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Rain was our GAIN

Arcadia Neighborhood Picnic combined with Shemer Arts Festival becomes our biggest event ever

In sunny Arizona, it's not often that an event gets rained out. But thanks to Hurricane Sergio, the Arcadia Neighborhood picnic, originally scheduled for October 13th, was combined with the Shemer Arizona Arts Festival to become bigger and better than ever. The G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) program represents a collaborative effort between neighbors and first responders to promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. For this picnic, ACMNA and AONA (Arcadia Osborn Neighborhood Association) teamed up with our local police department to host a free, fun family event.



This year's picnic was rescheduled for Sat, November 3rd, to coincide with the first day of the Shemer festival. ACMNA provided hamburgers, hotdogs and other fare. Picnic-goers could also browse more than 40 displays of local Arizona artisans. Kids enjoyed bounce-houses, balloon artists, and other activities. The Dusty Tuffet Americana String Band kept toes tapping all afternoon.

We'd like to acknowledge A-Z Equipment Rentals & Sales for providing a discount on tables and chairs. A donation by Mathnasium of Arcadia helped offset expenses. Special thanks to Officer Jared Sherman, who arranged for the Phoenix police Special Assignment Unit to come out with an impressive display of gadgets and gear. He even spent some time flipping burgers!

ACMNA Board Member, Brian Flader, led the planning and organization of the event. It's never easy to have to reschedule a major event, but this year's picnic is proof that if you embrace the unexpected, good things often follow.



ACMNA BOARD MEETINGS

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

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

Job Site Guidelines

ACMNA initiative aims to reduce complaints



With real estate values reaching all-time highs, it's no wonder a desirable neighborhood like Arcadia has become abuzz with construction activity. 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, in the past year 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. ACMNA had a desire to raise awareness of acceptable construction practices for neighbors and construction workers and to lessen the burden on city staff. The result was a solution that involves both standard communication and self-regulation.

This past summer ACMNA set out with a goal to create a set of job site 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 rules 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 job-site security all made the list. In collaboration with local builders, we developed a minimum set of standards that could be posted. We then presented the proposed sign of rules to Phoenix officials, who confirmed the sign's accuracy.

We are pleased to announce that this initiative is now complete and several builders have quickly agreed to post these rules on 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. So far, Arcadia Builders, Bent Nails, Blackhawk Building, Construction Plus, Gather Projects, Green Street Communities, Rafterhouse and R.J. Gurley have all agreed to post the signs, wanting to show their commitment to sound and reputable construction practices.

Please find and save the attached city-approved construction job site guidelines which include important rules and phone numbers. If you have questions or concerns, we encourage you to first call the builder/permit holder as this approach is usually the quickest way to get resolution. This guideline template can be found at ACMNA.org, and we encourage all builders to download it and post on their job sites if they have not already done so.

Holiday Safety Tips

Packages on porches and rooms full of presents. Homeowners hurrying to holiday parties. These are a few of thieves' favorite things. Follow these tips to reduce your chances of becoming a victim of holiday crime.

- ◆ Keep doors locked at all times, even when you're home. And if you have an alarm system, set it, even if you will only be out a short while.
- ◆ Never leave windows open when you leave home or while you are sleeping.
- ◆ Don't leave keys hidden outside where they can be found by intruders.
- ◆ Avoid leaving wrapped gifts, valuable electronics, or purses and wallets where they can be easily spotted from outside your house.
- ◆ Make arrangements for deliveries, so packages don't sit out on your front porch. Consider shipping them to your office or signing up for a smart locker.
- ◆ If you are running multiple errands, hide shopping bags so they aren't visible through your car windows.
- ◆ If you purchase expensive electronics or other large items, turn boxes inside-out before putting them out for recycling.
- ◆ Keep outside lights on after dark. Thieves prefer to hide in the shadows where they can't be seen.
- ◆ Consider a video surveillance system. Options range from doorbells with cameras to whole-house monitoring setups. Often, a security camera will cause a thief to move on.
- ◆ Report any suspicious activity to the police. For immediate threats dial 911. Call the non-emergency line, 602-262-6151 for matters that are not urgent.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season!

Trash Talk

Be courteous with household waste

Garbage, recyclables, compost and bulk trash. What goes where? Sometimes it can be a bit confusing. Especially if you live in Arcadia, where not only do we have a variety of trash pick-up options, but we straddle two different cities. If you are new to the neighborhood, or in case you need a refresher, here are some dos and don'ts about local trash collection:

Everyday garbage

Separate out recyclables. Rinse items and put them directly in your recycling bin (do not bag.) For a list of accepted items, see city websites, below.

Bag and tie all waste. Never put loose garbage in your personal or alley dumpsters.

Yard waste should also be bagged. Do not throw loose clippings or debris in dumpsters.

Never put hazardous waste in dumpsters. Paint, chemicals, electronics and building materials are just a few of the items that pose a safety hazard. Scottsdale residents can sign up for up to 3 hazardous waste pickups per year. Phoenix hosts collection days in various sites. See city websites for additional information.

Give them space. Place curbside bins at least 4 feet from each other and from obstacles like parked cars and mailboxes.

Consider a compost bin. For \$5/month, the City of Phoenix will provide a tan compost bin for green organics, including yard clippings and kitchen scraps. Scottsdale offers composting through its bulk trash program.

Be courteous of neighbors. Do not put your dumpsters out until the night before your pick-up day, and move them off the curb as soon as possible. If you share alley dumpsters, make sure to keep lids closed.

ACMNA Board Vacancy

The Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association has a mid-term vacancy on the board that we are looking to fill. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested, email info@acmna.org by November 20. Please include a bio on yourself as well as why you are interested in serving on the board. All applicants must reside within the Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association. Please visit ACMNA.org for more information on our association and what we do. We ask that if you are interested in serving on the board, to attend our monthly meetings in addition to providing your bio. The meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at Prince of Peace at 5:30 in room 14.

Our nominating committee consists of Karen Magnoni, Tristahn Schaub, Hillary Gurley, Brian Flader, Jody Moman and Adrian Evarkiou.

ARCADIA BULK TRASH PICK UP SCHEDULES

PHOENIX		SCOTTSDALE
Placement begins:	Collection begins:	Collection:
Dec 15, '18	Dec 24, '18	Week of Nov 12, '18
Mar 16, '19	Mar 25, '19	Week of Dec 17, '18
Jun 15, '19	Jun 24, '19	2019 dates not yet published
Sep 14, '19	Sep 23 '19	

Bulk trash collection

Put bulk trash out ONLY during the collection window.

Not only is it unsightly, but you could be fined.

Pile trash as neatly as possible. Scottsdale residents should stack green waste separately from other bulk trash.

Follow yard waste guidelines. Phoenix asks that yard waste be bagged and tied for bulk pick up. Scottsdale residents should place unbagged green waste in a separate pile from other bulk trash, so it can be composted.

Do not leave hazardous materials out for bulk pick up.

These items pose a danger to children, pets and collection crews. See city websites for disposal information.

Observe collection limits. Both Phoenix and Scottsdale have limits on how much they will pick up at one time.

Clean up after the pick up. Especially if you have street collection, make sure to sweep up any remaining dust and debris.

Visit city websites for more info:

www.phoenix.gov/publicworks

www.scottsdaleaz.gov/solid-waste

Preserving Camelback Mountain

Members of ACMNA have been actively involved in efforts to obtain a Mountain Preserve designation as defined in Chapter XXVI of the Phoenix City Charter for Camelback Mountain Echo Canyon Desert Park. This designation will provide protection of native plants and animals and ensure preservation of the natural state of the mountain at higher elevations. On October 25, The Phoenix Parks Board approved the designation of Preserve status for Camelback Mountain and Echo Canyon Preserve. There is one additional committee, P.A.L.E., that it must pass through prior to the final approval from City Council on December 12th. The Phoenix Parks Board has already granted this designation to South Mountain Park and Preserve, Sonoran Preserve, Phoenix Mountain Preserve and North Mountain Park and Preserve as well as several other parks in our State. This designation would not change the availability of the two existing trails, Echo Canyon and Cholla Trail. ACMNA believes the preserve status will enhance the enjoyment of the trails while providing increased maintenance and conservation of the mountain's natural beauty.

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Preserving our neighborhood starts with you

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Don't add to the problem
be a part of the solution!

For an update on the 56th St
redesign project visit our
website:

www.acmna.org

Thankful for ACMNA?

Help us continue our efforts

The Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association (ACMNA) is a non-profit 501c association that relies on donations from neighbors. Neighborhood preservation is our primary major mission; however, we also have costs associated with community building events such as the Arcadia Picnic BBQ, Adopt-a-Street and our Annual Neighborhood Meetings. Although we have no paid staff, we do sometimes rely on professional help for legal matters in protecting Arcadia from non-residential encroachment such as the Wright Hose becoming a commercial venue.

We are again asking for your support to help continue our good work towards preserving and protecting our neighborhood when threats arise. Any amount of contribution is greatly appreciated and will help show your



support of your neighborhood. 100% of your donation goes towards helping preserve Arcadia as a residential community and building community pride.

Please look for a personal letter from our Board in your mail in the next few days that contains more information and a convenient return card and envelope. Donations are always appreciated through our on-line donation portal [\[www.acmna.org/donate\]](http://www.acmna.org/donate) that accepts major credit cards. Your support is greatly appreciated and directly helps to keep the quality and tranquility we all love about Arcadia.