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ARCADIA NEIGHBORHOOD ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, March 11, 8:30 a
Prince of Peace Gym

Arcadia Cares FOOD for KIDS PACKATHON

Saturday, March 18, 9:00 a
Prince of Peace

ACMNA BOARD MEETINGS

The Association Board of Directors meet at 5:30 PM on the first Thursday of the month (Except August) at Prince of Peace, Room 14.

These meetings are open to the public and Arcadia residents are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

March 2, 2017

April 6, 2017

Presidents Letter to the Association

Dear Arcadia Neighbor

If you want somebody to take you seriously, hire a lawyer. And if it's really serious, hire several of them. That's exactly what Arcadia Neighbors have had to do to preserve the peace and quiet of our neighborhood.

ACMNA, along with several neighbors next to the Wright House, have been paying lawyers to defend against the disruptions of large events being held in their backyards. Concerts, weddings, car shows, and other activities commercially conducted in a residential neighborhood is a violation of City ordinance. Renting a residence as an event venue is illegal. Sounds simple right? Well not exactly, property owners have rights too. We all do. And that's where the lawyers need to sort things out.

The good news: since last summer, Arcadian's have once again been enjoying our tranquil neighborhood. That's because after almost two years of pursuing the prescribed due process, we were finally able to stop the events.

But there is bad news too. We just learned that the owner of the Wright House has engaged a new team of architects to explore alternative plans for the 6 acre property. Right now that's all we know. We are still attempting to engage in a conversation with the property owner, Zack Rawling. In the meantime, there is still a lot of uncertainty and concern as well as skepticism.

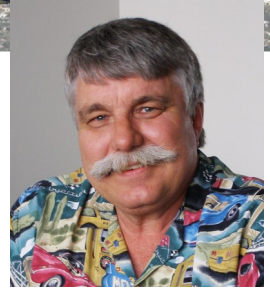
While I am slightly optimistic that a symbiotic means of preserving both the Wright House and our peaceful neighborhood can be achieved through a fresh dialogue, past experiences indicate otherwise. Therefore, we are worried that the Association's current financial resources are not sufficient to continue paying for the professional services that have brought us success thus far. Thankfully, through our neighbors' spontaneous generosity, we very rarely have had to ask our members for financial help. But right now that's not the situation and we are asking every neighbor to chip in at least \$25.00 each. Hopefully with everyone's support, we can continue to maintain an adequate legal fund so that we can all continue to enjoy our quiet, peaceful neighborhood by keeping it free of noisy commercial intrusions.

Sincerely, your neighbor

Craig Steblay
Steblay@ACMNA.org

PS: Please contribute any way that is most convenient for you:

- Call me at 602-266-3500 and I'll be happy to come over and pick up a check.
- On line : www.acmna.org/donate
- Mail: ACMNA - 4340 E. Indian School Road, Suite 21-293, Phoenix, AZ 85018



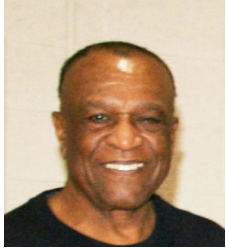
56th St.

5600 E



An Opportunity for Arcadia

By Wally Graham



A year ago, an Arcadia area resident shared concerns about vehicle speeds on 56th St. She had a friend who volunteered with her at

Prince of Peace and struggled to get there in the mornings. The once quiet street has now become a major thoroughfare. It is becoming more difficult to turn onto 56th St from the smaller neighborhood streets, most noticeable from the streets by the Great Hearts School, and Osborne Rd.

Subsequently the Arcadia Osborn Neighborhood Association (AONA) formed a sub-committee in April 2016, to look at ways to slow down and reduce traffic on 56th St. The committee worked with the City of Phoenix Traffic Department to update old traffic studies. They reached out to the Scottsdale Unified School District and Veritas to involve administrators and parents including several members from ACMNA. Rana Lasgari from Councilman Sal DiCiccio's office also a big help. The committee developed recommendations for improvements that would make 56th St a little more friendly and more importantly – *safer for pedestrians*.

Shortly after the committee started work, members from the Scottsdale Unified School District staff and the Ingleside Middle School PTO joined the committee. A significant conclusion of the committee was that the crosswalks at 56th St and Indian School are unsafe for students. In fact students have actually been injured. The committee concluded a crossing guard was urgently needed and took immediate action. Despite a restrained budget, a crossing guard is now on duty at that intersection – thanks to the efforts of the neighborhood committee. In addition, City of Phoenix Traffic Engineer Scott Logan assisted in improving the safety of the crosswalks by getting the department to repaint all of the crosswalks with high visibility paint. This has helped with driver awareness and the need to watch for pedestrians crossing the intersection.

During an ACMNA Board meeting last month, neighborhood concerns about the entire stretch of 56th St were stridently

discussed and it was resolved that ACMNA would also establish a sub-committee to review the problems north of Indian School. Since then, the Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association (ACMNA) and the Arcadia Osborn Neighborhood Association (AONA) quickly realized that we share all the same problems with 56th St, specifically between Camelback and Thomas Roads. The resulting meetings have brought forth a single joint task force combining resources from both neighborhoods. The new committee will be supporting a larger vision, encompassing associations, city staff, school representatives and independent traffic consultants. They are tasked with providing recommendations, developing plans for significant improvements and following them through to fruition. The principle focus will be on five key areas: Speed, volume, safety, aesthetics and enjoyment.

We believe both associations and all of our residents must work together to ensure the entire length of 56th St is looked at. All of us have a shared interest in keeping 56th St from becoming a two-mile arterial comprised of cut through traffic. That is not going to be an easy task but working together, we can make it happen.

The AONA 56th Street sub-committee has so far accomplished:

- ◆ Installation of high visibility crosswalks
- ◆ Installation of Right turn warning signs at 56th St and Indian School
- ◆ Constructed bike posts at 56th St. and Indian School intersection
- ◆ Engagement and support of SUSD/Ingleside administration & PTO
- ◆ Involved Veritas/Archway parents
- ◆ Assigned a Crossing Guard to 56th St at Indian School
- ◆ Increased community awareness about safety issues on 56th St
- ◆ Completion of traffic studies south of Indian School Rd and 56th St
- ◆ Initiated petitions for traffic calming bumps on Osborn, and Earll
- ◆ Supplied traffic calming recommendations needed from Indian School Rd. to Thomas

Alphonse, we're going to miss you

In his modest yet cogent manner, Alphonse Frei has dedicated countless hours to the Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood. We all know him as Al, and he has been serving on The ACMNA Board of Directors since 2007. For nine years of the past decade, he has been the Association Treasurer.

Originally from Denver Colorado, Al married Peggy in 1959. Shortly after they were married they moved to California. While working there with Continental Airlines, Al was recruited to help found America West Airlines as its Chief Financial Officer. The Frei family moved to Arcadia in 1983 where they still live on Lafayette. They have been members of St Theresa's Catholic Church since they

moved to the area and have raised 5 boys and 3 girls. Now that Al is retiring from the ACMNA Board, it will give him more time to travel around the country with Peggy visiting their 8 children, 22 Grandchildren and 1 Great Grandchild.

Farewell Al—Godspeed



NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING. MARCH 11, 8:30 AM

Guests include: Councilman Sal DiCiccio, Officer Ben Carro and representatives from the Mt. View Police Precinct. Special Guest Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton

Additional agenda items include:

Block Watch, Neighborhood Safety

Elections of ACMNA Board Members, Nominations are listed at www.acmna.org/who-we-are

Proposed changes to the ACMNA Bylaws www.acmna.org/bylaws-and-articles-of-incorporation/

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ARCADIA CARES - FOOD FOR KIDZ

Looking for a fun volunteer event for your school or church group, book club, or just yourself? The Third [Annual Arcadia Cares: Food for Kidz Packathon](#) will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at Prince of Peace Church, 3641 N. 56th Street, Phoenix (northeast corner of 56th Street/Indian School).

We need your help! Almost 200 volunteers are needed to help with the assembly line packing of meals that will be provided to hungry families in the Phoenix metro area. Please help by volunteering for one-hour or two-hour shifts from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. All ages from three on up are welcome to participate. Families, couples, individuals and groups are all welcome. Signup through the Prince of Peace website - www.popphoenix.org.

This is a great chance to meet your neighbors, make new friends and help the less fortunate - all at the same time.

If you can't make it to the Saturday event, maybe you can help with a donation; every 15 cents we receive will make one meal for a hungry child, so even the smallest donation helps a lot.

The cost of purchasing the necessary ingredients for 70,000 meals is over \$11,000. Please consider making a tax deductible donation to help support our effort. Checks can be dropped off in the Prince of Peace office, or mail to 3641 N. 56th Street, Phoenix 85018.

On line donations can also be made at:

www.popphoenix.org/serving/online-giving

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Preserving our neighborhood starts with you.

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Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association
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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 **ACMNA.ORG**

Arcadia Neighborhood Annual Meeting

Residents of the Arcadia neighborhood are encouraged to attend the 31st Annual Meeting of the Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association.

Saturday, March 11, 2017, 8:30 AM

Prince of Peace Gymnasium

3641 N. 56th St, Phoenix, AZ 85018

Phoenix Councilman Sal DiCiccio will be our featured speaker

Neighborhood Issues to be addressed are:

- . 56th Street Traffic issues**
- . Phoenician Re-development**
- . The Wright House**

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