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Ready to feel good again? We are!

Time to get back to seeing people and meeting neighbors. We're looking to find ways to help connect neighbors and protect the 'hood.

It's getting better all the time

Though we're not talking about the Beatles' song, it does feel that way. We're starting to take our masks off, and, thankfully, the number of deaths and cases from COVID have continued to decline here and elsewhere. Air travel is back for many of us and get togethers with friends are happening more often.

Next up: meeting, greeting neighbors

Our ongoing goal is to connect neighbors and protect the quality of life in our neighborhood. AONA is looking at the coming year (from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) as a way for all of us--

individually and as a community--to come together and enjoy the benefits of living in a desirable neighborhood. If you're signed up with us for our email alerts, or follow us on Facebook or Instagram, you know that we try to keep you in the loop on a variety of matters of civic interest.


Nothing beats a good, fun picnic

We'd like nothing more than for neighbors to come out of their homes and meet up with other neighbors, with Police and Fire Department personnel and city officials. The best way that we know to do this is at our Fall picnic. It's October 30, and we'll remind you again.

So how do you want to engage?

In a world where everyone is busy, we hope that you find a way to carve out some time to be a part of the place where we live. On the Fourth of July, come watch the fireworks on the lawn of Barry and Joan Pacely (*see article*). Or attend the Arcadia Fourth parade in the morning (*see article*). We're looking at some other fun neighborhood events (and maybe a couple of events focused on food!).

And if you're not already onboard, be sure to sign up for our emails.

See ya around the 'hood. 

Party time!

Volunteer for our annual AONA Fall picnic Sat., October 30, 2021

Food, fun, facepainting, friends. We're looking to put on a pre-Halloween picnic for everyone. We just need some help to make it all happen. No experience necessary!

Email us at aonainfo@gmail.com to help us put on a neighborhood party.

Sign of the times



You may have started to see these popping up around the neighborhood. We are putting up these beautiful signs to give our streets some needed 'pop.' These signs will help promote a sense of pride in our neighborhood and increase community awareness.

To help AONA do the kinds of things we want to do around here--like community events, the newsletters and neighborhood advocacy--we're looking to raise needed funds.

That's where these sign toppers come in: they're a fundraiser. Want to help generate money to help our cause? Want a sign topper on your street corner?

Send us an email and we'll tell you how you can help the cause, make a tax deductible donation and get a street sign topper. Interested? Drop us a line at aonainfo@gmail.com.



AONA's first sign topper placed at 52nd Street and Osborn Road.

The Fourth, Arcadia and The PACELEYS

All these things go together. For years, Joan and Barry Paceley have made their front lawn at 52nd St. and Osborn the place to be on the evening of the Fourth of July. That's because the lawn of the Paceley's historic home has a perfect view of the fireworks at Arizona Country Club just a few blocks away. Just to be safe this year, no food or shared beverages are provided. And the usual bounce house for the kids will be scrapped. But come out with your own snacks, beverages, blankets and lawn chairs to have a great viewing spot to celebrate Independence Day. C'mon down, starting at 7:30 pm.



Barry and Joan Paceley are perennial Fourth of July neighborhood hosts.

Arcadia Fourth of July Parade--8 am start

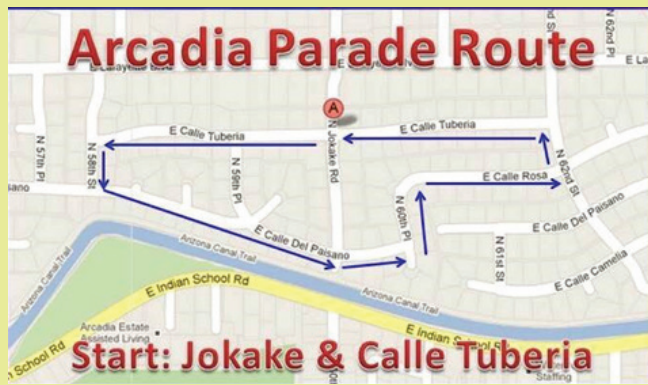
WHERE: Parade lines up at 3861 N. Jokake at Calle Tuberia

WHEN: Coffee, bagels @ 7:30 am. Bottled water, too!

PROGRAM: Opening with Purple Heart Veterans hosting the National Anthem and Troop 6 Boy Scouts leading the Pledge of Allegiance at 8am

PARADE: Neighbors, families and kids can participate by walking, skate boarding, riding decorated bikes, baby strollers, flag-adorned golf carts, floats and unique vehicles.

A COOL ENDING: Cool off at the parade's ending with Phoenix Fire Department's fire hose spray down!



Neighborhood partners: ACMNA

Even neighborhood groups have neighbors. There are few big things that any of us does alone, and that goes for our neighborhood association, too. Our organizations work together on city issues like zoning, policing and fun community stuff like the Fourth of July. Thank you to our friends to the north!

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!

Prepare for it: Road trips when the weather is HOT, HOT, HOT

Plan ahead for warmer weather travel on Arizona's highways. Take these hints from ADOT for safer road travel this summer.

Being prepared is being safe

It's always a good idea to prepare an emergency kit for your car. It makes extra sense during the summer heat.

Pack items that help keep you comfortable and safer in case your vehicle breaks down or if traffic is stopped due to crashes, disabled vehicles or wildfires.

Some of the items to pack for warmer weather travel:

- Extra **drinking water** in case an unscheduled stop in traffic occurs. Packing water on ice in a cooler is also a good idea.
- Fully charged **mobile device** and **charger**.
- An extra **blanket** or two. You can use it to kneel on (instead of hot asphalt!) when changing a tire. Blankets are good to have on hand as a first aid supply.
- A well-stocked **first aid kit**.
- **Hats, sunglasses, sunscreen** and an extra set of **loose-fitting cotton clothing**.
- **Umbrella** for use in sun or rain.
- A paper **road map**, in case cell service is not available.
- Adequate amount of **prescription medications**.
- Healthy **snack foods**.
- **Flashlight**, extra batteries.

Take steps to limit problems with your vehicle. Get your engine fluid levels, fan belts and tire pressure checked to avoid spending time on a lonely stretch of highway. Proper tire pressure is important for reducing the risk of a blowout in hot weather. Also, check the condition of your windshield wipers and replace if needed.

Resources from ADOT

Real-time highway conditions are available on ADOT's Arizona Traveler Information site at 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, will send critical information directly to app users and, when possible, notice of alternate routes.

Get the app: www.bit.ly/ADOTAlertsApp 🍊

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Our fall picnic is a mid-day celebration of our neighborhood and the people in it. We're looking to put on a pre-Halloween picnic for everyone. We just need some help to make it all happen. No experience necessary!

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To all of our neighborhood students (and their patient parents!):



Have a great summer. You earned it!



Not permitted: Feather signs, sandwich boards

You'll see these signs all over. They're colorful, inexpensive and easy to order from sign shops. They are also not permitted under the Phoenix sign code.

Signs are regulated by the city so as to prevent a visual overload of clutter. Sandwich boards advertising shops or products are also not allowed. However, directional signs used for open houses by realtors are permitted. To our realtor friends: please keep signs off the sidewalk where kids, grandparents with strollers or physically challenged people can safely walk. 🍊



In-person library visits are back

You don't have to remember the original CBS Hawaii Five-0 series to know that our Phoenix Public Library is back for in-person visits. You can go select your next pageturner. Now, all we need is a Hawaiian beach to lounge on. Mahalo!

If you'd rather, curbside pickup is still available. Learn more here:

www.bit.ly/PhxCurbsideBooks

Well, that's one way to do a rebuild



May 5 SWAT training in the neighborhood-- Active training is a vital component for the Phoenix Police Department (PPD) and for SWAT teams. This training session took place at a home that was to be demolished and rebuilt. The owner agreed to allow PPD to conduct the half-day session on site. PPD and the SWAT team thanked us. Be glad you weren't the one who had to clean it up. 😊

Hey neighbor! Don't be a stranger!

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 **Annual Picnic** or **Meet Your Neighbor in the Park** events. To do that successfully, we need you to engage in a way that works for you. Check out the options below. And if you're already signed up, get your neighbor to sign up, too.

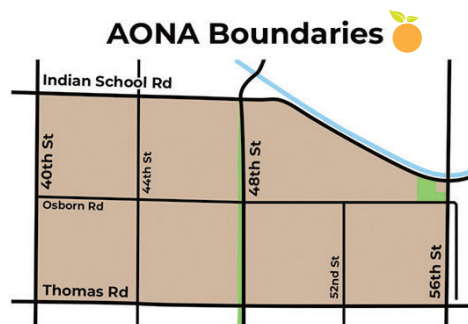
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We would love to hear from you!

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



The best day for the U.S. is a 'ruff' day for dogs

More dogs go missing on July 4th than on any other day of the year. Plan ahead to keep 'em safe.



- Make sure your dog is microchipped.
- Leave your dog at home, inside.
- Feed and walk your dog earlier to avoid the fireworks.
- Avoid the boom: turn on radio or TV for background.
- Don't take your dog out right after fireworks end—the pups are still nervous.
- Don't leave your dog in a car unattended.
- Don't leave dogs outside. Dogs can dig under and jump over many fences.

**Think ahead.
Keep dogs safe!**

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