

# ARCADIA CENTRAL

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## ACMNA Newsletter

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## Camel Square—not quite a slam dunk

### Basketball practice facility to jump start redevelopment

The Phoenix Suns and Phoenix Mercury may soon have a new practice facility near Arcadia. The latest proposal for the Camel Square property, northwest corner of Camelback and 44th Street, includes a 2-story building that will combine offices and training space for both teams. The teams' current training facility is being displaced as part of the upgrade of the downtown arena, and this location is attractive as many of the players live in the affluent areas nearby.

Neighbors are supporting the proposal, and feel it is a good fit for the site. Some of the plan's highlights include:

- High-quality, secure, and private, with low traffic generation
- Two-story, 50,000 SF building, located in the back of the property, will have appropriate setbacks from nearby homes
- Parking will be gated and all entry points will be secure

Though most neighbors are excited about this facility, they are less thrilled with other parts of the redevelopment proposal. Current plans would place an office building and a boutique hotel at the front corner of the site (one building facing 44th St, the other facing Camelback Rd). RED Development is proposing the buildings have heights of 75 feet each. Existing zoning in the corridor allows heights up to 56 ft. The Londen Center (on the southeast corner of the intersection) was granted an exception and stands at 64 ft. Neighbors are concerned that exceeding this height will set a dangerous trend for future development.

Neighbors are continuing to meet with the developer and Sal DiCiccio, with the intent of reaching a compromise that is workable for all groups. ACMNA will continue to monitor the plans, and will support the neighborhood groups in whatever they decide best preserves their quality of life. Visit our website, [www.acmna.org](http://www.acmna.org), for the latest updates.

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

## 2nd Annual Auto-Rama: Winner and more pics, back page!





## Packathon feeds thousands of hungry people

*Article submitted by Heidi Staudenmaier*

The ***Fifth Annual Arcadia Cares: Food for Kidz Packathon*** held in the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church gym on Saturday, March 23, 2019, was an amazing success. The event was a complete community effort with approximately 600 volunteers from ages 3 on up from the Arcadia neighborhood and beyond, including Prince of Peace Church and Preschool, Church of the Latter Day Saints, Christ Lutheran School, Veritas Charter School, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Hopi Elementary School, Ingleside Middle School, Arcadia High School, and many others. Once the dust had settled, the final number of rice & bean meals packed was 122,046. The five-year total of meals packed is nearly **480,000!**

Nearly 95,000 of the meals packed this year were delivered to the Valley View Community Food Bank and will remain in the Phoenix area to serve needy families and individuals. Approximately 3500 meals were delivered to the Navajo Mission in Rock Point, Arizona. The balance of nearly 24,000 meals will be sent by Food for Kidz to various overseas locations.

Food for Kidz, a non-profit organization based in Minnesota, provides staple ingredients, such as protein, rice, beans, dehydrated vegetables, seasonings and vitamins, to make nutritious meals. The cost per meal was 15 cents. Thank you to everyone who made generous donations in any amount to support the effort.

*Special recognition to the 2019 Packathon Sponsors:*

**GOLDEN BOWL SPONSORS (10,000+ meals):**

*The Wooden Family (2019 Lead Sponsor)*

*Les & Marfa Holland*

*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church*

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*Prince of Peace Preschool*

**SILVER BOWL SPONSORS (5,000+ meals):**

*Prince of Peace Souper Bowl Offering*

**BRONZE BOWL SPONSORS (2,000+ meals):**

*Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association*

*Prince of Peace Women's Ministries*

*Kachina Woman's Club (member of General Federation of Women's Clubs)*

*Thrivent*

*Taoist Tai Chi Society*

*Anonymous (5 donors)*



members Kevin Wooden and Samantha Ayala. Thank you to the POP Preschool for providing activities for the children under 3. A Big Thank You to all volunteers who helped in any way with this awesome event. If you are interested in assisting with the 2020 Packathon, please contact Steve Crofton (602-463-7175 or [sec@slwplc.com](mailto:sec@slwplc.com)).

# 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Arcadia July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

Everyone is WELCOME to celebrate!

Thursday, July 4th

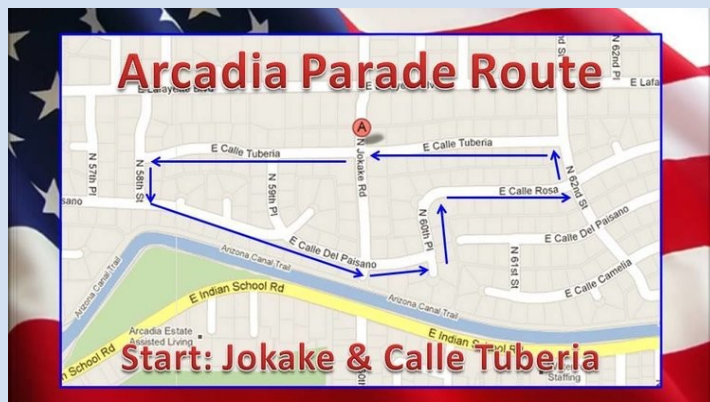
Registration: 7:30 AM (It's free!)

Parade Starts: 8:00 AM

Corner of Jokake and Calle Tuberia

## PARADE & POT-LUCK BREAKFAST

Bring your pets, decorated bikes, wagons, skateboards, strollers, antique cars, or anything else you can think of to help celebrate Independence Day!



## Oleander Clean-up Brings Solutions to Homeless

The canal banks of Arcadia offer a pretty and peaceful place for walking, running and biking. But a few months ago, residents whose homes back up to the canal near



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Arcadia Drive started suspecting there was more than casual recreation going on behind their homes. As it turned out, a small homeless encampment had taken shelter in the oleander bushes that were growing against their backyard walls. It took some back and forth with both the City of Phoenix and SRP, but as of late April, the situation has been resolved, providing peace-of-mind for neighbors and, hopefully, a safe place for the homeless individuals who had been camping there.

The City of Phoenix, through the PHX C.A.R.E.S. program, coordinates public and nonprofit resources to connect those experiencing homelessness with long-term solutions. In this particular case, SRP also needed to get involved, as they provide maintenance along the canal banks. SRP recently coordinated removal of the oleander bushes from that area, which should provide a permanent solution to the problem.

If you suspect an area near you of being a homeless encampment, the City encourages you to call the hotline. Trained outreach teams will respond to offer support services and resources to help end their homelessness.

## Mt. Claret Withdraws Cell Tower Plans

At our May board meeting, ACMNA hosted a community event to learn more about the 70-foot T-Mobile cell tower planned for the Mt. Claret Retreat Center property, located at 54<sup>th</sup> Street at the foot of Camelback Mountain.

Equitable time was given to Ecosite, the cell tower company, and to the Arcadia Estates neighbors. Craig Brown, from the neighborhood association, did an exceptional job presenting the details of the CC&R's (signed by Mt. Claret) which clearly define allowable uses of the property. Sam Stone from Sal DiCiccio's office and Jimmy Arwood from Mayor Gallego's office were also in attendance.

## Summer Safety Tips

**Keep your home safe while you're away.**

- ◆ Before you leave: Have good locks on all doors and windows, and USE THEM!
- ◆ Ask a neighbor to watch the house while you're away. It's a good idea to leave your vacation address and telephone number with family or a neighbor so you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- ◆ Never leave your house keys hidden outside your home.
- ◆ Stop all deliveries, or arrange for a neighbor to pick up your mail, newspapers and packages.
- ◆ Arrange for someone to mow your lawn, rake leaves and maintain the yard to give the home a lived-in look.
- ◆ Plug in timers to turn lights and a radio or television on and off at appropriate times. This helps to disguise the fact that you are away.
- ◆ Turn the bell or ringer on your telephone down low. If a burglar is around, he won't be alerted to your absence by a ringing phone.
- ◆ Don't announce your absence on answering machine messages.
- ◆ Leave your blinds, shades and curtains in a normal position. Don't close them unless that is what you do when you are home.
- ◆ Close and lock garage doors and windows. Ask a neighbor to occasionally park their car at your home as you normally would.
- ◆ Vehicles parked outside should be moved occasionally to appear that they are being used.
- ◆ Secure storage-sheds, attic entrances and gates.
- ◆ Tell your local police you plan to be away. Patrol officers may have the opportunity to periodically check your home. In Phoenix we have 'Patrol Watch', ask your precinct.
- ◆ Finally, let your neighbors know to call the police for suspicious activity. They should call 911 and let the officers check it out.

**Have a safe and happy summer!**

With a clear message being sent from the neighbors and a receptive ear, Mt. Claret feels this is a project they no longer wish to pursue. We are grateful for Mt. Claret's willingness to meet with neighbors and to keep an open mind. Thanks to all who took an interest in this item and in preserving our neighborhood.



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*Preserving our neighborhood starts with you*

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ARCADIA Auto-Rama



### Congratulations to Dale Lillard!

Dale's 1936 Cord sedan was chosen Best in Arcadia. Congratulations also to Alex & Barbara Matkovich of Glendale, whose 1961 Corvette (*pictured below*) won Best in Show.

Held on Saturday April 27, the event had over 60 vehicles on display, including classic cars and pickups, muscle cars, dune buggies, a mystery van, and the Phoenix Police ice cream truck! The family-friendly event was free for spectators. Winners were determined by popular vote of show attendees.

ACMNA would like to thank all the sponsors who helped make this year's event a success: The Phoenix Police Dept, the Phoenix Police Museum, Chapman Ford, Hagerty, Starbucks (56<sup>th</sup> & Indian School) and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (56<sup>th</sup> & Exeter). **More photos on front page.**

