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**20 FALL 23 FESTIVAL**  
FUN, GAMES, ICE CREAM, VENDORS  
SATURDAY  
**NOV 11**  
FREE & FUN  
BOUNCE HOUSES, FACE PAINTER  
'BALLOON GUY', PHOENIX PD REPS & MORE  
ARCADIA PARK  
56TH ST. & OSBORN RD.  
1 PM TO 4 PM

#### For the kids: fun, ice cream and games

Lawn games, face painting, bounce houses (one for big kids, one for the little ones) are all part of the event.

Kids will also be able to see a Phoenix Police SWAT vehicle & meet the officers who use them.

#### For adults: info and friends

AONA is looking for businesses and community groups to set up booths at the event.

And because we are a *community*, we'll have reps from SRP, local schools and government there to answer your questions and provide information intended to help you live your best life.

#### AONA Fall Festival & G.A.I.N. Event

**Date: Saturday, November 11, 2023**

**When: 1 pm to 4 pm**

**Where: Arcadia Park, 56th St & Osborn**

**What:** Bounce houses, face painting, police and fire vehicles, ice cream, info booths from local businesses, government services & local schools.

Download the flyer:

<https://bit.ly/AONAFallFestivalFlyer2023>

There's still time to donate, set up a donor booth or volunteer. Drop us a line at [aonainfo@gmail.com](mailto:aonainfo@gmail.com).

Here are a couple of things we're working on to add to your calendar

### Community-wide YARD SALE!

**February 23, 24 & 25**  
Purge! Splurge!



Whether you're cleaning out or stocking up, AONA's community yard sale has been a big hit. More than 50 different hosts held sales in the 'hood last year. Add it to your calendar.

### Food truck night

**May 9, 2024**

**First Chinese Baptist Church**

**4510 E. Earll Rd.**



Start Mother's Day weekend right and salute your favorite matriarch with a no-cook night.

#### More inside:

- **City's GO Bond Election**  
Funding for public safety, neighborhoods, affordable housing and senior centers is on the ballot.
- **SUSD Bond Election**  
Learn more about the override.
- **The ABCs of ADUs, STRs**  
Accessory Dwelling Units, or ADUs, are now legal in Phoenix. We've got a rundown on the basics.
- **STRs or, Short Term Rentals** are now required to register with the city and to notify neighborhood associations and neighbors.

## Phoenix police official:

# Department putting new emphasis on public input on policy changes

The head of the Phoenix Police Department unit responsible for shepherding policy changes within the agency's vetting process says PPD has renewed its emphasis on encouraging and seeking public input.

**The department has worked well with the community in the past** but at this point, Lt. Chad Ryan said, police officials shouldn't take the position that they already know how to do "cop stuff."

**"I think this is a push to include the communities in the policies that affect the policing of the commu-**

**nity,"** Ryan said. "We want to make sure we have community input on it to make sure we're not thinking of it from one perspective."

After all, "we're all part of the same team," Ryan said in an interview for the Arcadia Osborn Neighborhood Association's newsletter.

Ryan said the city's renewed emphasis on including public input into its policy-making process through meetings and other means is a result of direction from interim **Police Chief Michael Sullivan.**

**In June, when Sullivan announced a crime reduction plan,** he said wanted the police

department to be "a self-assessing, self-correcting agency" and that the department and community needed to have a partnership "rooted in confidence and trust."



*Phoenix Police Department is implementing a Continuous Improvement Policy model in seeking input from the community on important matters like its use of force policy.*

Sullivan came to Phoenix in 2022 from Baltimore where he led efforts by the Maryland city's police department to comply with a court-enforceable consent decree with the U.S. Department of Justice.

**A consent decree is a possible outcome** of a 2-year-old DOJ investigation of the PPD. The wide-ranging investigation includes areas such as police use of force and discriminatory policing.

It was Sullivan, with his experience with the Baltimore consent decree, who "suggested that we go through and update our use of force policy," Ryan said.

**The Continuous Improvement Unit headed by Ryan** is directly under the purview of Sullivan, according to the department's organizational chart.

Ryan said PPD's renewed self-improvement efforts include public outreach efforts during consideration of proposed policy changes, which he said mostly originate from within the department, and set the stage for new training programs for officers so they'll know how to implement newly approved policy changes.

In the case of the new use of force policy, the department received

just under 800 public comments, Ryan said. The last time the use of force policy was revised was in July 2022, prior to Chief Sullivan's arrival.

**Along with changing its uses of force policy,** Sullivan also set in motion a newly approved policy on when police officers must intervene if other officers are not acting appropriately.

"There's a list of policy areas that we're going through to try and make things better," Ryan said.

*AONA continues to monitor and work with PPD on community policing within our neighborhood and our city.*

## Phoenix to allow more secondary homes on single-family lots

A package of zoning law changes approved by the Phoenix City Council provide many owners of single-family homes with new flexibility to construct secondary residences known as accessory dwelling units.

The measure approved Sept. 6 by the council on an 8-1 vote allows property in all areas zoned for single-family homes to also have an ADU, though certain conditions must be met.

ADUs have been known by a variety of names, including guest houses and casitas.

Here are key elements of how city officials say the ADU measure will work once it takes effect Nov. 6:

- Only one ADU can be built on a single-family lot.
- Construction of an ADU still requires a building permit.
- ADUs cannot be used for short-term rentals, but that prohibition doesn't apply to use of the main residences as an STR.
- An ADU on a lot covering up to 10,000 square feet could not be larger than 1,000 square feet. An ADU on a lot larger than 10,000 could be a maximum of 3,000 square feet, or 10% of the lot size.
- ADUs can't be taller than 15 feet unless a use permit is obtained for a greater height. The measure also includes setback requirements for ADUs.
- An ADU doesn't require additional parking spaces on the property. 🍊

## Bonds (Not James)



### City of Phoenix GO Bonds

This November, voters will have the opportunity to approve four separate bonds that may have an opportunity to have a wide-ranging impact on the city.

Bonds will address public safety, neighborhoods, economic development, affordable housing and senior centers.

**Big item for our neighborhood: Fire Station 13 (our station) would be rebuilt.**

It's among the city's oldest and busiest stations and would receive an upgrade.

**For more info, go to:**

<https://www.yesforphoenix.com>

### SUSD Override

Voters in the Scottsdale Unified School District will be voting on a budget override in November. Funds generated would be used to provide:

- Free, full-day Kindergarten
- Elementary Specials (Music, Band, Art, Strings, P.E.)
- Competitive Pay
- Current Class-Size Ratios

Overrides are for seven years. However, at year five, the override must be reapproved by voters or a 1/3 phase-down must begin. If approved, this would be a continuation of the 2019 voter-approved 15% M&O Override and would total \$22,350,888, with an estimated tax rate of \$0.33 per \$100 of net assessed valuation.

The M&O Override must be approved by November of 2024, or the phase-down of approximately \$7.3 million will begin in fiscal year 2025-2026.

**Learn more at [www.susd.org/Funding](http://www.susd.org/Funding)**

## Backyards are for the birds!



Birds love our neighborhood because of all the trees and irrigated lots. Still, these little guys need all the help we can give them. It's easy to add a bird bath (shaded, of course). And bird feeders are easy and fun. Just keep them filled and you'll have these fun visitors around all the time.

The Audobon Society has some great suggestions for bird-friendly backyards here:

<https://bit.ly/BirdFriendlyYards>



## Looking for a sign?

You've told us that you love these neighborhood signs that identify our community. Learn how you and your neighbors can sponsor a sign. Drop us a line, and we'll tell you about it.

**Email us at [aonainfo@gmail.com](mailto:aonainfo@gmail.com) to learn about sponsoring a sign topper on your corner.**



## What Does AONA Do? How Can You Do Your Part?

Our free, volunteer-driven association is based on two key principles: **connect our neighbors** and **protect our neighborhood** and its quality of life. We do that by staying abreast of happenings and issues that affect us all like zoning and development, public safety (fire and police) and social activities like the Fall Festival and other events.

### Neighborhood Association?

#### I didn't even know we had one!

Yeah, we get that more than we'd like. If you're new to the neighborhood, welcome!

We connect with people and groups on a regular basis, but unless it touches you, you might not know what we've been doing.

If you already know about AONA, you can help out by mentioning us to neighbors and getting them to sign up.

### What are some of the things AONA does in the neighborhood?

We host our annual **Fall Festival** with face painting, Phoenix Police and Fire Department staff and lots of kids running all over Arcadia Park.

We also work with Tavan PTO, Police, Fire, Zoning and Code Enforcement officials at the city on issues of local importance.

### Check out our website, Instagram or Facebook page (and post nice comments!)

### Why are you handing out a newsletter when you have a website & Facebook?

With more than 2,500 homes in our boundaries, it would be great to be able to rely solely on online communications.

Our neighborhood is changing and we don't want to neglect neighbors who aren't online.

### How do I connect with AONA?

Please sign up for our emails. We've conveniently added the QR code, below.

We only send out messages when there's info we think you want or need.

## City updates policy on Short Term Rentals

### Registration, notification, background checks for owners, renters now required

Short Term Rentals (AirBnB, VRBO and others are STRs) will now be required to meet higher standards with the City of Phoenix.

AONA and other city neighborhoods lobbied the city for improvements to protect neighbors and neighborhoods from problematic rental homes.

As a result, STR operators are now required to do the following:

- register the location with the city
- carry \$500,000 liability insurance
- owners undergo background checks
- owners to carry out background checks of renters to ensure renters are not convicted sex offenders
- requires owners to send notification of STR status to neighbors and neighborhood associations
- listing platforms (like AirBnB) must supply "verified listings" that meet certain standards prior to listing

There is a \$250 registration fee for the STR property owner; there is a \$1000 penalty per month for property owners who fail to register their rentals.

We think (and hope) that these measures will allow the city--and the neighborhoods like ours that compose it--to get a better handle on STRs. 🍊



## SCAN & SIGN UP for our emails

and you'll be in the know on local neighborhood issues like public safety, zoning and events. It's simple & easy and we won't litter your inbox and we won't share your information. Promise!

Sign up with your email at:

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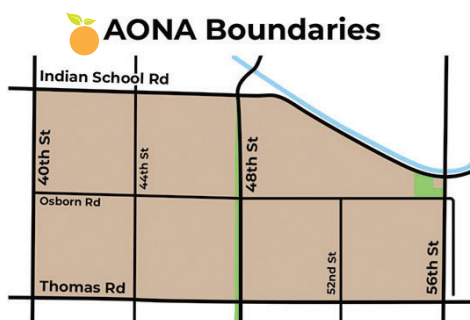
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### We would love to hear from you!

Interested in building a safer and more connected community? We're looking for volunteers to help with events, social media & fundraising. Email us!



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