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## How Will You Spend Summer in the 'Hood?

We hope you're doing well in what can only be described as challenging times. In this issue, we wanted to 'keep it light' and share a few ideas that will help you connect with neighbors & friends safely.

### Visit an Arcadia Little Library

In the past three months we have all had to adjust to being home and disconnected from the world.

During these times we have picked up new hobbies, learned to cook, and grown closer to our families. Arcadians have come together, while social distancing, to protect our neighbors and our loved ones.



The past months we have seen an outpouring of love and shared responsibility. Throughout the neighborhood we have spotted food tables, bookshelves full of young adult literature, and little libraries providing everything from books to puzzles, to cleaning supplies, and

more. These little libraries are the pulse of the neighborhood; they provide comfort to those seeking an escape.

How they work is quite simple: if you are looking for a book and find one you are interested in, take it! If you have a book that you are finished with and would like to share it, place it in a little library. The library steward will take care of the rest.

If you have not had the opportunity to visit a little library and participate in the giving or receiving, take a moment, when you see one out driving around, to look inside. You might find an unexpected surprise with your name written all over it!

*To locate a little library, use the link below to find one near you.*

[tinyurl.com/AONAlibraries](https://tinyurl.com/AONAlibraries)

## Summer Safety Tips

This summer may be different than others in recent memory. Still, take steps to protect your home with these tips:

- 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 911 and let the officers check it out.

*Have a safe and happy summer!*

# 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 **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.

## 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.

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

Last fall, we had a great turnout for our annual **Community Picnic** with food, face painting, Phoenix Police and Fire Department staff and lots of kids running all over Arcadia Park.

We hold monthly **'Meet Your Neighbor in the Park'** events on the 48th St. park. In February, we organized a **community wide yard sale** with some 40 neighbors participating and had great results.

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

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## We would love to hear from you!

Do you have an event or activity you would like to promote? Interested in building a safer and more connected community? Let us know.

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

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

And when we can be social (in person) again, you can join in on a volunteer event or committee.



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## AONA Boundaries



## Board, Not Bored

Social distancing got you bored? Tired having to facetime far away relatives and friends? Want to try something new? Well, Tabletopia may just be the answer you need.

**Tabletopia** is a website where you can play all your favorite board games with people on the other side of the valley, the country or the world.

**More than 1,000 games are available for free!** And--when you sign up for the premium version--you can even play top name games like **Monopoly** and **Parchesi**--and yes, even **Chutes and Ladders** for the little ones. Let cousins meet and battle it out in **Candyland**.

It's a great resource for families and friends to stay connected, laugh together and have fun. And it's definitely more fun than a work meeting on Zoom!

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