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Preserving our neighborhood starts with you.



Since its founding in 1987, the mission of the Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association has been to preserve the appealing ambiance and qualities that make our neighborhood such an enviable place in which to live.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.ACMNA.ORG

Block Watch: **SLOW YOUR ROLL ON LAFAYETTE!**

**SPEED
LIMIT
35**

Now that summer has come to an end and schools are back in session, the neighborhood has seen an increase in traffic along Lafayette. Not only are there more cars and traffic, but neighbors are becoming concerned at the SPEED of the traffic traveling on our streets. **The posted speed limit on residential streets, Lafayette included, is 35 MPH.** Many vehicles have been reported going speeds well over 35 MPH.

Speed on Lafayette is a special concern for the neighborhood. Lafayette is a great local corridor for pedestrians, joggers, children and cyclist alike, as well as a major access road for Hopi Elementary. Excessive speeds put all local residents and students in harms way.

Neighbors have come to the ACMNA Board with their concerns about excessive speeds along Lafayette. The Board is supporting a Special Committee that will address these concerns and bring them up with city officials. If you wish to join this committee, or have concerns that you would like heard, please contact us at info@www.ACMNA.org. You can also stay up to day on community happenings by visiting our blog at www.ACMNA.org/news.

JERRY'S JOKES: *a little humor we all can share!*

What did the hamburger name her daughter? *Patty*

What did the mountain climber name his son? *Cliff*

Why are vampires unpopular? *Because they are a pain in the neck!*

Why can't sailors play cards? *Because the Captain was standing on the deck!*

Why do dentists like potatoes? *Because they are so filling!*

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7th Annual
GAIN PICNIC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 2016

SHEMER ART CENTER
48TH ST & CAMELBACK RD.

3:00 TO 5:00 PM

Minute news

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GAIN PICNIC

Saturday, October 15th, 2016

Shemer Art Center

CAMELBACK CLEAN-UP

Saturday, November 12th, 2016

Please come help keep our streets clean!

Join our facebook group:

facebook.com/groups/ACMNA



G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) is a day for Arizona to join forces and promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. G.A.I.N. showcases the importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight for a safer Arizona. On G.A.I.N. day (third Saturday in October), we invite neighborhoods to come together and make their community a safer, better place to live.

ACMNA has participated in Phoenix's annual GAIN events by hosting a neighborhood cook out and picnic. ACMNA hosted the first event in 2011 at the Shemer Art Center. It was thought to be a great way to connect the neighbors to our police and our fire department that do such a great job protecting and serving our community. Over the years the attendance has grown and it's been great seeing the familiar faces of the officers and firemen. It's also been great getting to know people around the neighborhood.

This year ACMNA is partnering with Arcadia Osborn Neighborhood Association. We are excited to have more residents join us for this great event.



Don't forget to bring your kids - we will have activities for them to join in as well as firetrucks and other public service vehicles for them to explore!

For more info visit www.ACMNA.org/calendar. See you in October



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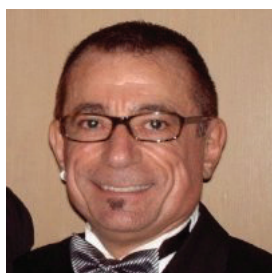
SHEMER
art center



Many Valley residents know the Shemer Art Center, located in the heart of Arcadia on the southeast corner of Camelback Road and Arcadia Lane, as their “home away from home.” Others refer to it as a neighborhood treasure and charming sanctuary for visual art classes, summer camps and ever-changing exhibitions and events. But there are many residents who do not know about this former residence that became an art center back in 1984. So how did it all start?

It was Martha Evvard Shemer, a long-time Phoenix resident and real estate investor who found “the ideal 2.5 acres with a panoramic view of Camelback Mountain, and its large historic house at 5005 E. Camelback Road.” Wanting to fulfill a childhood aspiration to “do something good for humanity,” Martha purchased the very first home built in Arcadia and donated it to the City of Phoenix.

Today, over 32 years later, the Shemer Art Center still impacts the lives of Valley residents on a daily basis. The historic home offers a quaint, home-like setting for residents and visitors to enjoy and learn about visual arts through classes, workshops, lectures, exhibitions and events. The first thing visitors entering the tranquil house will see is the solo artist exhibition in the front lobby. From there, they can wander by the boutique gift shop featuring handcrafted items created by Arizona artists on their way to the current exhibition. In September, the Shemer Art Center will feature Metal Works, an exhibition of metal art from emerging and established Arizona artists, on display from September 15 through November 10.



On, August 22, Ron Passarelli, former ACMNA President, died surrounded by family and friends after a long medical struggle. A memorial will be held on October, 1st. More information on www.ACMNA.org/news

Ron was on the Mayor’s Neighborhood Council, Chairman of the Camelback East Village Planning

Students of all ages come to the Shemer Art Center to attend fun and affordable visual art classes offered year-round by professional teaching artists. Areas of instruction include drawing, colored pencil, painting, print making, and ceramics. Workshops are also held on weekends or evenings, ranging from fused glass to Asian brush painting, and Family Fun Nights once per month offer a chance to learn a new skill while sharing a couple hours with someone special. Also once per month, an Art Renaissance lecture is usually held on the second Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. To compliment the picturesque setting, there is an outdoor sculpture garden that features large-scale outdoor works of art produced by some of Arizona’s premier sculptors. Perhaps that is in part why, in 1992 the Shemer Art Center was designated as one of 33 City of Phoenix Points of Pride.

Upcoming events planned for this fall at the Shemer Art Center include the Furry Friends Fine Arts Festival (Saturday, September 17, from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.), the annual Sunday @ Shemer Family Arts Festival (Sunday, November 6, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.), and Shemer Honors (Friday, November 18, 6 – 10 p.m.).

The Shemer Art Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information about how you can experience and support the Shemer Art Center, which is 100% community funded, visit www.shemerartcenter.org or call (602) 262-4727.

In remembrance of RON PASSARELLI

Committee, board member and president of the ACMNA, to name only a few of the organizations he supported. He defined what it means to be an involved person who was seeking to help others.

We need more people like Ron. When we lost him we lost a person who made a difference, who made the world a little better place. Those of us who knew him will think of him often and I suspect we will smile through our tears.

CONSTRUCTION - IN ARCADIA *By Tristahn Schaub*



Construction activity within the Arcadia area seems to be reaching another high. With home prices having rebounded significantly since 2008 it seems existing residents and large scale commercial builders are making housing investments within our neighborhood. We at the ACMNA review each building variance heard by the city of Phoenix. Variances are applied for when building plans do not conform to current neighborhood zoning. Typical variances applied for in Arcadia include increases in percent lot coverage (25% lot coverage is standard in most of Arcadia) and decreased structure setbacks (typical setbacks are 10’ for side, 30’ for rear and 40’ for the front). Neighborhood zoning has been in place for many years and attempts to maintain the character and use of Arcadia’s land. We at the ACMNA feel that it’s this very zoning and its reinforcement which have protected the desirable residential character of Arcadia. Variance applications allow for special cases to be heard for one-time allowances. In order for such cases to be considered the applicant must meet ALL of the four following tests:

- 1 – That there are special circumstances or conditions applying to the land, building or use referred to in the application, which do not apply to other properties in the same zone; and
- 2 – That such special circumstances were not self-imposed by the property owner; and
- 3 – That the variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of substantial property rights; and
- 4 – That the variance will not be materially detrimental to persons residing or working in the vicinity, to adjacent property, to the neighborhood or to the public welfare in general.

Neighbors may choose to be present at variance hearings and the ACMNA board will also be present when questionable variances come up for review. The ACMNA and the city recognize that times have changed as have family needs since the time these zoning laws were put in place. We recognize variance needs in

keeping with Arcadia character and defend our neighborhood against unc customary requests. Should you have questions or concerns about zoning variances hearings upcoming feel free to contact us at our website: ACMNA.org

Once construction is approved with or without variances needed; builders must adhere to several constructions related policies. Most important for homeowners to be aware of is that **construction on residential sites is not permitted on weekends in Phoenix without single issue special permits granted from the city.** These permits cost extra, take time to obtain and are for defined periods of time. If builders/subcontractors are on the job-site without a permit, a phone call to Phoenix Police non-emergency line 602-262-6151 will quickly remedy this. It is rare that these permits are obtained and many homeowners are not aware of their rights to peace, quiet and reduced traffic on the weekends. Weekday construction varies depending on the season. It capitalizes on daylight hours and takes worker safety into consideration due to our extreme summer heat: April 15 - October 15th 5 AM - 7 PM, October 16th - April 14th, 6 AM - 7 PM.

Probably the most important part of any construction project is simply to talk with neighbors. Property rights and consideration of others are what lie in the balance here. Countless hours and hard feelings can be avoided by communicating with effected groups. Given the active role that ACMNA plays in preserving our residential character we also suggest reaching out to the ACMNA via our website. The ACMNA Preservation committee meets monthly to discuss variances and is happy to provide input on what we see get approved by the city and what specific items the board and neighbors may object to.

Arcadia is a wonderful and desirable place to live. We believe in the preservation of it’s strong residential character and the upkeep and improvement of the neighborhood. Should you have questions, please contact us via our website ACMNA.org and please be kind to your neighbors.