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Pandemics can put a real crimp on our fun

Despite our optimism, we've had to accept reality and pull back from many planned events and activities. Here's our new "state of play."

Flexibility, patience and rescheduling

Think back one year and try to remember what we were all telling ourselves: "This COVID thing will be a pain, but we'll be over it soon."

Well, we don't need to summon Captain Obvious to know that our collective bad circumstances have lingered far longer than our imaginations were capable of.

Since last March, AONA has canceled or postponed a host of planned events and activities including our **Annual Meeting** and **Crime Prevention Night**, **Meet Your Neighbor in the Park** and **48th Street park cleanups**. We also had to scrap our **Fall 2020 picnic** and **2021 Neighborhood Garage Sale**, originally scheduled for late February.

Activities continue behind the scenes

AONA continues to focus on our core mission: to help **connect** neighbors with each other and with institutions in our area. We also seek to **protect** our neighborhood and its residents in public safety and neighborhood preservation.

We continue to address zoning issues that affect our neighborhood and city. We also submitted our application for our City of Phoenix Block Watch grant, which, among other things, allows us to

print this newsletter and distribute it to the 2,500 homes within our boundaries.

The key message to AONA neighbors

Our mission is to keep connecting and protecting residents to maintain our quality of life. We'll be ready to go when things are safe again. Hope you'll be there with us. 🍊



Virtual Voyage:

Visit the World's Best Art Museums

Get outta dodge and visit the world's great museums with incredible online tours. Go from L.A. to Chicago to Paris to Florence to St. Petersburg to N.Y. Gain a new appreciation for the finest art on the planet, without the frequent flyer miles—or the peanuts.

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How to Report Suspicious Activity

Active participation by citizens dramatically improves crime prevention by law enforcement. Police often tell us that we know our neighborhood and what looks out of place. Here's a quick look at what you should do if you think something "isn't right."

WHO did you see?

First describe "things that can't easily change" such as: age, race or skin tone, gender, hair, scars, marks, tattoos. Then, describe their clothing from top to bottom. If a car is involved, describe the car's: color, year, make, model, body (2- or 4-door, SUV, truck, wagon, etc.), license number (write down or memorize) and state. Any vehicle damage?

WHAT did you see? Try to give a description of what is happening including why is it suspicious. Did the person say anything? Any weapons displayed? Was anything taken?

WHEN you saw it

Check the time before you call; let the call taker know when it happened.

WHERE it occurred Is it happening at a home? A business? In a car? Is the suspect walking or driving away? In which direction? On which street? **IMPORTANT:** Provide the location.

WHY it's suspicious Are you hearing unusual noises like screaming, fighting or glass breaking? Seeing people peering into car or home windows?

CALL 9-1-1 for serious crimes such as life-threatening emergencies, crimes in progress, medical issues, fires, or any situation where there is a potential for violence.

CALL Crime Stop 602.262.5151 for non-emergencies, like reporting a property crime or accident.

You're the Top! You're a street sign topper*

AONA is pleased to announce a new project to attach "sign toppers" to street signs at key corners in our neighborhood. We're hoping these signs help identify our neighborhood boundaries and instill a sense of pride in our community. But first, we need your help in choosing the final design! Please head to www.arcadiaosbornphx.com/sign-toppers to cast your vote by **March 31!** We are so excited and are looking forward to rolling these out later this year.

*With apologies to Cole Port 😊



Community Action Officer Drew Loper



Officer Drew Loper is the Community Action Officer (CAO) for AONA and is our direct contact to Phoenix Police Mountain View Precinct.

Officer Loper is a 19-year veteran with PPD and is the recipient of two Distinguished Service awards and a Community-Based Policing award. We value his ongoing attention and service to our neighborhood.

His jokes? Not so much. 😊

Reach him at drew.loper@phoenix.gov

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We would love to hear from you!

Interested in building a safer and more connected community? We are looking for volunteers to help with social media & fundraising. Let us know.

AONA Boundaries 🍊



Home Hazardous Waste Pick Up

No, we're not talking about your 10-year-old's bedroom. It's a new, 6-month pilot program for household hazardous waste (HHW). Schedule your pick up and put out the materials on your scheduled day.

Just follow these three steps:

- Have your **current city services bill, account number and associated address** available when scheduling.

- **Put your HHW in containers:** All items must be secured in sealed leakproof containers, and then placed in a box clearly labeled "HHW". Safely place leaky items in a labeled, sealed, leakproof container to avoid spills.

- **Placement:** Place the box of items outside next to your garage or front door, clearly visible and accessible for pick up. **DO NOT** place any HHW at the curb, in the street or on the sidewalk.

NOTE: All HHW items will be collected between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Put items out for collection by 7 a.m. on your scheduled day.

For more info, follow this link:
www.bit.ly/PhoenixHHW



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Since 1997, AONA works to connect neighbors & protect our community through information & advocacy.