

SIGNS OF THE TIMES IN ARCADIA- by Wally Graham

Arcadia is known for green grass, large irrigated lots, mature trees, shady streets, and walkable, bikeable, friendly neighborhoods. During a recent drive through Arcadia, I saw three things that are signs and symbols our community is growing and changing:



Drive Like Your Kids Live here



Another dumpster; Another



SLOW

In a recent conversation with a real estate friend, I learned our community is one of the fastest growing and most desirable areas to live in Phoenix. She said jokingly, “growth can be measured by the number of dumpsters in front of houses that are being remodeled on almost every street in the area”. Growth can also be measured by new homes being constructed, and new retail shops or restaurants that have opened to join old standbys like LGO, Chelsea’s Kitchen, Jade Palace, The Teepee, T. Cooks, etc.

Arcadia is also experiencing generational changes. Young families are moving in as older families sell and downsize. I was talking with contractor and long-time resident Barry Paceley the other night. Barry and his wife Joan sponsor the annual 4th. of July picnic neighborhood picnic at their home on Osborn Rd. Barry said they had almost 500 guests this year. The big thing they noticed was the number of three-generation families who stopped by. They had more young children running around and having fun this year than in the past. I chided Barry and said, “you may have to put up an inflatable bounce house next year”. He laughed, and we agreed young children are a positive sign of the times changing in Arcadia. Young families with children are returning to Arcadia. Have you seen the signs of that change on your block?

Below is a picture of signs of the times. Parents from Veritas, Archway and Ingleside schools gathered to remind drivers on 56th. St. and Indian School Rd. to slow down. Many Arcadia children walk to schools, and they play in both back and front yards. Long time residents tell me it has always been that way. Victoria Canada is one parent who decorates her lawn with signs to remind drivers to watch out for her youngsters as we drive through her neighborhood. Victoria is both a mom and a businessperson. She is a professional wedding planner, but she takes time to be actively involved in her community. People have stopped by her house to ask where she gets her signs. Victoria and many other parents want us to pay attention to kids at play as we drive in our community. For yard signs, go to <https://drivelikeyourkidslivehere.com>



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formed by the Arcadia Osborn and the Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Associations. The Associations joined with parents from Scottsdale Unified schools, parents from Great Hearts schools, Councilman DiCiccio, Phoenix Traffic Department, CivTech Traffic Engineers, and others to address **S**afety, **A**esthetics, **V**olume, **E**njoyment, **S**peed and **C**onnectivity along 56th. Street. For more info about the SAVES and Connects 56th. St. Committee, join the mail list to stay informed. Press this link [56th Street Project Information Email List](#)