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**Q&A WITH BRANDON KAUFMAN  
WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL OFFICER**  
South Suburban Reno has several unique features, but one of its newest features is the fact that a student can attend K-12th grade and never leave the immediate area. When Officer Brandon Kaufman was offered to work in this part of the district, he jumped at the opportunity.

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



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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' NOTE

The current Board strives to balance the allocation of funds for both Association services and amenities. This Board balancing act was confirmed by the 2024 Budget, Monthly Unaudited Financial Statements, and the December 31, 2023, Annual Audit for the Operating, Capital, and Reserve Fund accounts. The Board relies upon the recommendations provided both by the Budget & Finance Committee volunteers and the Reserve Committee volunteers in approving the expenditures for Association services and amenities. This is an ongoing process sometimes completed daily with consultation with our General Manager and Community Manager.

The December 31, 2023, ArrowCreek Homeowners Association, Inc. (ACHOA) Audited Financial Statements, that was conducted and provided by the Association's independent certified public accountants, McClintock Accountancy Corporation, was approved, and accepted by the Board at the June 11, 2024, Board Meeting. An article that summarizes the audited statement results exists later in this edition of the ArrowCreek View. The Audited Financial Statements are also available for lot owners on TownSq.

The ACHOA vendor completed both the Residents' Center Multipurpose Room and the kitchenette area. Both projects came in on budget and on time for the Association according to the General Manager. The work to replace, repair, and refurbish these areas of the Residents' Center was paid through both the Capital and Reserve Funds which accumulated cash over the years for these projects.

Landscape work recommended by the Landscape Committee and approved by the Board will be starting this summer. This was a Reserve Fund expenditure from accumulated cash. The Reserve Committee, General Manager, and AP Tech recommended the 2024 asphalt work plans in the community. These board-approved projects were put out to bid. The Board approved road repair project and walkway repair project contracts. The work started this summer. Major road replacement work and walkway replacement projects were deferred to the 2026 season.

ArrowCreek Staff continues to make the community safe and well-maintained. The Board and the Community appreciate all that ACHOA staff do for the Association. We ask that all residents please stay safe while using all the community amenities.

If you have any concerns or questions about how the Association operates, please contact our General Manager, Community Manager, or the Board at [acservice@associasn.com](mailto:acservice@associasn.com) and we will provide responses to your questions. We hope to see you at a future Board meeting.

We hope you have a safe and fun Fourth of July Holiday!

Board of Directors







# ArrowCreek

## COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

The ArrowCreek Community Experience is a multi-faceted, multi-generational environment within the front gates of our community. The formal and informal experiences within the community are part of the community's lifestyle, which involves the services, amenities, and activities of the ArrowCreek Homeowners Association (ACHOA) and those provided by the independent Club At Arrowcreek. The lifestyle experiences within ArrowCreek are remarkable for a community of this size (3,172 acres with 1,081 lots/residences) in Northern Nevada.

Your ACHOA community government depends on volunteers to assist in maintaining our community and lifestyles. The Board of Directors relies upon input from advisory committees to meet owner needs. Current committees are Architecture Design and Review, Budget and Finance, Reserve, Communications, Landscaping/Trails, Fuels, Social, and Safety. Volunteers are always welcome and community members are invited to attend their meetings.

Additionally, there are formal clubs listed on both the ACHOA and The Club At ArrowCreek websites. There are golf programs for men and women and golf tournaments for Club members and guests. Both the ACHOA and The Club provide swimming pools, Bocce Ball, exercise facilities, and pickle ball amenities. The ACHOA and The Club have numerous interest groups which include Basketball Club, Book Club, Bridge Club, Chefs Club, Corvette Club, Crafters Club, Cycling Club, Daffodil Club, Dominos Club, Garden Club, Hand and Foot Club, Hiking Club, Mah Jong Club, Mexican Train Club, Motorcycle Club, Pickle Ball Club, Poker Club, Pump Track Club, Scale Model Train Club, Ski Club, Snow Shoe Club, Soccer Club, Tennis Clubs, Whiskey Club, Wine Lovers Club, Yoga Club, and Community Service Groups.

The Washoe County schools (Hunsberger Elementary and Marcy Herz Middle school), and Sage Ridge school properties also offer special

programs for their students adjacent to the ArrowCreek front gates. Their fundraisers and athletic events provide positive contributions to the experiences in ArrowCreek and also contribute to our property values.

The informal neighborhood get-togethers in our 19 neighborhoods within the HOA involve multiple encounters. These encounters include social events such as joint dinners, barbecues, birthday parties, graduation parties, snow removal, berm control, road maintenance, walking neighborhood dogs, and shared adventures to Reno events. These vibrant neighborhoods are an additional cornerstone to the lifestyle experience in ArrowCreek.

All the above events leave a positive impression on the community members. However, there are a few negative impressions as well. Some members have a hard time following community rules and end up with speeding violations, stop sign violations, school zone violations, trash can violations, parking violations, and unapproved external construction violations of the ADRC guidelines. Our community is recognized as exclusive and highly desirable, but we still can be better.

Our community Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) are in place to keep us all safe and focused on the well-being of our whole community. In reality, this is all about sharing the common life experiences of over 2,200 individuals living in ArrowCreek. Come for the views and stay for the lifestyle.



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## HAVE A QUESTION FOR MARIAN YOUNG?

Do you have a question about the ACHOA, the Board, or the Management Company? If so, odds are your neighbors are wondering too! Send questions to: [ACservice@associasn.com](mailto:ACservice@associasn.com) or visit [ArrowCreek.com/comments](http://ArrowCreek.com/comments) page. Top questions will be published in the *ArrowCreek View*. Thanks for staying informed!

## ASK THE MANAGER

### WHAT IS VOLO VILLAGE AND HOW DO I USE IT?

**ANSWER:** Volo Village is a communication tool implemented by the ArrowCreek HOA (ACHOA) to send emergency information and quick announcements to keep ACHOA residents informed. Below is some information that may help to clarify how Volo works and how you can update your account contact information:

1. Every homeowner is already registered to receive Volo messages using the contact information you provided to the ACHOA.
2. Your contact information in Volo is for ACHOA use only. The ACHOA completely controls all the communications sent.
3. Each owner can update their contact information by logging into your Volo account at [www.my.voloos.com](http://www.my.voloos.com) with your username & password (previously sent). If you do not have a password, contact Associa Sierra North for assistance to set one up at [ACservice@associasn.com](mailto:ACservice@associasn.com).
4. From feedback received after the first announcement, we have modified how messages will be sent. This will reduce the number of phone calls:
  - » Phone calls will only be made to the phone number provided in the Home field.
  - » Text messages will be sent to numbers in the Cell and Other fields. (Note, Other can be used if you want to add another

cell phone number to receive messages).

- » You have the option to enter your cell phone in both the Home and/or Cell field if you want a phone call and a text on your cell phone. Or, if you only want a phone call on your cell with no text, enter your cell in the Home field and nothing in the Cell field.
- » The Work phone will not be used. If you want to receive calls on your work number, enter your work number in the Home field.
- » Emails will generally be sent via a separate email blast and not typically through Volo.

We hope this communication tool will be an effective and easy way of keeping you updated using communication methods you most prefer. Please do not hesitate to contact Associa Sierra North with any questions. Thank you and stay safe!

*Marian Young*  
ASN Community Manager

If you observe or are concerned about a violation of ACHOA rules and regulations or ADRC guidelines, please contact Community Manager Marian Young 775.334.7436 or use the [ArrowCreek.com](http://ArrowCreek.com) website to provide your information.





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# BUDGET & FINANCE

The ArrowCreek Homeowners Association, Inc. (ACHOA) Board of Directors accepted and approved the December 31, 2023, Annual Audited Statements completed by McClintock Accountancy, Inc., as required per NRS 116 and Generally Accepted Accounting principals for homeowner associations. The 2023 Annual Audit report was approved and accepted on June 11, 2024.

The Association’s Liabilities have changed as per Footnotes #2 and #14 in the audited financials. FASB ASV 606, NRS 116.31142, NAC 116.451(4), NAC 116.457(1)(a) and NAC 116.410 (accounting standards and government statutes, rules, and regulations) require that Reserve Assessments prepaid by ACHOA lot owners will now be reported as liabilities and not as cumulative retained earnings or lot owner equity. Interest earned on the Reserve Fund will be reported in member equity. Reserve Fund balances will be recognized as a contract liability indicating

to the lot owners that the funds held are for future promised repair or replacement as per the annually required Reserve Study.

The ACHOA had a clean Annual Audit for December 31, 2023, Fiscal Year. This has been the case for the last nineteen years. *“In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of ArrowCreek Homeowners Association, Inc. as of December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.”*

No deficiencies were noted concerning internal controls. There were thirteen audit adjustments to the year end statement that will be reflected in the unaudited June or July statements for the ACHOA.

## ARROWCREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2023 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2022)

ASSETS	OPERATING FUND	REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	2023 TOTAL	2022 TOTAL
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$881,196	\$326,955	\$182,459	\$1,390,610	\$1,257,746
RESTRICTED CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS (ADRC)	\$442,671	\$0	\$0	\$442,671	\$415,000
INVESTMENTS	\$0	\$5,403,313	\$25,000	\$5,428,313	\$4,550,126
INVESTMENTS RESTRICTED ADRC	\$415,000	\$0	\$0	\$415,000	\$679,998
ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE LESS ALLOWANCE DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS	\$22,316	\$0	\$0	\$22,316	\$11,228
INTEREST RECEIVABLE	\$160	\$20,736	\$18	\$20,914	\$7,819
PREPAID EXPENSES & OTHER ASSETS	\$35,810	\$0	\$0	\$35,810	\$66,455
DUE (TO) FROM OTHER FUNDS	(\$300,902)	\$303,037	(\$2,135)	\$0	\$0
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$814,428	\$757,033	\$728,846
LESS ACCUMULATED DEPR.	\$0	\$0	(\$586,808)	(\$557,722)	(\$514,285)
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT NET	\$0	\$0	\$224,613	\$224,613	\$199,311
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,081,251	\$6,054,041	\$417,935	\$7,553,227	\$6,532,989



## ARROWCREEK HOA BALANCE SHEET - LIABILITIES & EQUITY (FUND BALANCE) DECEMBER 31, 2023 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2022)

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	OPERATING FUND	REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	2023 TOTAL	2022 TOTAL
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$289	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$289	\$6,164
ACCRUED LIABILITIES	\$87,398	\$87,942	\$ 0	\$175,340	\$197,196
ASSESSMENTS PD. IN ADV.	\$251,549	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$251,549	\$254,586
CONTRACT LIABILITIES	\$ 0	\$5,996,099	\$ 0	\$5,996,099	\$5,150,323
ADRC DEPOSITS	\$1,080,550	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$1,080,550	\$1,030,550
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,419,456	\$6,054,041	\$ 0	\$7,473,827	\$6,638,819
FUND BALANCES	(\$338,535)	\$ 0	\$417,935	\$79,400	(\$105,830)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$1,081,251	\$6,054,041	\$417,935	\$7,553,227	\$6,532,989

The Association's Revenue Statement indicates how services and amenities are funded for the Operating Fund, Capital Fund, and Reserve Fund from monthly lot owner assessments as per NRS 116 and the ArrowCreek Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) Article III Assessments.

## ARROWCREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION REVENUES DECEMBER 31, 2023 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2022)

REVENUE	OPERATING FUND	REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	2023 TOTAL	2022 TOTAL
ASSESSMENTS	\$2,362,327	\$873,704	\$64,980	\$3,301,011	\$3,763,741
GATE ASSESSMENTS	\$10,105	\$6,000	\$ 0	\$16,105	\$16,500
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	\$ 488,700	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 488,700	\$ 0
THE CLUB AT ARROWCREEK	\$15,216	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$15,216	\$13,248
ADRC CONSTRUCTION	\$52,050	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$52,050	\$54,750
LATE FEES & FINES	\$9,519	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$19,519	\$15,080
WILDFIRE PREVENTION	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
INVTMENT INCOME	\$30,103	\$138,602	\$5,048	\$173,753	\$37,143
GAIN (LOSS) ON SALE ASSETS	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$24,859	\$ 8,100	\$ 0	\$32,959	\$16,458
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,002,879	\$1,026,406	\$70,028	\$4,099,313	\$3,916,920

The Associations Expense Statement shows how funds are spent to maintain, repair, replace, refurbish, and upgrade the community amenities. The Association Expense Statement Shows how funds are paid for community services. Deficits were covered by previous years carry forward surplus. The following chart compares actual expenditures versus budgeted expenditures for 2023. The ACHOA had a balanced Budget in 2023 even with huge snow removal bills in 2023 that substantially exceeded the budget.

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## ARROWCREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION EXPENSES

DECEMBER 31, 2023 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2022)

EXPENSES	OPERATING FUND	REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	2023 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$73,683	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$73,683	\$90,335
COMMUNICATIONS	\$41,035	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$41,035	\$28,049
PAYROLL & BENEFITS	\$1,502,956	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$1,502,956	\$1,568,501
INSURANCE	\$114,476	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$114,476	\$111,340
UTILITIES	\$208,745	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$208,745	\$213,003
IRRIGATION & LANDSCAPE	\$19,571	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$19,571	\$30,250
OPERATIONS	\$26,031	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$26,031	\$24,374
PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING	\$378,142	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$378,142	\$422,949
WILDFIRE PREVENTION	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 15,000	\$ 0
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$440,325	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$440,325	\$296,679
IMPROVEMENT STUDY	\$ 120	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 120	\$ 0
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$70,582	\$70,582	\$ 0
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 34,168	\$34,168	\$ 20,930
REPLACEMENT FUND EXPENSES	\$ 0	\$940,654	\$ 0	\$940,654	\$1,409,948
INCOME TAX PROVISION	\$ 0	\$48,595	\$ 0	\$48,595	\$39,750
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,817,084	\$989,249	\$107,750	\$3,914,083	\$4,253,108
REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	\$185,795	\$37,157	(\$37,722)	\$185,230	\$588,032

The ACHOA through its Board of Directors has built a solid tradition of providing a fiscally responsible and solid budget management process that makes it one of the financially strongest homeowner associations in Northern Nevada. The Audited financial statements demonstrated that the Association has a solid Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement. The approved Annual Audit can be found on TownSq for your independent review.

If you have any questions about the ACHOA's financial reports, please contact the Community Manager, General Manager and/or the Board of Directors.





# JOSH WOLF

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## Starry Skies

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and dry air combine to provide a crisp view of the world above us. When we're away from city lights, the star-gazing is amazing here in northern Nevada.

However, as cities, suburbs and towns everywhere continue to grow, there will be more artificial light illuminating the sky and therefore more stars will disappear from view. That is just one on a long list of reasons we should all be concerned about saving our starry skies.

Artificial light upsets the 24-hour circadian rhythms of plants, animals and humans that all evolved in an environment that was dark at night. We've lived in a world of artificial light for less than 200 years, a split second on the scale of time. Bird migration, nocturnal animal life, human mental and physical health, and other natural balances have been disrupted, making it more difficult for us all to thrive.

Each year in the U.S., excessive use of artificial light releases millions of tons of carbon dioxide, contributing to the effects of climate change, and costs consumers more than \$3 billion in wasted energy.

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Artificial light does not enhance public safety in ways that many people believe. Too much can create shadows that actually make hiding easier. Increased glare makes it difficult for drivers and pedestrians to see. A study prepared by the U.S. National Institute of Justice concluded: "We can have very little confidence that improved lighting prevents crime."

The good news is that excessive light is one source of "pollution" that is relatively easy to control. A non-profit group called DarkSky International has developed five principles for responsible outdoor lighting:

- » **Useful** – All light should have a clear purpose
- » **Targeted** – Direct/shield light so it falls only where it is needed
- » **Low Level** – Light should be no brighter than necessary

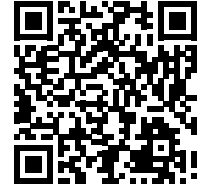


» **Controlled** – Use light only when it is needed, by using motion detectors, timers and dimmers

» **Warm-colored** – Limit the amount of shorter blue-violet wavelengths

Saving starry skies is a matter of public education. That's why Friends of Nevada Wilderness is thrilled to sponsor the brand new Save Starry Skies specialty license plate that is now available at all Nevada DMV offices. Proceeds of the specialty plate will be used for public outreach and education, dark sky monitoring for purposes of properly siting and mitigating projects on public lands, promoting low-impact astro-tourism to support rural Nevada

Join Friends of Nevada Wilderness for a family-friendly weekend filled with "out of this world" fun and stargazing August 2-3 in Cedarville, CA.



communities, and supporting projects to reduce outdoor lighting.

We encourage everyone to visit [nevadadarksky.org](http://nevadadarksky.org) to learn more about the license plate and how we can all help save our starry skies. After all, we want our kids and grandkids to also be able to look up and experience the wonder of a truly dark sky filled with shimmering stars.

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# GOVERNING COMMITTEES



*Brett Taylor giving the attendees his background information at the beginning of his presentation.*

## FUELS REDUCTION & FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE

### FUELS & WILDFIRE PREPARATION TOWN HALL

On Saturday, May 18, over 40 ArrowCreek residents attended a Wildfire Town Hall to hear critical information regarding wildfire behavior, evacuation preparation, defensible space, and how to increase their home's



*Jamie Roice-Gomes talking about defensible space.*

resistance to heat, flames, and embers through building materials and installation practices, commonly known as home hardening. Many eyes were opened during that hour and a half.

Guest speakers included Brett Taylor, Wildland Urban Interface Community Coordinator (WUICC), for Truckee Meadows Fire & Rescue, and Jamie Roice-Gomes, Manager, Living With Fire Program from

the University of Nevada Reno, Extension Program. Chief Isernhagen, Division Chief of Fuels & Wildfire, also attended to provide additional information as needed.

WUICC Taylor spoke extensively about the fire problem in Nevada caused by a century of fire suppression, the introduction of invasive species, and urban sprawl. He noted that wildfires can move extremely fast due to weather and winds in our area. Taylor stressed that if a fire occurs in ArrowCreek, residents should NEVER go to observe the fire. You will be interfering with fire personnel's ability to fight the fire and they will then have to worry about you in addition to the fire! He also emphasized to NOT fly drones in the area. If a drone is spotted, all firefighting planes and helicopters will be grounded for pilot safety. These two actions will prevent firefighting efforts. No one wants to be responsible for preventing ground or air support for a fire in ArrowCreek.

Four points were stressed during his presentation:

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Some of the attendees prior to the start of the presentations.

**EDUCATION** Understanding fire behavior and fire weather. Fire weather factors include increased temperatures, low relative humidity, dry lightning and high winds. Local factors include downslope winds in the afternoon, extreme Red Flag conditions, and high wind events in the fall.

**GET READY** Prepare your home to survive a fire. Defensible space is key. Fire crews have only a few seconds to determine whether they believe a home can be saved. If your home is surrounded by numerous trees and bushes with no defensible space, they may quickly decide to move on to the next home that has maintained defensible space and can be saved.

**GET SET** Prepare for a fire to happen.

1. Put together a GO BAG, which should include: a 3-day food and water supply, first-aid kit, flashlight, battery powered radio, extra batteries, car keys, credit cards, cash, glasses, prescriptions, medications, important household documents, cell phones and chargers, and a paper map with evacuation routes.
2. Know what you will do by creating a checklist addressing people and pets, as well as inside and outside issues. For example, if there is time, take outdoor cushions into the house. Leave some lights on inside and outside so fire crews can see your house more easily. Close your garage door when you leave, thereby preventing the fire from entering your home space more easily.

**GO!** Have a plan to evacuate, including meeting locations and communication plans. Remember, cell service may be down in the area of the fire.

Jamie Roice-Gomes addressed several issues, including, defensible space, choosing the right plants, and home hardening.

**DEFENSIBLE SPACE** This is the area between your home and an oncoming fire where vegetation has been removed or modified to reduce wildfire threat.

1. Zone 0 – The Ember Resistant Zone 0-5 feet. Remove mulch, junipers, sage and other high fire hazard plants along with dead leaves and weeds. Use hardscaping. If you want plants in this area, have only low growing, non-woody plants with high moisture content.
2. Zone 1 – Lean, Clean, and Green Zone 5-30 feet. Reduce flammable vegetation to a small amount and ensure discontinuous islands of vegetation. Remove all dead or flammable debris. Keep plants healthy and irrigated.
3. Zone 2- Reduced Fuel Zone 30-100 feet. Create separation between shrubs and remove ladder fuels, or low-growing vegetation that promotes fire from the ground to tree tops.

#### CHOOSING THE RIGHT PLANTS

This brochure, which was written by the UNR Cooperative Extension, was handed out to attendees and provides a wealth of information on what to plant here in

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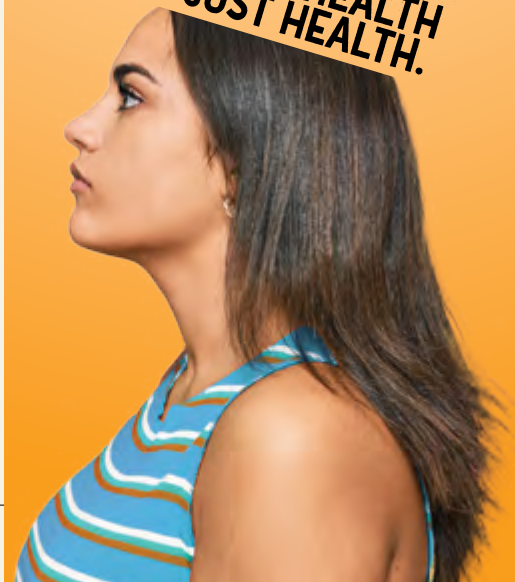


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ArrowCreek, and more importantly, what not to plant in this high fire hazard area. Many copies are available at the Residents' Center and we encourage you to pick one up – no charge. There is also a button link on the ArrowCreek.com website. Ms. Roice-Gomes also emphasized that any type of juniper should not be planted near homes. These plants have dense, fine-textured leaves and contain flammable chemicals, and burn intensely once ignited. In addition, she stated that all cheatgrass, which is highly flammable, should be pulled, not sprayed, at this time of year to prevent the seeds from germinating.

**HOME HARDENING** Several components of the home were addressed, including gutters, eaves, vents, and fences. Embers, which can travel more than a mile from the wildfire, are the most common ignition source of home fires. Make sure that debris is removed from your roof and gutters, that your vents are covered with appropriately-sized screening, and that vegetation crawling up fencing is removed or cut back.

After the presentations, many residents had questions ranging from evacuation routes, defensible space, and home hardening. When all was said and done, it was apparent that residents felt that the time was well spent listening to and gathering a wealth of information from our presenters to prepare more efficiently for wildfire.



**WASHOE COUNTY HOLDS  
ARROWCREEK TABLETOP SIMULATION**

On April 22, Washoe County Office of Emergency Management held a tabletop simulation for ArrowCreek. Members of the Fuels Reduction & Fire Safety Committee, the ArrowCreek HOA General Manager, along with Security personnel and representatives from the Club at ArrowCreek were invited to attend. It was an eye-opening experience for those of us attending, especially in terms of how fast a wildfire can travel.

In addition to Washoe County Office of Emergency Management, over a dozen agencies attended this exercise, including Truckee



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Meadows Fire & Rescue (TMF&R), REMSA, American Red Cross, Washoe County Schools, Truckee Meadows Community College, National Weather Service, Northern Nevada Public Health, CERT, and NDOT Emergency Management.

The purpose of this exercise was to show ArrowCreek representatives how decisions are made during a wildfire event threatening the ArrowCreek community. The Tabletop Exercise portrayed a typical August afternoon around 3 p.m. in the Thomas Creek area with a temperature of 86 degrees and 14% humidity with west/southwest downslope winds. Four engines and two Battalion Chiefs were dispatched and an initial mobile Command Post was set up in the area with the Lead Agency determined to be the Forest Service since the fire started on their property. As the fire expanded, more and more agencies were called in to provide mutual aid and many resources for the residents of ArrowCreek due to evacuation.

Also stressed by the various agencies—be sure to sign up for CODE RED. Please read accompanying article about the Town Hall.

According to Kelly Echeverria, Washoe County Emergency Management Administrator, they would like to hold a true evacuation exercise in ArrowCreek in the next couple years if funding is available.

We thank both Ms. Echeverria and all the agencies that attended that day. We found that there is an unbelievable amount of coordination that takes place to save all residents threatened by wildfire living in Northern Nevada. A special thanks to each and every agency that works behind the scenes to protect us.

On a final note, please take a moment to visit the following websites:

- » [www.arrowcreek.com](http://www.arrowcreek.com) to see the AC Emergency Evacuation Map on the Home page and also to click on Documents and Contracts to read the Disaster & Fire Emergency Plan
- » [lwf@unr.edu](mailto:lwf@unr.edu) to view the Living With Fire Program information on choosing the right plants, defensible space guidelines, and available brochures.



## LANDSCAPE & TRAILS COMMITTEE

BY JULEE CONWAY, CHAIR

Summer is here in ArrowCreek and positive changes are coming soon to brighten and enhance the community landscape areas. The volunteers on the Landscape and Trails Committee have been hard at work this past winter/spring to develop a plan to replace damaged and dead plants that were removed from the Arrowcreek Parkway center median and Residents' Center entry sign area. Working with maintenance staff, a plan was developed and four competitive bids were received from local landscape contractors. A suitable bid was received that meets the budgeted funds from the 2024 Reserve Fund. The work is scheduled for this summer and will be completed by October. A variety of flowering shrubs, groundcover, and trees were selected that are appropriate for our climate and weather conditions.

The Committee also discussed improving trail and pathway access throughout the community. Stay tuned for more information as the Committee continues its work on behalf of the community.

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# ArtTown

## 2024 SUMMER FESTIVAL

BY HARVEY KATZ, ARROWCREEK HOMEOWNER

Artown returns! Artown is Reno's award-winning major summer festival and happens throughout July in Reno and the surrounding area. My wife and I find it difficult to leave Reno in July, despite the heat, because we want to attend so many of the fine events. This esteemed celebration of arts and culture will be underway by the time you read this, but there is still time to attend performances and see the sights. Artown typically hosts over 500 events and activities. Most performances and exhibits are FREE, and food and beverages are often available. Fans are encouraged to visit [artown.org](http://artown.org) to see the full list of events, many of which are family-friendly, and mark their calendars for their favorites.

Artown's Headliner Series (not free) presents better-known acts and helps Artown raise money for all the free offerings. This year's Headliners include:

### JULY 2, TUESDAY - JAKE SHIMABUKURO

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Steve Nighthawk, 2024 Artown Poster artist, is a descendant of the Shoshone, Washoe, and Paiute Nations of the Great Basin and an enrolled member of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC)

sold, Dionne Warwick is a six-time Grammy Award-winning music legend.

### JULY 14, SUNDAY - ANN HAMPTON CALLAWAY

Tony nominee Ann Hampton Callaway pays tribute to Peggy Lee in an evening of songs and stories celebrating one of America's most beloved artists.

### JULY 23, TUESDAY - LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO

With five Grammy Awards, this acclaimed South African singing group is sure to uplift audiences with their unique voices and powerful storytelling. They appeared on Paul Simon's breakthrough album Graceland.

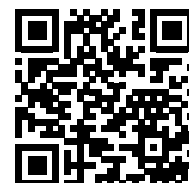
### JULY 27, SATURDAY - STEEP CANYON RANGERS

This Grammy-winning Bluegrass-Americana band has recorded three albums with Steve Martin playing banjo. (Yes, that Steve Martin).

All Headliner performances begin at 8pm at the Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater at Bartley Ranch Regional Park. Doors open at 6pm. Another amazing ticketed event is Patriotic Pops at the Reno Aces Field, where the Reno Pops Orchestra performs music to salute Independence Day.

Artown events happen seven days a week throughout the day. For example, Sunday events occur midtown at Brasserie Saint James, at Village Green in Caughlin Ranch, at Bartley Ranch Park and elsewhere. Starting July 8, the The Wild River Grille hosts live music on their patio every evening of the month of July. Check their website. Wednesday night features the free Cultural Connections series at Wingfield Park at 7:30pm. Talented musicians representing diverse cultures from all over the world will perform.

There is much more to say about Artown, so please see their website [artown.org](http://artown.org) or scan this QR code and pick up a copy of the widely distributed 2024 Little Book which lists all Artown events. Many events and exhibits are great for children. Please check out and support Artown. You will see your neighbors there.





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## ARROWCREEK SWAG STORE

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Once The Club rebranded, that logo existed only online and in magazines ...until now.

We are proud to announce the launch of the ArrowCreek Store, a collection of embroidered items with the original ArrowCreek logo.

Hats, pullovers for adults, and blankets will be the first items launched in this online only-collection. More items are expected



to be added down the line. The prices are quite reasonable. You will also notice brands like Eddie Bauer, Port Authority, and more. Most items come in several assorted colors with no minimum required.

A solid working relationship with locally owned Miller's Jackets, the area's primary provider of high school letterman's jackets, as well as being the primary fulfillment of embroidered products to Panasonic, the Reno Police Department, and many other local businesses, should ensure any ArrowCreek customer of a quick turnaround with each purchase.

The ArrowCreek Store can be found on the homepage of the ArrowCreek.com website with the other hot links at the top of the page. Please note that the ACHOA neither spends nor receives any money for this offered service to spread the ArrowCreek brand.

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# Earth Week

## GARDEN VISIT WITH HUNSBERGER STUDENTS

ArrowCreek resident and High Desert Daffodil Society President, Susan Duncan and Dan Williams, High Desert Daffodil Society VP and High Desert Iris Society President, celebrated Earth Week with four separate sessions of kindergarteners and first graders in the Hunsberger Elementary School Garden on Wednesday, April 24. They explored how plants all have roots, stems, leaves, and flowers, but they can start by seed (sunflower), bulb (daffodil), or rhizome (iris). The students really enjoyed smelling the different daffodils and touching the iris with the fuzzy beard. They also received coloring pages that reinforced the lesson. The students were engaged, attentive, and very enthusiastic. It was fun for all and future visits are being planned for next school year.



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Guests enjoyed small bites and drinks – for adults and kiddos – and experienced a one-of-a-kind performance by the incomparable Rhys Thomas of Science Circus. We also bestowed awards to a few uniquely dedicated supporters. Those awards included:

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**CORPORATE PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR** Dolan Auto Group, for hitting a milestone and donating cumulatively \$100,000 to The Discovery supporting various programs including Camp Discovery.

**LEGACY PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR** Gregory Nelson Estate for gifting The Discovery \$1,000,000 to support capital projects.

A big thanks to everyone who made this event a huge success. The Discovery plans to make this an annual event, so consider making a gift today at [nvdnm.org/support/make-a-gift-today](http://nvdnm.org/support/make-a-gift-today), so we can show our appreciation for you at next year's Donor Appreciation Night!

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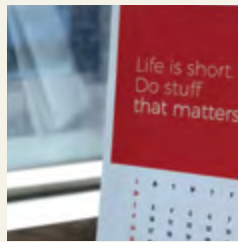
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## SOCIALS & EVENTS



*Bob Mitchell giving talk on planting grapes at 5800 feet at Mark and Nancy Aston's home*

### WINE LOVERS 5TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

In late May, the ArrowCreek Wine Lovers held their first gathering of the year and celebrated Wine Lovers 5th Anniversary at the home of Nancy and Mark Aston. Over 80 Wine Lovers sipped 19 different wine varieties and enjoyed gourmet appetizers. Special guest of the evening was ArrowCreek resident and retired orthodontist, Bob Mitchell, who spoke on how to plant a vineyard at 5800 feet elevation. Before moving to ArrowCreek, Mitchell had a good-sized vineyard in Temecula, CA which sits at about 1000 feet. His home in ArrowCreek sits at 5800 feet and a year ago Mitchell planted ten

vines of Cab Franc on the hill side of his home. Mitchell said that Cab Franc is one of the best vines to plant at this altitude to survive the harsh winter. He is very much a hobby wine enthusiast and also a graduate of a certificate program at UC Davis in Viticulture/Enology. Mitchell said he would not see any grapes on the vine for about three to four years. The big surprise of the night was that Mark Aston went deep into the Aston Wine Cellar and removed some magnums of the very full-bodied 2020 Justin Isosceles and shared the wine with all the grateful Wine Lovers. For information on AC Wine Lovers contact [terrybrodt@comcast.net](mailto:terrybrodt@comcast.net).

### WINE LOVERS JUNE 7 EVENT

BY TERRY BRODT, PRESIDENT, ARROWCREEK WINE LOVERS

A large crowd of 140 ArrowCreek Wine Lovers attended a very special evening at the home of Alan and Katrina Bader on June 7. The theme of the night was "An evening with Silver Oak Wines." In 1996 Alan Bader purchased a rare \$5,000 Balthazar size 12L bottle of Silver Oak 1988 Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon at a charity auction. (the value



Terry Brodt, Alan Bader and Craig Coulter

today is \$13,000 and is equivalent to 16 bottles of wine) The bottle is #10 of 12 and personally signed by Justin Meyer, co-founder of Silver Oak. Alan Bader offered to open the bottle for all to share and a ceremony was arranged for the opening of the 36-year-old bottle.

Assisting Mr. Bader was special guest Level 3 sommelier and Silver Oak distributor Craig Coulter. He discussed the history of

Silver Oak, the size of the rare Balthazar bottle (It weighs about 75 lbs.) and what it takes to be a Level 3 sommelier. Coulter brought with him a \$150 Durand Corkscrew which is a two-piece device that keeps old and fragile corks from vintage wines intact during removal. The corkscrew worked to perfection, but took some time to get the cork out of the bottle, and the classic wine was perfect for all to enjoy.

### CHEFS CLUB GET TOGETHER

Recently the popular ArrowCreek Chefs Club held a festive get-together at Trudy and Jim Mann's home. It was attended by 36 members. Guests brought wine and appetizers to share and, as usual at a Chefs Club event, the many varieties of food were incredible, delicious, and mouthwatering. Very active Chefs Club members, Trudy and Jim Mann, have lived in the Painted Vista/Nambe area of ArrowCreek for 11 years after previously living in Alamo in the Bay Area. One adventure they do each summer is take their motor home and



Trudy & Jim Mann, ArrowCreek Residents

drive to Montana, camp out near a rushing stream and fly fish. If you would like to join the Chefs Club, contact the Leader, Carol Steingard at [sedona1927@gmail.com](mailto:sedona1927@gmail.com) Note: You do not need to be a Chef to join, just enjoy fine food and meet many ArrowCreek fun-loving residents.

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**3rd Wednesday of the Month**  
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**Mondays & Thursdays**  
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**Thursdays**  
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**2nd Thursday of the Month**  
Chefs Club

**Fridays**  
Hand & Foot Club 1 - 5pm

*Dates vary each month*

## AUGUST

02 ADRC Submittal Deadline for 8/14

13 Board Meeting - 6pm

14 ADRC Meeting, 11am

30 ADRC Submittal Deadline for 9/11

## SEPTEMBER

04 Labor Day - ASN Office Closed

11 ADRC Meeting, 11am

17 Exec. Session Board Meeting, 5 - 6pm  
Via Zoom

24 2024 Budget & Reserve Owner  
Workshop, 6 - 7pm

27 ADRC Submittal Deadline for 10/9

## OCTOBER

09 ADRC Meeting, 11am

22 Exec. Session Board Meeting, 5 - 6pm  
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## NOVEMBER

01 ADRC Submittal Deadline for 11/13

12 Board Meeting - 6pm

13 ADRC Meeting, 11am

14 Meet the Candidates - 6 - 7:30pm  
@ The Residents' Center

28 ASN Office Closed through Nov. 29 for  
Thanksgiving

29 ADRC Submittal Deadline for 12/11

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

## SOCIALS & EVENTS CONTINUED



### FOR THE SONG - DJANGO WALKER & WHAT'S NEXT

"We knew the risks, and it turned out they were very much worth taking." So said For the Song's Lynn Goodman of Django Walker's show at The Club at ArrowCreek on May 5th. Django, son of world-renowned songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker of "Mr. Bojangles" fame, is a man of 42 years who has spent his entire life surrounded by the most notable songwriters and storytellers of our time.

Django Walker was joined by local Loud as Folk founder and songwriter Spike McGuire — a humorist, folk singer, and songwriter long known for his entertaining sets. Django followed by opening his evening with "Somethin' 'Bout a Boat," a story and song written for Jimmy Buffett. It's about a life well-lived — and our songwriter actually sold this song to the man himself. Walker sang "Mom and Dad" about his family and the learnings that dedicated, flawed, yet committed parents instill in their kids. "What Don't Tequila Makes You Stronger," an admittedly silly tune, was made relevant by the hysterical story Django told about those who wrote it with him, including Wyatt Durette (of the Zac Brown Band and his "fourteen #1 songs.") It was later silent and magical when Django delivered his own

wonderful take on "Mr. Bojangles," a song he hesitates to play unless the audience is fully engaged and listening. And that is exactly what we were, as evidenced by THREE standing ovations....

For the Song Charitable Fund is dedicated to bringing critically acclaimed, nationally touring musicians to our Northern Nevada community. For the Song has now provided six private ArrowCreek and seven public Northern Nevada shows. All artists have left with at least 133% of their substantial guarantees (averaging 161% and over \$5300) and are spreading the word, including doing interviews and sponsoring discussions with Artist targets for 2025. The Fund has spent approximately \$3,000 per Artist in order to deliver production, housing, promotion and hospitality for the 13 shows, about 22% under its original budget.

The local arts community has enthusiastically embraced For the Song's concept. In seeking an iconic venue partner, the legendary Piper's Opera House in Virginia City is excited to be the public venue that hosts For the Song Artists in conjunction with its Summer Outdoor Series. The last ArrowCreek show was on June 2, Sunday, at 6pm, featuring Blue Water Highway with local artist Greg Gilmore.

For the Song is seeking Volunteers willing to do a couple of hours of work per month in ArrowCreek neighborhoods and is always seeking the longevity provided by additional Patrons. For more information on upcoming schedules and volunteer opportunities, please check out [www.Forthesong.org](http://www.Forthesong.org) or email [info@forthesong.org](mailto:info@forthesong.org).

**NEXT SHOW** Blue Water Highway happening outdoors June 2 at 6pm. Bring your chairs, blankets & picnics.

## SKI CLUB MEMBERS AT MOUNT ROSE



Rose Ski day on April 14, 2024 Penn, Tom, Stan G., Kuba, Ewa, Bill, Maurice, and Stan J.



## CONRAD BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER

BY LEAH NELSON, DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,  
RENOWN HEALTH FOUNDATION

Renown Health is building a three-story Specialty Care Center on the campus of Renown South Meadows Medical Center on Double R Blvd.

The new medical center will include expanded laboratory and diagnostic services and kitchen and dining on the first floor and a surgery center and cardiac catheterization lab on the second floor. These two floors are expected to open later this year.

The third floor will be the home to the Pennington Cancer Institute at Renown's Conrad Breast Center, a state-of-the-art breast health center that will offer imaging, surgery, and medical oncology services, as well as genetic counseling, clinical research, a wellness center and a pharmacy. The Conrad Breast Center is expected to open in Spring 2025.

Renown Health Foundation has launched an \$11 million fundraising campaign to complete the build-out of the new center. Thanks to a generous \$5 million lead gift from ArrowCreek residents, Raymond and Jeanne Conrad, the goal is to fundraise the remaining \$6 million.

A dedicated group of Cancer Ambassadors, many of whom are ArrowCreek residents, are working closely with the Foundation to

## SILVER SOIREE AT THE CLUB



Silver Soiree held at the Club on April 15, 2024 by Reno Chamber Music.

raise funds and awareness, including hosting The Cancer Classic at The Club at ArrowCreek, a golf tournament on September 30, 2024. Hall-of-fame golfer, Annika Sorenstam, is the tournament's honorary chair.

To sponsor or participate in the golf tournament, please visit [www.renown.org/CancerClassic](http://www.renown.org/CancerClassic). Foursomes start at \$1,500 and tee-off time is expected to be 10am. Donations are tax-deductible.

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NORTHERN NEVADA VETERANS ALLIANCE DINNER HELD MAY 19 AT THE CLUB

On May 19, the Northern Nevada Veterans Alliance (NNVA) held A Salute to Service: Honoring our Local Veterans dinner at The Club at ArrowCreek. Some 185 attendees recognized and honored the brave men and women who have served their country in times of war and peace. The 501(c)(3) organization is a Veteran body that is striving to build a comprehensive network of Veteran resources while also raising awareness about unique challenges in post-service commitment. Moreover, the NNVA helps foster support and inclusive community for Veterans and their families through organized events, networking and mentorship opportunities.

The prestigious dinner also included a Military Cake Cutting ceremony, a POW/Missing in Action Table ceremony and a special Toast to the Colors to all military service leaderships. During the reception,

there was the Presentation of Colors, the singing of God Bless America and the National Anthem.

Guest speakers included Col Mary Devine, Director of Nevada Department of Veterans Services. Chief Master Sergeant Cameron M. Pieters who is the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for the Nevada National Guard gave an enthusiastic and lively speech on honoring our Veterans.

The keynote speaker was Maj Gen Ondra Berry, Adjutant General of the NV National Guard and the highest-ranking military officer in Nevada. Gen Berry, who is responsible for managing over 4700 Nevada Army and Air National Guard personnel, gave a rousing speech that highlighted service to our country and finished with a standing ovation. NNVA website: [nnveteranalliance.org](http://nnveteranalliance.org)



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## Walter Hall

### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Walter Hall retired in January 2019 after a successful business career, most recently as Director RBC Capital Markets.

After retiring, Walter and his wife, Carrie, wanted to move from their home in the San Francisco Bay Area and considered several different cities. After choosing Reno, a realtor took them on a guided tour of ArrowCreek. When Carrie saw their house, she exclaimed “I want that house. Make it happen!” They bought that house, and in April 2019 they moved to ArrowCreek.

Walter’s involvement in community volunteer activities began in May 2019 with the Lake Tahoe Science Center in Incline Village. While educational and fun, the commute “wore thin” by the end of the summer.

Walter then learned about the Reno Police Department SAVE Program (Senior Auxiliary Volunteer Effort) which he joined about three years ago. SAVE volunteers are uniformed but unarmed, and they perform lower-level police duties (e.g. check abandoned vehicles, issue handicap parking violations, school patrols, park patrols, business mall checks, and occasionally discover and report stolen vehicles). In extending his thanks and appreciation at their annual dinner, the Reno Police Chief recognized their significant positive financial impact on Reno as over \$400K a year in reduced officer costs plus the revenue from \$250 handicap violation fines.

Walter enjoys working with the other 75+ SAVE volunteers who have great background stories, and many come from long time Reno families. He also appreciates and finds very rewarding his citizen contacts which often produce “thank you for your service”

comments. Walter welcomes the opportunity to tell friends and family the SAVE story.

In addition to his volunteer activities, Walter and Carrie enjoy golf, pickle ball, hiking, traveling, and the active social life of ArrowCreek. Walter is a self-described “gym rat” and recently achieved qualified personal trainer and functional aging specialist designations.

Walter and Carrie share their home with Buddy, a wonderful rescue dog. Through DNA testing, they discovered Buddy is 50% non-shedding doodle and 50% other breeds.

Carrie retired in 2022 from her career as a nurse in a surgery center and a trainer for patient testing machines. They have five children between them and six grandchildren.

Walter and Carrie are very happy with their move to scenic ArrowCreek, with its many recreational and social activities, HOA and Club amenities, and wonderful people. Walter also enjoys his volunteer activities and the opportunity to contribute to the well-being of the overall Reno community.



## CONGRATULATIONS 2024 Graduates

The ArrowCreek Homeowners Association and its community members would like to congratulate all sons, daughters, nephews, nieces, granddaughters, and grandsons that recently graduated from elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. This is a great accomplishment and you should be recognized for your efforts. Your close family members and the entire ArrowCreek community take pride in your accomplishments. The best of luck to you all as you go forward in your lives. Stay safe and healthy out there.



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It is a good plant for wildlife as it provides a crucial habitat for many small animals, namely rodents, snakes, lizards, and of course the many deer wandering around ArrowCreek. Lizards will defend the plant by eating insects that are after its leaves, while the plant's seeds are a crucial source of food for rodents.

The plant can be found throughout Nevada and the inter-mountain West. Native Americans and Mexicans use it for medicinal purposes, and a purplish dye can be made from a part of the seed. The dry wood is used for firewood.

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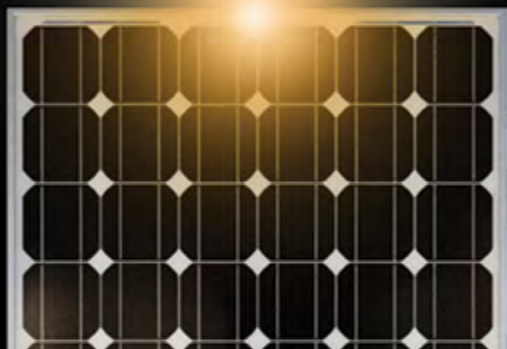


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*Q&A*

**WITH BRANDON KAUFMAN,  
WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL OFFICER**

South Suburban Reno has several unique features, but one of its newest features is the fact that a student can attend K-12th grade and never leave the immediate area. When Officer Brandon Kaufman was offered to work in this part of the district, he jumped at the opportunity. That and the fact that he and his wife Khloe are raising two young children zoned for Hunsberger, Herz, and Galena.

This means kids in this area could potentially see Officer Kaufman for a long time. We sat down with him to find out more about this quiet influence in our schools.

**QUESTION: HOW DID YOU CHOOSE TO BECOME A  
WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICER?**

**ANSWER:** "Initially, I planned to get a criminal justice degree and attend Arizona State for a master's degree so that I could be a professor. But I started working (security) for special events like football games and basketball games; then the University of Nevada offered me a full-time position, so I went to the Academy."

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**Q: DOES THAT MEAN YOU HAVE THE SAME ACCREDITATION AS THE OTHER AGENCIES?**

**A:** "They share a joint Academy with Reno, Sparks, Washoe (County Sheriff), and even some tribal officers."

**Q: HOW DO YOU MANAGE THIS ROLE AS SCHOOL PD DIFFERENTLY THAN YOUR PREDECESSORS?**

**A:** "As a school PD I get to deal with juveniles, and I see the strain that can send them down a path that is bad or a pipeline to prison. My job may be to step in which does not necessarily mean I have to be citing or arresting, it may just be as a role model to get them back on the right path."

**Q: STEP IN? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR A STUDENT?**

**A:** "Because different schools have different socioeconomics, I end up dealing with staff in the schools like counselors and teachers and get to know and watch for a good kid who all of a sudden has a new friend group which may lead to red flag triggers like truancy, or they start doing drugs and stuff like that."

**Q: DO YOU HAVE A TOOLKIT THAT IS EITHER MENTAL OR PHYSICAL THAT HELPS TO STEER A STUDENT HEADING DOWN THE WRONG PATH?**

**A:** "It is case by case, but I have noticed that dealing with a kid directly and having good conversations with them is a good first step. If that doesn't fix it then bringing in people like assistant principals or counselors, but then also getting parents on board is a big one because most of the time parents are in the dark when they send their kid to school and have no idea what happens there."

**Q: YOU WORK WITH THREE DIFFERENT AGES OF KIDS, ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL. WHICH LEVEL IS THE MOST CHALLENGING?**

**A:** "That is a really tricky question. I would say that middle school is the most difficult because you must factor in all the hormones and all the changes and all the identifying what they are going to be in life."

**Q: DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE PART OF BEING IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT?**

**A:** "The favorite part is getting back in and connecting with kids and making changes. My department is unique because if, say, an officer gets assigned to a campus and they spend four years there, they get to see a freshman class all the way through and graduate, and then they get to see where they go. That's super rewarding and it's something you don't get with other law enforcement agencies."

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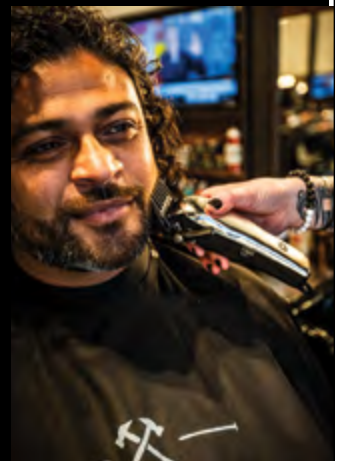
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## Galena

### OUTDOOR ACADEMY

BY VICTORIA CAMPBELL

Washoe County School District (WCSD) high school students who enjoy hands-on learning and thrive in the outdoors are invited to enroll in the Galena High School Outdoor Academy. This new program offers a variety of Dual Credit elective opportunities like Outdoor Leadership from UNR, Hospitality and Recreation from TMCC, and a variety of certifications including First Aid, Lifeguard, Hunter Safety, Boating Safety, Wilderness First Responder, Drone Pilot training, among others.

"This is a truly unique opportunity for students who want a different kind of learning experience," said Galena High School Principal Jay Salter. "We are partnering with Sky Tavern, Project Discovery, UNR, the state departments of wildlife, education, and agriculture to create real-

world and personally meaningful projects for our students to explore. Many of our classes will take place in outdoor settings providing students with a non-traditional approach to learning, and we look forward to welcoming them to school this fall."

All of the pathways will eventually incorporate English, math, science, social studies, elective options and independent study into "project-based," learning opportunities that teach students to design, develop and build hands-on solutions to problems they identify. Project-based learning teaches students to design, develop and construct hands-on solutions to problems using creativity and working in small teams with their peers and teachers.

Galena Outdoor Academy students will receive real-life and professional opportunities to explore their talents, skills, and options as they move forward with their education.

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# Population

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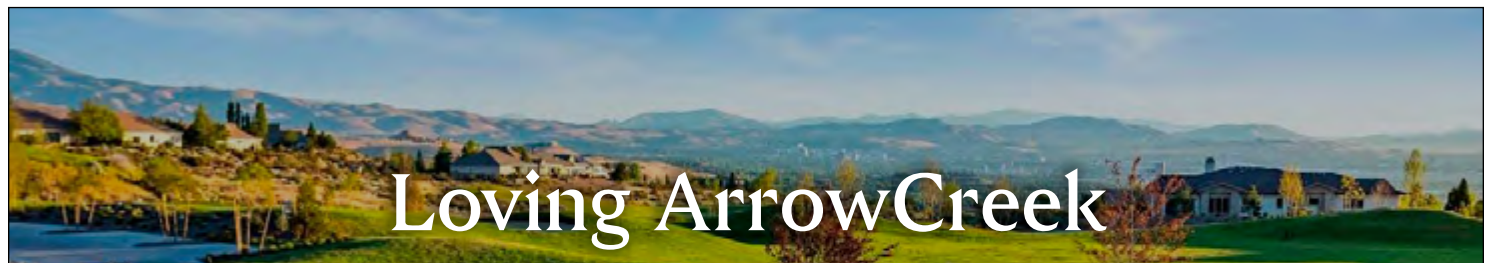
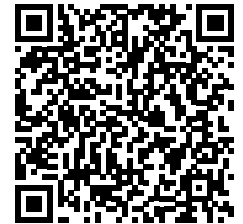
FOUND BY TERRY BRODT

The Reno Gazette Journal published some interesting population growth data from the US Census Bureau recently. Nevada is growing along with the Reno area. See the population of some Nevada cities below for 2023 in comparison to 2020. So now we know why the Las Vegas area has so much traffic! The Vegas Valley has about 1,285,000 people. With Reno and Sparks combined, there are 385,000 in the incorporated areas of the Truckee Meadows. The table is compiled from US Census Bureau data published in the Reno Gazette Journal.

HOW NEVADA'S INCORPORATED CITIES FARED OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS				
CITY	2023 POPULATION	2020 POPULATION	CHANGE	%CHANGE
LAS VEGAS	660,929	644,883	16,046	2.5%
HENDERSON	337,305	317,321	19,984	6.3%
NORTH LAS VEGAS	284,771	259,525	25,246	9.7%
RENO	274,915	264,146	10,769	4.1%
SPARKS	110,323	108,463	1,860	1.7%
CARSON CITY	58,036	58,646	-610	-1.0%
FERNLEY	24,744	22,898	1,846	8.1%
MESQUITE	22,786	20,465	2,321	11.3%
ELKO	20,785	20,545	240	1.2%
BOULDER CITY	14,828	14,889	-61	-0.4%
FALLON	9,577	9,322	255	2.7%
WINNEMUCCA	8,261	8,397	-136	-1.6%
WEST WENDOVER	4,499	4,515	-16	-0.4%
ELY	3,907	3,926	-19	-0.5%
YERINGTON	3,194	3,103	91	2.9%
CARLIN	1,990	2,046	-56	-2.7%
LOVELOCK	1,799	1,806	-7	-0.4%
WELLS	1,244	1,242	2	-1.8%

*Estimated change in population in incorporated Nevada cities larger than 1,000 residents between April 1, 2020 and July 1, 2023. Source: U.S. Census Bureau and the Reno Gazette Journal.*

*To read the original story scan the QR code below.*



**Tom Reardon, a 24 year ArrowCreek resident and 20 year residential real estate advisor, invites all ArrowCreek residents and The Club at ArrowCreek members to attend a presentation about ArrowCreek real estate.**

**When:** Thursday, July 18, 2024

**Where:** The Vista West Ballroom at The Club at ArrowCreek

**Time:** 6-8pm; Doors open at 5:30pm



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## SECURITY & SAFETY



### GOLF CART & ELECTRIC SCOOTERS ON ROAD VS. WALKING PATH

The ArrowCreek loop is intended for street-legal vehicles. It is not intended for golf carts, electric scooters, or any other non-street legal vehicles, with the minor exception of ArrowCreek HOA maintenance, Golf maintenance and Security when necessary. All other streets have less traffic, and the walking paths are narrower, so golf carts are allowed on those streets. The other non-street legal vehicles are still being asked to use those walking paths. Security does ask golf carts and electric scooters traveling on the walking

paths to please pull over, stop, and let pass safely any pedestrians you see coming toward you and to warn in advance and safely pass any pedestrians you overtake. Many residents who walk the paths a lot say this etiquette is not being followed. Many cart drivers of all ages drive like they have the right of way and pedestrians should yield to them. That is not true. Parents need to remind their kids on electric scooters that passing pedestrians from behind without warning or any sound is creepy and potentially dangerous.

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MAINTENANCE OF LOTS	14
LIGHT POLLUTION (BRIGHT EX. LIGHTS)	1
PET BARKING / LOOSE / ETC.	5
RV / BOAT / TRAILER & PARKING	5
TRASH CONTAINER IN PUBLIC VIEW	16
CONSTRUCTION VIOLATIONS (VARIOUS)	9
TOTAL OF ALL VIOLATION RECORDS ENTERED	394





◀ *New Washoe  
County Sheriff,  
Captain Amelia  
Galicia*

## WCSO UPDATE

Captain Zirkle has retired from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the new Captain was promoted to replace Captain Zirkle. Scott, Rick, Leda, and Brenda had a meeting with Captain Amelia Galicia on May 14. It was very productive. Captain Galicia stated that ArrowCreek was at the top of her list of partners to be working side by side with. Captain Galicia agreed to continue routine patrols inside ArrowCreek as well as the schools outside ArrowCreek to help calm traffic and help keep our kids safe. She wanted to thank Security for being such a good partner in the past and for our continued going forward.

## CALL BOX/ INSIDE GATES

How to use the call boxes: When your visitor arrives at the call box, they will need to scroll down (using the A and Z buttons) until they find the homeowner's last name they want to visit. They will then need to press the call button. When the homeowner receives the call, the guest will verify who they are. The homeowner will then press 9 (only 9) and the gate will automatically open. If the homeowner's name cannot be located, the guest can scroll down to Security, hit call, and let Security know who they are and who they are visiting. Security at that time can press nine (9) to open the gate. We cannot open the gate unless directly called from the call box. If there are issues with the call box, please call Security and we can come and open the gates. Please follow the above protocol and DO NOT just push the gates open. That will result in damaging the gate system. When that happens, we must get gate techs out and it could be costly depending on the extent of the damage.



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### JR & BEVERLY RODINE

▲ Singapore - Beverly and J R Rodine. Taken in Sumatra before we went on a hike to the natural reserve where we saw orangutans, snakes, monkeys, birds and giant ants. It was a grueling 3-hour Trek but very interesting. It has been very hot and very humid and despite seeing interesting stuff we are looking forward to getting home



### STAN & LOYE JAEGER

▲ Loye and Stan Jaeger were in Juneau, Alaska on May 18, 2024



*The McKays get  
extra points  
for taking their  
View  
underwater  
snorkeling!*



### EMMA & JIM MCKAY

▲ Jim and I were in Belize near San Pedro with our family snorkeling. We experienced the amazing underwater world at Hol Chan, Mexico Rocks, and Stingray Alley

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# DICKSON

## REALTY

*Hi Neighbors,*

My name is Hayden Armstrong and I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself! I'm not just an agent with Dickson Realty, I'm also your neighbor. As a fellow Country Club Member and ArrowCreek Resident, I understand the value our neighborhood has to offer and what makes it so special!

I am very familiar with the ArrowCreek real estate market and would be happy to provide you with a market analysis including an estimated value of your home. Whether you are buying or selling, I would love to help you find the perfect property and I'm just down the street!

Your Friendly Neighborhood Realtor,

*Hayden Armstrong*



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### MARK & JILL RICHARDSON

▲ ArrowCreek residents Mark and Jill Richardson skiing at Dubai's (UAE) indoor ski hill while it was 90 degrees outside.



### MARK & JILL RICHARDSON AND GENE & BECKY PURSCHWITZ

▲ ArrowCreek residents Jill & Mark Richardson and Becky & Gene Purschwitz on the Royal Caribbean Ultimate World Cruise, spending the day at the Seychelles Islands.

### MARK & JILL RICHARDSON AND GENE & BECKY PURSCHWITZ

Our adventure on Reunion flying over the volcanos. With us are residents Gene and Becky Purschwitz on our Royal Caribbean Ultimate World Cruise. ►



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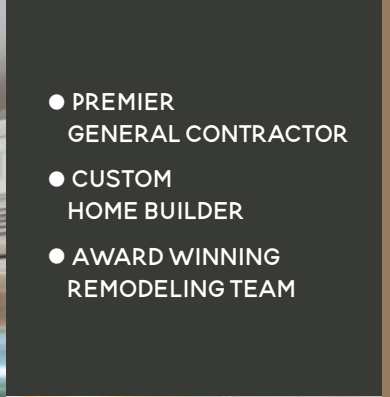
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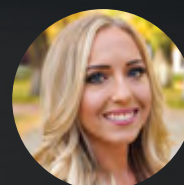


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