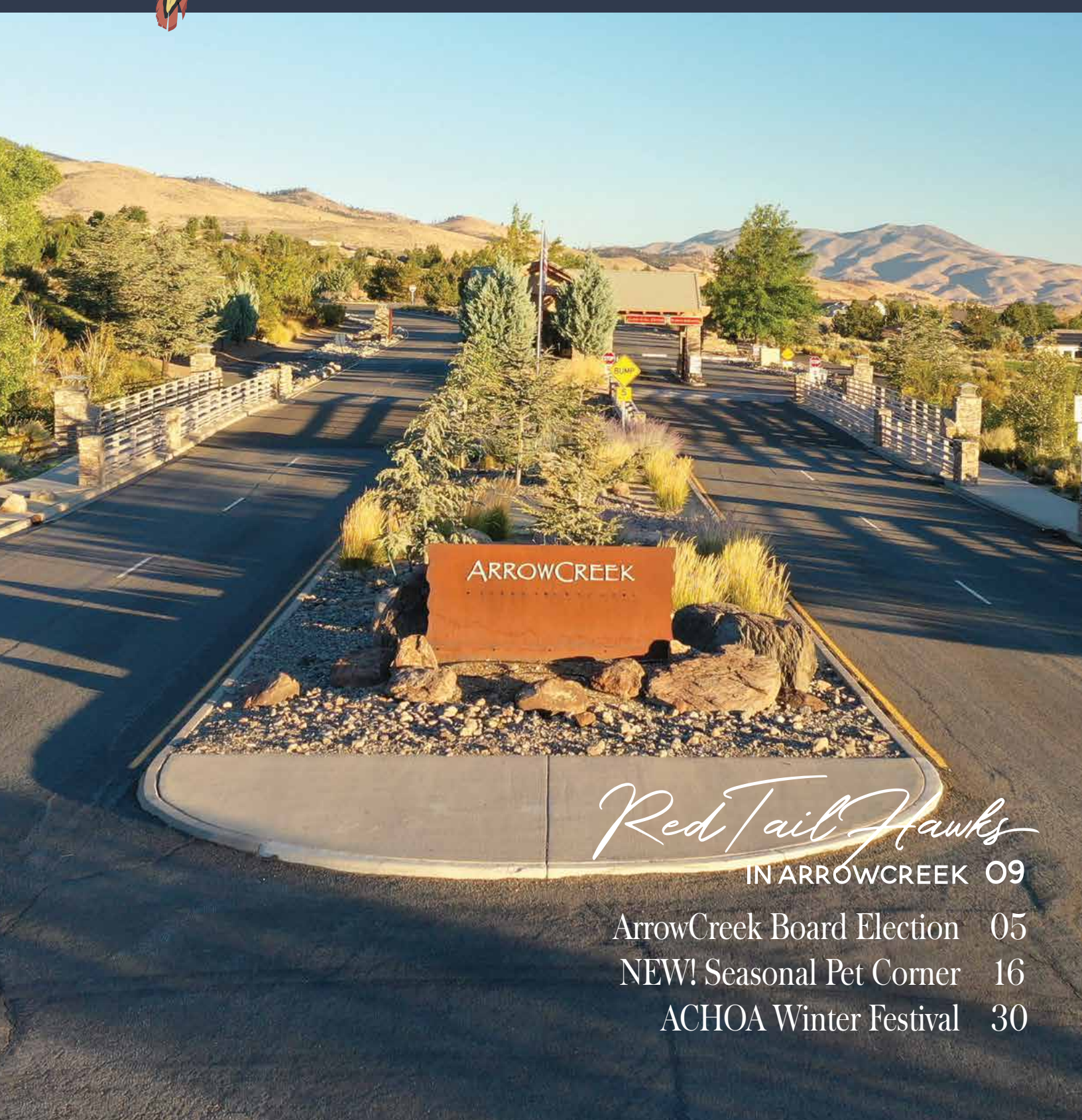


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### RED TAIL HAWKS IN ARROWCREEK

The most common hawk soaring over ArrowCreek is the red-tailed hawk. Hawks are also called raptors/birds of prey.



### FINGER LAKES VIEWS, WINERIES AND VINTAGE CARS

In early September Charlie Shalvoy and his wife Linda Graebner joined seventy other members of the American Bugatti Club (ABC) for five days of touring and vintage car racing in upstate New York.



### HUNSBERGER HAVEN GARDEN UPDATE

Since our first article in the Arrowcreek View this past July, the Hunsberger Haven Garden blossomed into a beautiful garden full of vegetables, herbs, and flowers.



### ALMOST NATIVE - CARLOS MEJIA

Carlos Mejia and his wife Andrea moved to ArrowCreek from Gilroy, California, when Carlos retired from the corporate business world. Two of their friends moved to ArrowCreek years earlier and had highly recommended the community.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' NOTE

If the ACHOA annual budget process was a reality show, it would feature a magician and a bricklayer tasked with building a foundation for a shed. The magician would cast spells and wave wands, saw empty boxes in half as rabbits popped out of hats. Finally at the crescendo of the dramatic music, an explosion and smoke would clear to reveal a house of cards with an elephant balancing on one leg at the top and the audience would cheer. It would, of course, be an illusion.

Less impressive would be the bricklayer. Place brick, add mortar, repeat. Boring stuff. No puffs of smoke, no doves flying around, just hard work. But at the end there would be a real foundation.

Magic isn't real, and the magical thinking that we somehow can make huge cuts in spending to offset inflation is just that. Pick a card?

ACHOA Security is at the bare minimum and any vacancies are filled with overtime (at 1.5 times the cost of a regular employee). The timely filing of open positions is not accomplished in one day and takes longer and longer today.

The ACHOA facilities staff has a backlog of 40-80 man-hours a week in unmet common area maintenance needs for operations. Most of our common areas wouldn't pass our own lot inspection standards for fuel load. Our irrigation system is a cobbled together 25-year-old system that continually breaks. We have not been able to fill the part time position to address these issues and contracting this work would add 40-60% to the cost of our own staff doing the work. The fact

that the ACHOA parks and grounds look as good as they do is remarkable given how much area our small existing staff is charged with mowing, weeding, aerating, and repairing. Kudos to staff.

Our Arborist removes 100 trees a year. Ask people who have gotten bids what taking out one tree costs (and our insurance requires a certified person to direct the work). Facilities staff trims and maintains the \$3,000,000 of live plant inventory in the community. The arborist also provides thousands of dollars a year in work for the ADRC and has provided free consultations for ACHOA lot owners over the years.

Contracting out our core security and facilities services when we pay market salaries and benefits to cut costs is a Unicorn (contracting companies are, according to the magicians, uninterested in profits).

So, we lay bricks. We try to figure out exactly how many bricks and how much mortar we need to build a strong foundation. No more and no less. There are no smoke and mirrors. It makes for poor reality TV viewing.

But it is reality.

*Board of Directors*

## ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION THIS FALL

The Association has been looking for community leaders to run for the Board of Directors. Applications were forwarded to the community on September 14, 2022, and several community members have completed the Board applications which were filed by October 21, 2022, with our Community Manager.

Please remember, as per NRS 116.31034, each community volunteer leader who runs 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). In addition, all elected board members will be required to sign the ACHOA Conflict of Interest Statement. (The Conflict-of-Interest Policy as posted on TownSq under documents.)

A Meet the Candidates night has been scheduled for Thursday November 10, 2022, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. This will be a hybrid meeting (Zoom and Face to Face at the Residents' Center) and all community members are invited to attend to ask questions of the following applicants.

### WE WILL HAVE EIGHT CANDIDATES

Francesco Carobolante  
Paul Burkett  
Elizabeth Heaven  
Reb Bailey  
Leonard Wohletz  
Margaret McConnell  
Rick Hsu  
Carlos Mejia

The Association Board consists of seven (7) directors who are voted into office by the community lot owners. All Board volunteers serving an elected term, work collectively for the benefit of the community as a whole. The three remaining Board members are: Mark Aston, Caryn Olson, and Stan Jaeger. The ballots will be counted, and election results announced at the Annual Members Meeting on December 6, 2022. Results and officers will be announced in the January/February edition of the ArrowCreek View.

Board of Director Ballots were mailed out to each Lot Owner starting on October 25th, 2022, for delivery by November 1, 2021. Please complete your ballot and mail back your ballot in the required return envelopes in time for the ballot counting. It is important that all Owners take part in the election process.





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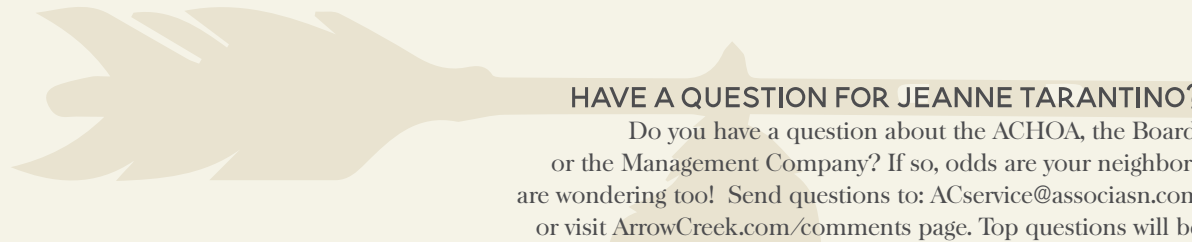
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## HAVE A QUESTION FOR JEANNE TARANTINO?

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## ASK THE MANAGER



### DO YOU KNOW WHY WE KEEP ASKING YOU TO SLOW DOWN AND STOP AT STOP SIGNS?

Concerned comments are routinely reported to Security and Management about bad driving habits in ArrowCreek, below are some examples:

- » Today at around 8:10am when I entered the gate, a smaller golden color SUV sports car was tailing me because I was going the speed limit. At about Copper Cloud, the car decided to cross the double yellow lines to pass me. Then, it got stuck behind another car going the speed limit.
- » After being here only 2 years, I can tell you speeding is the norm across 80% of the cars going up and down. Not to mention I have had several situations where the cars are going so fast they cannot make the turn and cross into the opposing lane. Just yesterday I had to honk at a white Tesla that was zooming up ArrowCreek and almost hit me because they crossed into my lane on the turn.
- » I see many people running stop signs. My teenage son that is learning how to drive asked me “Why does no one in ArrowCreek stop at signs?” That is sad that he is witnessing adults behaving this way as his example as he learns to drive.
- » STOP does not mean squeal tires on payment. Please stop since numerous near misses have occurred and winter snow and ice are coming to our roads.
- » MOST COMMON COMPLAINT: I am being tail-gated because I am going the speed limit. Please do something to remind people about the speed limit and to be more respectful drivers.

The ACHOA needs everyone in the community to do their part.

With the help of Security, the ACHOA has worked to be very proactive on this topic. ArrowCreek has done more than the average association to combat speeding by installing radar cameras. In the first 9 months of the year the ACHOA recorded approximately 350 moving vehicle violations, of which most resulted in letters to the owners. Usually one reminder letter gets people to slow down and there is no further action. However, for those who do not take the violation seriously, they are brought to a hearing with the board and in most cases fined. The fines and penalties can (and do) significantly add up for those residents who continue to violate the rules, but we cannot catch every violation. We need every driver to follow the rules with safe driving practices to resolve the problem. A big thank you to all of you who are helping with that and educating your kids and guests on defensive driving habits too!

We wanted to share a positive comment from an AC Resident to

Security after reading the last ArrowCreek View Issue: *Rick, great to see that your staff are being spotlighted as with Nick in this month’s mag. They have proved very instrumental in providing a very safe community with gate control, constant street patrols and watching vehicle movement in an effort to gain drivers better attitude for speed limits and signs and assisting residents when required.*

*The spotlight in recent ArrowCreek View showed an interesting interview with Security Guard Nick Stransky, a very long-term staffer who always has a smile and a wave. Having lived here for over 19 years, I appreciated all the staff and particularly Nick’s comments regarding speeding and failing to stop where required; maybe some folks are getting the message.*

Jeanne Tarantino, Community Manager

*Jeanne Tarantino*, CMCA, AMS, PCAM

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# FACILITIES & PROJECTS



## 2022 ARROWCREEK PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROJECT

The 2022 road maintenance and reconstruction project has been completed in ArrowCreek. In April 2022 ACHOA sent out a RFP

to five different contractors requesting sealed bids for the 2022 project. Although the bids came in higher than expected, we were fortunate to not run into any costly surprises during the road work process.

Both Sierra Nevada Construction and Q&D were selected for this project. SNC provided the slurry and Q&D did the paving. This included asphalt patching and a slurry of all the emergency access roads within ArrowCreek. Both Contractors completed the job on schedule and met the specification requirements for the slurry emulsion, asphalt density, content, and thickness.

The ACHOA would like to thank all residents for their patience and for slowing down and driving safely through the duration of the road work.

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# Red-Tail

## HAWKS IN ARROWCREEK

BY CARTER SCHLEICHER  
CERTIFIED WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST

The most common hawk soaring over ArrowCreek is the red-tailed hawk.

Hawks are also called raptors/birds of prey. Regardless of what you call them, YES, they are your friend. How do you identify your friend? When they perch on a pole or tree, or when it is soaring, the red tail stands out in the sunshine. If you are close to it, you may see their tail with your naked eye.

Otherwise, their tail color will jump out at you when you are viewing them through your binoculars.

The red-tailed hawk eats small mammals up to hare size (think your jack rabbits and the ground squirrels that love to nibble your garden), small birds, reptiles, amphibians, and carrion (think roadkill). In winter, they are dependent upon mice, but also take medium to large birds on the ground. They will catch small birds during fall and spring migration. They are your friend year-round.

You see them soaring in the thermals, like a hang glider, searching for their prey on the ground. You might see them also perching and pouncing, or pouncing on prey from low, quartering flights, sometimes hovering on wind or air currents.

They are constantly hunting. Their hunting success for catching their meal may be as low as ten percent. When they have youngsters to feed, the male and female share the hunting duties, no fast food for them. They may become your neighbor setting up their household (nest) in large

trees, such as that large tree that you planted when your house was built. You may visit them when you walk the trails along Whites and Thomas Creeks. They build their homes 30-70 ft above ground in trees, higher on cliffs. They are flexible in choice of nest site; occasionally they use human-made structures, shrubs, cacti. They may also nest in isolated trees, or in small groves in open habitat.

What other friends may visit you in ArrowCreek? Your friends include the smallest raptor being the American kestrel (sparrow hawk) to the largest being the eagles and turkey vulture. Other friends may include red-shoulder hawk, Cooper's hawk, Swainson's hawk, prairie falcon, and northern harrier.

I wish to acknowledge the websites maintained by the Nevada Department of Wildlife and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Their websites contain information on species life histories and conservation. Please check them out.



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## BUDGET & FINANCE

### PROPOSED 2023 ASSESSMENTS EXPLAINED AT RESERVE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE JOINT WORKSHOP

The Reserve Committee and the Budget & Finance Committee have been working over the past four months to develop the Reserve Budget, Operating Budget, and Capital Budget for 2023. The NRS 116 Annual Update Independent Browning Reserve Study that was previously reviewed by the Reserve Committee and Board of Directors provided much of the groundwork. The Committees have consistently reviewed all general ledger expenses and costs to determine the future 2023 funding requirements.

A Reserve and Budget Committee Joint Workshop was conducted on September 27, 2022, to present the results of their work with around thirty-five lot owners attending via Zoom or face to face at the Residents' Center. Community members asked questions and provided input to the Operating and Reserve Budget. The

presenters responded to questions and issues raised at the workshop and stated that further questions will be answered if questions are sent to Jeanne Tarantino at [acservic@associasn.com](mailto:acservic@associasn.com).

The presentation from the Reserve Committee and the Budget & Finance Committee outlined the reasons for recommending additional monthly

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ASSESSMENT/MONTH 1-083 MEMBERS	2023 PROPOSED BUDGET	2022 APPROVED BUDGET	2021 APPROVED BUDGET	2020 APPROVED BUDGET
OPERATING BUDGET 64% OF MONTHLY ASSESSMENT	\$181/ MONTH PROPOSED	\$161/ MONTH	\$161/ MONTH	\$156/ MONTH
RESERVE BUDGET 34% OF MONTHLY ASSESSMENT	\$130/ MONTH PROPOSED	\$110/ MONTH	\$110/ MONTH	\$90/ MONTH
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND 2% OF MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS	\$5/ MONTH	\$5/ MONTH	\$5/ MONTH	\$5/ MONTH
BASIC ASSESSMENT	\$316/ MONTH PROPOSED	\$276/ MONTH	\$276/ MONTH	\$251/ MONTH
SUB-GATE ASSESSMENT	\$5/ MONTH	\$5/ MONTH	\$5/ MONTH	\$5/ MONTH
SUB-GATE MEMBERS	\$321/ MONTH	\$281/ MONTH	\$281/ MONTH	\$256/ MONTH
SNIPPETS CERTAIN LOTS ADDITIONAL	CONTRACTS CANCELLED	CONTRACTS CANCELLED	\$32/ MONTH	\$32/ MONTH

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- Dec 14 Pan Roast & Cioppino
- Dec 15 Date Night- Holidays
- Dec 21 Christmas in Provence
- Dec 23 Cinnamon Roll Workshop 9:30am
- Dec 23 Cinnamon Roll Workshop 3pm
- Dec 27 Sushi
- Dec 28 Tuscany
- Dec 29 Tacos & Tequilas

BUDGET & FINANCE CONTINUED

REVISED PROPOSAL THROUGH 2026			
YEAR	ASSESSMENT	INCREASE	%FUNDED
2023	\$130.46	\$20	42.2%
2024	\$150.46	\$20	36.2%
2025	\$165.46	\$15	46.4%
2026	\$175.46	\$10	45.6%
2027	\$185.46	\$10	47.2%
2028	\$185.46	\$0	44.2%
2029	\$185.46	\$0	49.6%
2030	\$185.46	\$0	51.4%

assessment amounts of \$20 to each of the Operating and Reserve assessments for a total increase of \$40. This proposed 14.5% increase is below the 15% threshold that can be raised each year without a vote of the community according to the ArrowCreek CC&Rs.

The Board will review a final draft of the 2023 Budget at the November 8, 2022, Board Meeting and, after any additional modifications, approve it for community ratification. A separate communication will be forwarded to community members for the Annual Meeting on December 6, 2022, where the 2023 Budget will be ratified.

During the workshop, there was a lot of discussion about the Reserve Fund inflationary construction number of 5.5% used in the study. This was used in lieu of the 3% that Browning recommended. The past estimates of future costs have been consistently short of actual costs. The Reserve committee and the Board approved that a more realistic average rate should be used for the heavy construction related replacement activity in the Reserve Fund. The use of AP Tech as the ACHOA's road consultant was discussed and the thirty-year road plan parameters were provided. The replacement of the All-Lite Asphalt (the ever-shrinking asphalt) in the community was discussed as well.

The Reserve charter to manage the Percent Funded of 45% as a minimum was discussed and the comments were positive that this was a reasonable management goal to comply with NRS 116 requirements. The 2022 Road Budget because of inflation took an enormous chunk out of the Reserve Fund and the increase was necessary to maintain the 45%. The current projections were provided and discussed as per the below.

The Reserve Committee receives an annual update study every year by an independent contractor to determine adequate funding. There will be a five-year bottom-up study as required by NRS 116 in the near future to re-evaluate all assumptions used in the past Reserve Studies. In addition, there will be an RFP in 2023 to determine a potential change in the Reserve Vendor. The replacement and repair of community assets is an ongoing challenge for the Board, Reserve Committee, and the Budget & Finance Committee.

After the Reserve Committee presentation, the Budget and Finance Committee presented the current 2023 Budget. The proposed expenses were discussed, and questions were answered during the presentation.

Additional work will continue on the 2023 Budget, with the addition of the September and October actual expenses, and projections to year end will be made.



The following was presented at the meeting.

- » 2023 Draft Operating Budgeted Expenses are \$2,829,100 which equals a monthly assessment of \$217.69 for operating. [\$2,829,100/1,083 Lots/12 Months]
- » 2023 Proposed Operating Monthly Assessment is \$181.00 per month for operating.
- » 2022 Projected Operating Expenses are \$2,295,435 which equals a monthly assessment of \$176.62 per month for operating. [\$2,295,435/1,083 Lots/12 Months]
- » 2022 Actual Operating Monthly Assessment was \$161.00 per lot per month.
- » Surplus Operating Cash has been depleted and the two months of cash surplus required by the Auditor does not exist at this time.
- » Need \$416,411 Currently as of August 31, 2022, the ACHOA has only \$363,183.

The Comparison over the years follows in the chart.

There was a discussion about the ACHOA labor costs concerning retention and hiring costs for replacements For the 2023 Budget, the staff employment plan was discussed which included that all open positions will not be filled, there will be a reduction in hours for the Pool hosts,

overtime will be closely monitored, and wage increases will be closely monitored by the Board and the General Manager.

The final budget for the November 8, 2022, Board meeting will see additional changes as added information is received during October.

#### 2023 DRAFT EXPENSE COMPARISON OPERATING BUDGET ONLY

EXPENSE CATEGORIES	2023 DRAFT BUDGET VERSION 4	2022 APPROVED BUDGET	2022 PROJECTED ACTUAL 8.31.22
ADMINISTRATION	\$89,735	\$88,117	\$79,071
COMMUNICATION	\$25,849	\$24,319	\$30,157
PAYROLL & BENEFITS	\$1,587,317	\$1,504,811	\$1,253,373
INSURANCE	\$110,997	\$105,380	\$96,692
UTILITIES	\$209,920	\$209,720	\$193,836
LANDSCAPING	\$30,250	\$29,400	\$23,552
OPERATIONS	\$38,999	\$41,799	\$30,990
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$86,600	\$70,650	\$45,891
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$291,454	\$256,779	\$269,720
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$337,449	\$312,350	\$294,419
TAXES	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,155
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,829,100</b>	<b>\$2,643,375</b>	<b>\$2,229,435</b>

#### COMPARISON OVER YEARS

BUDGET YEAR	TOTAL OPERATING & CAPITAL REVENUE	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	TOTAL CAPITAL W / O DEPR.	PROFIT OR (LOSS)
2022 (BUDGET)	\$2,266,732	\$2,643,375	\$41,850	(\$418,493)
2021 (ACTUAL)	\$2,370,316	\$2,530,614	\$873	(\$161,171)
2020 (ACTUAL)	\$2,270,244	\$2,183,381	\$8,838	\$78,025
2019 (ACTUAL)	\$2,374,533	\$2,461,260	\$24,606	(\$111,333)
2018 (ACTUAL)	\$2,264,848	\$2,281,553	\$23,523	(\$40,228)
2017 (ACTUAL)	\$2,038,316	\$2,074,584	\$106,196	(\$142,464)
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# Finger Lakes

## VIEWS, WINERIES, & VINTAGE CARS BY CHARLIE SHALVOY

In early September Linda and I joined seventy other members of the American Bugatti Club (ABC) for five days of touring and vintage car racing in upstate New York.

To our surprise, we learned that there are more than one hundred wineries in the Finger Lakes region of NY. Although lacking in national recognition they offer a number of exceptionally good wines with lovely tasting rooms and beautiful views overlooking the lakes including Lake Seneca.

In addition to wineries and views, Watkins Glen International, nicknamed “The Glen,” is an automobile racetrack in upstate New

York at the southern tip of Seneca Lake. In September 2022, Watkins Glen celebrated the 74th anniversary of the first post-WWII road race in the United States—at Watkins Glen. Nearly four hundred race cars, divided into fifteen groups, competed for three days. My race group consisted of 15 Grand Prix Bugattis, built between 1913 -1937. My car is a 1926 Type 39A Bugatti (1.5L, with supercharger), which was one of five cars built by the Bugatti factory to compete for the 1926 Grand Prix Championship (which they won!). Over three days we raced in clear weather—and pouring rain. I finished fourth overall, with

lap times averaging 70 mph, and speeds over 85 mph on the “straights.” Not bad for a 96-year-old car!

Following the racing, we were joined by thirteen touring Bugattis for a two-day rally through the charming Finger Lakes wine district. Stops included the Glenn Curtis Aviation-Motorcycle Museum, Corning Museum of Glass, and the International Racing Research Center.

We finished the week with a celebratory dinner and the next day we shipped our cars (and ourselves) back home. A great “Car Week” in a beautiful part of the country!



## In Memory OF ELAINE CARRICK

Elaine Carrick passed away August 30, 2022, after a two-year battle with uterine cancer. She was just shy of her 79th birthday. Elaine was a promoter of life in ArrowCreek having lived here 16 plus years. She served on the Architectural Committee and was an active member of the Chefs Club and the Wine Club. She is remembered by friends as a conservationist and a friend of all animals. Elaine had a master’s degree in Special Education but found a second career in real estate sales in Incline Village prior to retiring and moving to ArrowCreek. She is survived by her husband Dan. She will be greatly missed.



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## SEASONAL PET CORNER

One of our residents suggested adding a Pet Corner in the ArrowCreek View since so many folks are proud of their pets. The Communication Committee has considered this idea and it makes sense to include in future editions.

The concept is to photograph your pet in a **seasonal setting**. The Pet Corner is not limited to dogs. We will consider cats, iguanas, horses, guinea pigs, snakes, fish, or...

You can submit an excellent quality photo of your pet in a seasonal setting to [acservic@associasn.com](mailto:acservic@associasn.com). Please include your name, your pet's name, type/breed/species of pet with your submittal.

To launch this new feature, we have the "Fall Sunset Pet Photo" by Heather DiPentima of her Visla named River. Impressive photo.



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ArrowCreek HOA General Manager Scott Peterlin accepts the Firewise recognition plaque from Kelli Nevills, Nevada Division of Forestry.

# Firewise

## USA COMMUNITY

BY KATHI DELEGAL AND JANET OUREN

Recently, the ArrowCreek HOA Board approved the Fuels Committee's effort to apply for and become a Firewise USA community. Firewise USA Community is a nationally known volunteer program that

recognizes the efforts communities make to become fire adapted. ArrowCreek has continued to reduce fuels and promote defensible space through home inspections, which makes our community a perfect fit for this program.

While there is no cost for communities to participate in this program, there are several benefits, including:

- » The ArrowCreek community will be spotlighted to other communities nationwide.
- » Firewise USA communities will score higher points in the rating process for grant funding through Federal and State agencies.
- » The ArrowCreek community will also be given priority for any projects and services provided by the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF).
- » Community outreach and education will also be provided upon request to help residents become more prepared. All literature that we believe will be helpful will be free upon request.

» Currently, residents living in recognized Firewise USA communities in some states may be offered insurance discounts. Currently, Firewise USA partners with USAA insurance and Allstate; however, if you are insured with these companies, you must check with your own agent to find out if you qualify at this time.

» California Insurance Commissioner Richard Lara announced in February, that homeowners that mitigate the fire exposures around their homes will receive a discount from their insurance companies providing coverage in California. This is a national trend in fire prone areas.

» NDF is planning to meet with the Nevada Department of Insurance early next year to provide the Department with information to persuade Department personnel to have all Nevada insurance companies recognize community Firewise USA efforts and offer discounts in return for program participation.

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# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



## JONATHON LONETREE - ACHOA SECURITY GUARD



**HOMETOWN?**

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**CAN YOU TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF?**

I am 23 years old. I am also an undergraduate student at Antioch University Santa Barbara majoring in Communications and Marketing.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM?**

My favorite professional sports teams are the San Francisco Giants, the Boston

Celtics, and the Washington Redskins/Commanders.

**CAN YOU TELL HOMEOWNERS SOMETHING ABOUT SECURITY THEY MAY NOT BE AWARE OF?**

The Security Department does not close. We are always here if community members need us.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH ARROWCREEK, AND WHAT IS YOUR JOB?**

I have not been with ArrowCreek for too long. I was hired in late June of 2022. I work as a Security Guard in the gatehouse at the entry/exit of the community. I do a multitude of things related to community security that keep me busy my entire shift.

**WHAT ASPECT OF YOUR JOB DO YOU ENJOY THE MOST?**

I enjoy logging in guests and visitors as well as guarding and protecting the community.

**WHAT ASPECT OF YOUR JOB IS THE MOST CHALLENGING?**

The most challenging aspect of the job

would be trying to remember everyone's name as I come into contact with them through the job. Everyone seems to enjoy my effort in recognizing them and stating their name when they come through the front gate. Generally, I say, "Good morning, Bob/Nancy." They like it that I remember them. With 1.2 - 1.3 million people coming through the gate on a yearly basis, there are a lot of names to remember.

**INTERESTS AND/ OR HOBBIES?**

My interests/ hobbies include reading, working out, learning how to cook, going fishing, collecting rookie cards, and on Saturdays I like to watch boxing and UFC. I also love to play chess and travel.

**ANY ADVICE FOR HOMEOWNERS AS IT RELATES TO THE SECURITY DEPARTMENT?**

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# Leadership Strategies

## WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BY VICTORIA CAMPBELL, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, WCSD

The new school year ushered in a new era of leadership at the Washoe County School District (WCSD) as Dr. Susan Enfield was appointed to serve as superintendent by the Board of Trustees. She assumed her new role in early July.

Dr. Enfield spent the first month of her tenure meeting with staff and community members, asking questions, listening to, learning from members of the community, and gaining a deeper understanding of the district's strengths, challenges, and opportunities.

At the public Board meeting on August 9, Dr. Enfield unveiled her Entry Plan: "A New Chapter for WCSD." In it, she outlined specific and intentional strategies of her three-phase plan while focusing on three top priorities:

- » Getting back to basics: ALL students are known, challenged, and supported to succeed.
- » Building trust: Strong relationships with families and community.
- » Creating a healthy, supportive, and resilient school system: ALL staff are valued, engaged and successful.

As part of Phase 1, Dr. Enfield scheduled an ongoing series of engagement opportunities with students, families, and members of the community at informal meetings at Community Coffee Chats, Town Hall meetings with Trustees, and with staff and students at schools and Student Advisory Council meetings. These gatherings offer a variety of opportunities to engage, discuss, listen, and learn about how the district is writing the next chapter in its story under her leadership and will continue through the school year to facilitate and encourage ongoing discussions and engagement. At these

meetings, Dr. Enfield is learning about existing relationships and exploring new ways to partner with representatives and leaders from businesses, non-profit organizations, higher education, government agencies, diverse multicultural groups, and faith communities.

As Phase 2 gets underway, Dr. Enfield is collaborating with staff to review and analyze data to develop a comprehensive summary report. This data will include the operational budget, grant and funding structures, organizational structures and staffing data, processes and systems, student data, and professional learning/professional learning communities. This data will be used to create a comprehensive summary report with recommendations which will be provided to the Board of Trustees at a future public meeting. The report will play an integral role in identifying crucial next steps for the district.

As part of Phase 3, Dr. Enfield will present a comprehensive summary report to the Board at the regular public meeting on December 13. She will document what she has learned in her first months at the helm of the Washoe County School District. This information will be used to guide the development of the WCSD's new strategic plan which will be implemented in June 2023.

A Town Hall meeting will be held at Marce Herz Middle School on Tuesday, November 29, 2022. In addition, Dr. Enfield will present an update to the community during the annual State of Education address after the first of the year.

For more information about the WCSD Entry Plan or updates on these public gatherings, visit [www.washoeschools.net](http://www.washoeschools.net).

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Sarah DeLacey,  
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owner of Reno  
Family Medical  
Group, talks  
concierge  
medicine,  
insurance, and  
what it's all really  
about.

**AC:** What prompted you to form Reno Family Medical Group?

**DeLacey:** There's so much frustration with the medical system, from both patients and providers. I wanted to open a clinic that really went back to the basics.

**AC:** So what makes Reno Family Medical Group different than other clinics?

**DeLacey:** The biggest thing is that we are a monthly membership clinic. Instead of asking for a co-pay and then billing your insurance when you're seen, we ask patients to commit to a low-cost monthly membership, sort of like a gym. We don't involve the insurance agencies at all,

which opens a lot more doors.

**AC:** What do you mean?

**DeLacey:** Insurance has its place - there's no arguing that - but it comes with a lot of barriers. People who don't have insurance won't seek care, or they go to the ER for everything. People who do have insurance can only see certain providers. And providers are tied in their medical decision making by the algorithms the insurances use, which leads to a lot of frustration for everyone involved.

**AC:** Can you give us an example of a medical decision that might be different with and without insurance?

**DeLacey:** They're endless, but here's a common one: a patient comes in with a low fever and congestion – your basic fall cold, but on further examination you discover that their lungs don't sound good, and their oxygen is a little low. Most providers would give the patient an antibiotic for pneumonia at that point, but a lot of agencies will require a chest x-ray to confirm, first, and that's because of insurance.

**AC:** Why is that?

**DeLacey:** The agency's reasoning is that they want to make sure people aren't taking antibiotics they don't need, but what's getting left out of this story is the billing element. The insurance won't reimburse as well if agency skips that step.

**AC:** And that's allowed?

**DeLacey:** In a round-about way. Insurances will track certain things throughout the year, like whether you provided smoking cessation

to everyone who smokes or whether you addressed weight-loss with everyone with a certain BMI. At the end of the year, they score well how you did, and if you scored poorly, they could adjust your reimbursement rates lower for the following year.

**AC:** I can see how that could create some conflicts when you are relying on insurance money to stay open.

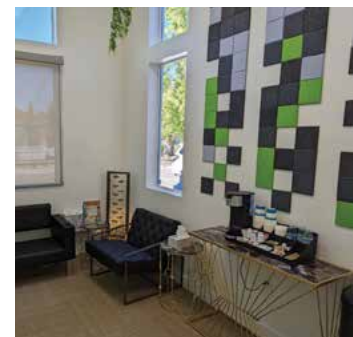
**DeLacey:** The things insurances and the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare track - like confirming a diagnosis of pneumonia before prescribing antibiotics - are all evidence-based things that are good in theory, but they don't consider the human element: like not being able to afford an unnecessary x-ray, or not going to the doctor because you're tired of being talked to about your weight.

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**AC:** We know insurance is legally required, though, so what do you recommend?

**DeLacey:** Let insurance be what it was meant to be: coverage for emergencies. Getting a catastrophic coverage plan typically costs less per month. Meanwhile, your medication management, your sick visits, your chronic condition management, your yearly check-ups, and screenings - all of that should be between you and your provider, and you can get that by adding a primary care membership group like RFMG.





# Hunsberger Haven

## GARDEN UPDATE

BY JACLYN MARCH, HUNSBERGER HAVEN GARDEN LEAD AND MOM TO A HUNSBERGER 2ND AND 5TH GRADER

Since our first article in the Arrowcreek View this past July, the Hunsberger Haven Garden blossomed into a beautiful garden full of vegetables, herbs, and flowers. We feel incredibly lucky to have this beautiful space at our school. Our students at Hunsberger Elementary School, including many from ArrowCreek, have taken part in lessons in the garden. Additionally, classes have used the space as a peaceful place for reading, journaling, and snack-time. During the warm weather, our teachers and staff have enjoyed it for lunch breaks as well. The garden has truly transformed into an outdoor teaching space for our kindergarten through fifth grade students.

### SUMMER IMPROVEMENTS

Thanks to the arduous work of some of our wonderful families and generous donations from local businesses, in August we welcomed back our students, teachers, and staff to a garden in full bloom. All eight raised garden beds were packed with herbs and vegetables. The garden also has a variety of fruit plants, a pollinator garden full of flowers, many native plants, bird feeders and birdhouses for our local birds—all of which have been teeming with life.

Many of the improvements completed over this past summer were thanks to very generous donations by a few key local businesses. Stone House Gift and Garden, located at 1350 Geiger Grade, was gracious

enough to donate plants for the garden boxes and annuals for the pots, and they did so not once but twice this summer. The Home Depot located at 6590 South Virginia Street, near Target, donated many bags of soil to help replenish our garden. We now have extras to help with projects later this year. And Classic Fitness, a local CrossFit Gym located at 5655 Riggins Court Unit #8, donated large rolls of turf that were added in two places in the garden. The turf has helped to create a new outdoor learning space for our students. This was a huge donation, and we are very thankful for this very generous gift.

### THE GARDEN THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Our parent volunteers have been busy taking classes out into the garden to teach lessons. The garden has been a wonderful tool to teach about adaptations, the life cycles of plants, decomposition, importance of bugs and birds, as well as the values of sharing and caring for the environment. Our teachers and staff have been the lucky recipients of many cherry tomatoes, heirloom tomatoes, bell peppers, squash, and zucchini. We even had a number of beautiful pumpkins that were ready to take off the vine in October—just in time for Halloween.

Our many sunflowers were a hit with the students—and the birds! We harvested the seeds and plan to start them in starter pots

inside under grow lights this coming spring with the hopes that students will be able to take them home. If you have a student at our school, you just might be the lucky recipient of a Hunsberger Haven sunflower to plant in your yard at home.

### WHAT IS AHEAD

We completed installing new composting bins in September and kicked off teaching students about decomposition and composting. Composting helps to reduce the amount of waste that needs to be disposed of and sent to a landfill, and also creates a useful product for gardening that we will spread in the Hunsberger Haven Garden. A recently donated Weather Station will also soon be added to the garden and provide us with another teaching tool to use with the students.

To help with winter gardening and starting plants earlier, we are hoping to purchase a Cold Frame. A cold frame is a transparent-roofed enclosure, built low to the ground, used to protect plants from harsh weather including excessive cold or heavy rains and snow. It is like a mini-greenhouse and will help us to start plants early and hopefully even grow things in the winter.

And this spring we will once again be busy at work with the students, planting our garden boxes and flower beds to create another beautiful garden in 2023.

We are always looking for support from our families and community for the garden. We welcome any suggestions you might have, and all donations are used and appreciated immensely. If you would like to contact us, please email [hunsbergergarden@gmail.com](mailto:hunsbergergarden@gmail.com).





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BY PATRICK TURNER, CHIEF ADVANCEMENT OFFICER, THE DISCOVERY

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Eaton, Kate, Alice, and Pete Dunkelberger.

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHERN NEVADA

If you've spent more than five minutes with Eaton Dunkelberger, the new President and CEO for the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada, you've probably felt his passion for charitable giving. He lights up with a gleeful smile as he describes how much fun he and his wife, Kate, are having with their newly established donor advised fund through the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada. They are now able to be more charitable than ever before and enjoy the tax benefits that come with their new fund.

Recently, Kate and Eaton used their donor advised fund at the Community Foundation to support their Parent Teacher Associations at both Hunsberger Elementary and Herz Middle School. They also supported Sky Tavern, where their kids ski each winter, with a multi-year grant to support a snow making capital

campaign. Finally, they donated to general support at both the Children's Cabinet and Northern Nevada Legal Aid through their charitable fund after attending fundraisers as guests.

The Community Foundation makes the process of setting up a donor advised fund easy and enjoyable. Kate said, "We work to foster an ethic in our family of giving back to the community, and we are grateful for the tools at the Community Foundation to make this more effective. We are committed to supporting youth in our giving, and when we have a cause we want to donate to, we send a short email to our philanthropic advisor, and they take care of everything."

Like Eaton and Kate, many fund holders at the Community Foundation group their deductions to exceed the standard deduction, paying property taxes early and making their charitable gifts every few years, maximizing their tax deductions to make each dollar go further. This approach has recently become more popular due to increases in the standard deduction. Eaton and Kate's financial advisor helped them determine that this was a beneficial scenario for their family.

The Community Foundation is a trusted resource with expertise in accepting appreciated property and unusual gifts. Over the years, the Foundation has received multiple residential and commercial properties, an operating company, appreciated securities, and a lumber property in Oregon. Each of these gifts are received with gratitude for the donor's generous spirit and the gift's concrete charitable benefit in our region. Now at the helm as President and CEO of the Community Foundation, Eaton is working with Board, staff, professional advisors, and fundholders to expand the Foundation's impact by connecting people who care with causes that matter.

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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

## NOVEMBER

02 ADRC Submittle Deadline 4pm

08 Board Meeting at Residents' Center  
& via Zoom 6pm

09 ADRC Meeting, 11am, at ASN

10 Meet the Candidates 6 - 7:30pm  
at the Residents' Center & via Zoom

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

24 ASN Office closed through 11/25  
for Thanksgiving holiday

## DECEMBER

04 Winter Festival (details forthcoming)

06 Ballot Counting 9am  
Annual Meeting 6pm  
(Ratify 2023 Budget, Election Results)  
at the Residents' Center & via Zoom

07 ADRC Submittle Deadline 4pm

14 ADRC Meeting, 11am at ASN

26 ASN Office closed for Christmas

\*The above meeting schedule may be  
subject to change and may be modified  
at any time.

## 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



## END OF SUMMER BASH

Our residents' pool was swarming with partygoers as over eighty attendees shared in the family fun on September 25th from 2-4 PM. It was a delightfully sunny day to enjoy ice cream, games, dancing, and swimming!

Our neighbors shared in playing Corn Hole, Giant Jenga, and Tic-Tac-Toe as everyone enjoyed a variety of popsicles, ice cream, assorted "pool friendly" beverages AND lively music by "DJ Chris." Residents swam, danced, and many of our kiddos enjoyed

face painting by Kailee (one of our resident high schoolers who donated her time and artistic talents).

The event ended with bang as everyone danced to the Macarena, Baby Shark and of course the classic Hokey-Pokey.

Our thanks go out to everybody who came down to participate. We appreciate the many Volunteers who helped to make this AC final summer event a wonderful success!



## SEASON OF GIVING - ARROWCREEK 7TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE

It's that time of year again! Security and Brenda, our Resident Center Coordinator, are happy to be preparing for our 7th annual Holiday Donation Drive. We would like to thank ALL Residents that helped to make our 6th Holiday Donation Drive such an enormous Success last year. With your generosity, the ArrowCreek Community was able to donate four truckloads of food, toys and clothes to children and families in need.

We are hoping to outdo ourselves again this year and bring even more joy to those in need in our community. We will be accepting donations of nonperishable food items, clothing, and toys now

through December 7th, 2022. Donations will be accepted at the Gatehouse and the Resident Center.

On December 9th we will be dropping off all the thoughtful donations to the GSR where Toys for Tots and The Food Bank of Northern Nevada will collect and distribute to our families in need this holiday season.

*Thank you all again  
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# Celebrate!

## ACHOA WINTER FESTIVAL

We are changing it up this year and it is going to be fun! Join us to celebrate the season at our Winter Festival! This daytime event, hosted at the Residents' Center, will be for all ages. Come check out goods and crafts from local vendors and shops. Items will range from ceramics to crystals, honey, handmade jewelry, body and bath butters, glass work and flowers on wheels! We will have food trucks, sweets and alcoholic beverages, and classic holiday movie features. Enter contests for all ages to win prizes

In addition to all the festivities, Epics Photo Booth will be there, so come in your best holiday attire or ugly sweater! Fun-loving Reno locals, Christian and Sarah, are the founders of Epics. They come with a wealth of experience in the events industry and an entrepreneurial drive that made them the perfect choice for our holiday event. Epics

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was founded in 2018 with the mission to provide the Reno/Tahoe area with a high-end luxury photo booth accompanied by the highest level of customer service in the industry. Fun fact, it is part of their job to assess the lighting and the print quality at each event before they open the booth. We are so excited to have them at our holiday event.

Let us not forget to mention Chris Payne, our favorite DJ and Emcee for the Reno Aces, Ice Raiders, Nevada Football and Men's Basketball! You may have also heard



him on Rock 104.5 or seen him on KOLO 8 for the City of Reno. Chris always slams it out of the park! More excitingly, he will be kicking off the new season with us at our Winter Festival this year!

Come join us for a full, fun, and fantastic set of festivities at our Winter Festival. Look for more details at [arrowcreek.com](http://arrowcreek.com).



## RESIDENTS' CENTER UPDATE

After two summers of COVID restrictions at the Residents' Center we were finally able to get back to normal operations in 2022. Many homeowners resumed their social activities at the

Center like card games and interest groups. The gym and pools were back open at full capacity. We also resumed in-person Board Meetings in the multi-purpose room with the option for residents to join remotely from their computer through Zoom.

The swimming pools closed late October and the jacuzzi spa will stay open throughout the winter. The pickleball and tennis courts remain open throughout the winter as does the playing field and fit trail weather permitting. From June 1st to September 30th, we had over 20,000 key card swipes to gain access to the Residents' Center, pools, and spa.

We hope all residents take advantage of the numerous amenities that ArrowCreek HOA offers them!





Terry Brodt, President of the AC Wine Lovers, along with Maurine and Tom Turner greeted the 118 guests at the gala fundraiser benefiting The Food Bank of Northern Nevada

### THE LARGEST ACTIVE CLUB IN ARROWCREEK

The ArrowCreek Wine Lovers Club was started by Terry Brodt in May 2019. Terry and his wife Joan were active members of the ArrowCreek Chefs Club but felt there was a need for a club to focus more on wine than food. According to Terry, sharing your love of wine and gourmet food with like-minded neighbors in an enjoyable social setting is one of the rewards in life.

Overnight the club became a success, and membership grew and grew to become the largest club in ArrowCreek with a membership exceeding two hundred members. The club meets frequently throughout the year with such events as a magical holiday wine party, wine tastings, club members sharing their classic wines, guest speakers discussing cooking with wine, special wine dinners, and simply mingling with fellow wine lovers.

Recently ArrowCreek Wine Lovers held their first charity fundraiser for The Food Bank of Northern Nevada. The gala summer evening event took place at the ArrowCreek home of Maurine and Tom Turner where 118 guests enjoyed generous sponsorship from Rombauer wines, fancy bites from the Sparks Water Bar and personal photos from Epic Photo Booth.

In attendance was Nicole Lamboley, CEO of Food Bank Northern Nevada, who thanked the attendees for their amazing donations of over \$8,105. The charitable funds will provide over 21,000 meals to families in need in the greater Reno community.

For more information about the Wine Lovers, contact Terry Brodt at terrybrodt@comcast.net



### LET'S LIGHT UP THE ARROWCREEK HILLSIDE! DECEMBER 11 - 25 AFTER SUNDOWN

Residents are encouraged to have their homes "lit up" for ALL to share!

The ACHOA Holiday Lights Show is for pure joy and celebration of THE SEASON.

Decorations can be visible from any roadway.

The AC Holiday Lights Show is neighbors sharing in the brilliance of the season.

All ArrowCreek residents are encouraged to participate!

There will be more announcements to come as we collaborate in neighborly joy this holiday season. Stay tuned!



## ARROWCREEK INTEREST GROUPS

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### CYCLING CLUB

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## WILDLIFE ISSUES

ArrowCreek is one of many communities located in a "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.

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## SECURITY & SAFETY

### ROAD SAFETY & SPEED REDUCTION

Most people are familiar enough with radar enforced speed cameras. They capture the details of cars and license plates after being triggered by a vehicle surpassing the speed the camera is set for. ArrowCreek uses radar enforced speed cameras to increase safety in the community.

Cars speeding in neighborhoods pose a threat to the residents. Not only are they dangerous for kids crossing or playing in the streets, but they also can cause disruption to other traffic on the road. But how do you deter drivers from speeding in their vehicles when there are already traffic signs or, in some cases, speed bumps already in place? This is where the radar speed security camera comes in.

Radar speed security cameras, also referred to as radar enforced speed cameras, monitor streets for speed infractions. Once a vehicle commits a speed infraction, the radar camera records the vehicle and retains the video evidence. After capturing an infraction, the footage from a radar speed security camera is then sent directly to security for analysis. They are then able to view the infraction, in real-time, and make the necessary determination on a situational basis. In addition, radar speed cameras can capture license plate information on top of the vehicle details, such as make, model, and color. This evidence is reviewed and analyzed to determine what actions should be taken.

The resulting actions could be anything from issuing a community warning to issuing a hearing notice where the Board of Directors will review the infractions and decide if fines or suspension of privileges

will be placed on the violator.

The radar cameras are also used to reduce accidents caused by dangerous driving practices. Every day children playing or even walking on the sidewalks are put at risk by drivers that choose not to respect the posted speed limits. Moreover, driving over the speed limit poses a risk to other drivers sharing the road in addition to the pedestrians and cyclists traveling on it.

Increasing residential road safety gives residents and families living inside the community a greater sense of peace and safety. Reducing the potential dangers and risks of these irresponsible drivers while helping to deter others from repeating those actions is the primary purpose for speed cameras.

A radar speed security camera also enables the community to gain key details for issuing warnings or even tickets to the perpetrators. Capturing license plate images in real-time further permits community security personnel to find the wrongdoer once they have left the confines of the community streets.

Security has been using these radar units placed around the community for years and they have helped tremendously with the overall speed in the community. Security has recently added a new high tech radar camera to their mobile unit. This has allowed Security to address hot spots in the community. The new mobile unit has become quite the asset to our speed safety in ArrowCreek!

### SECURITY STOP SIGN ENFORCEMENT

In addition to monitoring speed safety, the Security team regularly monitors intersections throughout the community





to make sure people are safely stopping at the posted stop signs. Every day each shift monitors a different intersection. Security rotates which intersections are monitored to make sure every area of ArrowCreek is being protected.

### SECURITY BUS STOP SAFETY

Another step Security takes to ensure safety of our residents is to follow the school buses throughout the community. Security follows the buses to each bus stop and ensures the children load safely. If a car tries to pass the bus while the stop sign is out Security will stop them, explain their infraction, and process a violation as needed. Unfortunately, Security has had to stop a considerable number of community drivers this year for passing the bus when stopped. We want everyone to understand that the safety of our children is a top priority. We know that everyone has places to be, but nothing is more important than keeping our kiddos safe.

There have been a substantial number of new bus drivers assigned to our route this year. Security speaks with all new bus drivers to let them know we are behind them if they need us. We make sure the drivers know their route and if they get off track, we help them get back on course. That being said, the times the buses have been coming in have varied. We urge all parents to get their children to the bus stops early to avoid any issues.

### WINTER PREPARATION

There's something blissful about winter. Imagine curling up in front of the fireplace of your home with some hot cocoa and a good book. Sounds lovely, doesn't it? Only if you've already checked off all the items on your home winterizing checklist!!

If you're not careful, freezing temperatures can do significant damage to your home. There's nothing like a broken pipe or a leaky roof to ruin those winter-wonderland daydreams!

### EXTERIOR WINTERIZING

Let's take it from the top! You will want to do a visual inspection of your roof. Check for any loose shingles or tiles, especially around vents and at seams where expansion and contraction seem to affect the integrity of the roof to a greater degree.

Look for any cracked or broken areas. You may be able to fix it yourself using a watertight, tar-like sealant, but if not, definitely contact a professional roofer to patch it up.

Always inspect your chimney. Make sure there are no loose bricks and check that the vent is clear. Look for an over-abundance of soot, which usually points to the need for cleaning.

Next, you will want to check out those gutters. Gutters should be free of leaves and debris in order to function properly. Clogged gutters can lead to foundation issues, basement leaks, or water seeping into unwanted areas. Also, if water freezes in your gutters, the heavy ice could cause them to break away from your home. Cleaning out your gutters before winter could save you a lot of trouble.

Now it's time to take a look at the deck and patio areas. First, pull in all outdoor furniture that could be damaged over the winter.

Next, check the surfaces of your patio. To determine if your deck may need to be sealed before the snow falls, spray some water onto the surface. Does it soak in or bead up on top? If water isn't beading, you'll want to seal and waterproof the deck in order to prevent winter damage.

Pools and water features will need to be winterized also, especially in our state of Nevada that expects freezing temperatures. Winterizing pools and water features usually means draining water, adding chemicals, clearing pipelines, and installing a thick cover.

We would like to remind residents to turn off the water going to the hose spigots.

Before the first freeze, be sure to bring in hoses and take down window screens. Stake the driveway, so you don't "lose" it (and can protect your lawn) in the first snowfall.

If your home has a sprinkler system, you'll need to make sure all water is expelled from the pipes to prevent freezing damage. Turning the sprinklers off is not enough! Usually (not always) winterization requires an air compressor in order to blow the water out of the lines. If you're unfamiliar with how to do this, or you don't have the equipment, consider hiring a professional.



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**INTERIOR WINTERIZING**

Guard against chilly drafts by checking that all doors and windows are properly sealed. The U.S. Department of Energy recommends holding a lit incense stick near closed windows and doors. If the smoke wavers, you've got a gap that will let warm air out and cold air in. Use weatherstripping or caulk to seal up the area.

You may also want to consider insulating your electrical outlets, especially those located on exterior walls. Foam sealers can often help reduce airflow around outlets and switches. For additional measures, you can also caulk around outlet edges.

Get ready for the change in temperature by testing your thermostat and setting it for optimal heat usage. The U.S. Department of Energy advises setting your thermostat for 68 degrees while you're home and awake, then setting it even lower while you're asleep or away. And don't forget to change your air filters and reverse your ceiling fans' direction!

**HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM WINTERIZING**

Of course, the biggest seasonal system switch will definitely be the HVAC or heating and cooling system. Most furnace manufacturers recommend a professional inspection and cleaning yearly, and

TYPE OF VIOLATION	# OF VIOLATIONS RECORDED IN 2022
SPEED LIMIT	360
STOP SIGN - DID NOT STOP	30
STOP SIGN - SCHOOL BUS	4
RECKLESS DRIVING (SPEEDS OVER 50 MPH)	8
GUEST SPEED LIMIT (1ST & 2ND LTRS)	15
GUEST STOP SIGN - DID NOT STOP	20
MAINTENANCE OF LOTS	44
PET BARKING / LOOSE / ETC.	12
RV / BOAT / TRAILER PARKING	4
TRASH CONTAINER IN PUBLIC VIEW	57
SHORT TERM RENTALS	0
<b>TOTAL OF ALL VIOLATION RECORDS ENTERED</b>	<b>554</b>

pre-winter is a great time to do it. Also, don't forget to cover your outdoor air conditioning unit while not in use, and check the fuel supply for gas furnaces. The plumbing system will need attention as well. To prevent freezing pipes, be sure to insulate any pipes that are exposed to cold air, including those in crawl spaces, attics, and colder bathrooms. You may also want to insulate your water heater to increase efficiency.

**STORM-READINESS PREPARATIONS**

Though none of us like to think about the possibility of a major storm, it's always best to be prepared for the worst-case scenario.

The American Red Cross recommends building a survival kit, including a first aid

kit, crank radio, flashlight, extra batteries, cash, medications, and emergency blankets. You should also stockpile enough non-perishable foods and water for three to 14 days without power. The rule of thumb for water is one gallon per person per day. Have important paperwork and emergency numbers handy in case you need to evacuate.

When a storm passes through, you'll need proper equipment to get you and your family out safely. Be ready to clear your walkways and driveways with shovels, snowblowers, and de-icing salts.

With a little preparation and winterization, your home will be ready to face those colder temperatures with ease.



**ARROWCREEK FIRE HYDRANTS**

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) has confirmed that ArrowCreek HOA is responsible for the re-painting of the fire hydrants within the community. TMFPD provided specifications and guidance for painting of the hydrants. Red or yellow are the only colors permitted in Washoe County. The ACHOA has over 200 hydrants, and we anticipate all will be repainted red before the spring of 2023.

Say hello to our hydrant painters if you are out and about when your neighborhood hydrants are being painted. Thanks to Security for painting the hydrant in the photo.





## Sheriff Update

### WASHOE COUNTY

Washoe County Captain Marc Bello and ArrowCreek Security maintain a great relationship. Security Director Rick Reyome and other members of staff meet monthly with Captain Bello to discuss (1) crime trends in the area, (2) preventive measures to keep ArrowCreek crime free, and (3) how we can further assist each other. During the September meeting, we spoke about the main trends occurring right now. He urged us to keep an eye on nearby trailheads. There has been an increase of theft from vehicles parked along these trailheads. Most are “thefts of opportunity.” His advice

is to keep vehicles locked at all times, do not leave any valuables in your vehicle or at the very least keep them out of sight.

Captain Bello also shared with us information on his new high tech surveillance trailers. These trailers have the ability to record and send live feed. They have motion detection, a message display, and an intercom system. The captain offered to place one in or around ArrowCreek for us if we ever feel that we need it. He also let us know that he has added quite a few officers to his patrol division. Captain Bello has added ArrowCreek to the list of mandatory patrols so that he can make sure all his new personnel are familiar with our community.

Lastly, we spoke about the crime rate inside ArrowCreek vs the rest of our surrounding area. He was pleased to share that even though crime throughout Reno is high, ArrowCreek is virtually crime free!!

It may seem surprising that we have no crime vs the rest. This is because the Security team takes pride in keeping our community safe and keeping criminal activity outside of the community gates.

The Security team looks forward to continuing our relationship with Washoe County Sheriff's Office and exchanging valuable information and tips to keep us ahead of the game with this ever-changing world.



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Carlos at a Corvette Performance Driving School in Parahump, Nevada.

## Almost Native

### CARLOS MEJIA

When Carlos Mejia and his wife Andrea first moved to ArrowCreek in 2010, their small Pomeranian, Doore, ran out into the two feet of powdered snow, buried herself and was stunned. They had moved to ArrowCreek from Gilroy, California, when Carlos retired from the corporate business world. Two of their friends moved to ArrowCreek years earlier and had highly recommended the community. Carlos and Andrea knew Reno somewhat by visiting it over the years when they were at their vacation home in Truckee. Their main focus was security, amenities, convenience to an airport, distance to Lake Tahoe

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and open space to enjoy the surrounding natural environment. ArrowCreek fit all the requirements. “ArrowCreek has developed into a very enjoyable place to live. My vision is for the community to continue to be safe with neighbors who are engaged in supporting AC.”

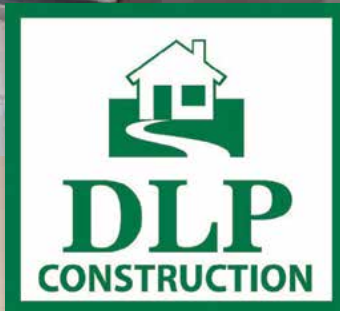
Carlos is a very active volunteer both outside and inside ArrowCreek’s gates. Carlos’ volunteering motivation is to help children, Veterans and those less fortunate who need support in daily living. His focus has been to help guide children during their development years and to raise funds for Veterans and those community members who need help in dealing with life’s challenges.

Carlos Mejia’s first volunteer position was as a Safety Crossing Guard and helper in the school cafeteria when he was in the sixth grade. Carlos has volunteered for over fifty years with various organizations. Before Carlos and Andrea had their children, he volunteered as a little league coach. As their sons grew up, he was heavily involved with parent support roles. In the various communities that their family lived, he chaired campaigns for United Way, 2nd Harvest Food Bank, and his church. He was Jaycees Operations Director & Parade Chairman for the Winston Western 500 Race at Riverside Raceway. Since moving to Reno, he is on numerous Hot August Nights committees. He has held various positions with the Classic Chevy Club and Corvette Club. As Summer Salute Car Show Raffle/Silent Auction Chair, he has raised money for the Veterans Guest house, Veterans Honor Flight, and the HAN Winter Coat drive. He has been coordinator of the club Pet Food Drive for the Homeless, Bell Ringer for the Salvation Army and escorted children at risk in a holiday purchase program.

Carlos has been a member of the ArrowCreek Administrative Committee for the past five years with Mark Aston, Ben Collins, Lorelei Carobolante, Tom Reardon and Scott Peterlin. The Committee has successfully created business guidelines for the HOA Board, created various RFQ Contract templates, implemented a Simple IRA for HOA employees, and assisted in creating ArrowCreek as the best community in which to live.

Carlos met Andrea, his bride of 51 years, in high school and they married when he was a senior in college. Carlos attended Long Beach State University where he earned a BSIT and then attended the University of Redlands where he earned his MAHR. Both Colleges are located in Southern California. In 1989 his company transferred him from Southern California to the San Jose area. They have two grown sons and seven grandchildren including a set of natural identical triplets. Carlos enjoys the outdoors, traveling, cabinet making, gardening, car shows and sports.

As a last note, Carlos would ask members of our community to be thankful for what they have achieved and to consider volunteering their time or to make financial donations in support of local charities.



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