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The quail babies are all almost as big as their parents here in ArrowCreek in September since they are usually born in July. This year we did have one early family at the end of May and several families showed up in June.

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**MISSION** The Board is charged with setting broad policy and giving the operations team, supported by its management company, the tools to accomplish both tactical and strategic goals. The ultimate mission of the Board is to protect and enhance the ArrowCreek community's reputation and services so that home values remain strong. **VISION** ArrowCreek offers a premier lifestyle with a robust variety of amenities and activities for families and individuals and a friendly and rewarding team environment for employees that together build a more beautiful, more unified, and safer community – making us simply the best community in Northern Nevada to live, work and play.





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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' NOTE

### FROM THE BOARD

ArrowCreek is the home of the “Summer” car. You see them come out like flowers as the weather warms. Summer means 1971 Corvette time. Even though the owner might only drive that ‘Vette in the summer, he/she doesn’t wait till the tires explode to replace them, or the engine to fail before changing the oil. The car is washed, waxed, and maintained. Because, come summer, they want heads to turn when that V8 sparks to life and cruises down to Hot August Nights. Because a 1971 Corvette has value. And it’s worth more over time. And because there’s a pride of ownership. And when they go to sell those cars, they compete against other 1971 Corvette Stingrays, not a rusted out 1971 Ford Pinto.

Our Residents’ Center has value. It’s worth more over time. It’s one of the first things new buyers see in ArrowCreek. And it competes against other “high end” Residents Centers, regardless of the age of the various offerings. We’ve spent tens of thousands of dollars putting “Band Aids” on various components, like 25-year-old AC units and the spa heater. Our energy bills are ridiculous for the square footage, and 35% or more of that square footage is wasted. Our “gourmet” kitchen doesn’t even have a sink. Tile is falling off the walls, the gym often smells like a locker room and the bathrooms can only be charitably called “dingy.”

Of course, there will always be people who are happy with that ‘71 Pinto. You’ll see them on the side of the road waiting for a tow truck when the motor explodes, ending up with a tow and repair bill that will exceed the value of the car. They’ll

spend a lot of money putting in a high mileage, junkyard motor because it was “cheaper.” And a few months later they will find themselves getting towed again. Or the tires will have blown out, the car rolls, and Pinto parts will be scattered across the highway, the owner sitting on the curb explaining to the paramedics that those tires were just dandy, and you shouldn’t replace tires that are still working.

The Board has received a lot of input regarding the Residents’ Center. Those suggestions will be evaluated and incorporated into any ongoing work. The Board is spending a considerable amount of our (unpaid, volunteer) time on this project, not because some of us want a “gourmet” microwave, but because we all care about this community. Stay tuned.

*Board of Directors*

### ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION THIS FALL

The Association will be looking for volunteers to run for the Board of Directors annual election. The Association Board consists of seven (7) directors voted by the community. A notice requesting candidate nominations will be sent to all association members in September. The deadline to submit nominations will be October 21, 2022. Board members are expected to attend at least six (6) board meetings and six executive sessions a year (held every-other alternating month), participate on at least one or two advisory



committees (committee meetings are most often held during business hours as that is when most volunteers are available) and stay current on routine email communications.

The two-year terms are staggered so that either three or four positions are up each year. There are four open positions for the 2022 elections for a two-year term. The three members who will be remaining on the Board are: Mark Aston, Caryn Olson, and Stan Jaeger. The ballots will be counted, and the election results announced at the Annual Members Meeting on December 6, 2022.

Each Director candidate will need to complete the nomination forms and to provide an optional candidate informational statement. Per Nevada statute the following candidate statement requirements apply: 1) Must be no longer than a single, typed page and 2) Must not contain any defamatory, libelous, or profane information.

Please note that per NRS 116.31034, each person who is nominated as a candidate for a member of the executive board must:

- (a) Make a good faith effort to disclose any financial, business, professional or personal relationship or interest that would result or would appear to a reasonable person to result in a potential conflict of interest for the candidate if the candidate were to be elected to serve as a member of the executive board; and
- (b) Disclose whether the candidate is a member in good standing. ("good standing" means the candidate has no unpaid and past due assessments or construction penalties that are required to be paid to the association). All elected board members will be required to sign the ACHOA Conflict of Interest Statement. (The Conflict-of-Interest Policy is posted on TownSq under documents.)

Candidates have the option to place an ad in the ArrowCreek View. Any such ad

must be paid for by the candidate and the candidate must sign a declaration under penalty of perjury to confirm they paid for the ad. The space of the ad will be limited up to one-half page. Disclosure language will accompany the ad that states, "This is a paid advertisement, paid for by [insert Candidate name]." Interested candidates need to contact CCMedia directly at 775.548-6562 or email Peggy McElfish at [peggy@cc.media](mailto:peggy@cc.media). **The deadline to reserve ad space for the November issue is October 5, 2022.**

A Meet the Candidates night has been scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2022, from 6 - 7:30pm. The format for the meeting is currently anticipated to be a hybrid of Zoom and in person. The final format will be announced as we get closer to the meeting. The meeting formats are designed specifically to allow for community member participation. The Meet the Candidates Night sign in will

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONTINUED



be noticed closer to the meeting date. The candidates applying for the open Board of Director positions are expected to be in attendance and answer questions during the event.

Board of Director Ballots will be mailed out to each Lot Owner on or about October 29th, 2022. Please attend the Candidate Night, complete your ballot and mail back your ballot in the required return envelopes in time for the ballot counting. Please remember that ballots are to be mailed to McClintock Accountancy and must be in the proper return ballot envelopes provided. Walk in ballots will not be accepted at the meeting. It is important that all Owners take part in the election process.

function with no Board actions to be taken. This was purely an informational and feedback meeting between community members and the Board of Directors of which all were in attendance. Approximately sixty-five members filled the Residents' Center and fifty members attended via Zoom.

Kurt Bickel, Board President, and Stan Jaeger, Director made a presentation to the attendees that provided an update as to the repair and replacement of the building components within the twenty-five-year-old Residents' Center. The presentation highlighted the current disrepair and poor space utilization for the facility. It was pointed out that the community has waited since 2015 for any significant upgrade to the Residents' Center. Stan Jaeger also made a presentation about the possible Front Gate Electronic Sign that would require a Washoe County Special Use Permit. After each presentation, a Questions and Answer ("Q & A") period of time was allocated to allow both live attendees and Zoom attendees to seek answers to their questions. A general Q & A was also initiated to ask community members for questions concerning other issues facing the community. The meeting was recorded, and the Board solicited written comments from the attendees for further review.

Several key facts were shared during the meeting concerning the Conceptual Phase of the Residents' Center Remodel. The statements that were made indicated concerns and consensus that will require further follow-up by the Board.

- » Currently 43% of the 953 homes in the ACHOA are members of The Club At ArrowCreek (TCAC). The membership varied between 43% and 52% over the past years.
- » The majority of the community are not members of The Club At ArrowCreek and they look to the Residents' Center as a place

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## JULY 27, 2022, TOWN HALL MEETING SHARING OF OPINIONS ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

On Wednesday night, July 27th, the ACHOA Board of Directors, all of whom were in attendance, met with community members via a hybrid meeting format, face to face and Zoom, to discuss numerous pending issues facing the community. Mark Aston, Director, was the emcee for the meeting which was not an official Board

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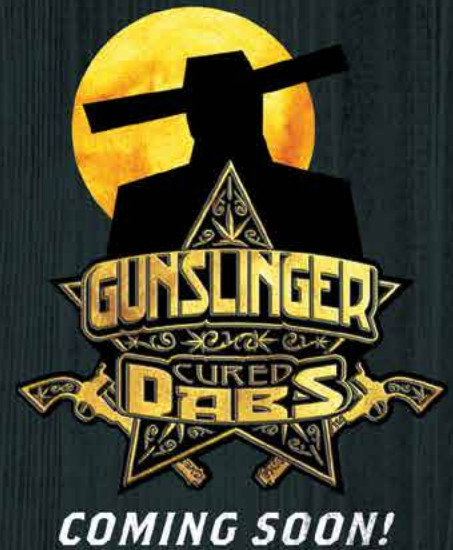


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for social and recreational activities over the years. There was a consensus that such activities should continue.

- » All attendees want a functional, attractive Residents' Center that each lot owner in the community owns. The Residents' Center reflects on the value of our homes as well as to the pride in our community to maintain all of the community's assets.
- » The Task Force recommended changes were only within the building and there was no expansion outside the existing building footprint.
- » The facility use by the community was assessed based upon the security card swipe data and planned social event attendance, that usually is an excess of 200 people at a time.
- » The kitchen facilities are inadequate. A gourmet kitchen was not in the plans, but a kitchenette that can be used by groups was discussed (refrigerator, microwave, sink, and ice maker with counterspace with adequate plugs for serving dishes and crock pots).
- » The HVAC system needs to be replaced as per the Reserve Study with energy efficient system with proper ducting to handle the work out facility.
- » The workout area has inadequate space with outdated equipment and poor ventilation.
- » The Men's and Women's Bathrooms and shower areas require major replacement and repair since they were originally put in by the developer twenty-five years ago.
- » Over 30% of the total floor space is currently not being used and could be incorporated into the overall configuration to add additional space for activities.
- » There are no small meeting room areas for a small group meeting or a place to play games in the current layout.
- » The 2023 Annual Update Reserve Study indicated that there are over \$600,000 of building component replacements that are required. The Reserve Fund Study does not provide an overall

project approach but rather advice about replacing components one at a time. The Reserve Committee determined that it would be better to follow a project plan and to get all the work done at one time to avoid downtime for the Center.

- » The early project cost estimates were questioned, and solid cost estimates should be developed. This requires hiring an architectural and engineering firm to develop plans that can be used for a permit and to develop contractor bids. This initial cost would be paid from the existing Capital Fund.
- » Both positive and negative feedback was provided concerning the space allocation. There were numerous comments that it would be nice to have a larger meeting room to accommodate more community members when attending a Town Hall. (Many members had to stand or were in the hallways during the meeting.)
- » Initial concepts of funding the project through a Special Assessment, a loan, payment from the Reserve Fund and combinations thereof were discussed with no solid plan developed. The funding options cannot be developed until the true costs are determined in the next phase.
- » The Board has authorized the hiring of an architectural firm to draw plans with the community inputs to provide plans that can be permitted and can be bid upon by contractors providing services and project management.

The comments concerning the Electronic Sign varied from we have too many signs within ArrowCreek to that it was a great idea. The Special Use Permit requirement was discussed and explained. The Electronic Sign cannot be allowed without the approval of Washoe County. The Board will need to determine if Capital Funds could be spent on a Special Use Permit.

Other comments included questions about the UTV that Security has, dog dropping clean up, golf cart usage on major ArrowCreek Roads, and stop sign violations. The meeting ended at 7:30pm with plans for future town hall communication meetings.

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

Thanks for staying informed!

## ASK THE MANAGER



### SO, THIS IS NOT SO MUCH A QUESTION, BUT A REMINDER ABOUT RESPECTFUL COMMUNICATIONS - THIS IS FOR EVERYONE, EVEN ME!

Especially with the recent discussions about the Residents' Center improvement project, where there are many opinions on several sides of the topic (as is usual in ArrowCreek), it is really important to be reminded to treat others with respect when sharing opinions. This type of kindness goes a long way in creating a wonderful community where people love to live.

You may think differently than your neighbor, and that is common. Discussion about controversial topics is healthy and help to evolve the community, society, etc. But, for discussions to be productive people need to remain open and calm. No personal attacks or putting others down. Be careful of disseminating "mis-information," ask the facts from the HOA before sharing. Though there are many different opinions, ultimately, everyone wants the same thing, to make ArrowCreek the best place to life work and play (with fantastic property values). It's just "how we get there" that is not always so clear.

Please be reminded that board, committee and/or task force members are all volunteers, and they are your neighbors too. Please treat them with the same respect that you would want to receive (and visa-versa). This includes staff and management also. If you

have a complaint/concern, its fine to voice that, but also include your idea for a solution too. And remember there are always at least two sides to every idea and/or thought process (probably more like 10, but we'll go with 2!), so stay open to listening to other ideas.

Super important...often times emails (or social media, which is not an official platform for HOA communications) can come across differently than in-person communications. Think twice about how your electronic communication might be perceived, would you be saying the same thing the same way if you were talking face to face? Are you treating someone the way you would want to be treated? This was recently shared with me . . . Never send an angry email is my motto!

We all value our community, neighbors, employees and management, who are in integral part of our community. So please take this into consideration in your interactions with others. We know that sometimes living in a Homeowners Association can be frustrating, and you may at times feel mis-understood, but together we can be a positive and productive contribution to the community and beyond.

Jeanne Tarantino, Community Manager

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The retention basin/pond at The Pit. (Private Property of The Club at ArrowCreek)

# Stormwater & Flood

## CONTROL MEASURES IN ARROWCREEK

ArrowCreek is located on the alluvial fan of Mount Rose. "Alluvial fans are found throughout Nevada. An alluvial fan is a fan-shaped deposit of material created where a stream flows out onto the valley floor. Alluvial fans are the cumulative result of successive flood events over hundreds to thousands of years. Alluvial fan flooding is potentially more dangerous than riverine flooding because it is less

predictable and the threat is not apparent, therefore it is not often considered during land development. Additionally, the influence of minor grading, roads, and structures can greatly impact and exaggerate damage from alluvial fan flooding. This type of flooding can occur with little warning. Alluvial fan flooding occurs when flood waters emerge from canyon mouths and travel downstream at extremely high velocities carrying an enormous load of sediment and debris. The hazards associated with alluvial fan flooding are compounded by the potential for migration of flood waters across the width of the fan. Alluvial fan flooding impacts are especially severe on fans which are developed without mitigation measures installed." (Nevada Division of Water Planning, "Flood Management in Nevada")

Because of the dry climate, low precipitation and few perennial streams, flood hazards in Nevada are typically underestimated. Flash flooding on streams emerging from steep canyons in the mountains can occur very unpredictably and can cause flooding far from the precipitation source. Because flash floods are typically caused by high intensity-short duration convective storm events in the mountains, they occur with little warning, and can be very destructive in terms of erosion and sediment deposition. The Nevada State Water Plan describes floodplain management consisting of planning and implementing programs designed

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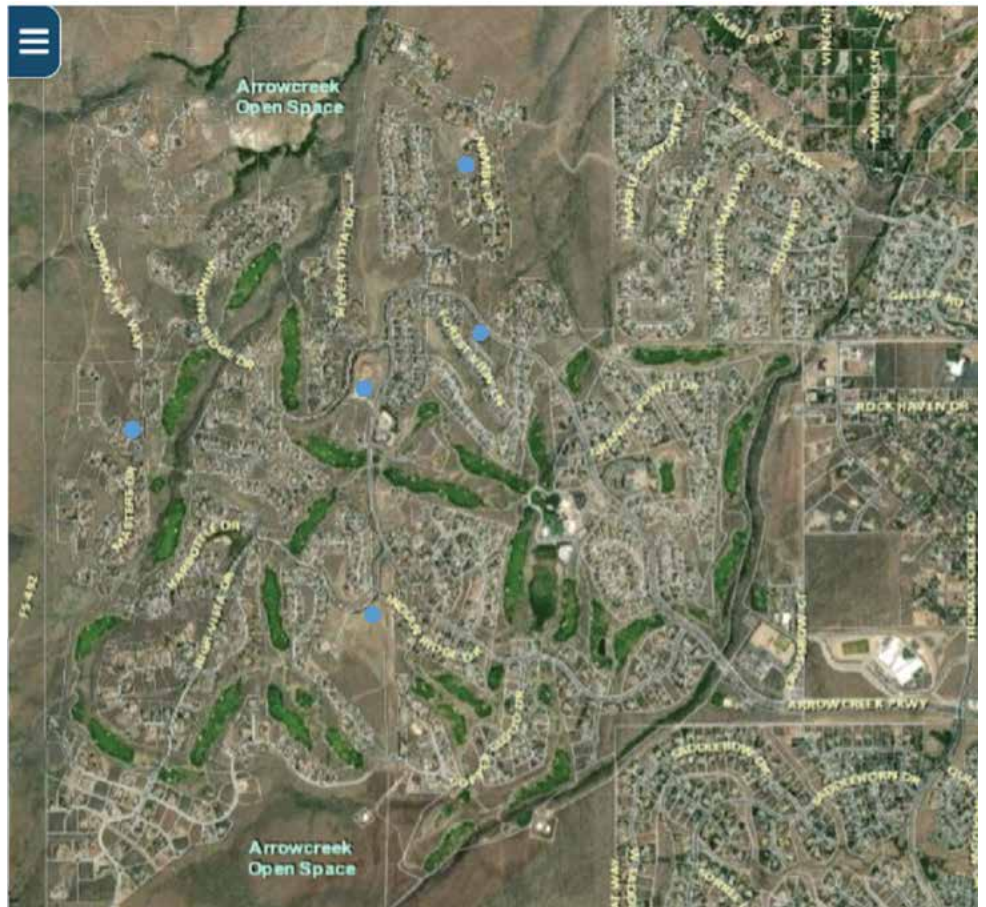
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to alleviate the impact of flooding on people and communities. Floodplain management consists of both structural and nonstructural measures for mitigating flood impacts. Washoe County local codes and The Truckee Meadows Regional Drainage Manual establish guidelines, requirements and standards. Structural approaches include measures which reduce the amount of flood water in a stream or contain flood water in a channel so that it does not inundate nearby areas.

ArrowCreek has such measures in our one dry detention basin (Masters Drive) and four wet retention basins (East ArrowCreek Parkway, High Vista Drive, Socorro Court, and The Pit).

Building basins is a common method for managing stormwater. The basins are intended to temporarily store runoff and release it at a rate that prevents erosion or flooding. The need for diverting water increases as communities grow and more ground surface becomes concrete and

asphalt. Stormwater runoff overwhelms drains and sewers and can damage creeks and rivers through erosion. By handling stormwater near its source, millions of dollars can be saved in costly flooding or erosion repairs.

So, what is the difference between a detention basin and a retention basin? The main difference is the presence or absence of a permanent pool of water or pond. OK, laugh now. All of our basins are dry! So, notice where the metal or concrete riser structure is. This low flow orifice controls the water level. Or is it a culvert? There's a culvert at the Masters Drive pond. A detention, or dry, pond has an orifice level near the bottom of the basin. It has a minor slope to divert the water. The inlet is usually not much higher (<15%) than the outlet for proper handling of flow. The water collects and slowly drains out. Consequently, the basin drains out between storms and is typically dry. A retention basin or pond has a riser and outlet at a





The retention basin/pond at High Vista. (ACHOA Common Space)



The detention basin/pond at Masters Drive. (ACHOA Common Space)



The retention basin/pond on E ArrowCreek Parkway. (ACHOA Common Space)

higher point and therefore retains the water longer allowing for infiltration into the underlying soils and slowing stormwater runoff. It collects a larger amount of water before drainage occurs through the outlet. A retention pond could look like a regular pond, but that has not happened here in ArrowCreek since 2006/2007. The retention ponds dry up as well. After major storms or snow melts, residual water and snow does remain for a while. Signs are posted because it could be a drowning hazard.

The integrated drainage system for the ArrowCreek Community was put to a test in the 2006/2007 winter season. The road storm drains, detention pond, retention ponds, culverts, and drainage ditches were stressed with the combination of heavy snow and warm pacific rain showers for days. The significant runoff created a 200-year water event for a system that was designed for a 100-year water event. Needless to say, there was damage to the system and ACHOA common area that required repair to a tune of \$150,000 during the summer of 2007. Currently the ACHOA Operating Budget includes costs to maintain the system which includes street sweeping expenses, hydro engineer expenses, storm sewer and drain clean out expenses, and Facility Staff annual drainage ditch clearing. The Reserve Fund provides required funds to replace and significantly repair the entire drainage system within our Association. The Association Disaster plan now includes responses to significant water events within the community.

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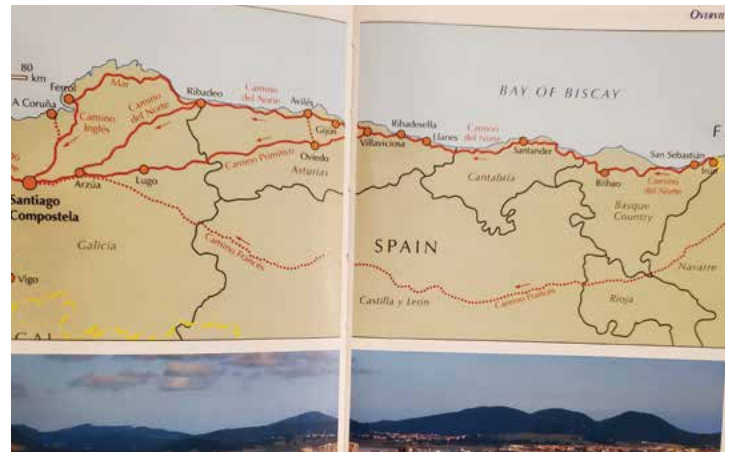
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# Adventure

## ON THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

As we get older, many of us think of doing something special to mark our significant birthdays. When Charlie Dickinson, a long-time ArrowCreek resident and community volunteer, turned sixty, he traveled to Africa and climbed Kilimanjaro. This spring, on the verge of seventy, he departed for Spain and walked the entire Camino de Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage route, about six hundred miles including four more days to reach Finisterre, ‘Land’s End’ in Spanish. The ‘Way’ as it is known was established over 1,000 years ago as an important pilgrimage trail to venerate St James whose remains are said to be in the Santiago cathedral. Walking the Way has become extremely popular recently with pilgrims coming from all over the world.

Charlie and his friend Cliff Donnelly walked the northern route, the longest of several, starting in Hendaye, France. They walked for forty-two straight days! No days off! They averaged fourteen miles/day with the longest day covering nineteen miles and the shortest day covering five miles. Charlie met interesting people on the Way, both local Spaniards and other pilgrims. The pilgrims came from all over and all had stories. Many had started the Camino in earlier years, walking a section at a time, and then got shut out due to Covid. Most were European but a surprising number were from South America and elsewhere.



Map of different Camino routes taken from a book titled Pilgrim Route Camino del Norte and Camino Primitivo.

Spring was the ideal time to do the Camino, both weather-wise and for avoiding crowds. Camino del Norte goes along the coast with many beaches, so weather was cool and overcast much of the time. They missed the heavy rain which usually fell at night. The beaches are spectacular and numerous – they also attract lots of beach goers in summer, so hostels and hotels fill up and are expensive.

They stayed at albergues (hostels) and hotels/pensions. Albergues were municipally operated, Church operated or privately operated. Even now after Covid, the Camino still has donativo (donation) albergues which were some of the best experiences they had. These were usually clean, small (12 beds or less), and served dinner (full meal including local wine) and breakfast and sometimes would do laundry for you. This was where you get “The True” Camino feel, meeting pilgrims in a communal atmosphere.







Charlie at Santiago Cathedral.

Both Charlie and Cliff had religious motivation in undertaking the pilgrimage. They listened to daily morning prayer in English while walking and sometimes in the few small churches or chapels along the Way. They attended Vespers (evening prayers) at a couple of monasteries and of course they got their Compostela, a document signifying that they walked at least the last 100 km of the Camino. Charlie's most prominent memory was of Spanish Catholic Mass in 17th century Iglesia de Nuestra Senora de la Asuncion where



Cliff helped say Mass. Cliff is a Catholic deacon in Colorado Springs where he serves at Spanish Language Masses and in the Prison Ministry. Charlie and his wife Sally are active in the local Episcopal church. Charlie says that no matter how you approach it, you will have a spiritual journey that you will appreciate. He also notes, "At times as we were trekking along day after day, I felt like Forrest Gump." In the end, this was another 'trip of a lifetime' to be remembered and savored.

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## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



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### **Where Is Your Hometown?**

Born and raised in Durango, CO.

### **Can you tell us a little bit about your Naval service?**

I was a nuclear mechanic aboard the USS Nimitz. I did three deployments to the

Persian Gulf, Indian Ocean, and western parts of the Pacific Ocean.

### **What is your favorite sports team?**

I'm from Durango so I am a fan of all the Colorado Teams - Broncos, Avalanche, and Rockies, and to a much lesser extent the Nuggets.

### **Can you tell homeowners something about the Security Department they may not be aware of?**

We all try our best to make the log-in process as smooth and quick as possible, but when we have to call in a visitor it creates a bottleneck at the gatehouse. This causes lines to form, delays to happen, and people become impatient, which in turn leads to potential issues or confrontations at the gatehouse. A little patience and planning ahead goes a long way.

### **How long have you been with ArrowCreek, and what is your job?**

I have been with ArrowCreek for almost 11 years as part of Security.

### **What aspect of your job do you enjoy the most?**

I enjoy the unpredictable nature of the job. There are always new situations, issues, or events, and being able to assist or solve them makes for a better day.

### **What aspect of your job is the most challenging?**

Definitely the most difficult aspect of this job and position is not reacting or becoming frustrated with the way we are frequently mistreated or disrespected.

### **Interests/and or Hobbies?**

I enjoy traveling. I wish I could do so more often. I enjoy learning about everything from astronomy to biology, geography to physics. I also enjoy keeping up with current events and politics, both foreign and domestic.

### **Any Advice for homeowners as it relates to the Security Department?**

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# Elaine Carrick

## BASKET PROJECT FUNDRAISER

What an evening July 14th was! It was a night to honor Elaine Carrick, a beloved member of our ArrowCreek community, and to support a cause close to her heart and the hearts of those who attended the Elaine Carrick Basket Project Fundraiser to benefit OUR Place. OUR Place is the largest emergency housing provider for women and families in the Reno area. Assisted by RISE (Regional Initiative for Shelter and Equality) and Washoe County Humans Services Agency, OUR Place assists those facing daunting transitions by providing shelter and wrap-around services for women, families and temporarily displaced seniors.

Elaine is receiving hospice care and during this time, she has given her personal belongings as gifts to friends and charities. This has given her such joy and she wanted to continue giving. This is how the Elaine Carrick Basket Project came about.

The fundraiser was co-hosted by the Chefs Club and Paula and Allen Macenski at their home and was attended by fifty-four guests. While enjoying the evening with an impressive spread of food and drinks, guests were able to view and bid on silent

auction items that included 10 of Elaine's baskets with themes such as "Tahoe Getaway," "World of Whiskey," "A Trip to Sonoma," and "Chef's Delight" that were filled with wine, cookbooks, pasta, spices, chocolates and various special treasures from Elaine's travels and personal collection. Additional silent auction items included a framed serio lithograph, prints by artist Lady Jill Mueller, tickets to Mamma Mia at Sand Harbor and a gourmet dinner for eight prepared by a resident chef. Additional money was contributed by those who could not attend the evening. Elaine and her husband Dan also donated forty bottles of wine from their Brindle Pony Vineyards to the fundraiser.

By the end of the night, \$7,060 had been raised, with a surprise match by Carol and Mark Steingard, bringing the total raised to \$14,120. At Elaine's request, all proceeds will be given to OUR Place for the purchase of a transportation vehicle for the facility. Enormous thanks to Elaine and Dan for their generosity, friendship, and contribution to the community, and thanks to all who contributed their support and love.

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## BUDGET & FINANCE



### BUDGET, FINANCE, AND RESERVE COMMITTEES UPDATE

Inflation has arrived with a substantial impact to the 2023 ACHOA budget process for the Operating, Capital, and Reserve Funds. The Budget & Finance and Reserve Committees use the Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index (PCE) to determine potential impacts to future costs for the ACHOA. The PCE is a measure of the prices that people living in the United States, or those buying on their behalf, pay for goods and services and does include fuel and food. The change in the PCE is known for capturing inflation (or deflation) across a wide range of consumer expenses and reflecting changes in consumer behavior. The July 27th PCE report for June increased by 6.8% when compared to June 2021. One of the indexes that the Federal Reserve follows is the core PCE index that excludes

energy and fuel. It increased from 4.7% in May 2022 to 4.8% in June 2022. The Federal Reserve uses the core PCE to monitor and manage its goal of an annual 2.0% inflationary rate for the United States. Inflation will be with us for a long time it appears.

Actual and projected inflationary impacts to the 2023 ACHOA budget are as follows.

- » Electricity and gas utility costs are going up 8%.
- » Water and sewer utility costs are going up 3%.
- » Waste management costs are going up 10%.
- » Fuel costs are going up approximately 25%.
- » Medical insurance costs are going up by 12%.
- » Asphalt paving costs are going up by 18%.
- » Landscape irrigation system part costs up 10%.
- » Fertilizer costs up 15%.
- » Labor costs for retention and hiring employees up 9%.
- » Vendor labor service contracts up 9%.
- » Snow removal costs up 13% because of fuel and labor costs.

The Reserve Committee revised the initial Annual Reserve Update Report and selected an annual 5.5% inflation rate with an after-tax investment rate of 0.7% for the calculations concerning the replacement of all future assets owned by the ACHOA for the next 30 years. The current replacement cost for all ACHOA assets in the study reflected \$29,275,072 and the estimated future replacement cost was \$77,029,343. The revised Browning Annual Update was presented, discussed, and approved at the August 16, 2022, ACHOA Board Meeting for the 2023 Reserve Fund expenses.

The 2023 ACHOA Draft Operating, Capital and Reserve Budget will be discussed at the September 27, 2022, workshop with presentations by the Budget & Finance and Reserve Committees. The inflationary impacts for 2023 will be discussed and the planned monthly assessment increases will be discussed. The 2023 ACHOA Budget will not be approved by the Board until the November 8, 2022, Board Meeting and it will be ratified by the community at the Annual Meeting on December 6, 2022.

Please mark the above dates in your calendar and we will see you at the meetings.

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Tips of the needles are yellow and brown. Older needles along the branches have dropped off.



Austrian Pines along ArrowCreek Pkwy showing boron-sensitivity of needle loss along their branches with only tufts of new needles at the ends.

## Boron IN ARROWCREEK SOILS

Everybody knows about the superhero Boron, right? What is he up to now? Um, er, well, Boron sounds like a perfect superhero name, doesn't it? OK, so Boron is not a superhero.

But you have heard about the 20 Mule Team All-Natural Borax laundry powder, right? In the late 1800s, 20-mule teams were used to move borax out of Death Valley. After railroads took over the transfer of the product, the name 20 Mule Team Borax was established for advertising purposes. Boraxo, Borateem and 20 Mule Team are all made with the compound borax that is a mineral made up of boron, oxygen, and sodium (think salt). It is found in Death Valley, other salt plains in Nevada, Utah, and California and even here in ArrowCreek. Unfortunately, the ArrowCreek residents do not have mineral rights to their land even if it were in large enough quantity to mine. But it is not. Boron has great stain-fighting power (ah, ha, superhero!). When mixed with water molecules, boron creates hydrogen peroxide. That is great for cleaners but not so great for plants!!

The Facilities Staff and the ACHOA Landscape Committee have been involved in many discussions through the years about the elevated levels of boron in our soil. Not only is boron prevalent naturally in our soil, but there are elevated levels of boron in the reclaimed water we get from Washoe County. Trying to get Washoe County to do anything about the boron in the water has fallen on deaf ears. Part of the problem is that it is hard to get rid of boron. The reverse osmosis treatment is the only effective means to get rid of boron, but it is expensive. Even though other areas of the world need to add trace amounts of boron to help plants grow, we are unlucky enough to have too much. It comes from arid soil originating from geologically young deposits – again, because ArrowCreek is on the Mount Rose alluvial fan. [See the article on Stormwater basins to learn more about alluvial fans.]

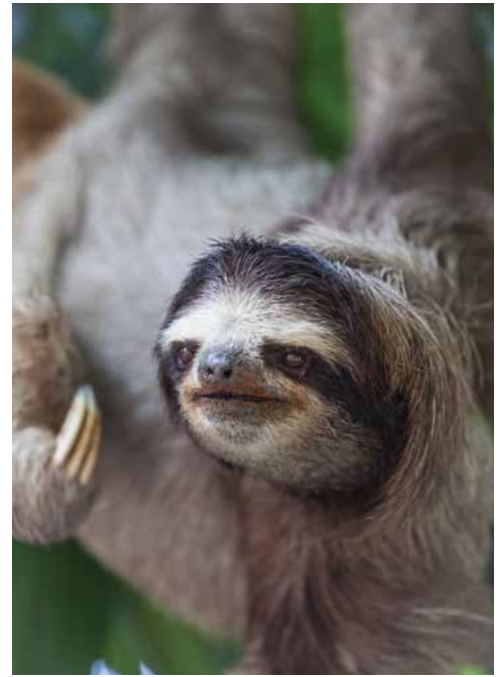
The plants along Arrowcreek Parkway are all watered with reclaimed water. The result has been that many of them, especially the pines and other evergreens, have stunted growth, yellowed, and eventually died over the years. The original developer was not cognizant of the boron issues and planted what looked nice. Soon trees and bushes were showing signs of what was finally diagnosed as boron toxicity. Yellowing and browning is first noticed on older leaves and needles, and then they turn black and die. Soil, water, and tissue samples were assessed, and the high boron levels were found to be the culprit.

We also had our home soil evaluated and found it was high in boron. The desired range of boron in the soil is .8 to 1.2 ppm. For the several samples of our soil that were assessed, the results were between 1.2 and 1.8 ppm.

So, what can we do? The best way to deal with high boron levels is to select plants that can tolerate it. The historical approach has been to frequently irrigate with fresh water to leach salts and boron below the plant root zone. Soils with elevated levels of boron typically are also high pH and have high sodium (salt) content which leads to drainage issues. This exacerbates boron toxicity. Irrigating more frequently leads to overwatering. Lots of research has been done about amending the soil. Soil amendments like gypsum and sulfur take a long time and do not make a significant difference in the end. Organic mulch has a chance of improving soil makeup but still has a minimal effect on salts and boron in the soil. Creating mounds or raised beds with organic amendments and better topsoil is an option to get the sucker roots into better soil rather than the boron-laden native soil. There does not appear to be an existing magic remedy for getting rid of boron. The best action is to find boron-tolerant plants.

Main sources for this article were “ArrowCreek Homeowners Association Reclaimed Water Quality Review/Options for Water Quality Improvement” by TriSage Consulting, 2017, [The source for the photos], 20 Mule Team Borax website ([www.20muleteamlaundry.com](http://www.20muleteamlaundry.com)), and University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Special Publication 12-04 “Boron- and Salt-tolerant Trees and Shrubs for Northern Nevada” by Heidi Kratsch. The UNR Special Publication (available at <https://extension.unr.edu/publication.aspx?PubID=3316>) contains a list of boron-tolerant plants as well as boron-sensitive plants.





# Learn

## HOW THE SLOW SURVIVE BY PATRICK TURNER, CHIEF ADVANCEMENT OFFICER, THE DISCOVERY

Sometimes being slow, small, or weak can have its advantages! Survival of the Slowest explores the often-overlooked species that have used their disadvantages to help them survive—and even thrive—in a world where large, strong, and fast animals are often at the top of the food chain. Survival of the Slowest, the newest featured exhibition at The Discovery, takes its time and proves just that.

Survival of the Slowest will allow visitors to get up close and personal with more than 15 live animals including a two-toed sloth, red-footed tortoise, green iguana, four-toed hedgehog, bearded dragon, ball python, and more! Visitors will marvel in this immersive, educational experience, but only for a limited time at The Discovery!

This educational exhibition looks at the different survival strategies of different species. How can slow and steady win the race? Does bigger always mean better? What animals benefit from being weak rather than strong? This exhibition looks at the advantages and disadvantages to these different traits.

Survival of the Slowest will open to the public in mid-September and is included with museum admission. The Discovery is located at 490 S. Center Street in downtown Reno. Details are available at [nvdnm.org](http://nvdnm.org).

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# RESIDENTS' CENTER

## RESIDENTS' CENTER UPDATE

With summer winding down and school back in session we wanted to give you an update on the Residents' Center facilities. We anticipate closing the family pools October 15th and will leave the lap pool open potentially through mid-November if the weather permits. The spa will remain open year-round.

We had our first in-person Board meeting at the Residents' Center in June along with a Townhall in July since the COVID pandemic began over two years ago. The ACHOA will now offer hybrid meetings giving owners the option of attending in-person or virtually.

New this year the ACHOA has instituted a reservation system for two of the three tennis courts. Overall, the feedback from players has been positive. Complaints by community members have been received with the belief that reservation system is not needed and

too restrictive. This year the staff received hardly any complaints regarding court availability which is a positive change from years past. The ACHOA plans to close the reservations for the winter returning to free play and will re-evaluate if we want to continue with it or adjust the parameters in the Spring of 2023.

We hope you all are taking advantage of the warm weather and enjoying all the great outdoor activities ArrowCreek offers!



## DID YOU KNOW?

New residents quickly learn about the biggest community amenities, such as swimming pools, fitness center and tennis, pickleball and basketball courts. However, the ACHOA offers residents a lot of other amenities. Did you know...

- » The Residents' Center can be used for private parties and gatherings. (Rental Agreement form, deposit and usage fee may apply. Contact Residents' Center.)
- » Folding tables and folding chairs can be checked out of the Residents' Center for large gatherings in private ArrowCreek homes. (Advance notice to Residents' Center coordinator required.)
- » Extra ice can be accessed from the ArrowCreek ice machine. (Supplies go fast on summer weekends.)
- » Specific sports equipment can be checked out by getting a key from Security for the shed housing them:
  1. Bocce ball equipment to be used at the new bocce ball court at Harbottle Park off of High Vista.
  2. Volleyball net.
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## RESIDENTS' CENTER CONTINUED



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» The following information pamphlets are available at the Residents' Center:

1. ArrowCreek Welcome Pamphlet.
2. Pamphlet discussing the best plants for landscaping in ArrowCreek's high desert.
3. Map of trails and walking paths within and around ArrowCreek.
4. Copies of ArrowCreek View.

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The first 8 class sessions starts October 10th and will be on Monday and Wednesdays for 1 hour at 11:30am.

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room. We are fortunate to have instructor Sandy Schreiner, a NASM Certified Personal Trainer, to guide us through a gentle yoga practice moving at a mindful pace to soothing music. Focusing on breath with movement improves our strength, balance, and flexibility, and helps reinstate the sense of relaxation. All fitness levels are welcome and both men and women are encouraged to attend.





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# Quail

IN ARROWCREEK BY SUSAN DUNCAN

The quail babies are all almost as big as their parents here in ArrowCreek in September since they are usually born in July. This year we did have one early family at the end of May and several families showed up in June. As I write this at the end of July, we now have a mixture of teens and babies coming with their parents to check on the seed supply in the corner of our patio. From the time when three male quail got stuck in our house while it was being built in the spring of 2004, the quail have entertained us with their antics. Well, mostly entertained us – I really do not appreciate them digging dust bathtubs in my flower beds!

Back in 2004 we somehow had three pair of quail get inside the house. Doors and windows were already installed. They were panicking. We opened the door from outside and stood back. The three females immediately left through the door. The three males kept hitting walls and windows before they figured out that they could leave through the open door. They have been a source of amusement ever since.

I thought the annoying squirrels were the culprits of digging all the holes in the garden, but in 2009 we caught the quail in action while they dug down into the dirt near irrigation drips and took turns taking baths. Usually done in pairs, one would stand guard

while the other bathed. Sometimes it looked like a party activity though. Many would stand around to watch and to wait their turn. I have learned to strategically sprinkle pinecones and place rocks in my flower beds to discourage both the quail and the squirrels from digging everywhere.

Most of the fun comes from watching the tiny baby chicks running after mom or dad to venture out for the long field trip to the corner of the patio. One of the parents, usually mom, heads the line while the other, usually dad, is the sentry at the end to make sure no one gets lost or left behind. It is amusing to see how often there is always one chick who gets distracted along the way and then has to run to catch up before getting pecked by a parent. Some babies stick near dad to explore what is there to eat, but most of the babies seem to peck at the same seeds that mom is trying to eat. It is also interesting to watch the first chick get tired and just plop down on the patio, usually close to where mom is feeding. One by one the other chicks run over and plop down, too, all close together like they were in the nest.

As the chicks get older and bigger, the males get their top knots (or comma-shaped crests), and they all practice their calls. By Fall it is hard to tell the chicks from the parents although they still run around in family groups, so we can usually recognize families by the number of their members. We have a couple neighborhood hawks and other predators that do take down the numbers. The crest looks like one feather, but it is actually six overlapping feathers. We have had families where the males have had two top







knots and even one family where the daddy had three. Not sure if the anomaly meant it was an unkempt hair day or if the feathers grow in weird, but it seemed hereditary because the sons had doubles, too. Born to be wild.

We learned a fascinating fact this year about the way the quail lay their eggs. I guess I did not think about it before. Family sizes differ – sometimes there is only one chick (something may have happened to the rest), but we have also counted eighteen or more chicks. Typical clutch size is between 10 and 15 eggs. Quail nests are usually just a surface depression lined by leaves and grass,

usually under dense bushes or shrubbery for protection from predators. The female makes her way to the nest each day to deposit an egg, but she leaves the nest and eggs unattended shortly thereafter. Only when she is done laying all her eggs does she start the incubation process. No development happens in the eggs while they are left unattended. So, eggs can be laid two weeks apart, but they will all start to develop at the same time when the incubation starts. They will all hatch together within a few hours after about 21 days of the female sitting in the nest to keep the heat constantly present. The babies hatch with open eyes and downy feathers and ready to run around to feed within hours of cracking out of their shells.

The California Quail, that we have here in ArrowCreek, have been known to have clutches of as many as twenty-eight eggs. This may be because multiple females are laying eggs in nests that are not their own. This behavior is called “egg-dumping!” Several broods of quail may mix after hatching and are tended by all the parents. Adults that raise young this way tend to live longer than adults that do not, according to [allaboutbirds.org](http://allaboutbirds.org).

There is other interesting information available online about California Quail, especially at [allaboutbirds.org](http://allaboutbirds.org) and [audubon.org](http://audubon.org), but today I just wanted to share some of our ArrowCreek feathered friend experiences.

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You may have heard that Washoe County is experiencing a shortage of resources for our most vulnerable kids. Perhaps you also know that Nevada ranks last in youth mental health. The situation can feel overwhelming at times, but one organization is using a unique and effective approach to help children and families in our community: meaningful interactions with horses.

LEAD With Horses is a local nonprofit organization providing equine assisted counseling and education. Children participate in guided, hands-on activities with horses. Qualified counselors and educators

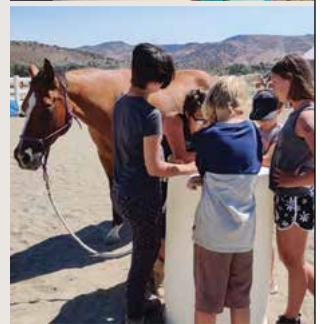
facilitate the process, and the horses respond to the child’s emotional state, providing immediate and honest feedback. The experience allows for introspection and processing of emotions, responses and behaviors.

LEAD with Horses offers a unique and powerful experience for all ages. “LEAD with Horses is one of the best programs available to children in need of emotional healing. They give them a place of safety - a place they can not only heal but gain much needed life skills,” says Laura, the mother of a 9-year-old participant.

The educational and therapeutic services provided are desperately needed, and demand for

these unique and effective equine assisted programs continues to increase. As a nonprofit, LEAD with Horses relies on community support. Community members and businesses can donate time, funds, or items; attend an event; or sponsor a horse or event. Horse and business sponsorships are available all year and include some wonderful benefits. The Horses and Harmony concert is a fundraiser held on the last Saturday of July.

If you are interested in learning more about supporting children in our community, visit [leadwithhorses.org](http://leadwithhorses.org) or call 775.223.5181 to make an appointment to visit LEAD with Horses.



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# SAVE THE DATE

## ONGOING

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
Barre Blitz 3:30 - 5:30pm

Thursdays  
Social Bridge 9:30 - 10:30am

Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
Yoga 9 - 10:15am

Mondays  
Mah Jongg 3 - 5pm

1st Monday of the Month  
Mah Jongg 1 - 3pm

2nd Thursday of the Month  
Chef's Club

3rd Wednesday of the Month  
Wine Club

## SEPTEMBER

20 Executive Sess/Hearing Meeting  
5 - 6pm via Zoom

27 2023 Budget & Reserve  
Owner Workshop, 6 - 7:30pm

## OCTOBER

05 ADRC Submittle Deadline 4pm

12 ADRC Meeting, 11:30am, at ASN

18 Executive Sess/Hearing Meeting  
5 - 6pm via Zoom

28 Annual HOA Halloween Carnival  
4-6pm (kids ages 4-12)

21 Board Nomination Forms Due

## NOVEMBER

02 ADRC Submittle Deadline 4pm

08 Board Meeting via Zoom 6pm

09 ADRC Meeting, 11:30am, at ASN

10 Meet the Candidates 6-7:30pm  
via Zoom

15 Executive Sess/Hearing Meeting  
5 - 6pm via Zoom

24 ASN Office closed through 11/25  
for Thanksgiving holiday

## CALENDAR KEY

**ADRC** Architectural Design Review Committee (closed meeting). Held the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Deadline to submit is 1st Wednesday of month.

**ASN** Associa Sierra North

**BOARD MEETING** Regular meeting of the board of directors. Homeowners welcome. Owner forum at the beginning of each meeting. Executive Sessions may be held prior to each regular board meeting. Meeting dates may be subject to change.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Meeting of the board of directors to discuss delinquencies, legal issues and CC&R violations. (Closed meeting)

**TOWN HALL** Informal gathering with owners and board for open general discussion about items of concern. (No action is taken at meeting.)



## SOCIALS & EVENTS



### MUSIC ON THE LAWN - FUN FOR ALL RAIN NOT WITHSTANDING!

Boy are the residents of ArrowCreek a hardy group! Music on the Lawn provided by Cliff Porter and Full Blast began a little after 5 p.m. and the rain started a little after 6 p.m. The band's electronic equipment got wet and they had to close down or risk blowing out the equipment. We're in Nevada – give it 5 minutes and the weather will change... that is our only guarantee.

But, that didn't stop all the fun. In fact, many people gathered under the check-in tent and the beverage tent during the rain. A really good way to meet your neighbors! Even with rain coming down off the beverage tent, adults had fun trying unique craft beer tastings and wine and kids grabbed soft drinks and water. These complimentary beverages were provided to attendees courtesy of Brasserie St. James and Albright & Associates, CPAs, and the

ArrowCreek HOA. A few raindrops could not put a damper on this fun-filled group.

Prior to the downpour, people played volleyball and cornhole. And even after some residents left due to the rain, the kids still went for the bungee jump, trackless train, and ice cream truck. Nobody could rain on their parade.

Some residents arrived in their golf carts, parked on the lawn and enjoyed the music and the convenience of parking. Easy come, easy go.

The HOA received 67 RSVP responses on the ACHOA website by the August 4th cutoff. That number of responses translated to 231 residents (165 adults and 66 kids). We also had quite a few people attending last minute, which was great.

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# BE PREPARED FOR Wildfire Season



Public Safety Outage Management (PSOM) is a key measure of defense against wildfires. During a PSOM event, power is shut off for safety in extreme and elevated fire risk areas when certain environmental conditions are met to help prevent wildfires.

- Be prepared for a PSOM event:  
Update your contact information at [nvenergy.com/myaccount](https://nvenergy.com/myaccount).
- If you or permanent members of your household are dependent on electrically operated medical equipment 24/7, we encourage you to enroll in our Green Cross program.
- Know your PSOM Zone.
- Identify backup charging methods for phones, including a cell phone charger that can be used in the car.
- Have a personal safety plan in place for every member of your household including pets and livestock.
- Know how to manually open your garage door.
- Build or restock your emergency kit with flashlights, fresh batteries, first-aid supplies, food and bottled water per the guidelines found at [ready.gov](https://ready.gov).
- Sign up for emergency alerts from your county so that you can be informed of other wildfire safety-related updates.

# SOCIALS & EVENTS CONTINUED

Music on the Lawn was the first ever Pay-to-Play social event held by the HOA. Each household that RSVPed on the HOA website was charged \$10 either by credit card using their PayPal account or by writing a check for \$10 and dropping it off at the Residents' Center prior to the cutoff date. Those who attended the event but did not RSVP were charged \$20 by check at the door. When it was first announced that the HOA would be charging for events, residents responded overwhelming in favor of the concept. No refunds were given after a household RSVPed for the event. Rain or shine, ArrowCreek residents are sure a sturdy, fun-loving bunch!







Back Row Sue Gorman, and Molly Richmond, and Front Row Beverly Rodine and Judy Hutchinson, Photo taken by Mary Steele



## ARROWCREEK CRAFTERS

The ArrowCreek Crafters are happy to be back at work after a 2-year Covid hiatus. Our most recent project is making blue hats for the nationwide “Hats not Hate” anti-bullying campaign. As of this date, we have made seventy-five hats which will go out to students at the beginning of the school year.

For those of you who are new to our area, the Crafters began over 15 years ago as a group of ArrowCreek ladies who make assorted items for charitable organizations with an emphasis on those in our local community. Some of our projects over the years are: Chemo caps for the American Cancer Society, quilts for Ronald McDonald House and Northern Nevada Children with Cancer, Christmas Wreaths for the cottages at Step 2, Santa hats for the preemies at Renown, crocheted blankets for the Veteran’s Guest House, baskets filled with gift items for the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) fundraiser auction and various items for raffle at the PEO (Philanthropic Education Organization) fundraiser which gives scholarships to local

high school girls. These are several of the many charities we have helped over the years.

In addition, one of our long-time members, Sue Gorman, teaches watercolor and, in lieu of payment, has her students sew fleece bunnies and dogs that go in the packet of items to local children recently diagnosed with cancer to comfort them when they go for chemo treatments. They also create lovely watercolor note cards that they sell at various places in Reno and all profits go to Children with Cancer. Also, at Christmastime, they adopt a family.

We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month and would welcome any new members to our group! Our projects are self-funded so if you have any decent quality fabrics or yarn that you are not planning to use, we would love to take them off your hands. We are always looking for new projects so if you have a charity that could use our help, let us know. For any questions regarding ArrowCreek Crafter’s, please contact Mary Steele at [marysteele6239@att.net](mailto:marysteele6239@att.net).

## ARROWCREEK INTEREST GROUPS

### ART GUILD

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### HIKING CLUB

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### MAH JONGG

Donna Branson [renobransons@yahoo.com](mailto:renobransons@yahoo.com)

### MEN'S TENNIS

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### MOTORCYCLE

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Don Unruh [emailacpc@gmail.com](mailto:emailacpc@gmail.com)  
[www.acpc.clubexpress.com](http://www.acpc.clubexpress.com)

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Stan Jaeger [stanjaeger@gmail.com](mailto:stanjaeger@gmail.com)

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Terry Brodt [terrybrodt@comcast.net](mailto:terrybrodt@comcast.net)

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Nancy Aston [cmgreno2@gmail.com](mailto:cmgreno2@gmail.com)





## Margaret McConnell

### VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINAIRE

Margaret McConnell began volunteering in college as a Student Nurse here in Reno and then eventually became active in a number of professional organizations in Las Vegas, as part of her work in Mental Health. When Margaret’s children were in elementary school, she volunteered as a parent which provided her with a chance to spend time with her children at their various activities.

When Margaret and her husband Don semi-retired and moved back to Reno, she continued to volunteer for several Long Term Care

Professional organizations—She has chaired the Governor’s Board of Examiners for Long Term Care Administrators for over 25 years; she served on the Board of Directors for the Nevada Geriatric Education Center for many years; she has served on the National Board of Long Term Care Administrators Executive Board for over 20 years; and she has been active in the Nevada Health Care Association for many years.

Having worked in mental health and long term care her entire career, Margaret wanted to continue her volunteer efforts outside her professional career. She passionately believes that we cannot ignore public health issues like children and/or families in crisis. As a result, she currently enjoys supporting the ArrowCreek Chefs Club’s efforts to provide a healthy breakfast once a month to residents of the Eddy House (a program that works with homeless and at-risk youth to develop the life and job skills necessary for sustainable independence). Through several fund-raising events, the Chefs Club was able to raise enough money to provide a full-service kitchen for the residents of Eddy House, so the residents can now be more self sufficient.

Members of the Chefs Club also prepare and serve a monthly home cooked lunch to guests of Our Place (the largest emergency housing provided for women and families in our community). Again, the Chefs Club has done an amazing job of fund raising. They just made a large donation to Our Place so they can procure a vehicle



Dr. Tiffany McCormack — our on-site Medical Director — was recently named “Best Plastic Surgeon” at the Best of Reno Awards 2022 by the *Reno-Gazette Journal*.



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to transport their guests to appointments and other activities. Our Place is in constant need of donations to meet the needs of their guests—items such as personal care products, clothing, bedding, and household items are always appreciated.

As a result of Margaret's work with Our Place, she became aware of Soulful Seeds. This wonderful organization provides healthy, sustainable, fresh food to the most vulnerable in our community. She enjoys working with this organization because it is rewarding to see people learning how to grow and prepare healthy food. The saying that "it's better to teach a person to fish rather than giving them a fish" is so true and Soulful Seeds is demonstrating this lesson with their community and neighborhood gardens. This organization is going to need not only financial support next year, but more volunteers to assist with the cultivation of a full growing season of raised beds, crop fields, and an orchard.

Here in ArrowCreek, Margaret has been able to serve on the Landscape Committee, the Administrative Committee, the Residents' Center Task Force, the General Manager Selection Task Force, and the Communications Committee. Margaret enjoys applying her organizational and communication skills as a member of these committees and it gives her a satisfying feeling to help support the well-being of our beautiful community.

Margaret and Don have two wonderful, successful children (who are fifth generation Nevadans); eight grandchildren; and five great

grandchildren. They feel extremely fortunate to be able to enjoy their family and many friends here in Northern Nevada and it is important to them to share their good fortune and give to others whenever possible.

Margaret was born and raised in Reno and Wadsworth/Fernley. She received her bachelor's degree in Nursing and her master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy at UNR. After working in Mental Health here for about 10 years, Margaret and Don moved to Las Vegas where she again worked in mental health for another 8 years. She then owned and operated a large Assisted Living Community for over 25 years. Home for her has always been in Northern Nevada and after 32 years in Las Vegas, they returned to Reno to live full time. They moved to ArrowCreek in 2010 and love the lifestyle this community offers. They enjoy tennis, golf, pickleball, Bridge, Mah Jongg, the Chefs Club, and the Wine Lover's Club. Margaret is amazed every day at how kind, generous, and thoughtful most ArrowCreek residents are; it is wonderful to live in a community where people genuinely care for one another.

Final Quote: We are truly fortunate to have an ACHOA Board of Directors and Committee Members in ArrowCreek who share their professional skills and talents on behalf of our community. Our dues and lifestyle would look quite different if we did not have these dedicated volunteers working hard, each day, on our behalf. I am grateful to reside in a community where the vision is to be the "best place in Northern Nevada to live, work, and play."



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# Marce Herz

## MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

The 22-23 school year will be the third year of operation for Marce Herz Middle School and there may be quite a bit you do not know about our school. Let us start with the name. Our school was named for Marcelle Barkley Herz. She was a track-and-field world-record holder, champion amateur skier, and co-founder of the Reno Junior Ski Program, Sky Tavern. She was also an educator and honestly believed in supporting youth to achieve their potential. You can learn more about her remarkable contributions at [marceherz.org](http://marceherz.org). You can also find an informational display in our foyer. The display was created and donated by UNR. Our school name is often misspelled and mispronounced. It is not Marcy or Marcie. It is also not Hertz or Hers. We prefer to go by our full name of Marce Herz Middle School and not simply Herz Middle School.

Marce Herz Middle School enrolls students from a large geographical area. Our attendance zone goes up to the Mt. Rose Ski Resort on the west and Virginia City Foothills on the east. It also includes all of Washoe Valley. All students in grades 6th, 7th and 8th within that area are zoned to attend our school. We also have several students from outside our zone who attend MHMS on a variance. During our first year of operation, we had 698 students enrolled on our official “count day.” In 21-22 that number grew to 827. We do not yet have our official number for our third year, but it should be about 840.

We see elective classes as a key component of the middle school experience and strive to offer a variety of electives taught by content experts. Our electives currently include Physical Education, Band, Choir, Orchestra, Spanish, Theatre, Film, Robotics, Flight and Space, and Art. Along with these offerings we support a variety of student clubs. Our vision is to empower students. As such clubs are student initiated. They can start any school appropriate club that interests them as long as they can find a faculty member to support the club. Athletics also play a vital role in our school. Middle school is their first opportunity to be on school teams. We offer track, cross country, volleyball, basketball, soccer, and wrestling. Our 7th and 8th grade students compete against other schools in these sports. Our sixth-grade students participate in an intramural program.

Our core academic classes – Math, Science, Social Studies, English Language Arts – are organized into teams. That means that the same group of teachers work with the same group of students. This helps us to really get to know students better and address their individual needs. It also helps to break a pretty large school down into smaller groups. Students have all their core classes with member of their same team. This helps them to build stronger relationships and not be so overwhelmed with so many people.

We could not do everything we do without the tremendous support of our school community. Within the first two years of operation, we have already accomplished a great deal. Together as staff, students, and community we have opened a new school amid a pandemic and seen tremendous academic, social, and emotional growth from our students. We are just getting started and cannot wait for what is to come.

Brandon Bringhurst, Principal

*Brandon Bringhurst*

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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 775.688.1331  
of Wildlife:  
Reno Snake Rescue: 775.750.5537  
([www.snakebusters.com](http://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



### BUS STOPS IN ARROWCREEK

Security would like to remind all residents that school is back in session and we have a lot of children using the walking paths and crossing streets. Please be very aware and use extreme caution when the kids are out and about.

Please remember, there can be children late to the bus stop and running to catch the bus. When this happens, and it does happen, the children only have one thing in mind, don't miss the bus. They are not necessarily looking for vehicles, so ..... please look out for them.

**There are several Bus Stops along ArrowCreek Parkway and a few of them have a median. If you see the bus stopped with their "STOP SIGNS" out, even if there is a median, PLEASE stop regardless which way you are traveling. We have children crossing the road, sometimes in a hurry, and they may not look for vehicles.**

Security had to stop several vehicles last year that were attempting to pass the School Bus when they had their Stop Sign out and were loading children.

There were 37 incidents where cars tried to pass the school bus when their Stop Signs were out.

We did get all the vehicles stopped but would always like to remind everyone to please be very mindful of your surroundings. This school session Security will be following the bus throughout ArrowCreek in the attempt to keep all children safe.

### CONSTRUCTION ZONE SAFETY

#### 5 Things All Drivers Need to Know

Unfortunately, construction is sometimes unavoidable when you are behind the wheel, especially during the Spring and Summer months. And while it is easy to get frustrated when you get stuck in construction, it is important to understand that construction is necessary to keep our roads safe. Unfortunately, every year there are accidents that impact drivers and construction workers in construction zones as a result of drivers not following common sense construction zone safety tips.

Follow these tips to help improve your safety, and the safety of construction workers, when you are driving through construction zones.

#### Increase Your Following Distance

Any time you enter a construction zone, it is important to increase your following distance between other cars. Ideally, you should have between two and three car lengths between you and the car in front of you, which will give you adequate time to stop if you need to. Abrupt stops are common in construction zones, so following any closer than two or three car lengths could easily result in you causing a rear-ending accident. Increase your following distance even more in slick or foggy conditions.



### Do not Assume Workers Aren't Present

You will see signs for a reduced speed limit through a construction zone and occasionally the posted speed may be even lower if workers are present. Even if you do not see any obvious construction workers, it is still imperative that you obey the posted speed limit signs. Never assume that just because you do not see workers right now, that they will not be working a little way up the road or that the speed limit does not apply.

Not only will speeding in a construction zone put workers at risk, but you could also receive a hefty fine for doing so if you are caught by Security.

### Follow Instructions From Flaggers

Sometimes, flaggers will be posted in construction zones (especially in residential communities) to help direct traffic around the work area. Usually, if this is the case, there will be signs posted that read "flagger ahead" or something similar. Make sure you are on the lookout.

Always obey instructions from flaggers and assume that their instructions overrule any other traffic signs or signals. Their directions might not align with normal traffic patterns, so be prepared. Also, be on the lookout for flaggers' signals, such as an extended palm indicating that you need to stop. Be sure to also reduce your speed and be especially aware of your surroundings when driving near a work zone with flaggers posted.

### Minimize Your Distractions

Distraction-free driving is always important, but this is especially important when you are driving in a construction zone, where it is imperative that you are on high alert. When you enter a construction zone or see that one is approaching, turn down (or turn off) your radio, end any cell phone calls, and keep both hands on the wheel and eyes on the road. Now is not the time to be fidgeting with your radio dial or checking your Facebook page on your phone.

### Merge Promptly at Lane Closures

One of the most common causes of accidents and road rage in construction zones is that of lane closures. When you see a sign posted for an upcoming lane closure, be sure to merge as soon as safely possible. Do not wait until the lane is ending to force your way over into the next lane over. This is not only rude to the other drivers who followed the posted signs and merged when they were supposed to, but it can also be dangerous if you cut somebody off or even cause a road rage incident.

Construction zones can be frustrating and dangerous to navigate, but all drivers have a responsibility to keep themselves and other drivers safe while behind the wheel.

Be sure to keep these tips in mind the next time you find yourself needing to navigate through a construction or work zone.



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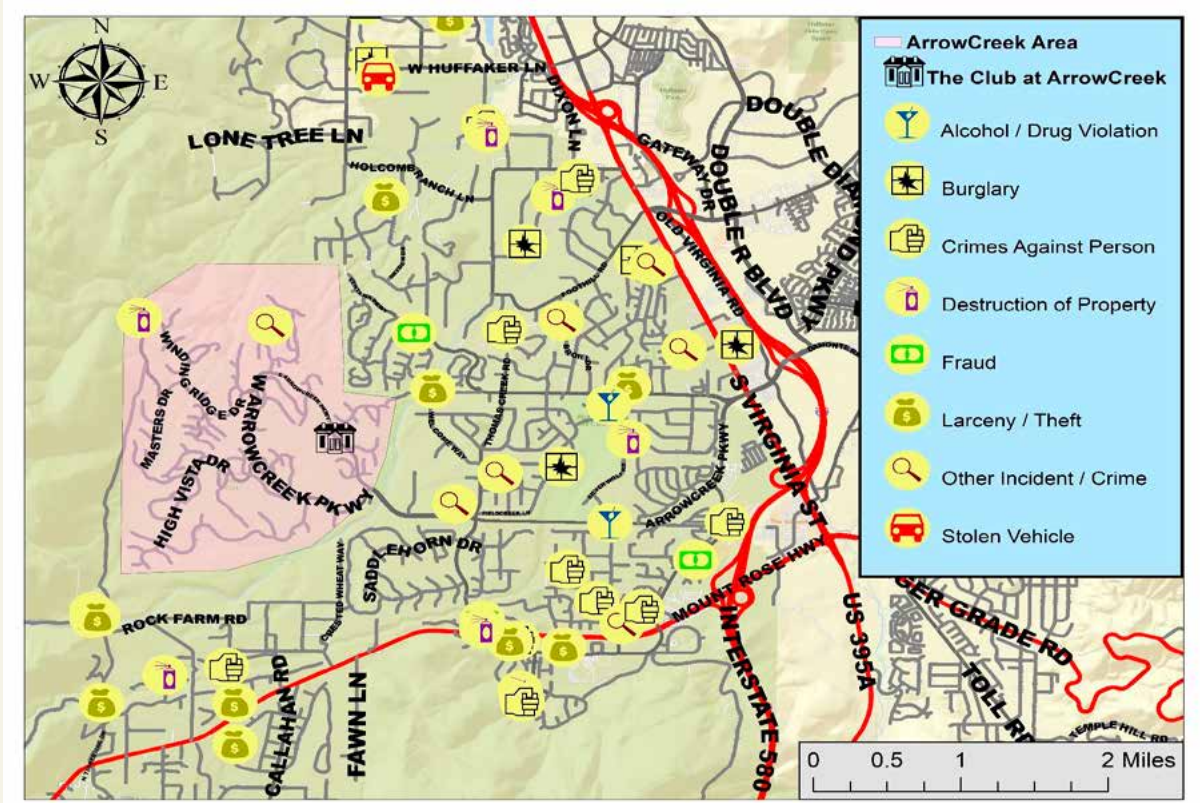
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Crime Statistics - Beat 6					
(4/1/2022-6/30/2022)					
Crime Type	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022	3 Month Total	Crimes within ArrowCreek Area
Alcohol / Drug Violation	1	4	7	12	0
Burglary	2	3	7	12	0
Crimes Against Person	5	6	3	14	0
Destruction of Property	5	11	6	22	1
Fraud	2	3	3	8	0
Larceny / Theft	4	16	5	25	0
Other Incident / Crime	3	13	6	22	1
Stolen Vehicle	0	1	1	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>2</b>

TYPE OF VIOLATION	NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS RECORDED IN 2022
SPEED LIMIT	260
STOP SIGN - DID NOT STOP	18
STOP SIGN - SCHOOL BUS	1
RECKLESS DRIVING (SPEEDS OVER 50 MPH)	8
GUEST SPEED LIMIT (1ST & 2ND LTRS)	15
GUEST STOP SIGN - DID NOT STOP	20
MAINTENANCE OF LOTS	29
PET BARKING/ LOOSE/ ETC.	12
RV/ BOAT/ TRAILER PARKING	1
TRASH CONTAINER IN PUBLIC VIEW	27
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## New Superintendent WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Washoe County School District (WCSD) Board of Trustees has appointed Dr. Susan Enfield to serve as superintendent of schools for WCSD. The previous superintendent, Dr. Kristen McNeill, retired on June 30.

Dr. Enfield has served as superintendent of schools for Highline Public Schools in Burien, Washington since 2012, and has also worked for Seattle Public Schools and Portland Public Schools.

She is a graduate of University of California, Berkeley, Stanford University, and Harvard University, where she earned her doctorate. During her tenure at Highline Public Schools, she and her staff made significant strides in closing achievement and opportunity gaps for students and raised the graduation rate from 62 percent in 2013 to more than 83 percent in 2021.

She was named Superintendent of the Year by the National School Foundation Association in 2018 and was more recently named the Washington State Superintendent of the Year for 2022.

Dr. Enfield took a few moments to tell us more about herself and her work in education. She began working fulltime for WCSD on July 6.

### Welcome to Reno! Please tell us what led you into the education field, and why you enjoy it.

My love for teaching began when I was 7 years old and would “teach” my dolls and stuffed animals—which is true for more teachers than you might think! When I was in the classroom teaching high school, I knew I was doing what I was meant to do, and my goal as a superintendent is for every student to graduate prepared for whatever path they choose for themselves—and to pursue work that is meaningful to them.

### What is the best part—and what is the most challenging part—of being a superintendent of schools?

The best part of being a superintendent is, of course, the students. Being in a position to make decisions that can profoundly impact the trajectory of a young person’s life is a tremendous responsibility and opportunity that I never take for granted. The most challenging part comes when circumstances prevent me from addressing an issue that is negatively impacting our students, staff, or families. This was particularly true during the pandemic.

### What led you to apply for the new position in Washoe County?

After 10 years serving as superintendent in my current district, I knew that it was time for a change, and that I was not ready to walk away from the superintendency. After doing my own research, I felt that WCSD was the right fit for me personally (I am closer to family) and professionally (there is excellent work and a good team in place here).

### What have you learned about WCSD that you did not know?

There are so many distinct types of schools here—from large to small, rural to urban. I am eager to get to know them all and learn how, as a superintendent, I can best support them based on their unique context.

### What do you want people to know about you?

I love this work and I feel incredibly fortunate to be coming to WCSD to live, lead and serve in this wonderful community. Being new to the region I know I have so much to learn, and I am excited by that and eager to get started.

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The E.L. Cord Museum School offers hands-on studio-style classes taught by a faculty of practicing artists across all art media and forms. Class offerings include traditional artforms, such as: ceramics, photography, drawing, watercolor, printmaking and, painting (oil and acrylic). There are also classes that go beyond the traditional palette, and include collage, felting, sewing, glass art, book arts and paper marbling to name a few examples.

Whether you’re a beginner or an experienced pro, these classes are designed to hone your skills while enabling you the time and space to be inspired by your own creations. Classes are held year-round, and enrollment is just a click away on the E.L. Cord Museum School website.

You’re never too old or too young for E.L. Cord Museum School classes, there’s something for everyone in the family. Whether it’s “Sensory Play in Paint for Babies,” “Art Camps for Kids”, teen workshops in graphic design, life drawing or glassmaking, or even Senior Art Afternoons—one thing is for sure: after taking a class at the E.L. Cord Museum School, you will not go home empty-handed.

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