

# ARCADIA CENTRAL

Newsletter of the Arcadia Camelback Neighborhood Association

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## 56<sup>th</sup> St.

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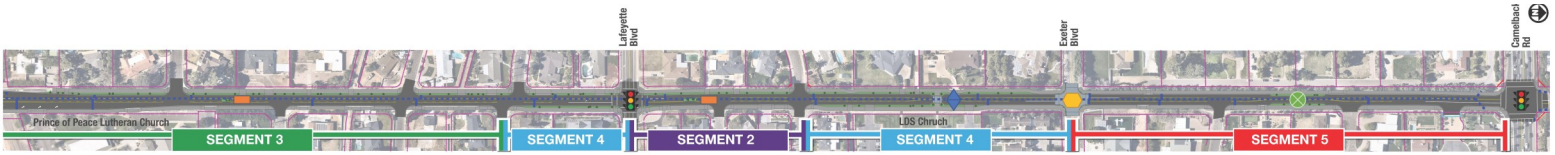


## PROJECT UPDATE

On October 25, the Street Transportation Department hosted a virtual public meeting to discuss the design phase of the project. For those who missed the meeting, it can be viewed at [www.phoenix.gov/streets/56thstreet](http://www.phoenix.gov/streets/56thstreet).

All community members are encouraged to visit the above webpage for additional information, and to participate in the project survey ([www.surveymonkey.com/r/56thstreet](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/56thstreet)) which will be open through November 18, 2022.

The project will include a variety of enhancements to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, upgrade to the latest ADA standards, and address drainage issues along the corridor from Thomas Road to Camelback Road.



## A Letter from your ACMNA President Michael Phillips

Cooler months in Arcadia invite bike rides and dog walks past historic citrus trees, long strolls along the canal with scenic mountain views, and thanks to the support of our amazing neighbors, enjoyment of the community with minimal intrusion from commercial interests. Because of your support, the Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association has been able to keep neighborhood preservation at the forefront of our efforts this past year.

Your involvement allows us to host community-building events such as the Arcadia Neighborhood Picnic, AutoRama Car Show, Adopt-A-Street Cleanup, and the Annual Neighborhood Meeting. Thanks to your participation, we successfully hosted a moderated forum for the Phoenix City Council District 6 candidates. Arcadia partnered with more than 12 active neighborhood associations and their leaders across District 6 to discuss issues like public safety, homelessness, financial stability, zoning and more.

Please join us, together with our donors, to support the ACMNA's Preservation Fund and allow the impactful work in our community to continue. This month we will be mailing you a personal letter along with a convenient return envelope for your donation by check or credit card. You can also donate on-line at [acmna.org](http://acmna.org). Thank you so much for considering this request and responding to our appeal. Any amount of contribution is greatly appreciated and will help show your support of your neighborhood. Your volunteer ACMNA Board remains committed to serving our neighborhood and we wish you a happy and healthy holiday season!

# Doing Good in the 'Hood



Do you recognize this face? Chances are yes, especially if you grew up in Arcadia and/or your kids went to school at Hopi, Tavan, Ingleside, or Arcadia. At a time when districts across AZ continue to struggle with a severe shortage of teachers and administrators, Mr. Richard Yee continues to bless our schools with his teaching skills as a substitute teacher.

Mr. Yee started teaching at Hopi Elementary in 1968. He continued teaching full-time at Hopi for 35 years! After

a brief retirement during which he took care of his grandkids, a friend convinced him to try subbing (after the grandkids moved out of state). Fourteen years later, he is STILL one of the most coveted substitutes in our complex. Mr. Yee knows and understands kids and education. These days, he is described by students as a happy, fair, nice, and experienced teacher, not just a sub. He makes such a difference in people's lives that for several years, a group of students who had him as a fourth grade teacher back in 1976, have annually gathered at TeePee Tavern to catch up and remind him of the positive impact he has in children's lives.

When asked, Mr. Yee says that one of the most fun aspects of teaching is seeing old (and current) students at the grocery store, football games and events. He is genuinely excited to find out what "old" students grew up to be. Of course, the professions run the gamut, but some he mentioned include: police officers, fire fighters (Phoenix City Fire Chief), teachers, doctors, dentists, lawyers, coaches, engineers, Congressmen, military (including Charlie Keating), and entrepreneurs. Currently, Mr. Yee substitutes 3-4 days a week, mostly at the high school level, and it's obvious he enjoys helping fill the enormous need for substitutes in our schools! When asked "What makes your day?", Mr. Yee replied, "I'm 77, and I'm just thankful that I can physically (and mentally) still do this!" Well, we thank **you**, Mr. Yee. We know our schools need you!



*DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE who is doing good things for Arcadia? Visit [www.acmna.org/want-to-share](http://www.acmna.org/want-to-share) to nominate them to appear in our newsletter.*

## 40 Unit Apartment Development Approved at 56<sup>th</sup> St & Thomas



The long vacant corner parcel, nearly two acres, will be developed into a 40-unit apartment complex by Hawkins Companies of Boise, Idaho.

The variances for the project were approved in May.



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### ACMNA BOARD MEETINGS

The Association Board of Directors meet at 6pm on the first Thursday of the month (Except July and August) 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)

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# Street Smarts

## Stay safe when enjoying the cooler weather

The events of this past couple of years have encouraged people to get outside more than ever. Walking, riding bikes, skateboarding... are all simple, low-impact activities that people of almost any age can do to help stay in shape. However, if you are on or near a street, traffic can pose a danger, especially in Arcadia's sidewalk-free neighborhoods. To stay safe when exercising outside, please keep these rules of thumb in mind:

### Pedestrians Face Traffic

If there is no sidewalk where you're walking, walk on the side of the road where you'll be facing oncoming traffic.

You'll be able to see cars headed toward you (you might not hear an electric car coming from behind you!) and you'll have a chance to get out of the way if necessary. Be aware that if you are cresting a hill or walking around a sharp curve in the road, oncoming vehicles would be unable to see you (and you will be unable to see them) until they are too close. On those occasions, it may be best to walk on the other side of the road until visibility improves. This advice applies to pedestrians only—cyclists should always ride in the same direction as traffic.

### Make Sure You're Visible

If you are out at dawn, dusk, or after dark, you should wear reflective clothing. Consider wearing a flashing light, too.

### Walk Single File

If you aren't on a sidewalk, you should walk in a single file line, or at least move into single file when a car approaches. This gives vehicle traffic the widest berth possible, so they'll be able to avoid you more easily. It might be more comfortable to walk side-by-side, but it isn't safe.

### Keep Dogs on a Short Leash

Keep your pet and the people around you safe by keeping your dog on a leash, and by making sure that



the leash is short enough to keep your dog under your control: away from people and unable to dart out into traffic.

### Be Aware of Runners and Cyclists

In addition to watching traffic, walkers need to share the road with runners and cyclists. Cyclists should alert those they need to pass by yelling "passing on your left (or right)!" Runners should signal their approach similarly. Walkers should be polite and move as far to the side as safely possible.

### Don't Blast Music

Listening to music or a podcast is certainly a pleasant experience, but it can be unsafe. Make sure it's quiet enough that you can still maintain awareness about your environment. You'll need to hear bike bells, approaching cars, and "on your left!" callouts.





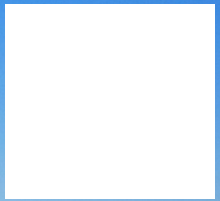
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*Preserving our neighborhood starts with you.*

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## Winter Construction Hours

Oct 1—Apr 30

**7:00 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](mailto:constructionnoisecomplaints@phoenix.gov)

*Attach a photo if possible.*

For more information visit [www.phoenix.gov](http://www.phoenix.gov).

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

## Upcoming Events

### ACMNA Board Meetings

December 1, 6 PM

January 5, 6 PM

Prince of Peace Choir Room

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

### Camelback Cleanup

November 20, 8—9:30 AM

Volunteers needed!

Meet at Shemer Art Center

### AutoRama: Save the Date!

March 26 2023, 8—11:00 AM

Hopi Elementary School parking lot

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM  
YOUR ACMNA BOARD!**