

ARCADIA CENTRAL

Newsletter of the Arcadia Camelback Neighborhood Association

Spring 2022

Winners! Fourth Annual

Arcadia Auto Rama



Best in Show

The Fourth Annual Arcadia Auto Rama took place on March 26. Winning Best In Show was Jackson Roberts with his 1934 Ford Coupe. The Best In Arcadia was won by Phil Terry with his 1967 Cadillac DeVille. The award for Best Classic Car went to Tina Higgins, with her 1929 Ford Model A. The Best Truck award went to Tim Cox, with his very orange 1958 Jeep FC170 Truck.

Thank you to all of our sponsors, the car enthusiasts who entered their vehicles, and our attendees.



Best in Arcadia



Best Classic Car



Best Truck

ACMNA Annual Meeting Recap

Over 200 neighbors attended this year's annual meeting, held on March 5. Per tradition, Boy Scout Troop 6 opened things up with the flag ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance. ACMNA Board President Tristahn Schaub spoke first—he presented the slate of board nominees who were up for re-election and made a motion to re-elect (motion passed), then gave his "State of the Neighborhood" address:

- ◆ Real estate in Arcadia remains the most sought after in the Phoenix area, resulting in strong price appreciation for homes in the area – Arcadia has retained the #1 spot for 31 consecutive months.
- ◆ The 56th Street Corridor project is underway, with the selection of Kimley-Horn for design. First public outreach is expected this Fall. Construction of the first phase, from Indian School to Thomas, is expected mid/late 2024.
- ◆ The Cholla Trail redevelopment is in progress, with the entrance relocated to Invergordon, along with site improvements of a bathroom, drinking fountains, and landscaping. Targeted completion is July 2022.
- ◆ Tristahn presented two appreciation awards. The first, for Phoenix Police Officer Jared Sherman, who has been our long time Community Action Officer. The second was to Greg Bruns, publisher of the Arcadia News.
- ◆ Tristahn concluded by announcing that he would be stepping down as President at the end of the March. Tristahn will remain on the board and help the new President transition into office.

Next were presentations by the Phoenix Police. Lieutenant Fields (speaking on behalf of Commander Shane Disotell) spoke about issues with short-term rentals and how some issues are handled by police (noise violations) and others by neighborhood services. A web page has been established for citizens to lodge complaints (go to phoenix.gov/nsd and choose Short Term Rental Violation Concerns). Next, Jared Sherman presented on some of the recent crime suppression successes: vehicle theft crack down at Piestewa Peak, and arrests of several thieves stealing catalytic converters. Officer Sherman stressed the importance of community involvement in assisting the police.

Andy Gough then presented on the burying utility lines via the formation of an Underground Conversion Service Area (UCSA). The UCSA map was presented, along with design considerations, homeowner responsibilities, and estimate of costs. Polling those in attendance indicated over 60% in favor of the conversion.

Shonna James gave an overview of the Shemer Arts Center, and the Shemer Expansion and Legacy Campaign. Next, Richard Rey presented an overview of the Arcadia Water Company, and how many of the neighborhood's large trees are being taken down as properties are redeveloped. He also discussed how one could take advantage of low irrigation water prices by burying a cistern in the yard, which would be filled periodically from the Arcadia Water Company pipelines, then drawn down by the homeowner for lawn and landscape watering (call 480-945-4621 if interested).

To stay up-to-date on these issues, and more, visit our website, www.acmna.org, and make sure you are signed up to receive our newsletters and email updates.



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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

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ARCADIA UNDERGROUND

Update

At the Annual Meeting in March, it was decided to go forward in forming an Underground Conversion Service Area (UCSA) which will fall roughly into the boundaries of the ACMNA. The first step is petition gathering.

Forming a UCSA involves two petitions, each requiring 60% of the property owners to approve. The first petition indicates interest in forming an UCSA and is the trigger for SRP (in coordination with CenturyLink and Cox) to determine the cost for the conversion. Each property owner is then notified of their specific cost for the conversion. A second round of petitions is circulated after that, also requiring 60% of property owners to approve, to form the UCSA. The submission of the second petitions results in a Phoenix City Council hearing to review and approve the proposed UCSA. Once approved by the City Council, the UCSA is created and the project starts moving forward.

Costs for each homeowner are based solely on the area of their parcel. The expected cost is about \$30,000 per acre. (For example, if you have a ½ acre lot, your cost would be \$15,000.) Most homeowners will also have some additional costs to hire an electrician to revise their electric service panel to connect to the new underground service.

A subcommittee of the ACMNA Preservation committee is forming to coordinate the collection of petitions. Volunteers are needed to gather petition signatures. If you would like to assist in gathering signatures, you can download the petition form at <https://www.acmna.org/underground>. Note the following requirements when gathering signatures:



BEFORE
sample photo



AFTER
sample photo

- ◆ If the property is owned by more than one person, all must sign. A typical case is a husband and wife own the property jointly.
- ◆ The signatures must be witnessed by the person (the Petitioner) who is circulating the petition.
- ◆ The person gathering signatures must own real property in the UCSA map boundaries (roughly the same as ACMNA boundaries).

The “witnessing” requirement is to verify that the signatures are of the actual owners. Some of you may have easy access to notary services through work or in other ways – it would also be acceptable for you to submit a notarized petition of your own signatures.

The first petition drive is expected to continue through September. For more information, and updates, see <https://www.acmna.org/underground>.

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News from the Board

Meet Your New ACMNA Board President

During the April 2022 Board Meeting, Michael Phillips was elected as the new Board President. Michael and his family moved to Arcadia from North Carolina.

"We chose Arcadia because of the neighborhood feel and how the strength of the community has helped to preserve the charm that sets this place apart from all others in the area. Community involvement is something I highly value. I have served on two prior neighborhood associations in various roles, and I look forward to being ACMNA President as a way of donating my time and energy to the neighborhood."

Tristahn Schaub, the prior President, continues to be a member of the Board and will be assisting Michael with the transition to President. Thank you Tristahn for your effective and productive service as President.

In Memoria

ACMNA would like to remember and thank Marilyn Schmidlin (1932 – 2022) who passed away March 31. Marilyn served the Arcadia community as a Board Member until her passing. She also served on our Events Committee and always sought to link ACMNA to the charitable work that Prince of Peace Church does within the community. We will forever remember and appreciate Marilyn by planting a tree in her name on the Prince of Peace property.



Upcoming Events

ACMNA Board Meetings

May 5, 6:00 PM

June 2, 6:00 PM

Prince of Peach Choir Room
3641 N. 56th Street

Summer Recess

July and August
Meetings resume in Sept.

Independence Day Parade

July 4
Look for details in the
next newsletter

Temperatures are
heating up! Stay safe
and keep hydrated
when working or
playing outdoors!