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Summer 2022

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## What's up in our part of the world

*More info on connecting with our neighbors and protecting our quality of life and the neighbors who reside here.*

### 56th & Thomas: Now, it's a go

Back in March, we told you how we thought a new 40-unit apartment development was coming to the north-west corner of 56th St. and Thomas Rd. It was denied by a hearing officer, and then overturned and granted on appeal. The roughly 2-acre site that's been vacant for the past decade will be developed by Hawkins Companies of Boise, Idaho. AONA and neighbors worked with the developer who heard our concerns and addressed some of them in an open manner. We'll let you know when construction is to begin.



### 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.

### City Council District 6 election this year

In 2022, several elections, including state and federal, will take place. There's also City Council races for districts 2, 4, 6 and 8 (who-do-we-appreciate...but I digress). Ours is District 6.

City Council members can be an important resource for neighbors and neighborhoods on many things, from the delivery of infrastructure services to positions on zoning and rezoning.

While AONA will not declare a preference due to its non-profit, 501(c)3 status, we will keep you updated about the elections including voter registration, the November general election and, if necessary, a March runoff in 2023.

### 56th St. improvement project

For several years, AONA, in partnership with Arcadia Camelback Mountain N.A. (ACMNA), has been working with the City on a plan to improve traffic flow and safety on 56th St. from Thomas to Camelback. The project is finally moving forward with funding for the design and plans from the Street Transportation Department. For more info, ACMNA has a description and timeline of the project.

Link: [www.acmna.org/56th-street](http://www.acmna.org/56th-street) 

## Summer Safety Tips

*So you're going out of town this summer? Great. Just remember these tips to keep your home safe.*

- Before you leave: **Have good locks on all doors and windows**, and USE THEM!
- **Ask a neighbor to watch the house while you're away.** Leave your vacation contact info with family or a neighbor so you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- **Never** leave your house keys hidden outside your home.
- **Stop all deliveries**, or arrange for a neighbor to pick up your mail, newspapers and packages.
- **Arrange for someone** to mow your lawn & maintain the yard to give the home a lived-in look.
- **Plug in timers** to turn lights and a radio or television on and off at appropriate times. This helps to disguise that you are away.
- **If you have a landline**, turn the bell or ringer on your telephone down low. If a burglar is around, he won't be alerted to your absence by a ringing phone.
- **Don't announce** your absence on voice mail or social media.
- **Leave blinds, shades and curtains in a normal position.** Don't close them unless that is what you do when you are home.
- **Close and lock garage doors and windows.** Ask a neighbor to occasionally park their car at your home as you normally would.
- **Secure** storage sheds, attic entrances and gates.
- **Let your neighbors know to call the police for suspicious activity.** They should call 9-1-1 and let the officers check it out.

*Have a safe and happy summer!*

## He May Be the Richest Man in Arcadia

If wealth is measured in selfless acts, good deeds and friendships, our buddy Paul Barnes is surely a very wealthy man. Just consider Paul's resume, and you'll see what we mean. He was a founding member of Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association. He served on the Camelback East Village Planning Committee and was elected its Chairman.

One of his lasting legacies was helping to write the Arcadia Camelback Special Planning District overlay, which helps maintain the residential character within ACMNA's boundaries.

When Arcadia Osborn Neighborhood Association was forming in 1997, Paul served as a resource for neighbors in helping to grow our fledgling organization. In 2012, he was named Arizona Citizen Planner of the Year by the state chapter of the American Planning Association.



*Paul Barnes has been an advocate for neighbors and neighborhoods across Phoenix and especially in Arcadia for more than 40 years.*

AONA residents may also know Paul from St. Theresa's Parish, where he serves as an usher. He also values serving with his fellow parishioners on St. Theresa's chapter of St. Vincent de Paul, providing direct temporary assistance to people in need in our area.

Perhaps the most significant thing Paul has contributed over the years has been his mentorship of countless citizens seeking to understand the process and effects of urban planning on neighborhoods and our quality of life.

Former Arizona Attorney General and Phoenix Mayor Terry Goddard called Paul "The Lion of Arcadia." We agree. Many of us have heard Paul's roar at public hearings, yet his gracious nature belies that fact. As an honorary member of the AONA Board, Paul continues his active service and support of our cause.

For all you've done, for all you do, thank you, Paul.

## Mark Your Calendar!

*Make note of these meetings, activities and events in the 'hood*



### Fall Festival Planning Committee

**Tuesday, June 7 @ 6 pm**

**First Chinese Baptist Church**

**4910 E. Earll Rd.**

Last fall, nearly 1000 people came out to celebrate our neighborhood. We're looking for volunteers to help plan and staff it. Come join us. No experience necessary!

### Arcadia Fourth of July Parade

**Monday, July 4 @ 8 am**

**Corner of Jokake & E. Calle Tuberia**

Neighbors, families and kids can walk, skate board, ride decorated bikes, baby strollers, flag-adorned golf carts, floats and unique vehicles.

### Fourth of July Fireworks Viewing

**Monday, July 4 @ 7:30 pm**

**Corner of 52nd St. & E. Osborn Rd.**

Barry & Joan Paceley open their sprawling front yard to watch the fireworks from Arizona Country Club. Fireworks begin after dusk.

### AONA Board meeting

**Tuesday, August 9 @ 6 pm**

**First Chinese Baptist Church**

**4910 E. Earll Rd.**

It's our first in-person, open-to-the public meeting since the pandemic.

### AONA Fall Festival

**Sat., November 12, 11 am to 2 pm**

**Arcadia Park**

**56th St. & E. Osborn Rd.**

Come out for a day in the park with kids' activities, local institutions, local vendors and lots of neighbors. Face painting, food and fun for all.

## Water Levels Are Low...

With water allocations from the Colorado River being reduced and declining levels at Lake Powell and Lake Mead, here are a few tips on ways to conserve your residential water usage.

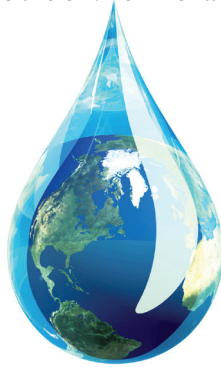
### From the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR)

ADWR encourages and promotes the wise and efficient use of water through the development and distribution of conservation resources and tools, water conservation assistance to individuals and communities, participation in outreach activities, as well as collaboration with regional and national conservation partners.

Practicing a low water-use lifestyle is a way everyone can help ensure a long-term, sustainable water supply. Reducing your water use helps meet future needs, results in cost savings, decreases energy use, and helps preserve the environment.

### Conservation Information from ADWR:

- Water conservation tips: [bit.ly/ADWRConservationTips](https://bit.ly/ADWRConservationTips)
- Landscaping tips to save water: [bit.ly/ConserveWaterLandscaping](https://bit.ly/ConserveWaterLandscaping)
- Here's info on new technologies to save water: [bit.ly/WaterConservationTech](https://bit.ly/WaterConservationTech)
- And an assortment of public resources for water conservation, including a kids' education page : [bit.ly/AZWaterPublicResources](https://bit.ly/AZWaterPublicResources)



## AONA needs your input with our first neighborhood-wide survey

Do you find yourself pining for the days when, decked out in his best three piece suit, original Family Feud host Richard Dawson would exclaim: "Survey says..."? Nah. Me neither. But we need your input, and we're counting on a survey to help.

### Let's have a conversation

One of the key things for a neighborhood association is to get to see and speak with people face to face. Our chances for those conversations has been reduced considerably by the pandemic. Social media can help, but it doesn't replace direct feedback from neighbors about their neighborhood. That's where a survey comes in.

### Survey via email later in summer

We're preparing a survey that will come out sometime later in the summer. Anyone who lives within AONA's boundaries is welcome to submit a response. We want to know things such as what you like or dislike about our neighborhood. What neighborhood activities do you participate in? What motivates you to want to participate in neighborhood issues & activities? Where can we get the perfect donut? (This is important stuff!)

**Please keep an eye out for our first AONA resident survey via email. Your help and input is greatly appreciated.**

## We've got the 4-1-1 on... Phoenix's new 3-1-1 app



A new app called **MyPHX311** allows residents to pay City Services bills and request city services.

The new mobile app is a complement to the recently upgraded version of "PHX At Your Service" web portal (now [Phoenix.gov/myPHX311](https://Phoenix.gov/myPHX311)).

Once you download the app, you can create an account to access most of the features available. It's available for download for both iOS and Android.

Get the app: [www.bit.ly/PHX311app](https://www.bit.ly/PHX311app)



## ...And a 5-1-1 app from ADOT

Real-time highway conditions are available on ADOT's Arizona Traveler Information site at [az511.gov](https://az511.gov) or by calling 5-1-1. When a freeway closure or other major traffic event occurs, the free app for ADOT Alerts, available at [ADOTAlerts.com](https://ADOTAlerts.com), will send critical information directly to app users and, when possible, notice of alternate routes.

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## Meet Our New Precinct Commander



**Meet Commander Jeff Fields**-- Recently promoted Commander **Jeff Fields** (center) is the new head of our Mountain View precinct, home to more than 230,000 people. Fields will be responsible for more than 225 officers and civilian staff. Commander Fields is a 27 year veteran of the department. He previously served as Mountain View's Resource Lieutenant and on PPD's Professional Standards Bureau. During his service, Fields has received numerous awards, including the department's Lifesaving Award an incredible *five* times. He says he's a 'huuuge' fan of Disneyland and all things Ohio State University. At his promotion in the photo above, he's flanked by Assistant Chief **Mike Kurtenbach** (l.) and Police Chief **Jeri Williams** (r.). The two people taking photos in the foreground are Fields' parents, who he credited with instilling in him a sense of duty and service. Please join us in welcoming Commander Fields.

## We don't want to leave you in the dark about park light poles

Our 48th Street linear park is a popular walking path and a great asset to our AONA neighborhood.

Some of you may have noticed that the lights in the park were out a couple of months ago. That's because thieves were stealing the copper wiring to the lights. (A shout out to the AONA neighbors who spotted something suspicious and called 9-1-1. Thieves had left by the time police arrived.)

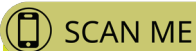
City Parks Dept. reps think they've solved the problem by adding a steel plate over the access panels. They've also added big rocks as a backup. Consider yourself, er, illuminated on the subject. 😊



## SCAN THIS CODE

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. Promise!

*PLUS: Everyone who's signed up via email will get to participate in our upcoming summer survey.*



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Visit AONA at our website:  
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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. Email us.

### AONA Boundaries



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