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Who is that guy that is always at ArrowCreek social events taking my picture? If he looks familiar, it is because he is Greg Newman, the host of the long running Reno program, The House Detective.



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Recently, a donor to The Discovery created quite a stir, in a good way.



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As you look out your window at our beautiful snowy landscape, you may wonder how it is going to look and evolve in the future. There is so much to love in our region, and how we plan for our future could not be more important.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' NOTE

The new board met in mid-January to align objectives for 2023 which we share with you. The HOA serves at the pleasure of the homeowners. One of the HOA's key objectives, therefore, must be to maximize homeowner satisfaction and security. We act in a transparent manner to follow the rules that govern all HOAs because we represent the entire community. The other key objective must be financial, especially considering the recent increases in monthly assessments and special assessment required to address our financial situation. The key Board objectives are to:

1. Ensure Financial Health of the Community; and
2. Maximize Homeowner Satisfaction and Security.

Now that we have identified our objectives, how do we go about achieving them?

While the Board is ultimately responsible for the success of the community, its membership changes every year. One constant is the all-volunteer support provided by the residents on our 10 committees.

These committees are each made up of volunteer residents and a liaison Board member. Each committee has a specialty, for example, Budget and Finance. For a complete list please visit www.arrowcreek.com/committees. Please recognize the tremendous value provided to the community by these resident volunteers. Without their contributions we would have to seek more professional support, and our dues would undoubtedly be higher.

To help achieve our Board objectives, each of the committees will focus on a set of objectives as determined by the Board which focus on controlling costs and improving our community. We have already made changes to strengthen the Budget and Finance committee. One example is the work that has started with our auditor, McClintock, whom we have asked to help us determine what controls or process changes should be made to ensure the financial deficit of last year will not reoccur. We have added two new committee members with strong financial credentials. In addition, the Board aligned on the following measures:

1. Amend the Budget and Finance charter to require a balanced budget each year;
2. Propose a plan to address inflation; and
3. Improve investment income and cash flow management.

Full information on these and all other committee objectives will be shared with the residents at a Town Hall planned for March.

If you are not able to serve on a committee or the Board, you can still support the ACHOA by providing input to committee members, responding to surveys, and engaging in our community activities, from social events to Town Halls. This ensures that you, the homeowner, will have a greater impact on the health of our community.

Board of Directors



BOARD OF DIRECTORS COFFEE MEETING WITH COMMUNITY ON JANUARY 30, 2023

On a snowy Monday morning at 10am, fourteen hardy community members met with several ACHOA Board of Director members at the Residents' Center. This open forum meeting had no restrictions and the community members could discuss any and all concerns about the services provided by the Association to the community.

The Board members came to listen to the attending community members. Many topics were discussed, and information

was shared about the governance of our not-for profit entity. Several comments and ideas were noted during the session by the attending Board members. The ACHOA Board will incorporate and discuss the presented ideas into future Executive Committee meetings and Board Meetings.

All who attended agreed that this was a positive exchange of information and the Board plans on holding additional coffee sessions in the future along with Town Hall Meetings.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS WITH OTHER HOA BOARD MEMBERS

Several ACHOA Board of Director members have reached out and attended meetings with other Northern Nevada surrounding HOA Board members. The goal for the meetings was to share information and to learn how other associations manage similar governance issues faced by the ACHOA. The discussions included: security, snow removal, architectural committee interface, reserve fund adequacy, monthly assessments, special assessments, fund accounting, cash flow management, community managers, management of facilities, vendor management, and community member interface.

The takeaway from these meetings was that all HOAs have similar problems concerning managing financial strength, maintaining, and improving community services, and maintaining home values. It was refreshing to hear about a similar approach in managing these common issues.



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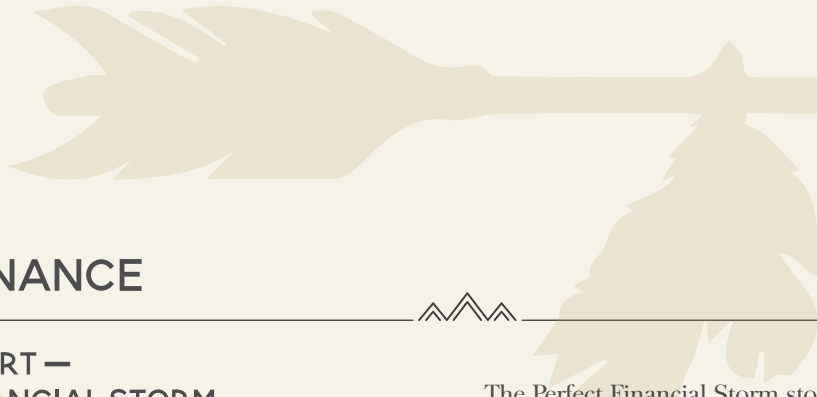
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BUDGET & FINANCE

TREASURER REPORT — THE PERFECT FINANCIAL STORM

THE STORY OF THE ACHOA MONTHLY ASSESSMENT INCREASE AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

The ACHOA is a not-for-profit quasi-governmental entity that provides services to its community members by managing the expenditures within the Operating Fund, Capital Fund, and Reserve Fund through established budgets as per the Chapter 116 Nevada Community Association Uniform Act defined in Title 10 Property Rights and Transactions of the Nevada Revised Statute (NRS-116) and ACHOA governing documents. The budget process for the Operating Fund, Capital Fund, and Reserve Fund occurs every year. Detailed ACHOA Financial Records are available for Association lot owners as per NRS 116.3118 and they are available on Town Sq.

The Perfect Financial Storm story revolves around the monthly assessment increases for the Operating and Reserve Funds and the Special Assessment because of cash flow depletion. What financial factors contributed to these additional costs? There are many factors and each contributed to the final decisions by the previous Board to raise monthly assessments for the Operating Fund and the Reserve Fund.

- » The Monthly Assessment financial factors started in the third quarter of 2021 when the Board, Reserve Committee, and Budget & Finance Committee determined that there would be no increase in ACHOA monthly assessments for the 2022 operating year, but increases would be recommended for the 2023 operating year in the Operating Fund and Reserve Fund

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budgets. It was believed that the ACHOA had adequate cash reserves for 2022.

- » The five-year budget trends and current financial events in 2021 did not indicate a need for monthly assessment increases.
- » The Board, Reserve Committee and Budget & Finance Committee did not foresee the inflationary impacts that occurred during 2022.
- » The 2022 Operating Fund deficit of \$365,190 as of November 30, 2022, resulted from several factors that included unbudgeted expenses for the ACHOA Board-renegotiated Associa Sierra North Contract.
- » Additionally inflation-driven costs were incurred beyond the approved Operating Budget, but line items were needed for operations such as increased fuel costs, increased utility costs, increased employee labor and benefit costs, increased snow removal vendor costs for labor and equipment, increased ACHOA insurance costs, increased fertilizer and other chemical costs, increased building and facility maintenance materials costs, increased vendor service contracts, and other general ledger costs at or near budget.

- » The 2022 Reserve Fund Deficit ballooned to \$384,597 as of November 30, 2022, and was also negatively impacted by many factors.
- » The Road reconstruction costs of asphalt and labor were significantly above the 2022 Budget for roads.
- » The inflation rate of 3% used by the Board-employed Reserve Specialist was inadequate to predict future costs for the Reserve Fund.
- » A change was made to follow the construction inflation rate of 5.55% which further decreased the Percent Funded Level for the Reserve Fund.
- » The Reserve Fund Cash and Cash Equivalents absorbed this loss and reduced the Reserve Fund to \$4,926,285 for November but put the ACHOA below its funding goal of 45%, requiring additional funds.

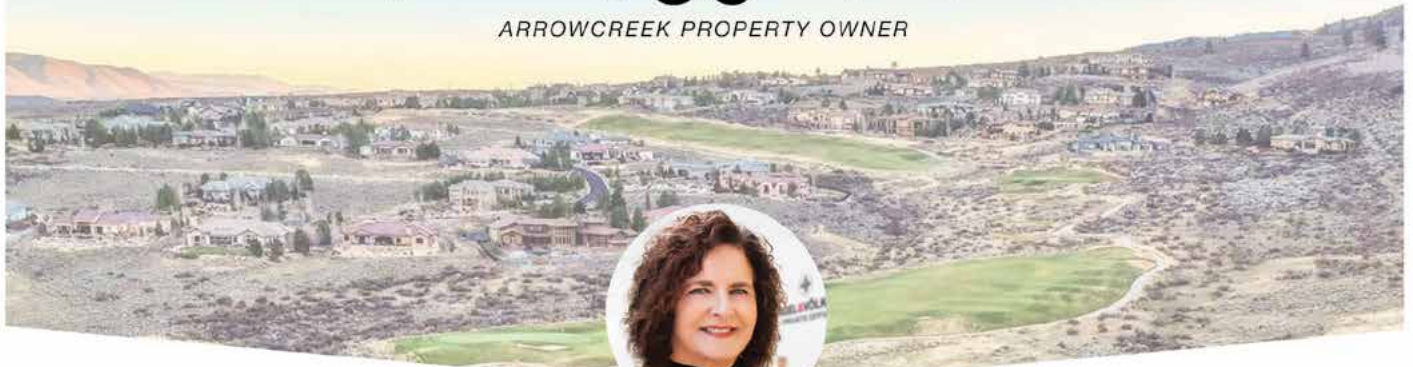
Both unbudgeted expenses and inflation-driven expenses that were over budget depleted the available cash for the Operating Fund. The Operating Cash, Capital Cash, and Cash Equivalents totaled \$311,831 which was below the two months' estimated expenses of \$450,000 that McClintock, the ACHOA auditors, recommended

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should be maintained by the ACHOA. Thus, the cash on hand did not cover the YTD income loss and required further evaluation of cash flow needs and proposed solutions, as discussed below.

Many factors contributed to the failure to recognize the impending storm clouds which resulted in missed sensitivity of the intensity of the cash flow turbulence that started as early as June 2022.

- » The lack of timely financials increased inflationary costs, and investment maturity dates into 2023 put a crunch on available cash.
- » The ACHOA relies 100% upon the Associa proprietary accounting systems to provide timely and accurate financial information as per the Community Manager Contract and the NRS 116.
- » The Financial Statements from Associa reviewed by the Board did not include Cash Flow Statements and should have been requested by the Board.
- » The Associa accounting system is primarily managed by accountants in Richardson, Texas, with input from accounting staff in Associa Sierra North here in Reno. Both locations were impacted by pandemic related sickness and staff shortages that contributed to delayed ACHOA financial reports.
- » The November 2022 financial were not received until January 18, 2023.
- » Short term fixes such as transferring Capital Fund Cash and holding Reserve Fund transfers for October, November, and December allowed the ACHOA to pay all inflation driven bills, but additional cash was needed.

The following actions to weather the storm were implemented by the past and current Board, Community Manager, General Manager, Budget & Finance Committee, and Reserve Committee to minimize and alleviate the above financial issues.

- » Total monthly assessment increase for 2023 of \$41 per month (\$21 Operating and \$20 reserve) was approved by the Board and ratified by the community as per the governing documents and NRS 116.
- » A \$450 Special Assessment with two equal payments of \$225 in January and June was passed by the Board.
- » Association lot owners forwarded their January monthly assessments and special assessments. The Operating Cash balance allowed for the transfer of Reserve Funds for the months of October, November, and December.
- » A Special meeting with Associa Management to establish timely financial reporting occurred with follow up dates planned.
- » Pre-audit meeting with McClintock occurred and specific issues will be audited during the December 31, 2022, Annual Audit required by NRS 116.
- » Daily expenses compared to the 2023 Budget are being reviewed and approved by the Community Manager, General Manager, Board President, and Board Treasurer before being paid.
- » Weekly discussions with the Community Manager and General Manager about future expenses and the need for the expense are discussed with alternatives provided.
- » A daily cash flow analysis is being completed by the Board Treasurer along with the completion of Cash Flow estimates for the ADRC Fund, Reserve Fund, Capital Fund, and Operating Fund to determine investment maturities for specific future expenses.
- » Cash flow statements are now being provided for Board review.
- » The Reserve Fund Committee will be evaluating through a Request for Proposal the next Reserve Specialist as required by NRS 116.

If an Association lot owner has any questions about the ACHOA financials available on TownSq, please contact the Community Manager with your questions, and timely responses will be provided.



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ASK THE MANAGER

I HAVE NO QUESTIONS TO ANSWER FOR THIS ISSUE, BUT INSTEAD A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE ARROWCREEK COMMUNITY AS I BID MY FAREWELL AND MOVE INTO SEMI-RETIREMENT.

Associa has managed ArrowCreek since April 2001. We started as Associated Management Inc. (AMI) when I was co-owner in the company. Jim Flippen was your Community Manager, he also lived in ArrowCreek! Judy Pinto then took over from July 2003 – September 2005. She left and came back and has been assisting with ADRC for many years since. Associa purchased AMI in early 2009. I stayed on with Associa and I have been privileged to be your Community Manager since April 2007. I can't believe it's been almost 16 years! And I have been so honored to be associated with ArrowCreek.

When I share with people what I do for a living, they typically say "oh, what a thankless job, so many complainers." I have been able to respond by telling others that at ArrowCreek, people say thank you all the time. Yes, there are concerns/complaints, but 99% of the time people are respectful, smart, and gracious. It has been a wonderful community to work for. The AC volunteers that I have been so lucky to work with are incredibly smart and so AMAZING! They continually think outside of the box and made ArrowCreek a great place to live.

What makes ArrowCreek so great to work for? Besides the great people in the community that I described above, it's the ArrowCreek

staff, hands down. I have worked closely with the ArrowCreek staff over all these years. They are the best people ever and I consider them more like family than co-workers. Their spirit and commitment to ArrowCreek is a foundational component of what makes ArrowCreek a great place to live. I'm not sure if residents truly understand how lucky ArrowCreek is to have the staff they do! ArrowCreek operates in a hybrid type of organization structure. No other community in our area (or beyond that I know of) has this set up. It combines HOA staff and Associa management to create a synergistic organization. It has been a wonderful experience for me.

As the board changes each year, and the challenges of educating a new board come up, it has always worked out that ArrowCreek is well taken care of. That's because of the continuity of staff and management. As I transition out and my replacement comes in, I will continue to work for Associa Sierra North part time to provide mentoring and guidance to your new manager. As the new manager is confirmed, information will be shared. Remember that you can always reach us by emailing to ACservice@associasn.com, contacting us through the ArrowCreek.com website or through www.townsq.io. That has not changed!

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History

ARROWCREEK: BUILDING A COMMUNITY

BY JENNIFER RACHEL BAUMER

A blast from the past with interesting historical tidbits about ArrowCreek. Originally published November 1999, page 68 in the Nevada Business Journal. Republished with permission from Nevada Business Magazine, NevadaBusiness.com

Environmental sustainability means stewardship of the future. It means respecting the world around us and protecting that world for future generations. Sustainability is reaching companies as businesses go green – recycling, reusing, minimizing waste and choosing to work with other companies doing the same. Sustainability also means leaving some of the land natural, not building and landscaping on every available surface. It means building envelopes – developers developing only 10, 20 or 40 percent of custom lots. It means caring and it's reaching the home-building community.

The Toiyabe National Forest is one of Nevada's natural treasures. Rising to the tree line, from 5,200 feet to 5,900 feet in elevation, ArrowCreek is a new master planned community located at the edges

of the Toiyabe National Forest in Northern Nevada. ArrowCreek spans 3,200 acres; 1,500 of those acres are slated to remain natural and undisturbed.

ArrowCreek is a mix of custom homes and semi-custom production houses. The custom home sites range in size from ½ an acre to three acres, with views of the city, the valley and the mountains. And on the lots, restrictions call for building envelopes, meaning homeowners may only develop 60 percent of the lot, while 40 percent remains natural. The restrictions preserve the views of neighboring homes, prevent over-landscaping in a water-scarce area and keep some of the environs natural.

Makes sense, really, if a buyer is moving into an area for its natural beauty, to maintain some of that beauty in its natural state. And it's also probably right in line with the beliefs and desires of the one-time owners of the land. ArrowCreek is built on Redfield Trust property. LaVere and Nell J. Redfield moved to Reno from Long Beach, California in 1935 and eventually acquired more than 50,000 acres of land in the area, much of which consisted of forest lands around Reno. After LaVere's death, Nell transferred approximately 40,000 acres of land, including Mt Rose, to the U.S. Forest Service to ensure public access. The remaining land was inventoried and set aside to become master planned communities in the southwest Truckee Meadows.

The Nell J. Redfield Foundation was formed in 1974 to carry out Nell's charitable work, much of which was focused on education, healthcare and aid to needy children. Not surprisingly, then, Galena High School, the school ArrowCreek students are zoned to attend, was developed on land the Redfield Foundation contributed. A private middle school and a new public elementary school were also located in the area; both were also built on land contributed by the foundation.

ArrowCreek developers, who formed a limited liability corporation (LLC), consist of three partners: Terrabrook, one of the largest land developers in the United States,

and developers Jeffrey Dingman and Carl Pannatoni. Washoe County approved the developers' agreement in 1996 and ground was broken in October of that year. Since then, ArrowCreek has grown to include two golf courses: the Challenge, a Scottish-style links course designed by Fuzzy Zoeller and John Harbottle, and the Legend, Arnold Palmer's 18-hole championship course. There is even a global positioning system in place to guide golfers through the greens. The satellite system relays information right to the golfer's in-cart video display screen, including a graphical hole and green overview of each hole, exact distance from each tee to the pin, pro tips, scoring and a live on-car tournament leader board. The system even allows golfers to order food while playing.

Long before ArrowCreek began building golf courses and homes on the site, Washoe Indians called the area home. During the entitlement phase of the land acquisition, ArrowCreek developers called for an archaeological survey. Kautz Environmental Consultants, Inc. discovered 105 archeological sites, 21 of which offered significant information about past civilizations. Petroglyphs – rock carvings – were among finds that included numerous arrowheads, clusters of fire hearths and a smoking pipe. Located in inaccessible sections of the community, the rock carvings have been preserved as part of the 1,500 natural acres of ArrowCreek. One find, a saurian carved into a boulder, was given to the Washoe tribe; a model of it was created and donated to the State Museum in Carson City, says Linda Frederick, who was very involved in the project.

Community involvement remains in clear focus for ArrowCreek's developers. As Nell Redfield might have wished, ArrowCreek is involved in a variety of special events within the community, including Uptown Downtown ARTown and project sponsorships with Ted Hunsberger Elementary and Sage Ridge Middle schools.





GENERAL MANAGER REPORT



SECURITY UTV HELPS WITH SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS

2023 is shaping up to be a record-breaking year for snowfall. The new Security UTV, which is equipped with a snow plow and ice-melt spreader, has been very useful assisting with snow removal activities and also helping residents who may need an extra hand.

So far this winter, the UTV has helped 14 vehicles that have been stuck in the snow. The UTV has also cleared berms, cul-de-sacs, mailboxes and access roads. With the ice melt-spreader attachment we can address the areas that could create hazardous driving conditions either due to freeze/thaw or shaded streets that may not melt off quickly. The UTV is also able to scrape up the slush off the roads.

The UTV patrols ArrowCreek daily, not just during snow events. This saves on wear and tear of the Security vehicles. The investment ACHOA made in the Security UTV has made our roads safer and has directly benefited residents who have dealt with very challenging snow conditions this winter.

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on many projects and later when Norm was co-chair of the Communications Committee, he asked Greg to produce a video highlighting the community, which still exists on the ACHOA official website. Greg continues to work as a vendor for ArrowCreek for added photography in The ArrowCreek View and as the site manager for ArrowCreek.com. He also provides other community projects such as surveys.

Let us peek into Greg's world!

IF YOU COULD BE BATMAN OR ROBIN, WHICH ONE WOULD YOU BE?

I am Batman - just without a big house, utility belt or butler. I do work in front of a screen a lot trying to figure out riddles.

IF SOMEONE WROTE A BIOGRAPHY ABOUT YOU, WHAT DO YOU THINK THE TITLE SHOULD BE?

That is easy: "Never a Dull Moment." From hosting a TV show, to off the beaten path travel, even my kids are a little crazy...Life never is dull.

WHICH ANCIENT PLACE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO?

I love to travel, so this is tough. Doha is at the top of the list. The problem is that it is a long way to go to see some ruins in the desert and leave. In the meantime, I will stick to Central America and Europe for travel.

House Detective

IS IN THE HOUSE!

Who is that guy who is always at ArrowCreek social events taking my picture? If he looks familiar, it is because he is Greg Newman, the host of the long running Reno program, The House Detective. His grandfather started the program in New York City in 1953 on WOR-TV, airing before Brooklyn Dodgers ballgames. His dad Dave brought the show to Reno in 1994 with Greg working part

time behind the camera as a producer. His grandfather, father and Greg are all in the Nevada Broadcasting Hall of Fame. In addition to hosting The House Detective, Greg has traveled the world as the producer/director/editor of a network fishing show called Wild Fish Wild Places which can still be discovered on Amazon Prime.

Greg has produced over 2,500 separate episodes of television set in the United States, and set even as far east as Finland, and as far south as Patagonia, Argentina. Greg was a founding member of The Club at ArrowCreek. While Greg was Men's Club President he worked with Norm Reeder

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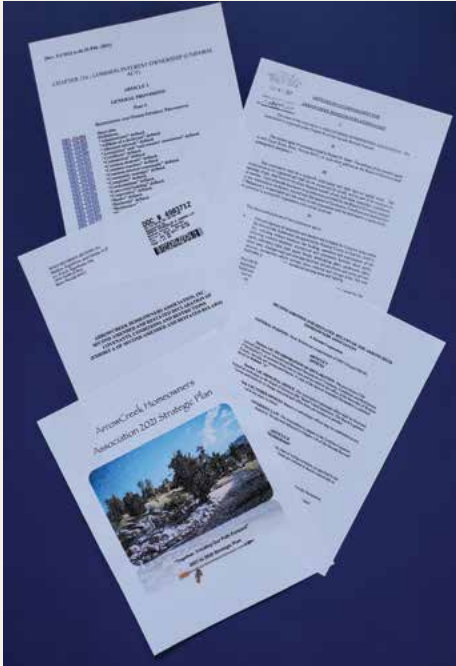
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GOVERNING COMMITTEES



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WE ARE REGULATED: GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

The actions and decisions of the ArrowCreek Home Owners Association (ACHOA)'s Board of Directors are dependent on both the laws and governing documents of the Association, The ACHOA is a non-profit enterprise that provides specific services to its stakeholders. The ACHOA is subject to Federal, State of Nevada, and Washoe County statutes, ordinances, and regulations that supersede the Association's governing documents.

Federal statutes and regulations apply which include tax rules, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements, flag flying, political signs, etc. Nevada

statutes and regulations apply such as Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 116, Common Interest Community Uniform Act, NRS 116 A, Regulation of Community Managers, NRS § 82 Non-Profit Corporations, Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 116 Management of a Common Interest Community, NAC 116A Regulation of Community Managers, and NAC 82 Regulation for Non-Profit Corporations. Washoe County ordinances concerning building codes, common area and open space use, roads, sewer, etc. also apply. Lastly, we are subject to specific easements and rules provided by Nevada Energy, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, and Washoe County Sheriffs Department.

The ACHOA governing documents which include Article of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Declarations of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions also govern the services and amenities in the community. ACHOA Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, and Board Resolutions also create protocols that govern actions and decisions by the Board of Directors.

The ACHOA Board of Directors, Community Manager, General Manager, ACHOA staff, and Board Committees are established to help manage this quasi-governmental agency that looks and operates like a small city. The ACHOA has a lot going on and the Board works hard to be in compliance with all the operating requirements stated above in representing the entire community.

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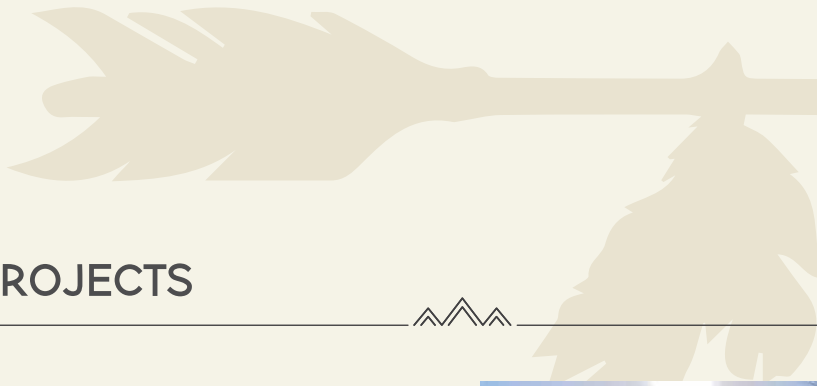


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FACILITIES & PROJECTS

ACHOA SNOW COST UPDATE

The largest variable cost outside the repairs and replacement to ACHOA roads under the Reserve Fund has been the Snow Removal Operating costs per year. The costs over the last seventeen years have varied from a low of \$12,857 to a high of \$340,000. This is a very large spread for the Budget & Finance Committee to consider each year in establishing a budget. The fifteen (15) year average snow removal cost has been \$86,448.

The 2022 Snow Removal Budget was \$125,565. The year-end actual was \$144,547. The 2023 approved Snow Removal Budget was \$118,135. The ACHOA for January has paid two Snow Removal Bills of \$32,505 and \$73,212 for a total of \$105,717 leaving \$12,418 within the Budget. As of February 19, 2023,



the ACHOA has paid \$120,000 which exceeded the entire year budget. We all know the amount of snow that we had in January.

The Board, the Budget & Finance Committee and General Manager have been and will continue to evaluate the Operating and Capital Fund budgeted expenses for 2023 to determine reductions in actual expenses in other areas. The ACHOA has many General Ledger accounts that, with early planned reductions in actual expenses, will combine and provide an offset for the excess Snow Removal operating expense.

The Board, the Reserve Committee and the General Manager have been and will continue to look at expenses concerning winter storm damage, replacement of plantings, replacement of road curbs, roof gutters, and other related winter storm expenses that impact the separate Reserve Budget for 2023.

The current economic environment has made the expense reduction plans a more difficult task. The Community will be updated periodically at Board Meetings, Town Hall Meetings, and direct communications concerning the Profit and Loss statement of the ACHOA.

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Community and Connection Are at the Heart of the EL Cord Museum School At the Nevada Museum of Art

A figure drawing of a young woman comes to life on the screen. It's the kind of thing you'd expect to see in the back rooms of Disney or Pixar, but today I'm sitting in a classroom at the E.L. Cord Museum School, essentially our local art institute under the purview of the Nevada Museum of Art.

"This animation was created by one of my middle-school aged students," explains Museum School

Instructor Joseph Morales, who has taught Digital Art and Illustration classes and camps at the E.L. Cord Museum School for over four years. Throughout the week-long camp focused on digital art and illustration, the student learned how to bring her drawings to life.

What is a Museum School?

The Nevada Museum of Art is one of the few museums around the country to feature a museum school: an instructional space where toddlers, school-aged children, teens, adults, and seniors can attend medium-specific classes. Morales is one of several instructors who teach studio-based art classes at the Museum School where the class sizes are small and the focused attention students receive from instructors—practitioners in the medium they teach—fosters a positive, hands-on learning environment.

Museum School classes range the gamut of media and artform. Many subjects are also taught as week-long camps during school holidays. A few examples of classes that are offered on a regular basis include: watercolor, oil paint, life drawing, ceramics, glass art, fiber art, jewelry making, mixed media and photography. There are also specialty classes for age groups: Sensory Play in Paint for Babies engages the very youngest in the family while adult classes can be enjoyed by artists of all ages. Classes run year-round and are offered most days of the week.

"These art classes really allow students—no matter what age—to be themselves and to express themselves and the way they see the world," Morales said.

Discover your next Museum School art class at:
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SOCIALS & EVENTS



UPCOMING SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENT DATES

- March 17 "Dress in Green" Mixer
- April 2 "Spring Eggcellent Eggstastic Eggstravaganza"
- May 5 "Cinco de Mayo Fiesta"
- ...and more to come!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MIXERS & OTHER EVENTS

BY KAREN CHIAMULON

We started 2023 off with a bang at our New Year Kick-Off Mixer + Karaoke night! The Social Committee took on the goal of putting on at least one event a month this year and kicked it off with their first event on January 21. The event began with a mixer portion, where residents brought their favorite appetizer or drink to share with their neighbors. After mixing and mingling, the night progressed into the karaoke portion, where residents showed off their vocal talents singing classics and the latest hits. Leaders of our ArrowCreek Interest Groups, as well as past and current Board members, also attended. A second event of this kind occurred in February, but with a twist for residents to attend as famous couples or characters/symbols of love to celebrate the Valentine's Day holiday. Do not want to get pinched?! Make sure to

dress in Green at our March Mixer on St. Patrick's Day!

In just a few weeks, the start of the new season will mean celebrating at our annual Spring event. We will be welcoming it with an eggcellent, eggstastic, eggstravaganza this year and will feature activities such as egg hunts, lawn games, face painting, bounce house, photos with the Spring Bunny and more!

A Winter Floral Arranging Workshop hosted at the Residents' Center on January 24 was another hit! Don't worry if you missed it — we will have another one in May. Also, in the month of May will be a Cinco de Mayo Fiesta and a Market Day featuring local artists and vendors, as well as some of our very own ArrowCreek resident artists. If you are an artist, crafter, or creator in ArrowCreek and would like to be included in the market, please send an inquiry to arrowcreeksocial@gmail.com. We also have

a few spots open for our aspiring chefs and bakers who are under 18 years old. If your little one is interested in having a lemonade stand, selling cupcakes, cookies or other baked goods at Market Day, let us know!

The goal of the Social Committee is to build community, and to have some fun while doing it! If you have suggestions for past or future events, please reach out to arrowcreeksocial@gmail.com to let us know! We welcome and appreciate your feedback.

Please also refer to the official ArrowCreek.com website for updates on upcoming events and the social calendar. By the way, have you seen our new SOCIAL page on the official ArrowCreek website?! It is up and at your service for all things happening in our community. Want to know when the next event is or see photos from past events? Head to our website for all this and more. See you at our next event!



Left to right: Dan Carrick, Mark Aston and Terry Brodt, Wine Lovers. President, preparing to open the Petrola Galatrona.

ARROWCREEK WINE LOVERS MAGICAL EVENING BY TERRY BRODT

The ArrowCreek Wine Lovers held a Magical Holiday Evening at the home of Nancy and Mark Aston in early December. Over 70 wine lovers attended and all shared appetizers and wine. Moreover, Mark Aston offered tastings for everyone with an elegant Methuselah bottle of Tuscan 2018 Petrola Galatrona (equal to 8 bottles of wine). Serving the wine and providing secrets to tasting wine was a special guest, ArrowCreek resident, Dan Carrick. Dan has been a hobby winemaker for the last 25 years as well as growing 5 varietals in his Penn Valley, CA vineyard. Later in the evening all guests gathered around to sing Christmas carols.





Founding Members: Top row: Debbie Bluestein, Christine Paust, Debra Wurzel. Bottom row: Paula Macenski, Debra Marko, Debbie Jo Severin

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP

The Community Service Group (TCSG) – our new volunteer group in ArrowCreek – is excited to present our 2023 Founding Leadership Team:

- » Paula Macenski – President
- » Christine Paust – Vice President
- » Debbie Jo Severin – Treasurer
- » Debbie Bluestein – Vice President
- » Debra Wurzel – Marketing/PR

Our next general meeting will be April 11, 5-7pm at The Club at ArrowCreek in the west card room. Appetizers will be served. Hope you will join us to find out more about TCSC, and to mix and mingle with your volunteer-minded neighbors. We will have speakers from several of the non-profits on which we focus. Here are those organizations and the Coordinating Chairs:

- » Eddy House Breakfast – Deb Marko/Ronay Bovarnick
- » Eddy House Dinner – Karen McLellan/Bonnie Atondo
- » Lead with Horses – Debra Wurzel
- » Northern NV Food Bank – Kailey/Celeste Shapiro
- » Our Place – Mary Katz/Paula Paust
- » Soulfood Seeds – Carolyn Dragics



From left to right are Karen McLellan, Paula Macenski and Lindsay Morgan at Awaken.

- » Veterans Guest House – Margaret McConnell
- » Awaken – Paula Macenski

If you are interested in working with us, please contact Paula Macenski at pmacenski@gmail.com or 415.302.1916, or email commserviceac@gmail.com and we will send you a TCSG interest form.

We currently have a big ask. We need a creative person to develop a logo, website and Facebook page for TCSG. If you are interested in providing those services, please contact Paula Macenski at the email or phone number above. We would truly appreciate your assistance!

Looking forward to seeing you at the April 11th meeting!

ARROWCREEK INTEREST GROUPS

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WINE LOVERS

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

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ONGOING

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Barre Blitz 9 - 10am

Thursdays
Social Bridge 3:30 - 5:30pm

Mondays
Mah Jongg 3 - 5pm

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

2nd Thursday of the Month
Chefs Club

3rd Wednesday of the Month
Wine Lovers Club
Dates vary each month

MARCH

- 8 ADRC meeting 11am
- 14 Executive Session/Hearing Meeting
5 - 6pm via Zoom
- 17 Dress in Green Mixer
- 28 Special Board Meeting 6pm
- 31 ADRC Submittal Deadline 4pm
for April 12 meeting

APRIL

- 02 Spring Eggcellent Eggtastic
Eggstravaganza
- 11 Board Meeting 6pm
- 12 ADRC meeting 11am
- 28 ADRC Submittal Deadline 4pm
for May 10 meeting

MAY

- 05 Cinco de Mayo Fiesta
 - 10 ADRC Meeting, 11am
 - 16 Executive Session/Hearing Meeting
5 - 6pm via Zoom
 - 21 Social Committee: Ice Cream Social
and Market Day
 - 29 Memorial Day ASN Office Closed
Pool opens Memorial Day Weekend
(Maybe earlier, subject to county inspection)
- *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 the 1st Wednesday of each 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.)



Galena

HIGH SCHOOL

BY VICTORIA CAMPBELL, PUBLIC
INFORMATION OFFICER, WCSD

High school students can learn why “It’s Good to be a Grizzly” when they start school next year: Galena High School is accepting variances for students who would like to attend in 2023-24, and there’s lots to recommend this small school environment that provides big opportunities for its students.

Galena High is a five-star school that offers 22 Advanced Placement courses, 27 Honors courses and dual enrollment (offering free tuition to students who want to earn college credits before graduating from high school) at local institutes of higher education. The JROTC Grizzly Battalion regularly places at the top of their competitions, and the school’s “We the People” team will represent the Washoe County School District at the state finals this year. There is no shortage

of extracurricular activities at the school, and plenty of opportunities for students to engage with clubs and activities of their choice including general academics, arts and music.

The STEM Academy at Galena High School encompasses fields of study in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Students are enrolled in a four-year course sequence that follows a nationally-recognized curriculum, providing them with challenging activity-based, project-based and problem-based learning with meaningful assessments as they proceed through the curriculum. The sequence includes two foundation courses designed for 9th-10th graders, followed by a core specialization course (e.g. Civil Engineering and Architecture, Computer Integrated Manufacturing), and ends with a capstone course where students work in teams to design and develop an original solution to a valid open-ended technical problem by applying the engineering design process.

The curriculum is rigorous and meaningful, offering a solid foundation for future work in the field if a student chooses to pursue it. Because the STEM Academy Course of Study closely follows an Honors Diploma track, students can earn accelerated admission for college programs. Thanks to partnerships between the school and local industries, students can also participate in internships and other opportunities for experience.

Families are encouraged to play an active role in their students’ education at the school, where the Galena Five Star Boosters Club holds frequent fundraisers to support the school, organizes monthly Teacher Appreciation events and publishes the Grizzly Growl newsletter.

For more information about Galena High School, visit www.washoeschools.net/galena. Go Grizz!

ArrowCreek At A Glance

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Our ArrowCreek market continues to remain strong as demand is high and inventory in our community is very low. Supply-demand imbalance continues to push home prices and there is no better time to list than NOW, when we have record low inventory. ArrowCreek remains top choice for buyers looking for luxury living in Northern Nevada. With our brand new clubhouse, pools, indoor/outdoor restaurants, bars, along with all the HOA amenities, this community is no less than a luxurious resort. I have a proven track record having sold multiple homes in Arrowcreek for top dollar but the value I place focusing on relationships during the process is the real secret to my success! If you are thinking of listing your home for sale, call me.



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Emergencies

SOMETIMES WE NEED TO CALL A NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER TO SAVE A LIFE

EDITOR'S NOTE FROM SUSAN DUNCAN

BACKGROUND

In the evening of Tuesday, June 7, 2016, I realized by trying to call my mom in Tucson, AZ, from Reno, NV, that something was very wrong. It is forever in my brain. By the time I got her help from the local Tucson police department and paramedics, the golden hour had already passed and she ended up with a massive stroke. She is alive and well, now living here in Reno, but she never regained speech or right side movement. I was frantically calling 9-1-1 and any phone numbers I could find on the internet for Tucson before I finally, after more than an hour, called the non-emergency Tucson police phone number (which seemed so wrong since this was an emergency with my mom!!) and learned that was the proper number I needed to get my Tucson mom emergency help from Reno, NV!

To avoid such a tragedy in the future here in Reno for any of our ArrowCreek residents, I wanted to have an article suggesting to our residents that they make sure any outside-of-Reno family members/friends know what number to call to get help.

It is important for family members and friends living outside our area to have the proper number for emergency services in your area if they ever need to call for help on your behalf. If someone out of state were to dial 9-1-1 for an emergency happening in the Reno area, their call would be answered by their local dispatch center, and transfers to the correct dispatch center are not always possible.

If you live in the City of Reno boundaries, folks calling from outside this area can call Reno Public Safety dispatch at 775.334.2121. If you live in Washoe County, they can call 775.785.WCSO (9276). And for those living in the City of Sparks, their emergency services can be contacted at 775.353.2231. While these are all technically classified as "non-emergency numbers," the calls on these lines are answered by the same trained dispatchers that answer 9-1-1. Dialing these numbers is the only way someone outside our area can reach our local emergency services.

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Mart on Damonte Ranch”), or cross-streets to give the dispatcher to make sure help gets sent quickly. Often, the dispatcher is already sending emergency services while continuing to ask the caller questions, so rest assured that continuing to speak to the dispatcher is not delaying a response. Callers should also make sure they have a good idea of the nature of the emergency, such as, “I think my father is having a heart attack. I was on the phone with him, and he stopped responding to me.” It is essential that the caller remains calm and follows the dispatcher’s line of questioning and directions to their best ability to get their loved one help as quickly as possible!

Take some time to find out and record the non-emergency numbers for all your non-Washoe County family members you might ever need to help. Then, pass on the Washoe County non-emergency number to your family and friends that check on you!

By Erin Yeung, Public Safety Dispatch Supervisor, APIO, Reno Public Safety Dispatch



ACHOA IS SEEKING MAGAZINE COVER PHOTOS!

The ArrowCreek View, your community news magazine, is looking for more great community photos to be used on a future cover. Your digital photos must be submitted via email to acview89511@gmail.com.

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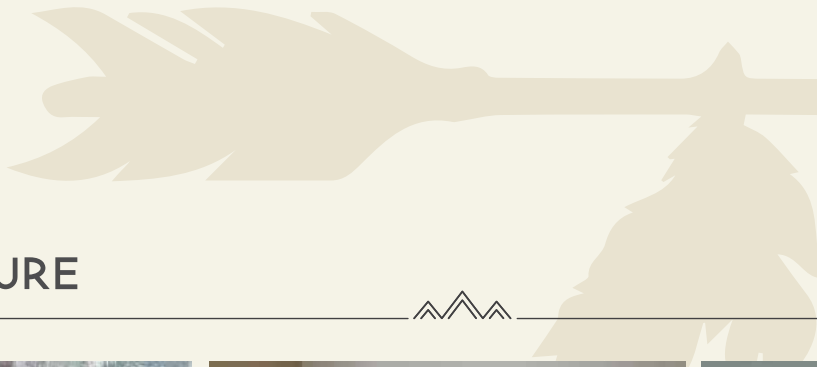
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ARTS & CULTURE



**MARLA
"MIMI"
GARTRELL**

Mimi feels extremely fortunate to have creativity in her DNA. Her mother (91 years old) is an oil painter and has a witty creative mind. Mimi learned so much from her mother over the years. Her artistic passion started from the get-go at a very young age. We all have various gifts.

Mimi's gift happens to be the fuel to create and to create within a wide spectrum of options - from redecorating her parents' house, sewing her own clothes, cooking, baking, and making pottery, painting, mosaic, or collage. Mimi enjoys so many

different activities like figure skating, downhill skiing, golf, hiking, cooking/baking, boating, organizing, upholstery and babies. She has always been busy.

Her zodiac sign is Cancer. She describes herself as pretty much an open book. She likes kind, creative people and seeks them out. She is 63 years young and her whole life has been with an entrepreneurial spirit, health, art, and crafts. Mimi would describe her art projects as split personality projects. One week she might feel like painting, the next might be painting a wall, organizing her studio then painting or fused glass. She is known to mosaic a backsplash in the house and to repurpose found items. Mimi's energy and projects inspire others to relax

and just create. "As long as it makes you happy, let the creativity process flow." She is philanthropic; she feels good donating her work to various charity fundraisers as a way to spread joy. She loves to collaborate with other artists and has done so while living in northern Nevada. She enjoys learning and sharing knowledge. The art community in all the places she has lived is like family to her, including when she was studying in a formal setting in her younger years.

Although accepted to the Kansas City Art Institute, Mimi chose to move to San Diego to be close to extended family while working and taking night classes. She also studied in Colorado where she landed an incredible job opportunity that launched her ultimate

CALLING ALL ARROWCREEK ARTISTS!

Do you paint, create, throw clay, make jewelry, or do any other kind of crafty activity?

Please contact Connie Ghysels at lulughysels@gmail.com ASAP to verify your contact information for the ArrowCreek Art Guild and to get on the list to get the latest information on planning for 2023 Spring/Summer events. New members are always welcome!



A previous ArrowCreek Art Guild art show.



business career. She enjoyed working and climbing the ladder for the largest Sharp Electronics Dealership in the USA even though it meant pausing her artistic side. This was life changing because there were very few women in the industry pushing through a predominate male industry. In the 80's that ultimately and positively impacted cultures in many countries to accept women in that industry. This opportunity allowed her to travel all over the world, and of course she always visited the art museums whenever she got a chance.

Mimi grew up in Arapahoe County, Colorado. Then she lived in San Diego County, California; Tarrant County, Texas; and Washoe County, Nevada.

Mimi has lived in Incline Village prior to moving to ArrowCreek. Her husband and late daughter (Jacqueline wanted to be the first class when Sage Ridge opened its doors) is why they moved to ArrowCreek in 2000 - after one year of commuting back and forth to Sage Ridge from Incline, it became impractical.

After several years of living in ArrowCreek, she found a lot while hiking and her husband agreed to purchase the lot on Silver Vista Drive. They hired architect Steve Miles and collaborated on the largest scale art project in her life, the designing and building their current home. This home project start-to-finish took about three years. Mimi's art & glass studio is located there, along with areas for other creative activities like acrylic pours.

During COVID, Mimi took a bit of a hiatus that required her to become a caregiver when her father was first diagnosed with dementia and quickly passed in 2017. Recently her mother was diagnosed with dementia, and this extended the hiatus. There has been very little time to focus on selling her art. Prior to 2021, she participated with a co-op art gallery in downtown Reno and in numerous art shows in California and Colorado. Her artistic goal this spring will be to resurrect her artistic endeavors.

Mimi has been married for 38 years this June. They had a daughter that passed away in December 2010 and have one biological grandson who is 14 years old and lives in Sparks with his father.



Mimi is adventurous. She auditioned and played Miss Hannigan in Annie in the early 90's. She founded and started the Incline Ice Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit and worked pro-bono for ten years. In 2022, for 3 months she took cello lessons until her puppy caused the cello to fall. It was really her fault for not laying it on its side, instead she had leaned it on a chair while taking a break. She adores the cello and is a big fan of the 2Cellos. She is a business partner of GGGIV, LLC (Owners of Genoa Lakes & Genoa Ranch Golf Clubs). Currently, they have the properties on the market, and she looks forward to closing that chapter.

Most people that know her say she is full throttle in almost everything she does. "Make the most of the day, because tomorrow here on Earth can vanish."

Feel free to contact Marla "Mimi" Gartrell for Commissions and or by appointment for a private viewing of her work or to discuss any need for art work. Email: fuze@glass@sbcglobal.net



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RESIDENT CENTER



RESIDENTS' CENTER UPDATE

The Residents' Center continues to be a popular amenity for homeowners. There are many different social and interest groups that meet almost every day of the week. If you would like to join a group or are interested to see what is available, you can find the list with contact information in the ArrowCreek View magazine or on the HOA website (www.arrowcreek.com) under the committee tab.

We would like to remind residents to limit your time on the cardio equipment in the gym to 30 minutes if others are waiting.

Many residents take advantage of the outside amenities as well - even in the winter. From November through January we have had more than 700 visits to the jacuzzi spa which remains open year-round.

Did you know that you can also rent out the great room or the patio deck at the Residents' Center for gatherings? If you need assistance with key cards, reservations or have any general questions regarding the amenities, please email the Residents' Center Coordinator, Brenda Rodriguez at acresident@sbcglobal.net.

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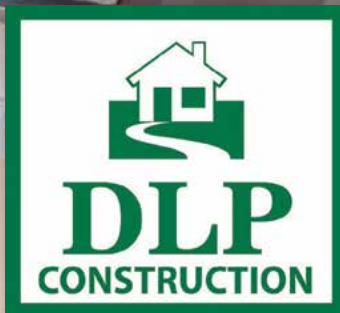
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WILDLIFE ISSUES

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.

WILDLIFE INFO & RESOURCES

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of Wildlife
Reno Snake Rescue 775.750.5537
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SECURITY & SAFETY



QUICKPASS - A REALLY CONVENIENT APP

As an ArrowCreek resident you have access to a very useful tool called QuickPass for managing visitors. The HOA pays about \$48,000 a year for this service, but it goes underutilized because many residents do not use it. Even though there is mention of it in the ArrowCreek View every issue, we would like to bring it to your attention that it is "easy to use and will be of value to you."

QuickPass has a number of functions. It maintains the information for security of residents, their contact information, vehicles registered to residents, and visitors on residents' lists that are allowed entry. This is valuable information for Security, but additional resident features come with the system that can make our lives easier.

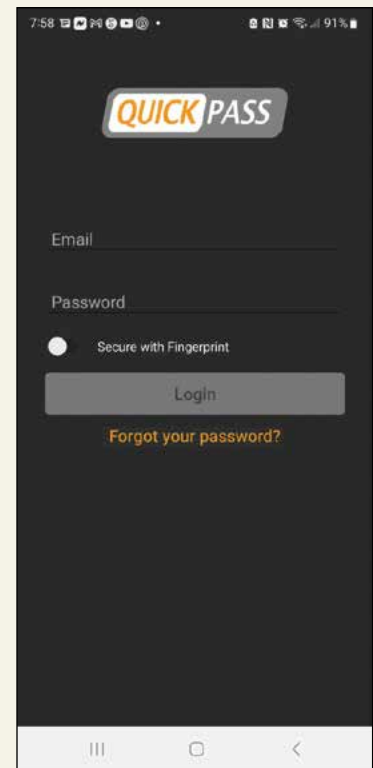
The signature feature is the ability for you as the resident to enter visitors you want to allow entry. You can set the type of visitor as permanent, temporary or for a specific duration. For temporary and duration visitors you specify the date or dates of entry. In addition, after the visitor comes through the gate, you can receive an email (optional), telling you when they came through, perhaps giving you time to puff your nose before they arrive at the door.

Please note to add your visitor to your list at least 15 minutes before they show up at the gate to ensure adequate timing to update the main QuickPass system. - Even do it hours or days in advance, i.e., when the appointment is agreed to. Use of the system saves valuable Security time that otherwise would have to be used by them to contact you (or you them) and enter the information into the system manually.

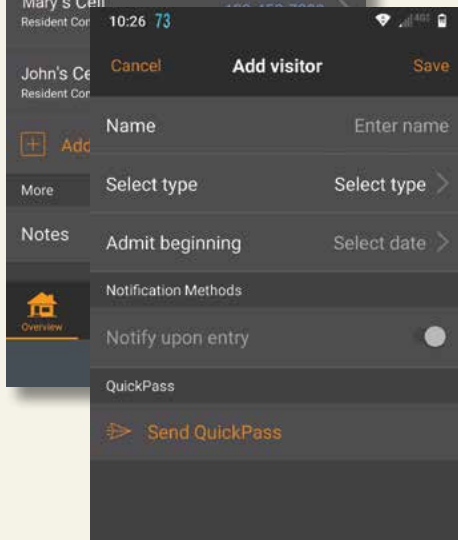
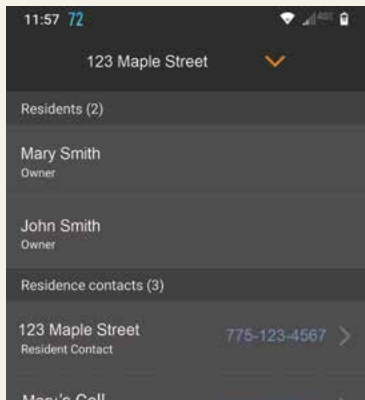
So how does it work? First, there is a cell phone/mobile app and also a desktop version.

Depending on how you would like to access the system, both versions do the same thing, but the displays are different.

If you download the app from the App Store you will see this:



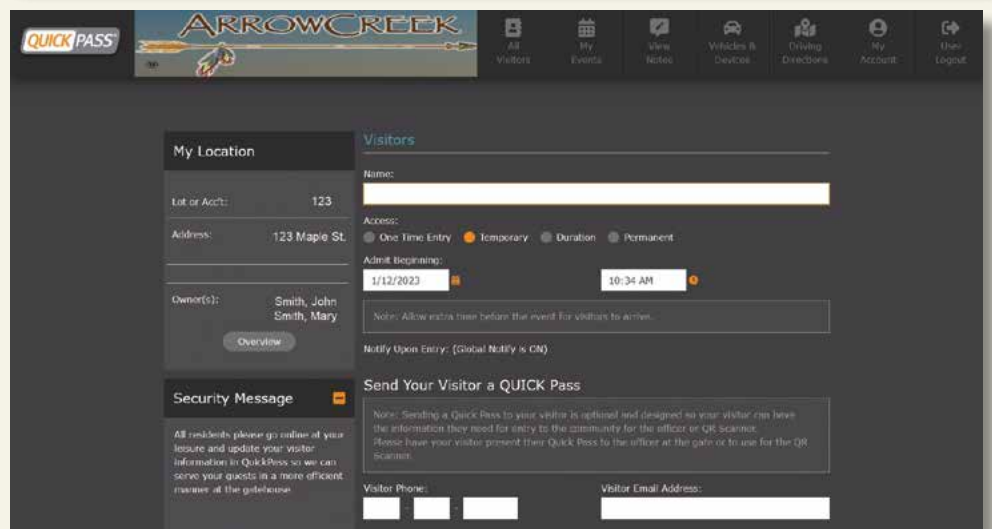
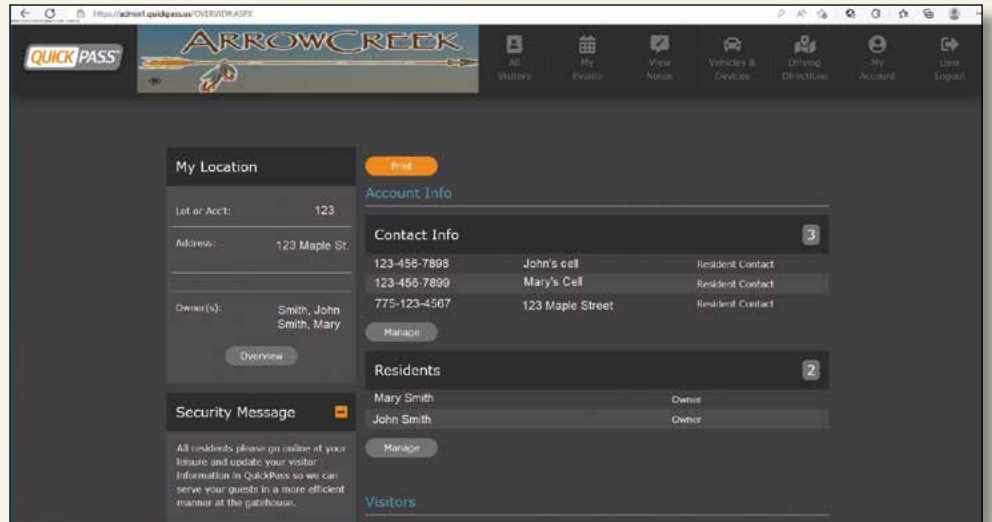
If you go to www.quickpass.us on your phone, you will see this:



If you go to www.quickpass.us on the desktop, you will see this:



From either site you can log in. Initially, enter your username and a password. Security can assist you with your credentials to get into the system. After you have logged in, you can see your profile, select visitors, see your current list and/or add a new visitor. Desktop view is below. App view is lower left.



You can also search your visitor history in Quickpass and see everyone who came through the gate and when. There you have it. For more information on getting started, contact Leda at Security 775.850.4450.



Marce Herz

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

BY BRANDON BRINGHURST · PRINCIPAL

It's our third year of operation and things are starting to feel normal at school again. While the lasting impacts of COVID are still with us as we help students through their academic, social and emotional progression, the restrictions that characterized our first two years of operation are largely gone.

So, what does normal look like at Marce Herz Middle School? In many ways, it is very similar to what school looked like when I was a student. Students attend a total of eight classes. Every day starts with what we call "Advisory." It's a short class and very similar to a "homeroom" concept. It's a great opportunity for students to learn some organizational skills, receive some additional help if needed, get information about what is happening at the school and have a positive start to the school day. After Advisory, our students attend seven other classes, four of which are the typical "core" classes of Math, Science, Social Studies and English. Students then have the opportunity to select three "elective" classes. At MHMS we offer a wide variety of elective classes. They include PE, Band, Choir, Orchestra, Spanish, Robotics, Flight and Space, Theatre, Film and Art.



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Our bell schedule is somewhat unique. Over the years there has been debate about the benefits of block scheduling versus traditional scheduling. Both have their pros and cons, and our schedule tries to maximize the benefits of each. On Monday and Friday, we have a traditional schedule. Each class is about 45 minutes long and students attend all of their classes. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, we run a block schedule. Classes are about 65 minutes long and students only attend five classes. Throughout the week, students will attend each class a total of four times, twice for 45 minutes and twice for 65 minutes. This hybrid model allows us some of the benefits of a traditional schedule – seeing every class regularly and shorter classes to allow for frequent breaks. We also get some of the benefits of block classes – longer classes to allow for labs or more in-depth discussions and fewer classes in the day. The block days also help prepare students for Galena High School where every day is run on a block schedule with 95-minute classes.

Students have a 30-minute lunch break. They can choose to eat school lunch or bring their own. After eating they either go outside, go to the library or hang out in the cafeteria and visit with friends. We are an "off and away" campus which means that student's personal electronic devices are to be off and away while at school. We did this largely to increase focus during class time, but we also see huge benefits at lunch. Instead of students glued to their screens, we see them interacting with one another. At lunch time you'll see games of football, basketball, tag and occasionally you'll even see Red Rover. Kids are still kids. They love to run around. They love to socialize. They love to argue about a particular play on the basketball court and to try to have snowball fights when the principal isn't looking. After school hours, you'll see some of our students in the library for "Homework Club" or they'll be at practice for one of our sports or participating in another club of their choosing.

We are still seeing some of the lasting impacts of COVID. Some students struggle a bit more than usual in social situations. Some students still choose to wear a mask. Some students struggle with learning gaps that have developed over the last few years. These challenges are real. We are doing everything we can to address them; however, I'm continually impressed by the resilience of our students. Every generation has dealt with unexpected events, some big and some small. In some ways, these events change our world forever. In other ways, kids are still kids. People are still people and school is still school.

Brandon Bringhurst, Principal

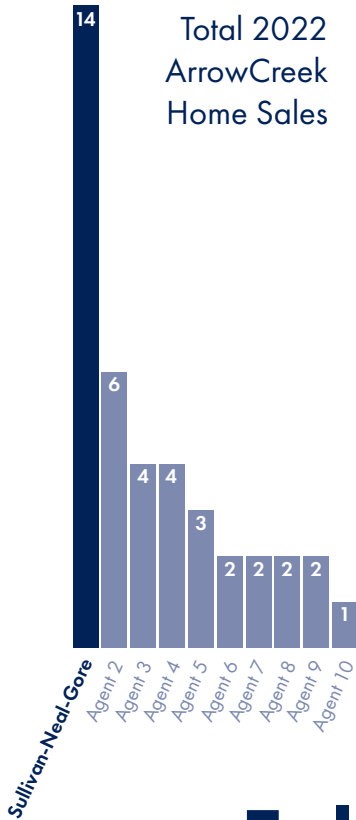
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The Discovery

INSPIRATION COMES IN MANY FORMS

BY PATRICK TURNER, CHIEF ADVANCEMENT OFFICER, THE DISCOVERY

Recently, a donor to The Discovery created quite a stir, in a good way. You may remember an article in the January/February issue of this publication about Penny, a young donor who decided to donate her allowance to The Discovery because she really loves

science. In addition to the financial support her allowance provided the museum, it also provided inspiration for others who made the decision to support The Discovery as well.

An organization that was inspired by Penny's philanthropy was Barracuda Championship and Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation. They were so moved by Penny's generosity that they offered a matching grant to The Discovery. If Penny's gift inspired 250 donors to give to the museum by the end of the year, they would make a generous \$25,000 gift.

I am excited to report that the challenge from Barracuda Championship and Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation inspired more than 275 people to give to The Discovery in December. In total, the museum received over \$130,000 to round out our year-end fundraising efforts.

And so, as we look forward to the incredible things we'll do here at The Discovery in 2023, our thanks go to Penny, to Barracuda Championship and Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation, and to our community for continuing to value the work The Discovery does and the impact we'll have in the future.

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evolve in the future. There is so much to love in our region, and how we plan for our future could not be more important. That's where the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) comes in and hopes to make a positive mark on how we map out our Truckee Meadows for current and future generations to enjoy. TMRPA has been working to develop a centralized document, the Natural Resources Plan (NR Plan), to coordinate natural resource planning across the Truckee Meadows. The agency has finished collecting natural resource data for our region and they are hitting the ground running this year working on both data organization and analysis as well as crafting narratives, which make up the backbone of the NR Plan. Additionally, TMRPA staff is going to be working with their consultant Stantec (formerly Cardno) to finalize cleaning up all the data gathered, in order to ultimately

create a searchable database tool within their website to support planners and the public alike! This tool will serve as a valuable resource for everyone to provide more information on various regional environmental priorities.

Check out their most recent engagement initiative where they highlight more reasons to love where we live! From local environmental and sustainability projects, our unique Great Basin high desert biome and riparian areas teeming with wildlife, to the many outdoor recreational activities we get to enjoy, TMRPA wants to show our fellow Truckee Meadows community what motivates them to work on the Natural Resources Plan.

Go to www.tmrpa.org/nrplan to stay up-to-date and keep up on their progress for the Natural Resources Plan.

Natural Resources

TMRPA'S PLAN UPDATE

BY NATE KUSHA, CHOHNNY SOUSA & JEREMY SMITH, TMRPA

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