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### DECIPHERING CRAFT BEER

Several have asked about the Craft Beer that was served at the ACHOA Music on the Lawn event. Brasserie St James provided the beverages that everyone enjoyed.



### ARROWCREEK SHINE WINNERS

Let it Snow, and Let it Shine! ArrowCreek did shine, more than ever. And, for the first time, it snowed, just in time for Shine judging.



### AN ARROWCREEK LOVE STORY

It all began as a blind date set up by friends. Those matchmakers apparently knew what they were doing, as the two quickly became inseparable and will celebrate 60 years of marriage in June.



### MULE DEER IN ARROWCREEK

For more than fifteen years I have watched many small herds of mule deer come up from the aspen and willow lined Evans Creek canyon to mosey across our property in ArrowCreek as they make their way down to the Steamboat Ditch area and back again.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM  
THE ARROWCREEK BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
ACHOA COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS AND ACHOA STAFF

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' NOTE

Like 2020, 2021 continued to throw up hurdles in front of “normal” ACHOA operations. COVID and the directives from the various agencies required day to day changes in both short term and long-term planning. For the first time in several years, we avoided fires near or at (or through) our doorstep but instead were blanketed with smoke throughout the summer. A late season snowstorm dropped four feet of snow in two days and had our plows running 24/7 to keep the roads clear.

With that, we overcame and are thriving. For the third year in a row, our operations will be in the black, carrying the required 2 months of “emergency” funds and a surplus carryover on top of that. Much of that credit goes to our exceptional GM Scott Peterlin.

Our Reserve Fund exceeded projections by \$400k and is well within our charter requirements. In an extremely tight labor market, we had little staff turnover, and completed several beautification projects and irrigation system upgrades in addition to our normal maintenance workload.

With those strong financials, despite an inflationary economy, your Board was able to keeps dues the same as 2020.

Undaunted by COVID and smoke, our Social Committee took a reschedule of their “Music on the Lawn” in stride and gave the community an exceptional event. Demand for the Christmas Party far exceeded expectations, what had been a 275-person event became a 400+ person event.

ArrowCreek has become, in an exceptionally “hot” real estate market, exceptional. Inventory by volume, time from listing to closing, and appreciation outstripped

every other comparable area in our market. The effect the remodeling of The Club at Arrowcreek (“The Club”) will have on our community will be very positive. The Club along with the ACHOA’s reasonable monthly assessments (“dues”) to amenities and services ratio, makes the ArrowCreek subdivision one of the most desirable communities to live within for Northern Nevada.

As we know, markets and trends change. While we are well positioned financially, it is highly likely inflation will require a monthly assessment increase in 2023. Fire remains our biggest threat, we completed all our scheduled defensible space evaluations in 2021, but our Fuels Committee continues to work with the various area agencies to further reduce our exposure. A downturn in the real estate market is inevitable; we need to continue to modernize and improve our amenities to keep pace with our competition.

As of this writing, a new Board has yet to be determined. Regardless of the outcome of the election, we will be losing a two term Director and one term Vice President in Jim Keller who has decided to focus on his full-time job and his family. And the community will be losing Morgan and Joyce White. Both volunteered on numerous committees, Morgan serving four years on the Board and two years as President.

It is this kind of selfless giving back that makes ArrowCreek special and gives us confidence that regardless of what 2022 may throw at us, we will continue to be the best place to live, work, and play.

*Board of Directors*

## ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS AND BOARD OFFICE RESULTS

The ArrowCreek Board of Directors sponsored a successful “Meet the Candidate’s Night” on November 11, 2021. Seven of the eight Board candidates responded to prepared questions and community questions during a Zoom Meeting. The two-hour meeting averaged over 65 community members participating making this one of best attended candidates night for the Association. Gary Jacobson and Kurt Bickel as the moderators kept the meeting moving and maintained a high interest level for all attendees. Positive statements and clear open responses were provided by the candidates. Community members were reminded to send in their secret ballots for the counting on December 7, 2021.

There were three (3) open board positions. The candidates were Mark Aston, Stan Jaeger, Charlie Shalvoy, Kendrick Bratcher,

Patrick McKenna, Caryn Olson, Dan Vicini, and Charlie Dickinson. Kurt Bickel, Rick Hsu, Joyce Seelen, and Gary Jacobson remain current Board members. Their director’s position will be up for election in 2022.

The election ballots were counted Tuesday on December 7, 2021, starting at 9:00 AM by the Association’s Independent Auditor, McClintock Accountancy. There were 439 valid ballots and 16 invalid Ballots received. The following community volunteers were voted to serve on the ACHOA Board of Directors: (1) Caryn Olson with 223 votes; (2) Mark Aston with 201 votes; and (3) Stan Jaeger with 186 votes. The results for the remaining candidates are as follows:

Kendrick Bratcher with 185 votes.  
Charlie Shalvoy with 166 votes.  
Dan Vicini with 113 votes.  
Patrick McKenna with 109 votes.  
Charles Dickinson with 105 votes.

The other four Board of Directors continue

to serve the last year of their term. The Community thanks the other candidates that were not elected and encourage them to continue to volunteer in some other capacity for the Association.

The newly elected Board had a short meeting after the Annual Meeting to vote upon the 2022 Leadership for the Community. The following will be our 2022 Elected Officers for the Association:

President	Kurt Bickel
Vice President	Rick Hsu
Treasurer	Gary Jacobson
Secretary	Joyce Seelen
Directors	Mark Aston Caryn Olson Stan Jaeger

Thank you for your commitment to our community for 2022! We all should give this new board and officers our support during 2022. They are running one of the best communities in Northern Nevada with great staff and great support from our Community Manager, Associa Sierra North.

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**THANK YOU, BOARD MEMBERS - MORGAN WHITE & JIM KELLER**

The ACHOA Community would like to thank Morgan White and Jim Keller for their volunteer service on the ACHOA Board of Directors for the period December 2017 to December 2021. Your service in making the ArrowCreek Homeowners Association one of the best in Northern Nevada is much appreciated. You deserve your ArrowCreek Arrow for all that you have done on the Board and on the Advisory Committees for the Board. The ArrowCreek Arrows were presented to Morgan and Jim at the Annual Holiday Party in the new Events Center at The Club At ArrowCreek. Over 400 community members witnessed the presentation by Vice President Kurt Bickel.

Morgan and his wife Joyce White (Joyce D. Nash, PhD), an accomplished and published writer, will be missed around the community since they are moving to Idaho. Joyce was a very active member of the Communications Committee and helped to get articles into the ArrowCreek View news magazine. Morgan and Joyce, please enjoy your two children and six grandchildren.

During his time on the Board Jim wanted to make sure that the youth of our community were not forgotten members of the ACHOA. He has been a strong advocate for the children in ArrowCreek. He has worked on the Social, Communications,

and Reserve Committees and developed an understanding of their roles in making the ACHOA one of the best community associations in Nevada. Jim is not leaving the community and you may see him on a run or playing in the park with his daughter. Say hello and thank him for his time on the ACHOA Board.

The ACHOA continues to grow, and new Board talent will come in and continue the excellent reputation of the Board as perpetuated by Morgan and Jim. They will be missed but the ACHOA Board will continue to improve to make ArrowCreek a Premier Northern Nevada community.

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# Marble Ridge

## PRESSURE REDUCING STATION PROJECT

Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) has recently constructed the Marble Ridge Pressure Reducing Station at the intersection of ArrowCreek Parkway East and Marble Ridge Court. The project responded to customer concerns regarding high water pressure, water hammer, and noise.

TMWA received customer feedback concerning high water pressures in March of 2021 and the existing Pressure Release Valve (PRV) was struggling. TMWA investigated the matter and identified that the existing PRV was struggling to reduce the pressure

consistently. TMWA immediately acted and started a Capital Improvement project to improve the Marble Ridge Regulator Zone for consistent water pressure.

TMWA mechanics, operators, and engineers collaborated on improvements to address reported issues and add system redundancy and reliability. The Marble Ridge PRV went into service on November 19, 2021. TMWA appreciates the collaboration and responsiveness of the ArrowCreek HOA representatives to quickly implement this upgrade.



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Top questions will be published in the *ArrowCreek View*.

Thanks for staying informed!

## ASK THE MANAGER



This was not a true question, but was a change made to the ACHOA rules and fine policy. The changes were disclosed in the Annual Members Meeting letter, but we wanted to cover all bases, so it is included here as well.

Just a reminder that, in addition to the rules themselves, the rule enforcement process and fines that could be assessed for violations are detailed in the ACHOA Rules and Regulations document. The Rules can be easily found on the [www.ArrowCreek.com](http://www.ArrowCreek.com) website, are posted on [www.TownSq.io](http://www.TownSq.io) and are available upon request to [ACservice@associasn.com](mailto:ACservice@associasn.com). Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions about the ACHOA!

### RULES & FINE POLICY REVISIONS

The following changes were made to the ACHOA Rules and Regulations and Fine Policy. The full Rules with Fine Policy is posted on the [ArrowCreek.com](http://ArrowCreek.com) website and on [www.TownSq.io](http://www.TownSq.io). The revised Fine Policy will be forwarded in a separate mailer to the community.

Construction hours have been updated to follow the new Nevada Statute, Construction Hours: Except in the event of an emergency, the HOA policy mirrors Washoe County code Section 110.414.20, which currently states that construction activities may occur between 7am and 7pm on any day except Sunday. This does not apply to interior work that is not of a loud or disturbing nature and is not heard or observed from the outside.

The following has been added to the existing Golf Cart Requirements: Owners of personal carts are required to take their cart to Security where a sticker unique to each cart will be applied. Community Golf Cart owners must obtain from Security a color-coded map of the community showing where Golf Carts are allowed to operate on the ACHOA streets and where they must stay on the cart/walking path. On the color-coded map, the ACHOA rules pertaining to Golf Cart operation will be clearly displayed.

Thank you all for making ArrowCreek one of the most desirable places to live in Northern Nevada!

Jeanne Tarantino, Community Manager

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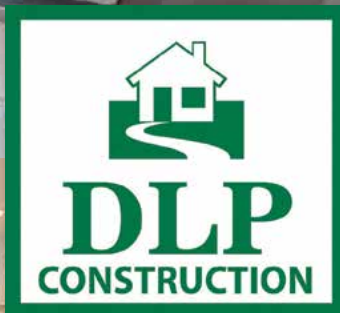
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## BUDGET & FINANCE



### ARROWCREEK 2022 APPROVED AND RATIFIED BUDGET

The ArrowCreek Board Approved the 2022 Zero Base Budget for Reserve Fund, Operating Fund, and Capital Fund which included no Assessment increase for 2022 on November 9, 2021. The Association ratified the 2020 Budget at the Annual Meeting on December 7, 2021.

- » ACHOA Follows Zero Base Budgeting as required by NRS 116: Zero-based budgeting (ZBB) is a method of budgeting in which all expenses must be justified for each new period.
- » Key Factors – Inflation impacting labor, materials, vendor contracts, along with surplus cash position were reviewed by the Board and the Budget & Finance Committee.
- » ACHOA will have a positive Combined Operating and Capital Funds cash flow (income over expenses) of \$192,349.
- » Total Projected Cash carry over will be \$556,783 that includes meeting the recommended two months emergency operating expenses of \$416,411.
- » 2022 Budget was designed to respond to the Association’s 2021 to 2026 Strategic Plan.

These monthly assessments along with other revenue streams will create a Total Operating and Capital Revenue of \$2,246,368 for 2022 compared to \$2,200,776 for 2021. The Reserve Fund monthly assessments will be \$1,429,560 for 2022 compared to \$1,429,560 for 2021. The Reserve Fund will finish the 2021 year with a Projected cash balance of \$5,022,027. It was announced that the 2023 Operating,

### 2022 ASSOCIATION APPROVED AND RATIFIED MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS

OPERATING BUDGET 58% OF MONTHLY ASSESSMENT	\$161.00 / MONTH
RESERVE BUDGET 40% OF MONTHLY ASSESSMENT	\$110.00 / MONTH
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND 2% OF MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS	\$5.00 / MONTH
BASIC ASSESSMENT	\$276.00 / MONTH
SUB-GATE ASSESSMENT	\$5.00 / MONTH
SUB GATE MEMBERS	\$281.00 / MONTH

Capital and Reserve Budget may require an increase in monthly assessments. The amount at this time was not known.

All operating General Ledger Expenses are reviewed looking back over the past five years to spot trends along with projections concerning inflation. Total Operating Expenses in the 2022 Budget by major category of expenses are as follows.

### TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES IN THE 2022 BUDGET BY MAJOR CATEGORY OF EXPENSES

EXPENSE CATEGORIES	2022 BUDGET	2021 BUDGET
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$84,517	\$73,337
COMMUNICATIONS	\$24,319	\$30,479
PAYROLL & BENEFITS	\$1,504,812	\$1,421,072
INSURANCE	\$102,880	\$105,205
UTILITIES	\$210,220	\$209,720
LANDSCAPING	\$29,400	\$38,700
OPERATIONS	\$41,799	\$43,299
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$56,900	\$73,600
REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	\$258,579	\$259,025
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$307,950	\$292,940
TAXES	\$1,600	\$1,600
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$2,622,976	\$2,548,977
NET REVENUES OVER / (UNDER) EXPENSES	(\$ 376,608)	(\$ 348,201)



The 2022 Operating Budget Deficit of \$376,608 is a worst-case scenario based upon 100% of all budgeted expenses actually being expended during 2022. The Board, the General Manager, and Community Manager carefully analyze all expenditures and vigorously follow the procurement policies established by the Board. The 2021 Approved Budget projected deficit of \$348,201 did not occur with a projected year end surplus of \$135,874 because of expense management protocols being followed. In addition, the current surplus projection for the rainy-day fund as of October 31, 2021, is estimated to be \$556,783.

### A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CCMEDIA PUBLISHING & ARROWCREEK

CCMedia Publishing is the publishing house of the bi-monthly ArrowCreek View magazine since November 2018. Before then, we had a newsletter. The ACHOA Communications Committee is chartered to oversee the publication of the news magazine. The committee meets to discuss and assign “timely informative and educational articles; photographs; researching and writing articles; editing articles; and proofing final editions excluding advertisements for printing according to an annual schedule.” (Quoted from Charter) Since there are six issues per year, the process for each magazine repeats every 2 months.

CCMedia Publishing is part of CCMedia, a Reno Media-Buying Agency, according to their website.

What does that mean? A media-buying agency helps clients to strategically market their goods to the right audiences at the right time in a proper context in advertising outlets: television, radio, print, outdoor, and digital/social applications. At CCMedia, in the example of the ArrowCreek View, their mission is to bring important, relevant information to residents, renters and guests of ArrowCreek while at the same time to provide a channel for advertisers who want to target an ArrowCreek audience. While the Communications Committee is gathering and editing articles for the ArrowCreek View, CCMedia is gathering advertisers for the 40-48-page news magazine. CC Media does all the content layouts, advertiser layouts, approved editing, publication, and direct mailing to ArrowCreek residents and lot owners at no cost to the ACHOA or homeowners. This is a remarkable and fruitful relationship for the ArrowCreek community.



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# Deciphering

## CRAFT BEER

Several have asked about the Craft Beer that was served at the ACHOA Music on the Lawn event. Brasserie Saint James provided the beverages that everyone enjoyed. As a follow up to the event we asked the following questions - What is Craft Beer? Why Is it Unique and different from the large brand Beers?

There is, really, no better time to be a craft beer drinker or to explore craft beer in America than right now. The industry defines Craft Beer as a small and independent brewery with less than six million barrels of production. The vast majority produce less than 2,000 barrels,



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however. A barrel is thirty-one gallons for those who want the specifics. While Craft Brewing has brought more of a spotlight to beer in the U.S., we have rich history that expands hundreds of years. The Pueblo Indians were making beer in New Mexico since the 13th Century. The first commercial brewery in the United States opened in 1612 at the southern tip of Manhattan. Our founding fathers George Washington, James Madison, and Thomas Jefferson, among others, were avid Brewers.

Prohibition took effect on January 19, 1919, with the ratification of the eighteenth amendment along with the Volstead Act making the production of any beverage above one-half percent alcohol illegal. This effectively shut down what was one of the largest manufacturing sectors in America overnight. Shuttering the doors of over 1,500 breweries created havoc in many distinct aspects of life and society - with moonshiners, bootleggers, crime syndicates, rampant food safety issues and loss of thousands of jobs.

The rich history brought from brewer immigrants from Germany, Ireland, and England in the preceding centuries disappeared and many techniques, recipes and beer knowledge were lost to the winds of time.

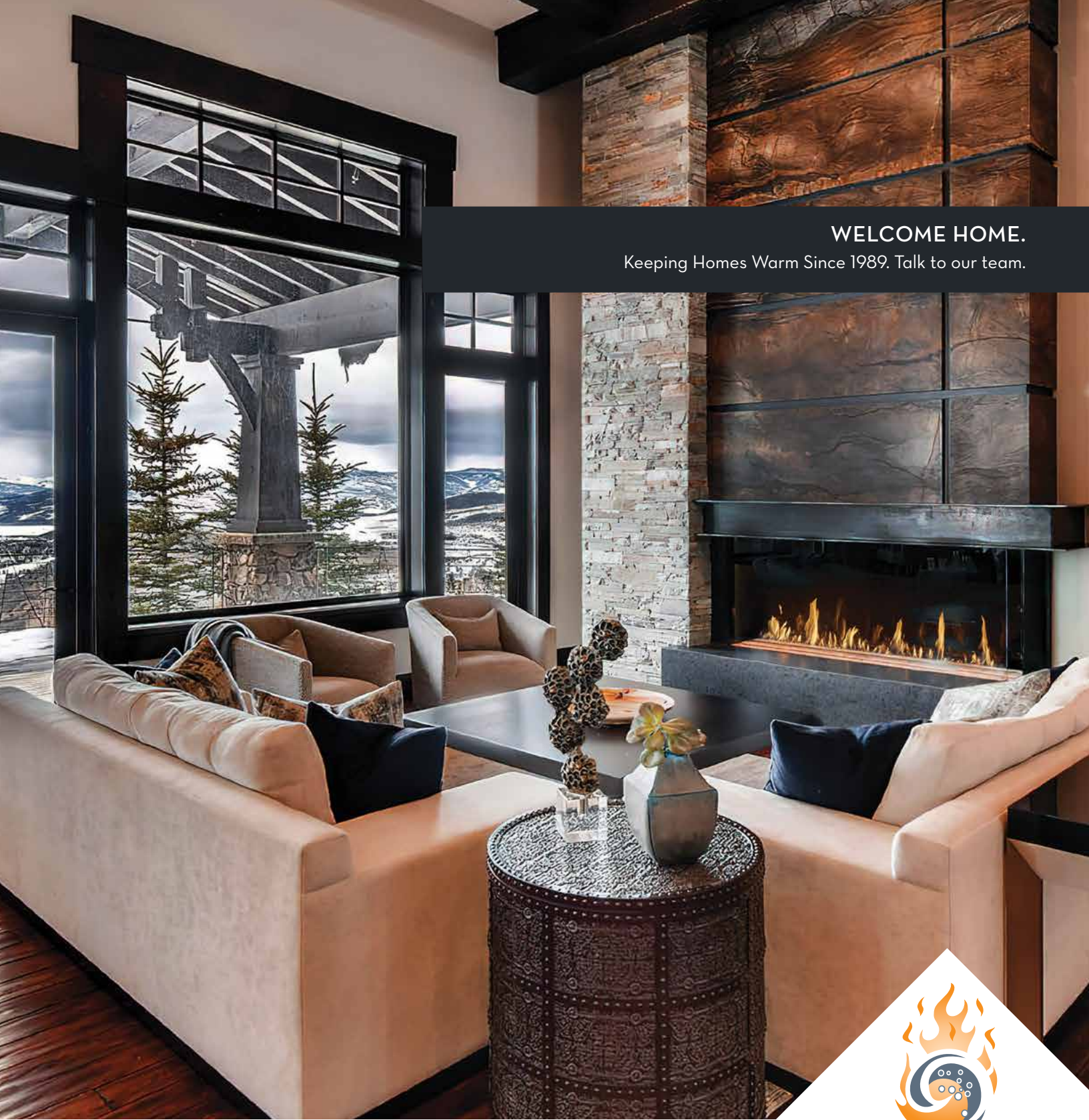
However, from the ashes of prohibition rose the Phoenix and the beer industry breweries began its resurgence, dominated by the big boys (Coors, Budweiser etc.). In 1980, there were less than one hundred breweries in the United States with the top ten breweries creating 93% of the beer and the same style: pale, light Lagers. Finding a small brewery with unique styles in the U.S. was almost impossible. However, things started changing with the opening of New Albion Brewery Company in Sonoma, CA. in 1976.

Fast-forward to today. Craft breweries have become a fixture in towns and cities across the country and consist of over 8,700. The selection and offerings are endless and there is a beer for every palate and every occasion. Reno has seen craft beer since the early 90s and within the Reno-Tahoe region you can frequent more than thirty venues that offer locally crafted beers employing your neighbors and friends in the community.

Craft beer has come a long way, but with new drinkers coming into the market daily, it allows for breweries to continue to create a new living history one pint at a time. Give up that glass of wine or tumbler of bourbon for a night and find a new local favorite.

At Brasserie Saint James, we have seventeen different beers on tap from Belgians to West Coast IPAs, Kolschs, and Sours all locally brewed to satisfy everyone's unique distinct pallet. We have won over fifty medals for our beers since opening in October of 2012 and were awarded a Gold Medal for our Daily Wages Saison as well as Best Small Brewery in the U.S. as well as our Brewer Josh Watterson being awarded the best Brewer of the Year at the prestigious Great American Beer Festival, 2014. So if you are not sure what kind of craft beer you might like, I recommend ordering our "6 glass taster." Our competent bartenders and servers can advise you on all our varied styles. So come to Brasserie Saint James for dinner and the best Craft beer in town. Explore," drink, socialize, repeat... Cheers!" Thank you again for participating in the Music on the Lawn ACHOA Event.





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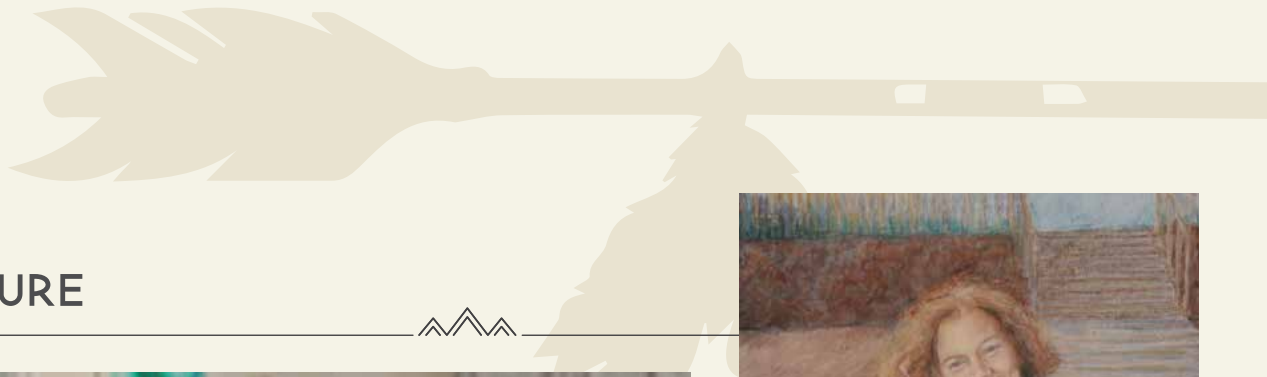


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## ARTS & CULTURE



### ARROWCREEK TALENT

BY ANNA CHRISTOPHER

ArrowCreek artist Susan Christopher is thrilled to have been accepted into Reno Fine Arts Collective, Reno’s new downtown art gallery opening in early 2022. “The gallery is able to accept large format contemporary paintings like mine and is extending possibilities for local artists to get noticed at an international level with the Reno-Tahoe International Art Show in September. ([www.reiashow.com](http://www.reiashow.com)). It’s a very exciting time to be a part of the Collective and Reno’s art community.”

Susan’s dedication to her craft is shown by the prolific amount of work she has created. In the last two years, she has produced more than 30 pieces. Her portfolio includes portraits, landscapes, and abstract art. She says, “We don’t eat the same thing every day, why should I paint the same thing. Different topics and presentations keep me challenged.”

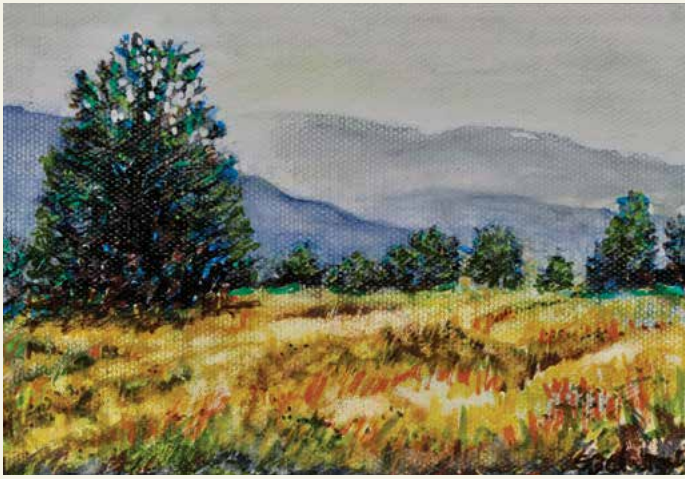
Susan has faced challenges since the beginning of her art journey. Unlike most artists, Susan is almost legally blind without the assistance of ocular prosthetic devices like contact lenses and “coke bottle glasses.” Despite her vision impairment, a set of Venus colored pencils that she received at 7 years of age for Christmas inspired her to draw. Drawing led to painting, and at 16, Susan sold her first piece, “The Chef,” to the local Best Western Hotel. Though her parents were not excited about her becoming an artist and her eyesight was a chronic challenge, Susan was relentless in following her ambition and passion. She went to Northern Illinois University to study under many Art Institute professors and then the University of Iowa, where she worked on her master’s degree in photography.

Susan and her husband, Alex, moved from the Chicago suburbs in 2010 to ArrowCreek for its gorgeous and inspiring

panoramic views, access to outdoor activities, and the strong community clubs, including the ArrowCreek Art Guild, which Susan helped create.

However, her vision problems worsened and caused frustration, anger, and depression in Susan’s artistic life. “There were days I wanted to just give up. My nose would be a few inches from the canvas, and I would be using a magnifying glass to perfect the lines. Eye strain and headaches persisted.” In 2012, new lens implant technology changed Susan’s trajectory. “For me, it was a miracle. Waking the morning after surgery, I cried when I could read the alarm clock unaided. I could see the trees





on the crest of the mountains, the shades of color in someone's eyes. It gave me back the ability to paint stress free. These are gifts."

With newfound vision and in her new ArrowCreek indoor/outdoor studio, Susan was galvanized to re-examine different approaches to acrylic painting. She explains, "The paint splashes and sails with energy in my studio. There I test different methods including a technique I developed involving specific amounts of pigment, water and a mild acid."

Susan's work is viewable at Nevada Arts Association in Carson City, Latimer Art Club, Reno Open Studio fall show where her studio is open for all to visit, and, of course, at the Reno Fine Arts Collective and next September at the Reno-Tahoe

International Art Show. For more about Susan and to see some of her work, go to [www.susanchristopher.com](http://www.susanchristopher.com)

#### THE COLLECTIVE

"The Reno Fine Arts Collective is a new initiative that celebrates, promotes and advances the unique creative spirit of Reno-Tahoe," say founders Kevin O'Keefe and his daughter Briana Dolan. They envision citywide events attracting art enthusiasts on both a regional and national level. For location and time of the Fine Arts Collective go to: [renofineartscollective.com](http://renofineartscollective.com)

Reno-Tahoe International Art Show - September 8-11, 2022.

Located at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center 4590 S. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89502. "Art and design enthusiasts will

enjoy a lively exhibition filled with beautiful art and creative design, set off by music performances and ongoing hospitality. Reno-Tahoe artists and designers will be joined by fine art and bespoke furniture galleries invited from the region, the nation and around the world. For the first time at an international art and design show, a major feature will be presented showcasing Indigenous Peoples, First Nations Art," says Kevin O'Keefe. Additional highlights will include University of Nevada, the John and Geraldine Lilley Museum of Art, Sierra Arts Foundation, Sierra Watercolor Society, Latimer Art Club and special introductions from Europe. To learn more about the Reno-Tahoe International Art Show go to: [www.rtiashow.com](http://www.rtiashow.com)





## GOVERNING COMMITTEES



### ARROWCREEK.COM WEBSITE NEWS

The ArrowCreek.com new website has been operational for over two years and keeps evolving. This website supports the Strategic Plan developed by the Association's Board of Directors and provides essential public information to community members and interested parties outside the gates of our community.

Like any community website, ArrowCreek.com has grown to include the essentials critical for helping with your daily interactions with the association, security, and the management of your guests. Working with the Social Committee, we now utilize the website to direct our community to RSVP for our social events.

Recently, the Communications Committee has created an avenue to host surveys on the website using a private page. Further, the website now has access to the ADRC documents needed for outside home improvements and new construction. If you have any questions,

have a need for arrowcreek.com website news, have misplaced your governing documents for our Association, or need an updated calendar of events, you can find them on the website as well. Please visit ArrowCreek.com to see and even submit photos in the Gallery or you can post a question or a suggestion. The website will help you to get to know your Association's executive board of directors a little better as well. The website brings together all the current forms, applications, and information about special events and board meetings as well as a complete contact list for the community management. It provides access to the secure website Town Square for your current account balances concerning Association Assessments and non-public ACHOA business. It has a quick link for QuickPass and other handy information, too.

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# Resources

## FOR WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BY VICTORIA CAMPBELL

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a potentially devastating impact on students, families, and school staff members across the country. Many districts closed their doors to in-person learning and some students struggled to engage in distance learning in the 2020-2021 school year.

Washoe County School District (“WCSD”) was one of the largest urban districts in the country to keep its doors open during the 2020-21 school year, welcoming its 62,000 students and 8,000-plus staff members into the classroom while also giving families the option to engage in distance learning. As the 2021-22 school year began, all students returned to the classrooms for in-person learning, although families could enroll in the district’s North Star Online School if they chose. Educators and staff members worked closely with families and students to keep them on track with their studies, monitoring their progress and successes, and providing supports and resources when they needed assistance.

Now, as part of the American Rescue Plan, the WCSD is receiving \$122 million in funding from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (“ESSER”) to help support its work on behalf of students and families. Under federal guidelines, this funding is only allocated to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on elementary and secondary schools across the nation. ESSER is the single largest targeted investment in K-12 public education in the history of our nation. WCSD’s total

allocation of ESSER funding is just over \$122 million, which must be spent by September 30, 2024.

This support addresses students’ academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs while considering the unique needs of student groups most negatively impacted by the circumstances created by the pandemic, including students who are:

- » Members of historically underrepresented populations
- » English learners
- » Living with disabilities
- » Living in poverty
- » Living in foster care
- » Unsheltered (homeless)

WCSD reached out to the community for input on specific uses for the funding within the federal guidelines and is directing these financial resources toward students and services that are most in need as recovery from the pandemic continues. ESSER funding is supporting tutoring programs at 76 WCSD schools. In the ArrowCreek area, 16 teachers, tutors, and interventionists are working with more than 570 students at Galena High School, Marce Herz Middle School, and Lenz and Pleasant Valley elementary school to provide tutoring before and after school and/or during the school day, depending on each school’s schedule. Tutoring is one of the best ways to address each student’s unique needs and provide strategic, targeted interventions.

In addition, ESSER funding is supporting additional positions and programs in

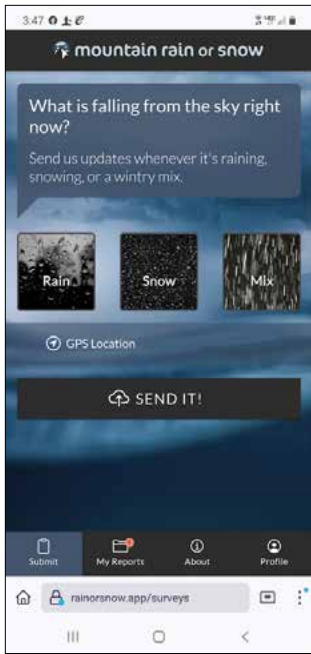
Counseling, Equity & Diversity, Multi-Tiered Systems of Support, Intervention, Psychological Services, and Student Health Services. Family School Partnerships also received ESSER support for five positions to aid students who are high-risk for dropping out of school. The funding also supports the hiring of a general Family Graduation Advocate, a Native American Graduation Advocate, and three Family Graduation Specialists for high schools who work directly with students to support individual needs and accelerate learning. School site-specific plans to support student learning, intersessions, and summer school are available for all interested students.

### IN WCSD, ESSER FUNDING IS SUPPORTING:

- »» Additional Special Education teachers
- »» Summer school
- »» Tutoring (i.e., before/after school, Saturday school, teacher prep buy-out for additional class period for instruction)
- »» Social and emotional support of students, educators, and staff
- »» Additional attendance personnel
- »» Additional school counselors
- »» An additional school psychologist
- »» Additional social workers
- »» Access to high-quality professional development for educators
- »» Equity and Diversity training
- »» Professional development for elementary teachers in best practices in English Language Arts and Mathematics:
  - Professional Learning Communities
  - Scholarships for aspiring Special Education teachers
  - Incentives for guest teachers (substitutes)
  - Access to high-quality instructional materials for educators and students
  - Instructional curriculum in English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies

For more information about how the WCSD is using ESSER funding, visit [www.washoeschools.net/esser](http://www.washoeschools.net/esser).





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With NASA funding, a team from Lynker, the Desert Research Institute, and the University of Nevada, Reno are launching a citizen science project where volunteers like you can submit observations of rain, snow, and mixed precipitation via your smartphone, laptop, desktop, tablet, or any other device with a browser. We call it Mountain Rain or Snow and you can report from your backcountry adventures, winter drives (as long as you're the passenger!), and even the comfort of your own home. Every observation is valuable!

As we grow the community of Mountain Rain or Snow volunteers, we will be better able to analyze patterns of rain and snow to improve satellite monitoring and model predictions. This info can then bring about better weather forecasts, more detailed knowledge of skiing conditions, improved avalanche risk assessments, and more robust understanding of the water stored in mountain snowpacks.

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# ArrowCreek Shine

## CONTEST WINNERS

Let it snow, and let it shine! ArrowCreek did shine, more than ever. And, for the first time, it snowed, just in time for Shine judging. The snow reflected the lights and made them glow, so they were even more beautiful. From 2016 when the Shine contest began, we easily now have triple the number of decorated houses. It was beautiful, and we hope you all had a chance to enjoy the spirit and decorations.

Many more beautifully decorated houses of course made judging and picking a winner much more difficult. We drove around on the four nights between 12/6 and 12/9, but we did not see every house every night. We sometimes saw decorations that weren't lit up. That's the nature of fuses, snowstorms, timers, wind, and other uncontrollable events. It can mean when we drive by, we couldn't see anything and couldn't judge your house.

This year, we looked at houses by category and selected **10 winners** in the categories of Multi-colored, Whimsical, Monochromatic, Traditional, and Elegant. In some cases, a house won a second year in a row because we thought they did something different to enhance their decorations.

## DRUM ROLL PLEASE... THE WINNERS ARE:

- 3408 WHITE MOUNTAIN
- 2961 EAGLE ROCK
- 2901 SHALE CREEK DR.
- 1391 AMADO COURT
- 6372 MORMON TEA
- 5915 SUNSET RIDGE
- 5753 INDIGO RUN
- 5920 CRESCENT MOON
- 10268 VIA VERONA
- 449 SOCORRO COURT

## AND THE HONORABLE MENTIONS ARE:

- 3090 MARBLE RIDGE
- 3116 MARBLE RIDGE
- 3047 PALMER POINTE
- 2740 SPIRIT ROCK
- 3438 NAMBE
- 3407 FOREST VIEW
- 3430 FOREST VIEW
- 5550 ALPINE FROST
- 1391 AMADO CT
- 3300 SPOTTED EAGLE
- 6275 COYOTE POINTE
- 6404 MASTERS DR.
- 5772 RIVER BIRCH
- 275 ELK IVORY



1391 AMADO COURT





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2901 SHALE CREEK DRIVE





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### REGISTERING FOR THE CONTEST

In 2021, we encouraged residents to register to participate, and got 30 registrations. Thank you! In 2022, **registration will be required** to be considered for recognition and prizes. You can register yourself or a neighbor. Stay tuned for more information next fall.

### CLUSTERS

Rather than just individual homes here and there as in previous years, we found more “clusters” of decorated homes. We will be defining a cluster and what it will mean. Clusters are very much enjoyed by their neighbors and by residents exploring the neighborhoods. Next year, we’re thinking about encouraging neighbors to enter as a cluster and/or as an individual house.

However, how many houses make a cluster? Can a house win individually if it is part of a cluster? Read ArrowCreek View next fall for answers to these questions. Want to share your thoughts with us? Send an email to [acsocialcomm@gmail.com](mailto:acsocialcomm@gmail.com).

Many thanks to all residents for making ArrowCreek Shine. Happy 2022 to all!





5753 INDIGO RUN



449 SOCORRO COURT



5915 SUNSET RIDGE



5920 CRESENT MOON





*Volunteers on the ArrowCreek Board and on the 10 committees that make recommendations to the Board are the life blood of ArrowCreek. They provide their time to put the community first and make it a premier community to live within. Together, they form the governing system of our not-so-small community. With 26 miles of roads, 21 miles of pathways, 2,900 acres making up the community, 957 homes, and an annual budget of \$3 million, governance of ArrowCreek is indeed a large undertaking that needs the talents of those who volunteer to help.*

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



**CARYN OLSON,  
MEMBER OF THE ACHOA RESERVE  
COMMITTEE**

Caryn and her husband moved to ArrowCreek almost 4 years ago when she retired from a 32-year career with Nestle USA. They moved from Southern California to Reno for the beautiful scenery, outdoor activities, and small-town feel. "We fell in love with ArrowCreek because of the open spaces

and access to great hiking and biking both in and from the neighborhood. We love to ski, hike, bike, kayak, travel and entertaining with friends.

In our almost 4 years in ArrowCreek we have grown more in love with this community. We have met so many wonderful people through Chef's Club and Wine Club as well as other neighborhood activities." They have been married for 34 years and have 3 grown children and 1 grandson.

Caryn and her husband are currently volunteers in the community as CASAs (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) and support the Eddy House. Earlier last year she became a member of the ACHOA Reserve Committee. She wanted to become more involved in the ACHOA, better understand where our ACHOA fees go and how it is decided how they are spent.

In addition, Caryn was just elected for a two year term to the ACHOA Board of Directors.

In September 2021, the ACHOA hosted a townhall where Mark Aston, a Reserve Committee member and Board of Directors member, and Caryn presented an educational presentation explaining what an association reserve fund was and then specifically how well is the ACHOA funded. This presentation can be found on the TownSq website. Caryn and her husband want to continue to become more involved with volunteer work in the community since they plan on living here for many years to come.

The Association thanks Caryn for her fine service.

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# The Steingards

## AN ARROWCREEK LOVE STORY

It all began as a blind date set up by friends. Those matchmakers apparently knew what they were doing, as the two quickly became inseparable and will celebrate 60 years of marriage in June.

That couple, Mark and Carol Steingard, continue their full and rewarding life together as active members of the ArrowCreek community that they love.

“We’ve made wonderful friends in ArrowCreek,” Carol says. “We like the views of the mountains and the city from our home, and there are walking trails, swimming pools, and parks with barbecues, a fitness circuit and children’s playground equipment for families.”

ArrowCreek’s many interest groups are also something they enjoy. Carol leads the Chef’s Club while Mark heads up the community’s Hiking and Snowshoeing Club. While Xena, their nine-year-old yellow lab, is welcome on the hikes, she’s not included among the Chef’s Club’s 80 members. “Xena eats the scraps left over from the club,” Mark says. They are also active in other regional groups and

activities. Mark is quick to share a laugh about a local lunch group he enjoys known as the ROMEO Club – Retired Old Men Eating Out.

At the time of that New York City blind date on Nov. 13, 1961, Mark was a social worker and Carol was beginning her teaching career, both having grown up in the Bronx as first-generation Americans of Russian-Polish immigrant parents. They hit it off from the start and were married June 10, 1962, “without two nickels to rub together,” according to Mark. Soon thereafter, he took a chance on a side-job for extra money and over time built a lucrative career as an international dealer of museum-level works of art. Carol has impacted countless students’ lives during her 34-year teaching career, before retiring in 1994.

Worldwide travelers, they’ve lived in many areas of the country – often splitting time between cities for various seasons and reasons. Family summers at Lake Tahoe connected them to Northern Nevada. Purchasing their ArrowCreek home a decade ago, which then became their full-time residence six years ago, enabled them to maintain their connection to their Lake Tahoe synagogue and friends, just 30 minutes away.

Serving their community has always been one of their passions. “We believe in giving back and helping,” Mark says. “We always have done that wherever we’ve been.”

That passion led them to the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada, which helps community-minded people establish funds that have a vital, local impact. Meanwhile, the “fundholders” can receive significant financial and tax advantages from their investments.

“The Community Foundation has exposed us to a number of different needs within the community, like Reno’s Eddy House (for homeless and at-risk youth),” Mark says. The Mark and Carol Steingard Family Charitable Fund set up through the Community Foundation provides grants for first-generation college students whose families have immigrated to the United States, reflecting Mark and Carol’s background.

As the Steingards approach that June milestone 60 years in the making, they treasure their ArrowCreek lifestyle. And they love traveling and spending time with their two grown children and their twin granddaughters, plus a new baby boy born in November, their first great-grandchild.

Six decades later, their spark, their connection, and their passion for the life they cherish in ArrowCreek, along with their deep commitment to giving back, are as strong and visible as ever.

*To read more about the Steingards, visit [www.nevadafund.org/ArrowCreek](http://www.nevadafund.org/ArrowCreek). Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada.*



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## SOCIALS & EVENTS



### OCTOBER MEET & GREET

Saturday, October 16, was a beautiful day. That morning about thirty residents gathered at the Residents' Center for a Meet & Greet, a chance to meet others, talk with Board members and Board candidates, and learn how to get more involved in the community. The owners of Doughboy Donuts, Marge, and Bob Kenny are ArrowCreek Residents. They kindly

donated the most delicious donuts for the event!

The ArrowCreek Social Committee hosts Meet and Greets several times a year. The events are open to all residents, regardless of how long you have lived here. Watch for announcements about future Meet & Greets in this magazine, on the website, and in your email.

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## 2021 HALLOWEEN PARTY

On October 29, Nevada Day, a school holiday, the HOA Social Committee welcomed about 150 to the Residents' Center for the annual Halloween Party. The children and even some parents arrived in costume. It was a perfect fall day, thank goodness, so we could hold the party outside. Activities included five carnival games and also a photo booth, with prizes for the winners. The cotton candy booth was really popular!

When the children and their parents got hungry, there were healthy, pre-wrapped hot dogs, fruit roll ups, granola bars, chips and cheese, and bottled water. Many parents went home thinking they did not have to cook dinner for their kids that night! All kids left with a Trick-or-Treat bag, getting a head-start on Halloween.

A wonderful time was had by all.



## 2021 ACHOA HOLIDAY COCKTAIL PARTY



The 2021 ACHOA Holiday Cocktail party excelled in every way! Registrations for the party exceeded all previous years. Contributing factors to the increased attendance may have been that there wasn't an ACHOA Holiday party in 2020 and because this was the first big party in the newly renovated and expanded Event Center at the Club at ArrowCreek. Those who attended got to see the fantastic job the owners have done concerning the event center and the dining room. It is beautiful and both club members and nonclub members were impressed. As a community, we can be proud of our Club.



All evening, the wait staff at The Club passed innovative, scrumptious appetizers including crab cakes, coconut shrimp, chicken quesadillas, spanakopita, and others. For those wanting something sweet to finish the evening, the ACHOA provided platters of artisan, locally made Dorinda's chocolates. Congratulations go to Randi and Bill Johnson, winners of the most creative mask contest!



The event sold out soon after it was announced. The maximum number of attendees had been set at 425 due to budget and capacity. When sold out, the Social Committee began to keep a wait list and set up a process for residents to cancel if their plans changed. Thank you to all residents who used the cancellation process! Many on the wait list took your place.

But what happened to those of you who made a reservation and didn't come? Someone would have enjoyed your place. Your absence cost the community \$60/person. These are the facts that this community needs to know. These "no-shows" give the Social Committee much to think about and consider for future years.



There are changes in this event every year, as the community and our social events grow. This year the Social Committee made an exceedingly difficult decision to not offer a holiday option for children. We had multiple reasons: Covid and uncertain vaccination status amongst that age group, the fact that two other events held during the year are specifically focused on children, and staying within the budget allocated to social events by the ACHOA board.

We wish you all a wonderful 2022 and look forward to seeing you.





4-point buck sticking his tongue out at me by our patio wall.

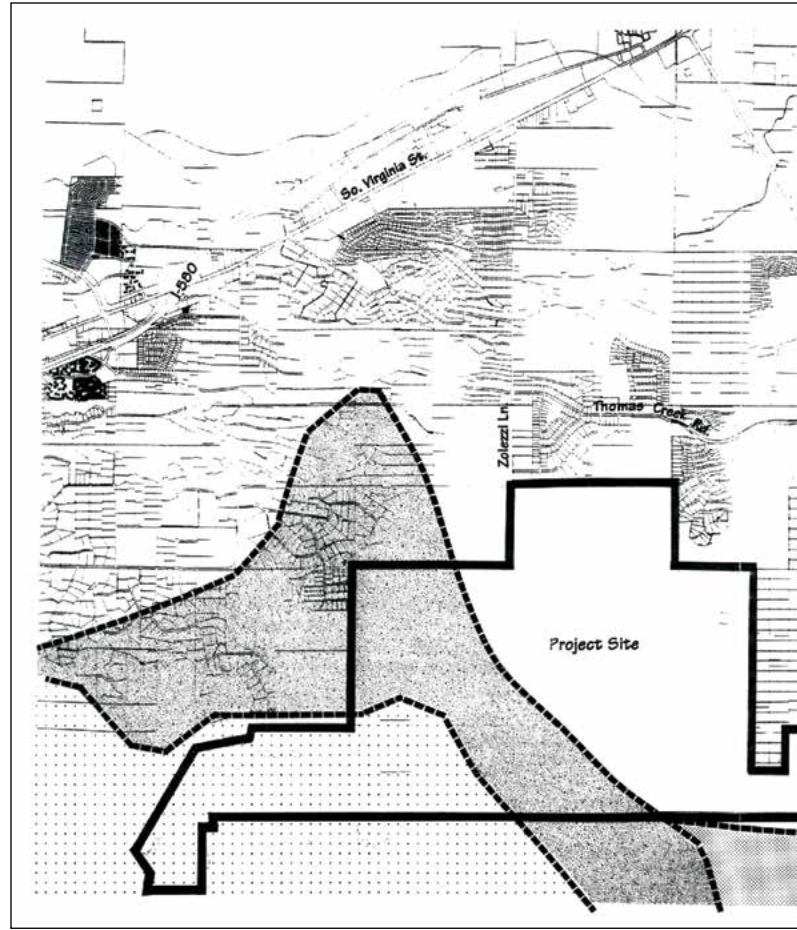
# Mule Deer

IN ARROWCREEK BY SUSAN DUNCAN

For more than fifteen years I have watched many small herds of mule deer come up from the aspen and willow lined Evans Creek canyon to mosey across our property in ArrowCreek as they make their way down to the Steamboat Ditch area and back again. For a couple years, there was a herd of about 19. The last two years, the biggest herd is 15-17 deer. There are many smaller familial groups of 3-5 and a couple young bucks on their own as well. I wondered about how humans have infringed on their migratory path and if there was anything I could do to help them survive. I knew we were in their migratory corridor because of a section in the original Development Agreement with Washoe County and because they were such a frequent sighting on our 2.2 acres of land. We regularly see the larger herd around February and March as they eat the native phlox and clover on our land before they traverse further down the hill. Then there are smaller groups that meander all year long.

I contacted Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) and had an interesting conversation with Cody Schroeder, a biologist and Wildlife Staff Specialist in the Game Division of NDOW. He is involved with Mule Deer and Pronghorn Management. He is also a Nevada representative on the Mule Deer Working Group of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. He sent me several articles and I found a few more online.

The Washoe County documents for ArrowCreek (under DA9-1-93-2) contain a drawing from September 1993 that shows the Mule



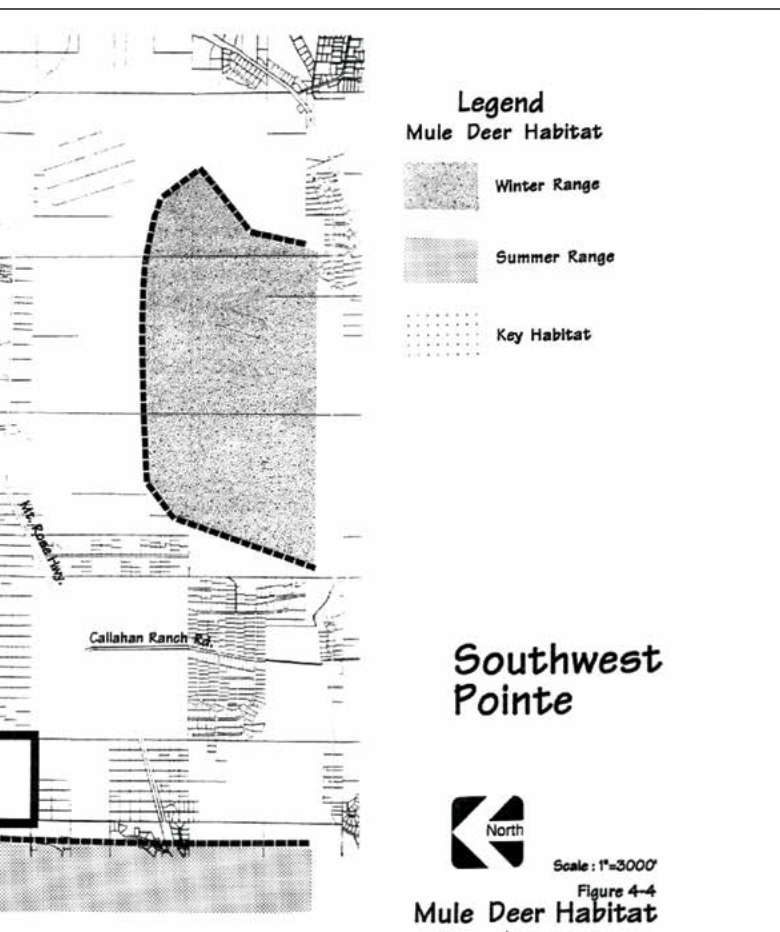
Map of mule deer migration across ArrowCreek to winter range.

Deer winter range that crosses Southwest Pointe, later renamed ArrowCreek. The summer range is shown to be southwest of the Project Site of now ArrowCreek's acreage. The herd summers in the higher elevations and moves to the lower elevations of the Sierra Nevada mountains to avoid deep snow and wintery conditions of the higher range.

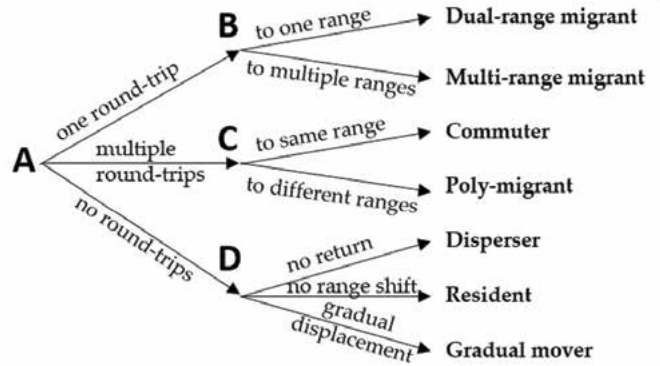
The documentation claims that the herd impacted is the Loyalton-Truckee Herd (so named because they are from the Loyalton-Truckee area). Deer have been known to travel 100 miles or more on their migration journey; however, Cody does not think the Loyalton herd comes this far south. They are probably California deer that summer near Lake Tahoe/Incline Village and then come to Nevada to vacation in ArrowCreek on the Mount Rose alluvial fan for the winter. They may also be an acclimated "resident" herd that uses this range all year long. The migration path may have changed since the early 1980s when the data for this map was probably collected. The NDOW focus tends to be on the larger mass of mule deer versus particular smaller bands these days, so documentation of the smaller herds is scarce. All I know is that we do see several bucks with their posses, does with their fawns, and teenagers on a regular interval.

I found several research papers about the whys of migration. Is it a learned path from the mother or is it "green wave surfing" of looking for edible greens? There is support for both. A study of the migratory paths of Mule Deer in Utah provided me insight into the behavior





of the deer we have watched on our property over the years. It also explains Cody's use of "resident" herd. In the study, they explained the migration trajectories they identified after they monitored 722 female mule deer over a 2-5 year period. They had multi-year data on 293 deer. Of the 293 deer, 51.2% used more than one unique movement. Deer switched movement patterns 41.9 of the time in successive years.



Decision tree indicating how we categorized movement trajectories into migration strategies for mule deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*) captured between 2014 and 2019 in Utah, USA. From: Variation in movement patterns of mule deer: have we oversimplified migration?

A round-trip was movement away from the summer range and then back to it. Then the number of visited ranges was determined. Then

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ADVERTORIAL

In today's world, there is an increasing need for mental health care. All you have to do is look around to see many people struggling from loneliness, isolation, anger, and depression. When emotional and social problems are tackled early on in life, it is easier for an individual to have a healthy relationship with one's self and others throughout the rest of their life.

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One such child is a 10 year boy that recently participated in a group

program. When this boy arrived at LEAD with Horses, he was reserved and shy. He was in foster care and in need of confidence and trust in himself and others. He was fearful about being around the horses, lacked confidence in the arena, and asked for one of the team members to be with him at nearly all times.

Walter the donkey came straight up to the child in the first session and nudged his head into his chest. The boy laughed, calmed down and instantly bonded with Walter. The next couple of weeks deepened their friendship and helped the child gain the courage and confidence to work with a horse. He acknowledged feeling nervous, but asked another child to work with him.

Through this process he learned to identify emotions and voice his need for help. Every time he moved into the arena and began working with the animals, his demeanor softened, and he allowed himself to act like a kid, something that did

not come naturally outside of the arena. He laughed, played, and also made space for his fear, self-doubt, and enormous amount of love in his heart.

Toward the end of his sessions he was asked, "When do you feel the happiest?" he responded, "When I'm here at horse camp".

LEAD with horses is a non-profit organization, and depends on donations from generous people. There are many ways to help, including monetary donations, supplies, and volunteer time. With help from donors, the program can continue to assist many children in our community.

**LIST OF NEEDS:**

**Horse Care**

- Grass pellets
- Manure cart
- Barn vacuum

**Office/Classroom**

- Office Chair
- Printer paper
- Computer
- Drawing paper



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7 Mule deer between ArrowCreek houses.

we get to our “resident” mule deer that basically stay in one range on familiar terrain. The more the mule deer move, the more risk they have of encountering natural and man-induced dangers. “Making one or more round-trips away from the summer range might allow animals to better exploit resources or avoid unfavorable conditions. However, leaving a familiar range is inherently risky, and the risk increases with the number of round-trips taken.” (van de Kerk 2021)

Because migration corridors serve as the critical link between summer and winter ranges, they must be unobstructed by physical barriers and shielded from various forms of development and human disturbance. To reduce the impacts of encroaching housing development on the deer herd, mitigation measures such as leaving habitat suitable open space, limiting fencing and types of fencing and prohibiting dogs from running loose are recommended and happen to be in the ArrowCreek Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&Rs) and Architecture Design Review Committee (ADRC) Guidelines.

Whether you want to deter deer from your property or not, you still must admit that they roamed the Mount Rose alluvial fan long before our houses existed. We can mutually exist and still live happily ever after. It just takes a little adjustment of thinking. Many homeowners want to annihilate their property of native vegetation for fear of wildfire. If they did so, they also would be removing browsing shrubs for foraging deer and erosion control. Destroying natural habitats has ecological impacts. While purposely feeding big game mammals is against the law per NRS 501.382, there is actually a middle ground for minimizing fire fuels while, at the same time, leaving native edibles for the deer. The number one plant to get off your property is cheatgrass. It is a non-native weed from Asia that has invaded hundreds of thousands of acres of the American West.

Cheatgrass invasion has two main impacts to mule deer habitats. First, it eliminates the more palatable and nutritious native perennial grasses and weeds. Second, it is fuel for more frequent and higher intensity wildfires that destroy the native shrublands that are so critical for the diet and cover needs of the mule deer. Before cheatgrass dominated sagebrush-bunchgrass areas, wildfires were rare, even at 90-year intervals. Now cheatgrass infested areas may burn every 6-10 years which makes it harder for native shrubs to reestablish before they burn again. Root systems and seed banks get sterilized. The more frequent wildfires have reduced or eliminated shrubs and other native plants crucial for mule deer forage. Without the kindling of the fast-burning cheatgrass catching debris and dead branches of the shrubs, the native areas of our yards would be less fire prone. The battle for getting rid of cheatgrass on our properties is a valiant effort to support the habitat of the mule deer and the fire safety of our neighborhoods.

Important native shrub species for the mule deer diet include sagebrush, serviceberry, bitterbrush, mountain mahogany (both true and curl-leaf), cliffrose, four-wing saltbush, and winter fat. Unfortunately, these also tend to be high fire risk so they should not be next to structures. Keep them in your native landscape if you have them, but you can trim and shape them. Cut old and dead branches to encourage new growth. The deer like the younger growth. If the plant itself is older, it can withstand more browsing than a younger one, and the younger growth has more water and is less fire prone. Important native weeds or weed-like plants that mule deer like include buckwheat, fringed sagebrush, and phlox. Useful grasses include blue grama, native wheatgrass, fescue, and bluegrass. Aspen trees can also provide cover and food for mule deer. Keep your yard free of pine needles and debris for defensible space.







*Cheatgrass in ArrowCreek.*

Before we realized we were on a major mule deer trail, we had planted roses, honeysuckle, rose of sharon (hibiscus), and daylilies which the deer have kept trimmed much to the size they were when we planted them in 2004. I cage some of them with chicken wire to actually see flowers bloom. Surrounding neighbors not on the mule deer path have planted the same sort of plants much later and have beautiful specimens that are several feet tall – without cages. In 2004 we had also planted two mountain mahogany shrubs that have been the birthplace of at least two fawns. I have resorted to planting daffodils and alliums to provide color for our garden. The mule deer don't care for them even though a bud or two is occasionally nipped. The University of Nevada Cooperative Extension has a Fact Sheet-14-06 "Deer-resistant Plants for Northern Nevada" by JoAnne Skelly for other options.

We enjoy watching the mule deer and tolerate the damage they do but totally understand that some neighbors think they are a nuisance and hazard. Changes in mule deer habitat because of increased urbanization has led to declines in deer population. Restoring mule deer populations to mid-20th century levels is not going to happen with ever-increasing human populations and human encroachment. I do believe that taking care of our native lands is one way to minimize fire fuels and restore habitat suitability for our urban resident mule deer while not subjecting them to negative impacts of human exposure. See <https://www.ndow.org/blog/living-with-mule-deer> for the new NDOW urban mule deer website.

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## WILDLIFE ISSUES

ArrowCreek is one of many communities located in "Wilderness Urban Interface" area and, as such, residents may more frequently experience problems with animals, reptiles, and insects in or near their homes or property. **Residents are responsible for any issue regarding wild animal/snakes etc., on their property.** Security staff will assist by giving residents the correct phone number of the agency that may be able to assist them.

## WILDLIFE INFO & RESOURCES

ArrowCreek Security 775.850.4450  
 Washoe County Regional  
 Animal Services:  
 Office 775.353.8900  
 Dispatch 775.322.3647  
 NV Department  
 of Wildlife: 775.688.1331  
 Reno Snake Rescue: 775.750.5537  
 (www.snakebusters.com)  
 Exterminators that have been used and are recommended by AC Residents:  
 State Wide Pest Control 775.425.4343  
 Nash Pest Control 775.852.3444



## SECURITY & SAFETY



Left: 2021 donations at the Residents Center. Rick, Leda, Lauren & Brenda.  
 Right: The ACHOA Security Crew with Kristen Remington, Ch 2 News.

## ARROWCREEK'S 6TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE

This year we are overjoyed to announce that our 6th Annual Holiday Donation Drive was our best year by far. We were able to help our community with four truckloads of toys, food, and new clothes. We started accepting donations a little early this year. Due to the Covid-19 virus, there are lots more of our neighbors in need.

All of the donations collected were taken to the Grand Sierra Resort on December 10, 2021, for distribution to Toys for Tots, Northern Nevada Food Bank, and local shelters. We also received one truck load of like new items to distribute to our local shelters. Security, Residents' Center, and Facilities staff thank everyone for your generosity during this event. From all of us to all of you, thank you for your kindness!

TYPE OF VIOLATION	NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS RECORDED IN 2021
SPEED LIMIT	533
STOP SIGN — DID NOT STOP	73
STOP SIGN — SCHOOL BUS	4
RECKLESS DRIVING (SPEEDS OVER 50 MPH)	42
GUEST SPEED LIMIT 1ST & 2ND NOTICE	43
GUEST STOP SIGN — DID NOT STOP	20
MAINTENANCE OF LOTS	35
STORAGE OF VEHICLE IN DRIVEWAY	2
TRASH CONTAINER IN PUBLIC VIEW	86
RV / BOAT / TRAILER PARKING	14
PET BARKING	6
SHORT TERM RENTAL	5
<b>TOTAL OF ALL VIOLATION RECORDS ENTERED</b>	<b>1,017</b>
<b>OTHER: ARCITECTURAL CHANGE REQUEST RECORDS ENTERED</b>	<b>666</b>



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## NATIONAL, RENO & ARROWCREEK CRIME STATS

As you will see, Reno’s crime rate is substantially higher than the Country overall, yet inside ArrowCreek, we are literally crime free except for a few internal issues!

### RENO, NV CRIME STATISTICS FOR 2021

Total Crimes 6,763  
 Total Crimes / 100k People 2,658.9  
**Above National Average 7.36%**

### WHAT IS THE CRIME RATE IN RENO, NV?

According to the most recent data from the **FBI**, the total crime rate in **Reno** is 2,658.9 per 100,000 people. That’s **7.36% higher than the national rate** of 2,476.7 per 100,000 people and -5.57% lower than the **Nevada** total crime rate of 2,815.9 per 100,000 people.

Note: Because the rates of crime are so low in America, we use “per 100,000 people” to make the number a bit easier to compare across locations visually. It’s mathematically the same as doing per capita comparisons and isn’t conveying that there are 100,000+ people in a location.

### VIOLENT CRIME RATES IN RENO

Violent Crimes 1,419.0  
 Violent Crimes / 100k People 557.9  
**Above National Average 52.14%**

- » You have a 1 in 179.2 chance of being the victim of a violent crime in Reno each year. That compares to a 1 in 202.5 chance statewide.
- » The violent crime rate in Reno is 557.9 per 100,000 people, which is 52.14% higher than the national rate of 366.7 per 100,000 people and 12.98% higher than the Nevada violent crime rate of 493.8 per 100,000 people.

### PROPERTY CRIME RATES IN RENO

Property Crimes 5,344.0  
 Property Crimes / 100k People 2,101.1  
**Below National Average -0.42%**

- » You have a 1 in 47.6 chance of being the victim of a property crime in Reno each year. That compares to a 1 in 47.4 chance nationally.
- » The property crime rate in Reno is 2,101.1 per 100,000 people, which

is -0.42% lower than the national rate of 2,109.9 per 100,000 people and -9.52% lower than the Nevada property crime rate of 2,322.1 per 100,000 people.

### ARROWCREEK CRIME COMPARED TO IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING AREAS IN 2021

STATISTIC	ARROWCREEK	IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING AREA
ALCOHOL DRUG VIOLATION	1 (GUEST)	84
BURGLARY	0	72
CRIMES AGAINST PERSON	1 (DOMESTIC)	168
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	1 (RESIDENT TEEN DISPUTE)	96
FRAUD	5 (INTERNAL)	420
LARCENY / THEFT	2 (FAMILY MEMBERS)	348
STOLEN VEHICLE	0	48
OTHER INCIDENT / CRIME	1	228

*All ArrowCreek crimes above were internal (Residents or guests of Residents)*

### RENO CRIME COMPARED TO THE REST OF THE COUNTRY

STATISTIC	COUNT RAW	RENO / 100k PEOPLE	NV / 100k PEOPLE	NATIONAL / 100k PEOPLE
TOTAL CRIMES PER 100k	6,763	2,658.9	2,815.9	2,476.7
MURDER	12	4.7	4.6	5.0
ROBBERY	308	121.1	106.7	81.6
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	921	362.1	312.3	250.2
VIOLENT CRIME	1,419	557.9	493.8	366.7
BURGLARY	822	323.2	503.5	340.5
LARCENY	3,343	1,314.3	1,453.0	1,549.5
CAR THEFT	1,179	463.5	365.6	219.9
PROPERTY CRIME	5,344	2,101.1	2,322.1	2,109.9





## ARROWCREEK SNOW REMOVAL PROTOCOL & SAFETY

The ArrowCreek HOA (ACHOA) would like to provide residents the following information and safety tips regarding snow removal to ensure everyone is prepared during snowstorm events:

The ACHOA deploys snowplows when an average of two (2) inches of snow have fallen (accumulated) on the ground at the security gatehouse.

Berms are a residual part of snow removal and are unavoidable. When snow removal occurs, so will berms. The size of the berm fluctuates depending on many variable conditions: number of driveways on the street, density of the snow, the amount of snowfall and snowdrifts to name a few. The wider the street, the more snow will be moved to the edge of the street. In addition, most parcels within ArrowCreek have now been developed creating more driveways; more driveways prohibit less

open space for snow storage. All snow is pushed to the side of the street as evenly as possible to all parcels. Wet heavy snow makes it harder to manipulate for the plow drivers and residents alike.

The primary goal of snow removal is to clear roads as quickly as possible and to keep roads passable. To do this, snow from the road needs to be redistributed to the side or shoulder and it does create berms in driveways. Q&D, the snow removal operator, will attempt to minimize snow berms in front of driveways when they can.

If possible, it is recommended to wait to clear your berm until after the operator has made a pass down your road to avoid double work. When shoveling snow from your driveway, shovel to the right as you face the street. This way, the plow will move the snow further down the road, rather than move the shoveled snow back

into your driveway. Please keep children indoors while snow removal operations are underway.

For those who may be physically unable to clear a berm or would prefer someone else to clear your home and driveway, a quick google search reveals over thirty local businesses that offer snow removal services for you. It is suggested to reach out to a vendor for snow removal well in advance of a snowstorm.

### SNOW REMOVAL EASEMENT AND ROAD WORK

The security gate shall act as a clearing house for all concerns regarding snow removal. Please contact the gate house directly at 775.850.4450. Per the CCRS, Article VIII, Section 1(e) there is a ten (10) foot easement of any street or other Common Area upon all Subdivision Lots for the placement of snow plowed from the street. This easement is owner's responsibility to maintain.

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# Merce Herz

## WHAT HAPPENED TO THE "M"

Inquiring Minds Want to Know - What happened to the "M" on Merce Herz Middle School?

According to Brandon Bringham, Principal Merce Herz Middle School there is a story behind the missing "M." The wind ripped it off the building. It happened previously with some other letters too. As I'm sure your readers know, the wind up here can be intense. The Washoe County School District capital projects team is coming over during winter break to reinstall all of the letters in a different fashion to hopefully prevent it from happening again. We will wait and see.

Brandon will provide an update on Merce Herz Middle School in our next edition of the ArrowCreek View in March 2022.



## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS ARROWCREEK VIEW?

The ArrowCreek View has been grounded by the pandemic and not many pictures have been received from our community members concerning their recent travels. We know that several community members have been making travel plans for 2022 both domestically as well as foreign travel.

We hope that you will include a copy of the ArrowCreek View with your travels and that you will share a picture of yourselves and the ArrowCreek View. We would love to have a little story to go with the picture.

Please remember that we will need full-size high-resolution photos for printing in the magazine. Where are you going in 2022 and are you willing to share after you return from your travels?



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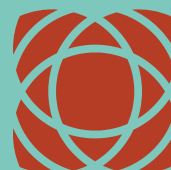
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