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History of the Arcadia Osborn Neighborhood Association

The Arcadia Osborn Neighborhood Association was incorporated in 1997. Boundaries– from 40th. St. to 56th. Street; and from Indian School Rd. to Thomas Rd. Membership in the association is voluntary. There are no fees for being a member.

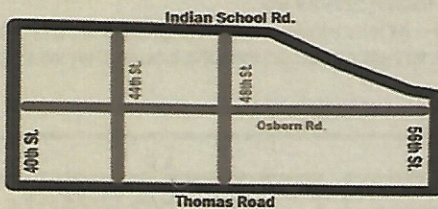


The Old Crosscut Canal was built in 1888. It ran parallel to what is now 48th Street. The canal was an irrigation ditch that provided water to citrus orchards, and other farms. It was replaced in 1912 by the New Crosscut Canal that runs along 64th. St. That canal provides both irrigation water and hydro-electric power. When it opened, the Old Crosscut Canal became a flood prevention ditch to carry rainwater out of neighborhoods from Camelback Mountain and south, all the way to the Salt River.

The association was formed as a result of neighbors coming together to oppose the extension of the 143 Freeway north up 48th. St. from McDowell Rd. to Indian School Rd. Those neighbors convinced the City of Phoenix and the Army Corp of Engineers to end the proposed freeway at McDowell, rather than cut the south end of the Arcadia community in half. The City's plan was to run the old canal through a pipe under the new freeway.

The Old Crosscut Canal is now buried beneath the park we all know today as the Old Crosscut Canal Park that parallels 48th. Street from Indian School Rd. to McDowell Rd. Thanks to the Arcadia Osborn Neighborhood Association founders, the area was not bisected by a six-lane freeway. Today, neighbors enjoy a beautiful park that is an asset for everyone.

AONA Boundaries



AONA's Mission

"Enhancing the quality of life for the residents of our community through awareness of relevant issues and by promoting community involvement"

In an AONA meeting some neighbors were asked to use words that define our community. Below are some words that group wrote:

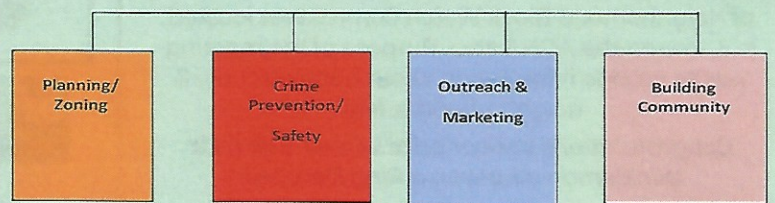
Clean– Green– Safe– Walkable– Convenient– Pet Friendly– Restaurants– Shops– Shady– Close– Family – Parks– Trees– Nice Houses– Near Downtown and freeways– Growing– Threatened– Changing– Irrigated lots– Good Schools– Prosperous– Healthy– Suburbs in the City– Best

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AONA Committees



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56th St.

5600 E



Attend the Design meeting to be held on Wednesday September 26th. at 7 PM in the auditorium at Veritas School

Over the past few years 56th St has moved from a quiet local street to a major collector roadway that thousands of vehicles are using daily as a pass-through on their way to & from the 202 Fwy, the 143 Fwy, downtown Phoenix, Scottsdale, the Airport, & other locations. Neighbors who live on 56th St or on intersecting streets are finding it more & more difficult to get in & out of their local streets, or to cross or merge onto 56th St. In 2017, AONA joined forces with our neighbors, the Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association (ACMNA), & applied for a Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Grant to begin a study of ways to moderate speed, reduce the volume of traffic on 56th St & make it much safer for school children, pedestrians, bicycles, & others who are traveling between Camelback Rd & Thomas Rd on 56th St.

The first two community outreach meetings were held at the Prince of Peace Church, & at Veritas School. During the first meeting, the consultants reviewed the scope of the project, discussed known issues, gave examples of solutions, & collected feedback. The final meeting will be held at Veritas School at 7 PM on Wednesday, September 26th. It will be followed by recommendations that will be sent to the Streets Department & the City Council for approval & financing of a "Complete Streets" upgrade of 56th St. **Come out to participate in & learn what will happen & how you can provide input on the design.**

For more information go to phoenix.gov/streets/56thstreet

AONA Accomplishments

The following are some projects AONA members worked on to help our neighborhoods & others during this year:

- **No Digital Billboard** – Stopped the proposed digital billboard at 42nd St & Indian School Rd
- **Low Density Project** – Lot at 44th St & Indianola Ave will become a Hospice of the Valley facility instead of high density apartments a developer wanted to build
- **56th St MAG Grant Awarded** – See article above
- **Adopt-A-Street** – Neighbors gathered to pick up trash on 48th St between Thomas Rd & Indian School Rd
- **Stopped Overbuilding** – AONA worked with neighbors in the 3800 block of E Glenrosa Ave to halt construction of a house that was built over the setback lines
- **Block Watch Forum** – See article below

AONA Spring 2018 Block Watch Forum



On Saturday, March 10, 2018 AONA convened a meeting of Neighborhood Block Watch Committees located in & around the AONA area. Purpose of the meeting was to provide information about home security & neighborhood safety.

Congratulations to door prize winner Erik & Liz Winkleman who won a Ring Doorbell.

AONA looks forward to seeing everyone at our next Area-Wide Block Watch Forum.

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For real emergencies,
always call 911

Non-Emergency police response
Crime Stop: 602-262-6151

For chronic homeless issues
Phoenix CARES: 602-262-6251

Code compliance issues at
vacant properties: **602-262-7844**

For graffiti removal:
blight@phoenix.gov

Coming Events

Sept 19, 6 PM - AONA Board & Community Meeting
The First Chinese Baptist Church
4910 E Earll Dr

Sept 26, 7 PM - 56th St Design Review Meeting
Veritas School 3102 N 56th St

Oct 13, 2-5 PM - AONA/ACMNA GAIN Picnic
Shemer Art Centergrounds
5005 E Camelback Rd



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