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Expanding Horizons at Shemer

The Shemer Art Center is currently seeking donors to help it purchase 4601 N. Arcadia Drive, which according to the Shemer, is a "now-or-never" opportunity for the art center and City of Phoenix Point of Pride.

"We started our campaign to acquire this property in February," said Shonna James, Shemer's president and executive director. "We know that if we can find a way to acquire it we can double our art education and outreach to the community! If we don't, and the property is purchased by someone else, the home on the property will be expanded and the value will then take it out of our future reach. So we have to stay focused on this opportunity now because it is the right thing to do for the future of the Shemer Art Center."

Potential donors are anticipated to be residents of the Arcadia neighborhood, who have a connection with this unique gem and want to help continue its legacy and be forever recognized for supporting it. Donors might also include families interested in honoring someone through naming rights to one of the art galleries or studios, or who are interested in being on our donor wall, or just want to be part of our art and sculpture designs on the new grounds.



Proposed site design.

(Current site wraps around property for sale.)

"Hopefully we will hear from someone who has a special connection to Arcadia, or whose family members have been impacted by the Shemer Art Center, perhaps were married here or their children attended classes here, or someone who just recognizes the value of art in our community and the programs offered by this visual art center for children and seniors in the heart of Phoenix," said James. "We are looking at a variety of purchase options, so we are hopeful we will find a way to make this work."

Martha Shemer donated the land and home that the Shemer Art Center currently occupies to the City of Phoenix in 1984. But the non-profit Shemer Art Center and Museum Association, Inc. runs the daily operations.

"Our goal as a non-profit partner of the City of Phoenix is to be self-sufficient, independently sustainable, and add value to the community," said James. "We believe this expansion of our campus will continue to build energy, which will allow us to provide new and expanded services to all residents and artists, not only in the neighborhood, and City and District 6, but throughout the Valley."

The Shemer Art Center also recently introduced virtual art classes, its own app, now downloadable on Android and iPhones, and an art activity book for families. For more information www.shemerartcenter.org or (602) 262-4727.

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



Jobsite Guidelines Continue to Keep the Peace



(This information was originally published in our November 2018 issue.)

Despite current economic challenges, Arcadia is still abuzz with construction projects. While ACMNA's Preservation Committee primarily focuses on variance and use permit cases, we often receive questions regarding construction practices within our boundaries.

Historically, construction-related complaints went through the Phoenix Police Non-Emergency line. However, limited police resources have pushed all

complaints to a city after-hours line. And with one person servicing all phone calls for the 517 square miles of city land, results are not as immediate as they once were. Back in the summer of 2018, ACMNA took on the task of brokering acceptable construction practices for neighbors and construction workers and to lessen the burden on city staff. The result was a solution, approved in the fall of 2018, that involves both standard communication and self-regulation.

ACMNA's goal was to create a set of jobsite rules which could be provided to residents and posted by developers on all construction sites. There are a host of rules developers must abide by when building or remodeling a home, but the ones we highlighted relate to the most common questions and concerns of neighbors and site workers. Items such as construction hours, dust control, parking, trash, material storage and jobsite security all made the list. In collaboration with local builders, we developed a minimum set of standards and created a sign for posting on jobsites. We then presented the rules to Phoenix officials, who approved our sign for posting.

Fast-forward to 2020: Several builders are now posting these rules at their job sites. We must qualify that ACMNA has not conducted any diligence with respect to compliance and does not promote or endorse any of the participating builders. However, we do believe companies willing to post these signs are demonstrating good faith efforts to inform neighbors and workers as it relates to city codes and good construction practices.

Please visit our website, acmna.org/job-site-rules, to review and/or download the city-approved jobsite guidelines. We encourage all builders to post this sign at their worksites. If you are a neighbor with a complaint, we suggest that you first call the builder/permit holder as this approach is usually the quickest way to get resolution.

Summer Construction Hours May 1—Sep 30

**6:00 AM—7:00 PM
weekdays ONLY**

Per City of Phoenix code, contractors are required to have an extended hours construction permit for **any** weekend or holiday work.

ACMNA recommends contacting the builder or permit holder first.

If necessary, report violations to the After-Hours Construction Noise Complaint Program.

Call/Text: 602-320-1071

Email: constructionnoisecomplaints@phoenix.gov

Attach a photo if possible.

For more information visit www.phoenix.gov.

Please note that inspectors will only investigate projects requiring a permit, not minor residential repairs.

Help Keep Arcadia Beautiful!

While social distancing, many of us have taken to walking, biking and spending time outside. Next time you head out for some fresh air, consider taking along one of the many plastic shopping bags piling up under your sink and doing a bit of neighborhood cleanup by picking up garbage and small bits of construction debris.

If you are walking a dog, please remember to take a bag with you, and pick up any mess it leaves.

**Thanks for being a
good neighbor!**

Monsoon Safety

If you have lived in Arizona, even for just one summer, you know that our monsoon storms can strike at any time and can be quite powerful. It is important to be prepared for the monsoon season that begins on June 15 and ends on September 30. Below are just a few of the many useful tips from the City of Phoenix website: Visit phoenix.gov for additional resources.

- ◆ Familiarize yourself with local emergency plans.
- ◆ Clean out roof drains or scuppers to prevent accumulation of rain water on the roof.
- ◆ Thin out trees and trim down overgrown vegetation.
- ◆ Repair landscaping to ensure water will run away from your building.
- ◆ Back up all data in case your computer or servers become damaged.
- ◆ Bring in all outdoor furniture and move important indoor items to the highest possible floor. This will help protect them from flood damage.
- ◆ Build or restock your emergency preparedness kit.
- ◆ Do not attempt to drive through a flooded road! The water depth is not always obvious. Six inches of water can cause most cars to lose control.
- ◆ Do not drive around barricades. Barricades are there for your protection. Turn around and go the other way.
- ◆ Treat non-working or flashing signals at intersections as a four-way stop.

News from the Board

ACMNA welcomes our newest board member, Susan Tessmer. Sue is a 3rd generation Arizona native and was born in the Arcadia neighborhood. She has been very active in the Arcadia Community especially in the local schools. Sue, her husband Alex, and their four children have lived in Arcadia since 1998. She has been a substitute teacher at Hopi, Ingleside, and Christ Lutheran. She was PTA President at Hopi and Ingleside as well as a member of the Arcadia High School Site Council and is currently a realtor with BVO Luxury Group at Keller Williams Arizona Realty. We are very grateful to have Sue be a member of our ACMNA board with the vast knowledge she has of our community!

ACMNA is looking for 3 new members to join our board. As a board member, you will help preserve the integrity of our beautiful neighborhood. If you are interested, please send your inquiries, as well as why you are interested in joining the board, to: info@acmna.org.

Cholla Trail Update



According to Phoenix Parks Department, plans are being finalized for the relocation of the Cholla Trail off Cholla Lane. The new trailhead access point will be on Invergordon Road, just south of the gated subdivision Phoenician Estates and on the Phoenician property that is under construction for single family homes.

The Phoenician granted a 100-foot easement for the new trail and plans have been drawn up for landscaping and buffers with berms, vegetation, trees and shrubs to mitigate noise from hikers that will pass behind the residents of Phoenician Estates and Casa Cholla. Restrooms and a drinking fountain will be added, but unfortunately the parking situation will remain the same, with parking only along Invergordon Rd.

The plans for beginning the relocation could begin as early as May or June this year. Construction is expected to take two to three months. In addition to reconnecting the new trailhead with the existing Cholla Trail, improvements will be made throughout the trail. Overall, this project should be an improvement for the neighborhood residents and hikers alike.

Civic Leader Paul Barnes Recognized

It's safe to say that many Phoenix neighborhoods would be very different places without the tireless work of Paul Barnes. Barnes, who served many years as President of the Neighborhood Coalition of Greater Phoenix, has been instrumental in planning policy that has helped shape the city.



Paul Barnes and Tristahn Schaub

Over the years, his guidance has helped to keep Arcadia family-friendly by limiting commercial intrusion and maintaining zoning rules. We were proud to honor him for his service at our Annual Meeting on February 29.

On behalf of Arcadia, Thank You Paul!

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Preserving our neighborhood starts with you

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Keep up with all things Arcadia!

Summer break is here!

Even though ACMNA does not hold formal meetings in July and August, we are still here working on the preservation of our neighborhood.

We invite you to keep up with all the latest Arcadia news.

Visit our website: www.acmna.org

Sign up to get our emails:

(sent only when important issues occur)

www.acmna.org/join-our-mail-list

Check out our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/groups/ACMNA/

We wish you all a safe and happy summer!

25th Annual Arcadia Neighborhood Fourth of July Parade and Potluck

Everyone is WELCOME to celebrate!

Saturday, July 4th

Registration: 7:30 AM (It's free!) ★ Parade Starts: 8:00 AM

Corner of Jokake and Calle Tuberia

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

