to weed-whack the stems, then apply your chosen herbicide to the remaining plant.

You may be thinking – will the RoundUp (glyphosate) in the garage work? It can work, but it needs to be fresh (less than one year old) and applied with an adjuvant such as methylated seed oil (MSO), to help it penetrate the oily nature of stinknet foliage; even then, it can take 35-42 days for control. It is not the most effective choice.

These products are not commonly found in home improvement stores, but are readily available online. Always read and follow label instructions and wear protective clothing. Most post emergence herbicides are sold as concentrates and require dilution prior to application. If you are uncomfortable with this, or have a large, challenging stinknet patch, hire a licensed commercial herbicide applicator to do it for you.

### Take Action

Property owners on Camelback Mountain are urged to cooperate in order to destroy stinknet on their property and prevent this invasive weed from encroaching on native vegetation and creating a dangerous wildfire hazard.



# Short Term Rentals

## Updated Permitting Requirements Take Effect

In September 2023, Phoenix City Council approved a text amendment to the [Short-Term Rental Ordinance](#), (STR) which altered the existing ordinance from a registration requirement to a permitting requirement. The new ordinance was effective on November 6, 2023. A summary of the new ordinance is below:

- ◆ The new [STR ordinance](#) replaces existing STR registration with a limited **STR permit** process.
- ◆ All STR properties must obtain a STR permit from the Planning and Development Department. [STR application information](#)
  - ⇒ City must issue or deny permit within 7 days
  - ⇒ Owner may appeal denial, non-renewal or suspension
- ◆ Prohibiting the use of [Accessory Dwelling Unit](#) as a STR
- ◆ Non-residential and other uses are prohibited by A.R.S. 9-500.39

## Enforcement

The [Neighborhood Services Department](#) is the lead enforcement agency for short-term rentals through the [code compliance](#) process. The department is responsible for:

- ◆ Investigating unpermitted STRs
- ◆ Verifying STR violations
- ◆ Issuing Notice of Ordinance Violations where applicable

To file a complaint against an unpermitted or unregistered short-term rental, visit MyPHX311 or send an email to [blight@phoenix.gov](mailto:blight@phoenix.gov). or submit anonymously, please call 602-534-4444.



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# ACMNA Board Nominees

At our annual meeting on February 10th (*see back page for details*), the ACMNA membership will vote on our 2023 slate.

The following board members are up for re-election:

- ◆ Dennis Frank
- ◆ Heather Giannangelo
- ◆ Andrew Gough
- ◆ Tom Thomas

Bios available at [acmna.org/who-we-are](http://acmna.org/who-we-are).

At this time, we have five 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 <mailto:info@ACMNA.org>.



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## ACMNA BOARD MEETINGS

The Association Board of Directors meet at 6pm on the first Thursday of the month (Except July and August)  
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)

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# Bank Smart: Safety tips to keep you and your money safe

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In an era where convenience and accessibility define our financial transactions, it's crucial to pair the ease of banking with a heightened awareness of personal safety. Whether you're withdrawing cash from an ATM or conducting business at your local bank, you need to follow secure methods to avoid being robbed. Criminals know banks are where the money is, and people arrive daily to potentially withdrawal large sums. Those criminals may be in the lobby, or observing ATM transactions outdoors, to identify you as someone who has withdrawn a large amount of money. The criminal may then follow you to another place (a shopping center parking lot, or your home) to rob you.

## 1. Choose Wisely: Select Well-Lit & Busy Locations

When using ATMs, opt for well-lit and busy locations. Busy areas not only deter potential wrongdoers but also provide a sense of security with the presence of other people. Avoid isolated or poorly lit ATMs, especially during nighttime.

## 2. Be Aware of Your Surroundings

Stay alert and pay attention to your surroundings. Before entering a bank or approaching an ATM, scan the area for anything unusual or suspicious, especially a person loitering nearby. If you observe anything out of the ordinary, trust your instincts and find an alternative location.

## 3. Be Discreet

A Rolex watch, an expensive purse, jewelry with large diamonds, and other conspicuous indicators of wealth can identify you as a target when entering a bank or using an ATM. Do your banking and use ATMs on the days you dress down.

After receiving cash, avoid displaying it and immediately store it securely in your wallet or purse.

## 4. Exercise Discretion at the Teller Counter

Do not let bank tellers loudly count the money of your cash withdrawals, which could be overheard by criminals loitering in the bank. If you're uncomfortable with the way transactions are being handled, politely request a more discreet approach. Your financial transactions deserve confidentiality.

## 5. Trust Your Instincts & Report Suspicious Activity

If you sense something is not right or observe suspicious behavior, don't hesitate to contact law enforcement or alert the bank personnel. Your vigilance can contribute to maintaining a safer banking environment for everyone. Law enforcement will not be mad at you if there was not an actual threat. They are professionals and know that civilians will not always be correct, but they would prefer to be called out 1000 times to prevent a tragedy from happening 1 time.

## 6. You're Being Followed

If you believe you're being followed, a common method to verify this is to make 4 right turns. It is almost statistically impossible that someone else would be making these same turns at the same intersection. Keep moving and call 911. Let the 911 operator know you've just withdrawn a large amount of cash and you believe you're being followed. From then on, follow the instructions from the 911 operator.

## 7. A Car Follows You Home

Red Alert. Call 911. Try to get into your garage and close the door, excluding the intruders.

If you're confronted by the robber, surrender the money and any other valuables. Your life is far more valuable than any cash or jewelry. After getting to a safe place, call 911.

If possible, try and get as good of a description of the person and/or vehicle that they were driving. This will allow law enforcement to have a better chance of conducting follow-up. As many people are obviously in fear for their life, this is not always the first thing to think about, which is another reason you may consider having a personal security camera system at home.

An informed and cautious approach can ensure you enjoy the convenience of banking while prioritizing your personal safety.

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*Preserving our neighborhood starts with you.*

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## ACMNA Annual Meeting

**Saturday, February 10**

Meeting 8:30 – 10:00 AM (doors open at 8AM)

Prince of Peace Church (Gym) 3641 N. 56th St

Don't miss your chance to socialize with your neighbors and get up-to-date on important issues affecting Arcadia and surrounding areas. The 37th annual ACMNA annual meeting offers all this and more. This year's agenda includes:

- ◆ ACMNA State of The Neighborhood (including real estate update, preservation activity, board elections, and more)
- ◆ 56th Street Improvement Update
- ◆ Stinknet Control on Camelback Mountain
- ◆ Short Term Rentals
- ◆ Police Update and News
- ◆ Shemer Art Center Presentation
- ◆ Coffee, tea, water, bagels and donuts provided

**Have a topic you'd like to see addressed at the meeting?**

Submit your ideas at <https://www.acmna.org/want-to-share>

## Upcoming Events

### ACMNA Annual Meeting

Feb 10, doors open at 8:00 AM

Meeting: 8:30—10:00 AM

Prince of Peace Gymnasium

### ACMNA Board Meetings

February 1, 6 PM

March 7, 6 PM

Prince of Peace Choir Room

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

### AutoRama

March 24, 8:00—11:00 AM

Hopi Elementary School

5110 E Lafayette Blvd



**Hope to see you soon!**