

# ARCADIA CENTRAL

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## ACMNA Newsletter

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## 56<sup>th</sup> Street Update

### Progress continues for a safer street

With the start of the new school year, Arcadia's attention is once again drawn to the issues we face with 56<sup>th</sup> Street. Traffic congestion

surrounds the picking up and dropping off of schoolchildren, pedestrians play a life-threatening game of Frogger at Osborn, and frustrations build as non-residents continue to use this route to cut through to the freeways on their daily commutes.

All these issues and more will be addressed by the City of Phoenix's Complete Streets project for 56th. An initial grant was obtained to gather public input and draft a 20% plan for the corridor. With a vision for the street, The City now moves into its primary funding phase, seeking capital through a variety of grants and federal allocations. It is estimated that the project costs between Thomas and Camelback will range upwards of \$15M. These costs are in-line with typical re-design projects and far more than new construction due to the complexities of existing infrastructure.

One of the most expensive line items will be managing the flooding caused by mountain runoff, as big pipes cost big dollars. Your SAVES and Connects 56th Street Group have been busy at work garnering City Council support, assisting with grant appeals and meeting with neighbors who live directly on 56<sup>th</sup> Street. Stay tuned for more updates as funding is secured, more specific plans are crafted and a new set of community meetings get scheduled.



### ACMNA BOARD MEETINGS

The Association Board of Directors meet at 6:00pm 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:

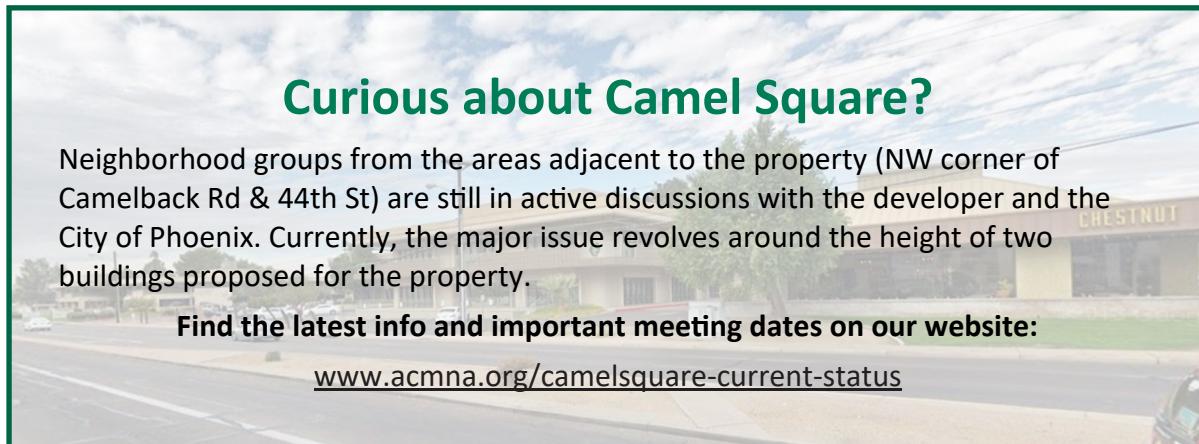
[www.acmna.org/agendas](http://www.acmna.org/agendas)

## Curious about Camel Square?

Neighborhood groups from the areas adjacent to the property (NW corner of Camelback Rd & 44th St) are still in active discussions with the developer and the City of Phoenix. Currently, the major issue revolves around the height of two buildings proposed for the property.

Find the latest info and important meeting dates on our website:

[www.acmna.org/camelsquare-current-status](http://www.acmna.org/camelsquare-current-status)



# Mosquitoes Bugging You?

## Bite back with these tips

When the spring rains and the monsoons arrived, so did the mosquitoes. Many Arcadia residents report noticing the pesky mosquitoes even earlier this year than in years past. Much of this is due to standing water from our spring rains, unmaintained swimming pools, and areas where water can become stagnant, such as in watering cans, buckets or areas with litter.

Maricopa County Vector Control is aware of Arcadia area resident's complaints regarding mosquitoes. Vector Control has placed several traps around our neighborhood in order to sample the mosquito population and determine if fogging is necessary. There is currently a trap around 50th Street and Calle Redonda. None of the mosquitos caught at this location have tested positive for a mosquito-borne illness, so no fogging has been done around this particular section of our neighborhood. On the outside perimeter of our neighborhood, there is a trap around 66th Street and Monterosa that, in June, did have one mosquito test positive for West Nile Virus. In response, the city fogged that area on June 16. A trap off 54th Street just south of Osborn also had one mosquito test positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) and one test positive for SLE (Saint Louis encephalitis (SLE)-p). Both of these incidents were in June and the city fogged this area once on June 15 and again on June 24.

Though the possibility of contracting an infection from a mosquito bite remains low, it is very important that we all do our part in working to eliminate areas where mosquitos can breed. With milder fall weather just around the corner, fewer mosquitos will also make it easier to enjoy spending time outside.

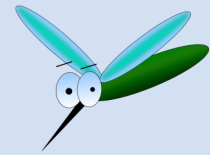
Here are some tips from Maricopa County on what you can do to help fight the mosquitoes:

**1) Eliminate standing water.** Drain any container around your home that may collect water (even small amounts can become a breeding ground for mosquitoes). If you have a decorative pond or a swimming pool, make sure the pump is working and water is circulating. Also, be sure to repair any leaky pipes and outside faucets.

**2) When outdoors, make sure you and your loved ones are avoiding mosquito bites.** Wear long sleeves, long pants and light-colored clothing. Apply insect repellent, following label instructions. Look for active ingredients such as DEET, picaridin, or Oil of Lemon eucalyptus (OLE). Do not apply repellent on children under 2 or to children's hands, or near their eyes or mouth.

**3) Protect yourself day and night!** Different mosquitoes bite at different times and can carry different diseases. Daytime biting mosquitoes are considered more of a nuisance than the nighttime biting mosquitoes. The mosquitoes that can carry WNV and SLE come out at night.

**4) Call Maricopa County Vector Control (number above) to report a mosquito problem.** If you and others in your neighborhood are experiencing mosquito problems, have one person submit a complaint online or call this number. Officials will initiate monitoring of the area and follow-up with proper action or treatment.



**Maricopa County Vector Control**  
**602-506-0700**

**For more tips and information**  
**visit: [FightTheBiteMaricopa.org](http://FightTheBiteMaricopa.org)**

### *Love Arcadia? Get involved!*

**Make sure you're staying up-to-date on the latest news and events around our neighborhood. Sign up for our emails ([www.acmna.com](http://www.acmna.com)) and visit us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/groups/ACMNA/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ACMNA/)). All Arcadia residents are always welcome to attend our monthly board meetings, too. See front page for more details.**





**CALLING ALL WITCHES,  
GOBLINS AND GHOSTS...**

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF  
SPOOKY SHENANGIGANS

**MOUNTAIN VIEW PRECINCT  
HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL**

2075 E MARYLAND AVE ★ PHOENIX, AZ 85016  
OCTOBER 24, 2019 ★ 5:30-8:30PM

ENJOY:  
GHOULISH GAMES  
OBSTACLE COURSE  
PUMPKIN DECORATING  
YUMMY TREATS  
TRICK OR TREAT  
&  
SPECIAL GUESTS

Hosted by Phoenix Police Dept. Mountain View Precinct **PHX PD**

## ROAD WORK AHEAD

### Projects continue in and around Arcadia

If it seems almost every road in Phoenix is under construction, it isn't just your imagination. In April, we reported on the Phoenix Accelerated Pavement Maintenance Program, which is condensing a 5-year road repair plan into only 2 years.



Arcadia-area roads will continue to be affected throughout this year, and into 2020. The following projects are scheduled:

- ◆ Indian School Rd, 56th St to Scottsdale border: Mill and pavement overlay, which replaces the entire top surface of the road.
- ◆ Indian School Rd, 56th St to Arcadia Dr: sealing treatment.
- ◆ Most of the other streets throughout Arcadia will also receive some type of crack seal or slurry treatment.

For additional information, and an interactive map where you can see upcoming projects all around the city, visit:

<https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/accelerated-pavement-maintenance-program>

## Halloween Safety Tips

from [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org)

### Tips for Trick-or-Treaters...

- ◆ Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- ◆ Put electronic devices away; keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- ◆ Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- ◆ Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- ◆ If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.
- ◆ When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.
- ◆ Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- ◆ Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.

### If you are driving on Halloween...

- ◆ Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Use extra caution when entering/exiting driveways.
- ◆ Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- ◆ Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- ◆ Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

**Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!**



**The relocation of the Cholla Trail is progressing.**  
A preliminary design has been completed and is being reviewed by City of Phoenix.  
**We expect to have more accurate timelines by the next newsletter.**



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*Preserving our neighborhood starts with you*

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- ♦ Dino Crew (mechanical dinosaur entertainment)
  - ♦ Balloon artist
  - ♦ Phoenix Fire Dept ladder truck
  - ♦ Phoenix Police and K9 department
- Live music by Dusty Tuffet**

**Saturday, November 2**  
**2:00—5:00 PM**  
**Hopi Elementary School**

**FREE FUN**  
**for ALL AGES!**

**Burgers ♦ Hot Dogs ♦ Chick-Fil-A**  
**Phoenix Police ice cream truck**  
**with popsicles and ice cream treats!**

*This is ACMNA's way to give back to the community and connect with our neighborhood.*

**Enjoy a fun day with your neighbors - Everything is FREE!**