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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' NOTE

Let us hope that by the time of this publication, we are enjoying a fire-free end to the summer fire season. Kudos to all lot owners who are ensuring that their properties are fire safe and well maintained. Please check the www.livingwithfire.org website for important fire safety information about making your home fire safe and improving the defensible space around your home. Our defensible space inspection program gives individual homeowners valuable information on protecting their homes. Annually the ACHOA performs over 200 fire safety inspections of our community homes.

We have had a busy year updating infrastructure. If you have not seen our new updated Residents' Center, please stop by and look. We think you will be pleased. We did not stop there. We have also resurfaced the tennis courts, repaired the pathways and roads, improved the landscaping along ArrowCreek Parkway, and are making improvements to our trails system. We hope you appreciate the effort to keep ArrowCreek beautiful.

The ADRC committee is actively working to make improvement to the Design Guidelines by the end of the year. We are attempting to make the guidelines more resident friendly and modernize some of

the standards without losing sight of the ArrowCreek vision for homes to fit in with the natural beauty around us. There is still time for you to input your suggested improvements by sending to acservice@associasn.com.

Driving infractions continue to be a problem in ArrowCreek. Our primary concern is the safety of our residents. We have not had any fatalities—let us keep it that way! We would prefer not to hand out fines and other penalties, so please watch your speed and come to a complete stop at stop signs.

Wanted: person who has thick skin and enjoys working for free! Seriously, if you have an interest in contributing to moving ArrowCreek forward, please think about Board membership. The Board encourages community members to submit applications to run for the 2025 Board of Directors with an application deadline of October 20th. There will be four board positions up for replacement this year. You can make a positive difference by volunteering for this important community position.

Thanks for being a good neighbor!

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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 or visit ArrowCreek.com/comments page. Top questions will be published in the *ArrowCreek View*. Thanks for staying informed!

ASK THE MANAGER

QUESTION: WHAT IS MEET THE MANAGER AND HOW DOES IT BENEFIT ME?

ANSWER: Meet the Manager is an invitation to meet with me, your Community Manager, at the Residents' Center! I would love for you to visit me. I am typically at the Residents' Center on the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 3 - 5pm. My visits are posted on TownSq and the gatehouse electric sign, so that is a wonderful way to confirm I will be around.

I love helping residents when they come to meet with me. I have received questions about neighborhood construction and while I cannot always divulge specifics, I can address any concerns. Residents like to ask me about bears, their own architectural improvements, account information, and even information on committees.

One of my favorite visits recently occurred when a homeowner in escrow met with me and Brenda Rodriguez, the Residents' Center Coordinator. Brenda presented the amenities - from pickleball to clubhouse rentals - and even elaborated on streets that make the most of Halloween! Together we got to inform this homeowner of the amazing advantages of living in the beautiful community that is ArrowCreek.

When you come to see me, I will provide you with ways to make the most of the ArrowCreek experience and community engagement. I cannot wait to see you!

Marian Young

ASN Community Manager



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WHAT'S THE POINT!

The ACHOA trademarked arrow is a unique brand that provides the community identity and story that makes ArrowCreek stand out

from other HOA competitors in Nevada and maintains home values in the community. The ACHOA goal of branding, as is the case with any brand, is to have a constant look and feel that is easily identifiable, and in the case of ArrowCreek exemplifies unique style and elevated lifestyle. A loss of brand identity can create mixed messages, which in turn can be a loss in value of any product. The ArrowCreek brand has and remains an effective way for the ACHOA to communicate their vision statement and mission statement. The ArrowCreek brand clarifies what the ACHOA community stands for and why. The ArrowCreek brand identifies the overall lifestyle experience a person or family will have when interacting with community members. Our ultimate ArrowCreek product is the value of our homes. The number one tenet of the ACHOA Board is to maintain elevated property values within our community.

Because of that, there will be a series of articles that address the components of creating and maintaining the ArrowCreek brand and its importance to the services and amenities provided to community members.

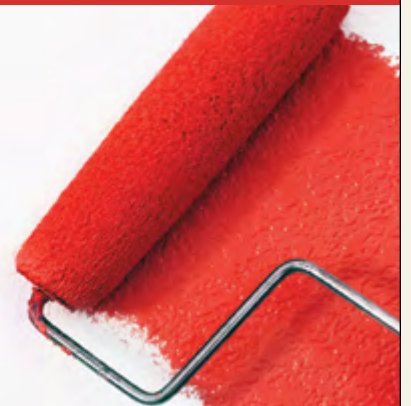
ArrowCreek has been and remains a desirable community to live within. The gatehouse ArrowCreek sign and the ArrowCreek sign at the corner of Thomas Creek and ArrowCreek Parkway symbolized our original brand. Over time, the on-line computer world grew significantly and made the concept of branding more sophisticated. We needed something to set us apart from the Montreux and Somerset type communities. It was recognized that the simple street sign branding was not sufficient in this new environment. A request for proposal was let and the winner was Greg Newman.

Greg has been instrumental in guiding us towards a unified brand. He has been keeping us on track to have our ArrowCreek View, our arrowcreek.com website and our official ArrowCreek-related emails possess a similar look and feel of color scheme, fonts and trademarked arrow components. We can recognize and be proud of our brand for the community.

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VALUED VENDOR SPOTLIGHT

It is hard to believe that Greg Newman has any time for himself with everything else that he packs into his day. The Communications Committee is fantastically satisfied with all the help and support he gives us to strengthen our ArrowCreek brand and highlight our ArrowCreek Community. He has helped us create community surveys and gather and interpret the results. Not only is he prepared to take photographs for any of our ArrowCreek View stories, but he is right at our side with suggestions to better our arrowcreek.com website that he manages for us. When the Landscape Committee wanted to add a link to their Trails page, he had the link in place before the phone call was finished. You cannot ask for better service and support.

Greg is also the host of the long running Reno TV 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. Both his grandfather, father and Greg are all in the Nevada Broadcasting



Greg with his wife Amy and daughter Ruby by the Bull statue at Wall Street in New York City. (Yes, daughter has black lipstick. They were headed to Beatlejuice on Broadway.)

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 even as far east as Finland, and as far south as Patagonia, Argentina. Greg was at the ground breaking for ArrowCreek with Arnold Palmer, the Governor and many other area dignitaries. Greg was a founding member of The Club at ArrowCreek and later worked with Norm Reeder, the president of the Men's Club. Years later, Norm, as co-chair of the Communications Committee, asked Greg to produce a video highlighting the community; the video still exists on the ACHOA official website. He has institutional knowledge about ArrowCreek which has been accessed many times by community members.

The ArrowCreek Communications Committee, the Board, Social Committee, and Fuels Committee certainly appreciate Greg as a respected and value-added vendor for ArrowCreek for his photography in the ArrowCreek View, as the site manager for ArrowCreek.com, and participation with other community projects sponsored by the ACHOA volunteer committees.



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GOVERNING COMMITTEES

ARROWCREEK COMMUNITY TRAILS UPDATE

The HOA Landscape & Trails Committee has been working towards improving pedestrian and bicycle trail access for all ArrowCreek residents to the trail network surrounding the community. After input from residents and other HOA committees, we forwarded a proposal to the Board for a pilot project for five Trail Access Points, including a budget of \$5,000 for limited signage, and approval to update our community trails map. The Board has approved our proposals, subject to the Budget and Finance Committee review of the 2025 budget.

The five Trail Access Points are identified in the accompanying map. Our objective is to place signage at each entry point to provide interpretive, directional and regulatory information, and



to add a bike rack at the Trail Access Points to facilitate access by residents who live too far away to walk there. At this time, there is no plan for parking and the trails will not accommodate motorized vehicles.

Additionally, the Committee

is working on communication strategies to better inform ArrowCreek residents of the walking, biking and wildlife viewing amenities that exist. One of the programs is to update 'Landscape & Trails Committee' information on the Trails page on the HOA website, www.arrowcreek.com. There are three ways to get to the Trails page: click on the Trails map button, or click on amenities menu and click on the word trails under the paragraph about the Residents' Center or scroll down towards the end of that Amenities page for another Trails link. If you scroll down below the trails map on the website, you will see that all the info that is on the paper map is also there. This is where we will also update the AC residents on Trail Happenings.

Our committee wishes to thank all those residents who have supported and encouraged our efforts to expand our trail network.

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▲ “Topping” a Cypress tree, followed by Reno snow, damages the tree. ▲ “Girdling” ACHOA trees damages, even kills them.

ARROWCREEK LANDSCAPING SABOTAGE

A side effect of maturing ArrowCreek landscaping has led to increased vandalism to plants owned and maintained by the ArrowCreek Homeowners Association (ACHOA). ArrowCreek arborist, Dave Dingman, and the ArrowCreek team fight against attempts to sabotage assorted ArrowCreek vegetation. “The trees are pretty healthy, and they fight back when attacked, but because of

the reclaimed irrigation water, they need all the help they can get.”

Dingman, who has a bachelor’s degree in landscape architecture and is a Certified Arborist, described some of the sabotage tactics he has seen in ArrowCreek:

“Girdling” involves cutting a ring at the base of a tree. Girdling severs conductive tissue which prevents water moving up the tree

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from the roots to the canopy. Girdling also “prevents food produced in the foliage from reaching the roots, thus starving them of the nutrients needed for metabolic function,” according to Dingman. Often, the tactic is done in search of individual views. However, trees at the Residents’ Center swim and tennis areas were destroyed without any apparent view issue.

” Topping” a tree, which involves cutting off the top. Particularly with the pines, “you can see how they then grow ‘janky’ because there is no control at the leader of the tree. It is horrible for a tree.”

Digging up whole plants. An entire newly planted lilac bush was dug up, root ball and all, likely to be planted on private property.

Swaths of landscaping lining ArrowCreek Parkway have been aggressively cut back without ACHOA consent.

Approximately 3,100 acres of common ACHOA area include strands of native vegetation as well as irrigated parkway landscaping, roadway median landscaping

and park areas. Irrigated trees and shrubs are pruned periodically for plant health and for aesthetic reasons. Trees that pose a risk to safety, such as those interfering with roadways, should be reported to the ACHOA. Trees are then removed where the ACHOA decides there is a reason to do so.

According to ACHOA common tree policy, trees will NOT be removed from common area to facilitate residential views. Thus, homeowners are not authorized to take action to remove or reduce ACHOA vegetation to improve their views. The Landscape Committee is asking residents to report vandalism to the ACHOA through Security.

Vandalism to ACHOA owned trees and shrubs violates the ACHOA policies and procedures and such action will result in a fine. In addition, any landscaper hired by lot owners or residents that conduct unauthorized common area work will be barred from entering the ACHOA and the lot owner or resident may be subject to fines and other penalties.



ARROWCREEK DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

The ACHOA permanent Architectural Design and Review Committee (“ADRC”) as per the governing documents (Bylaws and the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, And Restrictions Article VI) is charged to periodically review and update the Community Design Guidelines. To get community involvement, a Town Hall meeting was held by the ADRC at the Residents’ Center to discuss updates and changes to the Design Guidelines. The Town Hall occurred in the evening and was reasonably attended by concerned community members. The revised Design Guidelines will be out for approval sometime this fall.

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BUDGET & FINANCE

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The ACHOA Budget and Finance Committee has started working on the 2025 Draft Budget with input from the Board, ACHOA Staff, Community Manager, and ACHOA active committees. The Reserve Committee has also started working on the 2025 Reserve Fund Annual Update Report and 2025 repair, replacement, and refurbish asset budget for 2025. The Reserve & Budget and Finance Committee will jointly present the draft 2025 Reserve, Operating, and Capital Budgets at a Workshop scheduled for September 24th at 6:00 PM at the Residents' Center.

During the July 16, 2024, Special Board Meeting, Mr. Doug Brown, Esq., from the law firm Lemons, Grundy & Eisenberg, the ACHOA Directors & Officers (D & O) Insurance Company defense counsel made a presentation concerning the mediated settlement between the ACHOA and certain lot owners concerning their private roads. Mr. Brown gave a brief history of the litigation that was filed on February 1, 2022, which ended when the Washoe County Second Judicial District court ruled in favor of the Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. The court ruled that the ACHOA Board breached its CC&R Contract with the Plaintiffs and ordered the Board to maintain all private streets in ArrowCreek, with no surcharge.

The ACHOA Board entered subsequent mediation after the ruling, and Mr. Brown explained the process that resulted in multiple settlement offers and meetings with counsel by the Board of Directors. Eventually, a settlement was reached with the ACHOA and the D & O insurance company agreeing to pay these eighteen lot owners on the five designated private streets \$400,000 in damages. A settlement agreement was approved and was signed by the Board.

During the mediation and subsequent meetings with counsel, the Board determined that the total costs for the settlement impacting the ACHOA was \$232,000. At the Special Board meeting, the Board officially approved a onetime \$215 per lot Special Assessment payable on October 1, 2024, as per the ACHOA governing documents. The Special Board Meeting Minutes are available on TownSq. The three key documents concerning this litigation: (1) "Motion for Partial Summary Judgement," (2) "Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order and Judgement against ACHOA," and (3) "Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release of Claims" are available for viewing at Associa.

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Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and ALS can rapidly affect the brain and the quality of our lives. In the event of a stroke or other traumatic brain injury, that change is instant.

HOW CAN MUSIC HELP?

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BUT I'M NOT A MUSICIAN.

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Here are just a few of the ways a music therapist might use music as a tool.

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- » Helping someone write a song as a memorization tool for their grandchildren's names, an address or phone number.

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WHERE CAN I FIND A MUSIC THERAPIST?

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You can find Note-Able Music Therapy Services by visiting nmtsreno.org or you can call the office at 775.324.5521.

Editor’s note: My mother always looked forward to her NMTS music therapy sessions every Thursday afternoon after her stroke six years ago that left her paralyzed on her right side and speechless. But, boy, could she sing!! She loved singing all the patriotic songs, love songs and silly songs from her early life. The Zoom sessions continued to be a high point for family members from across the U.S. as they participated in her music therapy until her death earlier this year.



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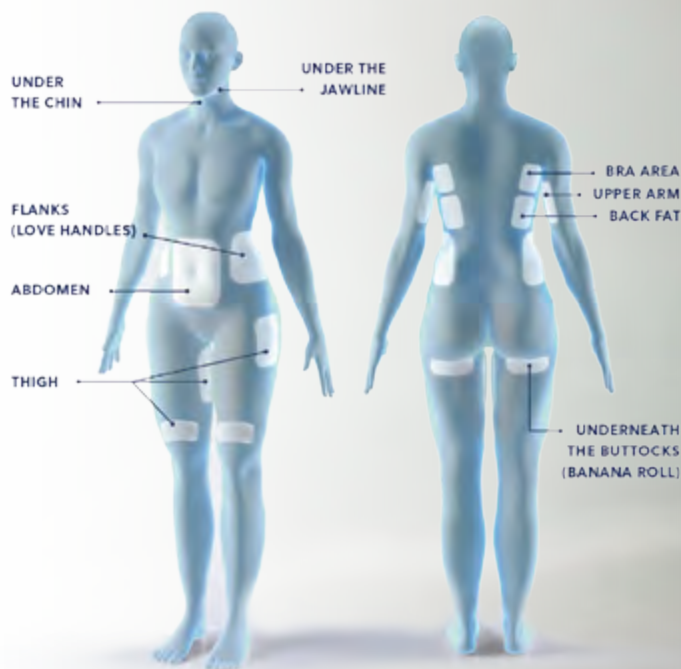
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Red Flag

WARNING AND MORE

BY KATHI DELEGAL, CO-CHAIR, FUELS REDUCTION & FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE

I was asked recently to write an article on the meaning of a Red Flag Warning. Even though I knew generally what it means, I wanted to look it up to be clear on what I was sharing with everyone. A Red Flag Warning is a weather warning issued only by the National Weather Service for a specific area. The warning forecasts warm temperatures, low humidity, dry fuel, and strong winds expected within 24 hours. Wind speeds are anticipated to be over 20 miles per hour, relative humidity is predicted to be 15% or lower and the fire danger rating is high, very high, or extreme. Combined, these conditions increase risks for a wildland fire or rapid growth of a fire if there is an incident.

During a Red Flag Warning, always follow instructions from Truckee Meadows Fire & Rescue (TMF&R) and avoid the following activities:

- » Using open flames or heat outdoors, such as cooking, using power tools or mowing. Soak ashes and charcoal in water and dispose of them in a metal can.
- » Smoking outdoors. Never throw cigarettes, cigars, or matches out of a vehicle or crushing cigarettes or cigars on dry grassy areas.
- » Driving or parking your vehicle in dry tall grass or other vegetation. The underside of your vehicle is hot and can easily ignite grasses from your exhaust muffler.
- » Ensuring trailer chains do not drag on the ground.
- » Visiting closed areas or public lands where wildfires could occur.

To get more information on Red Flag Warnings, I asked Brett Taylor, our Wildland Urban Interface Community Coordinator for Truckee Meadows Fire & Rescue (TMF&R), if he had specific recommendations from TMF&R about what residents should understand about a Red Flag Warning. "People shouldn't change their behavior just because there is a Red Flag Warning. They should keep the same mindful attitude whenever there are dry fuels. Fire restrictions issued by TMF&R are probably the best indicator of there being significant potential for a wildfire".

Taylor also offered us a brief science lesson regarding wildfires. He stated that another criterion that may be important to note, which isn't necessarily part of a red flag, is the Haines Index. This index is

based on only two things: relative humidity (RH) and atmospheric stability, each with a score of 1-3. The scores combined will give a rating between 2 and 6. The higher the score, the more likely a fire can grow rapidly.

"The dryness of the air influences our fuel moisture on an hourly

basis and prolonged drying will cure out fuels like cheatgrass and allow fires to grow rapidly through those fuels," stated Taylor. "As temperature goes up, RH as a percentage must go down. The reason: as a given air mass temperature goes up and expands, its ability to retain moisture in the air is diminished. Atmospheric stability (or instability) is the ability for air masses to lift. When air rises away from a fire quickly, it brings fresh air in from the side, with fresh oxygen allowing the fire to "breathe" and grow faster. Signs of stable air are inversion layers, which are when fog or smoke is settled into a valley. Signs of instability are gusty winds, dust devils, and high winds aloft, such as when we get the wavy clouds up high."

Preparation is key for a wildfire emergency. Create and maintain defensible space around your home by clearing overgrown combustible vegetation and keeping grass

short and watered. Sign up for Code Red notifications by searching Washoe County Code Red, which will take you to a page to sign up for Alerts & Warnings. Put together a checklist addressing the needs of people and pets in your home. Prepare a GO BAG, which should include key items such as car keys, cell phones and chargers, credit cards, cash, glasses, prescriptions, medications and important household documents. And, if you have to evacuate, follow all instructions and don't forget to close your garage door!

Remember two key issues regarding a wildfire: 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. Also, NEVER 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 fire in ArrowCreek.

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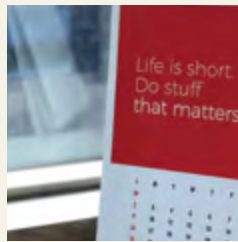
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SOCIALS & EVENTS



Terry Brodt, President, AC Wine Lovers, Reb and Erna Bailey, Susan and Bob Cote.

WINE LOVERS EVENTS

In late July, Susan and Bob Cote hosted the ArrowCreek Wine Lovers. Besides 35 plates of gourmet appetizers and desserts and about 40 bottles of wine, Susan Cote had a contest with a great prize. Attendees had to estimate the number of countries the Cotes have visited (62) and identify what county ten travel photos were taken. The person who came the closest won a 2017 Joseph Phelps Insignia bottle of wine worth \$325. The winner was ArrowCreek HOA board member, Reb Bailey. Mr. Bailey, former Southwest pilot for 32 years and his wife Erna have traveled to over 70 countries and all seven continents.

Recently the ArrowCreek Wine Lovers held a Joy to Wine gala evening featuring Rombauer Wines at the home of Becki and Tom Melohn. About 86 guests enjoyed fancy delights, complimentary Rombauer Wines on the beautiful patio of the Melohn's home with an incredible view of the Truckee Meadows. The highlight of the evening was Rombauer giving away two Rombauer Wine Club memberships worth \$500 each. Chris Buescher, Chairman of the Northern Nevada Veterans Alliance, along with Mark Bailey, NNVA Board member were the winners of the wine memberships.

CHEFS CLUB JULY II

The ArrowCreek Chefs Club served red, white and blue independence-inspired treats ranging from assorted berries and brie to colorful shrimp and chicken at its July meeting. The group gathered on July 11 at the home of Nancy and Mark Aston and showcased gluten free appetizers, salads, entrees and sweet treats. The combination of independence and a

gluten free diet had special meaning to the host family.

As Mark Aston explained: As an avid outdoorsman, I have always been healthy and never had to deal with any dietary restrictions. Imagine my surprise when in 2023 I developed anemia, which was diagnosed as caused by celiac disease. This meant I could no longer eat wheat, barley



or rye and needed to seek only foods that are gluten free. That little GF label on food packaging became so important overnight, and I learned that stores all around our country and in many others offer extensive selections of gluten free foods. Also, there are so many wonderful ArrowCreek residents aware of dietary restrictions such as mine, and who go out of their way to bring gluten free alternatives to social events such as the recent Chefs Club event where I did not have to worry about what I ate. Being celiac may have been a minor inconvenience but has not slowed me down at all.

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A GIFTED AND TALENTED MAGNET PROGRAM AT MARCE HERZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

BY BRANDON BRINGHURST, PRINCIPAL



In our fifth year of operation, Marce Herz Middle School welcomes a Gifted and Talented (GT) Magnet program. We recognize that students come with all types of needs. Some of our students are learning English as a second language. Some of our students work with different learning challenges. Others struggle with mental and emotional health, and some are identified as gifted and talented. Each of these differences come with their own strengths and challenges. As a school, our goal is to develop the differentiated resources and programming to meet the needs of all students.

There are a few middle schools in the Washoe County School District with a Gifted and Talented Magnet and MHMS is glad to have one starting this school year. This program is open to students throughout WCSD who are identified as Gifted and Talented. What exactly does this program do? Just like students in any other program offered at MHMS, students in the GT Magnet program are first and foremost, Falcons. They participate in all school activities just like any other student. They have the same opportunities for electives, athletics and extra-curricular activities. The main difference lies in their core academic classes – Math, English, Social Studies and Science. For these classes, students are grouped together into smaller class sizes. All students in the class are identified as Gifted and Talented. With the smaller class size and grouping of similar students, it allows the teachers to tailor the curriculum and instructional methods to the needs of Gifted Learners. All of the core teachers for these core classes have received additional training and an additional certification for teacher Gifted Learners.

Research suggests a variety of different strategies for meeting the needs of these students, but they can be broken down into some basic categories. Acceleration – the classes will move at a faster pace and cover more material than a typical middle school class. Increased depth and complexity – the goal isn't just to cover more material at a surface level but to go into greater depth on the topics that are studies discovering not just the answer but the complexities

and nuances to that answer. Critical and creative thinking – while many of these students can learn and think quickly, they also learn, think and share that learning in different ways. These classes foster that creativity. Ability grouping – with the smaller classes and Gifted Learners grouped together, this really facilitates the teacher's ability to properly group students. Pursuing individual interests – at MHMS, this is a key component for all students through our Passion Projects. In our GT Magnet program there will be additional opportunities and expectations for students to explore their interests.

We are excited to have this new program at MHMS. It gives us the opportunity to serve a greater variety of students in more sophisticated ways. It also opens up the great resources of MHMS to students throughout the valley as any student identified as Gifted and Talented can apply to be a part of the GT Magnet that is housed here.



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BY LAUREN GIBBS · SENIOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICER ·
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Museum continues to inspire and educate our community. Your ticket purchase and donations help fund exhibits, educational programs, and community initiatives that make The Discovery a vital part of our cultural landscape.

So, can you dig it? Don't miss out on this far-out event. Join us for an unforgettable night of disco, groovy cocktails, and community support. Together, we can keep the spirit of The Discovery alive and thriving.

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hitting the column on the bridge, both vehicles continued forward and ended up hitting the column at the front of the gatehouse. The occupants of both vehicles were unharmed. Speed was a factor in this incident, as well as careless driving. Safety is our top concern and would like to remind everyone to be courteous to our fellow neighbors and mindful of others driving on our roads.

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Joe Sinopoli

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Little did one of ArrowCreek's newest residents, Joe Sinopoli, know, when he relocated to Northern Nevada, that he would be crowned the Reno Chess Club Champion for 2024!

Joe and his wife PJ relocated to ArrowCreek in late 2023 after completing their custom-built home in the Nambe Estates

neighborhood. Originally from the western Chicago suburb of Glen Ellyn, they were attracted to the Reno area for its abundance of outdoor activities, as well as the sunny, seasonal climate. They are enjoying the welcoming ArrowCreek community and getting to know the many recreational and cultural activities in Reno and Northern Nevada.



Out of curiosity in December 2023,

Joe searched the internet to see if there was a chess club in Reno. He discovered the Reno Chess Club in December, just prior to the start of the 2024 club tournament in January. After six months of extremely competitive play, including a six-week qualifying round, Joe emerged as one of eight finalists. The competition heated up with the finalists playing a series of multi-game elimination matches until only two remained. After the final six-game match, Joe was crowned the Reno Chess Club champion in early July. Over this six-month period, he bested a field of sixty-four players playing eighteen games, posting ten wins, one loss and seven draws. Each timed game lasted an average of four hours.

Joe reflects on his win with a feeling of accomplishment as he had not played in a live, over-the-board chess tournament in 38 years, and he was happy to still be able to compete at a prominent level. He found the preparation for the tournament challenging as he studied and strategized how to win against his opponents. What is equally interesting, Joe taught himself how to play chess at age 10 from a school library book. He played through elementary and high school and ended up placing third in the 1972 Illinois state high school championship tournament. He has kept his original chess books and used them to study-up before the recent matches, which obviously helped him. He encourages people who may be interested in learning or playing chess to connect with the Reno Chess Club with opportunities for weekly play. Way to go Joe!!

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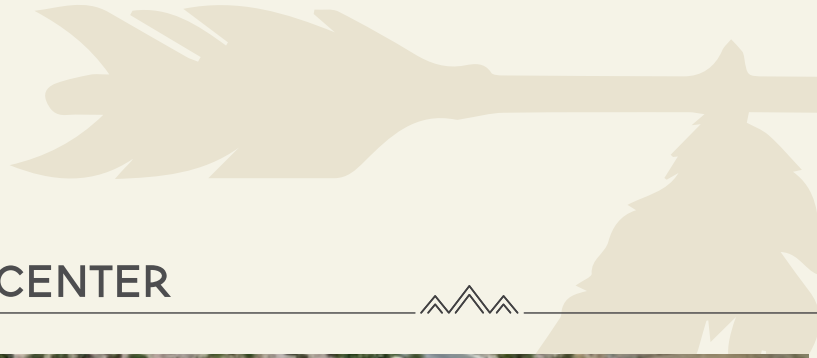
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2024 SUMMER OPERATIONS UPDATE

The ArrowCreek HOA has completed numerous projects during the summer of 2024. The three tennis courts at the Residents' Center were resurfaced and painted in June and turned out beautifully! Thank you to the tennis players for your patience during the down time for repairs.

The interior of the Residents' Center has also seen improvements. The area previously known as the snack bar was completely remodeled and opened providing a food service area, functional sink and additional storage and counter space. We are happy to report the kitchenette came in approximately \$4,500 under the contracted amount of \$111,011. Other improvements to the Residents' Center this summer include new flooring and ceiling fans in the multi-purpose room. The 20-year-old HVAC system was also replaced.

The Landscape Committee has been busy this summer, as well, collaborating with staff on improvements to common area. A landscape beautification project was completed in early July with new plantings in the ArrowCreek parkway medians.

the year. All 219 Defensible Space Lot Evaluations have been completed this summer as well. We hope that all residents get out there and enjoy the many amenities both inside and out that ArrowCreek offers you!



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- 09 ADRC Meeting, 11am
- 22 Exec. Session Board Meeting, 5 - 6pm
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- 27 Fall Festival

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- 01 ADRC Submittal Deadline for 11/13
- 09 2nd Annual Holiday Bazaar
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- 12 Board Meeting - 6pm
- 13 ADRC Meeting, 11am
- 14 Meet the Candidates - 6 - 7:30pm
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- 17 Blood Drive TCAC Vista Room
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- 28 ASN Office Closed through Nov. 29 for
Thanksgiving
- 29 ADRC Submittal Deadline for 12/11

DECEMBER

- 8 Holiday Party
- 10 Annual Meeting - 6pm @The Residents'
Center & Zoom
- 10 Board Meeting following
Annual Meeting
- 11 ADRC Meeting, 11am
- 25 ASN Office Closed for Christmas
- 27 ADRC Submittal Deadline for 1/8

**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.

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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.)



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TRTA INTERMEDIATE HIKE SERIES

Join the Tahoe Rim Trail Association (TRTA) and our trained guides on our Intermediate Fall Hike from Tahoe City to Thunder Cliffs September 24, 9am - 2pm for a nominal fee of \$10!

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TRTA outings are group outings, and we do our best to keep the group together. Trip leaders dedicate much of their time throughout the year, sharing their passion for the outdoors. They are well-trained and experienced. Please respect the decisions made on the trail.

For more information about the trek, contact angeliquec@tahoeirimtrail.org.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE TAHOE RIM TRAIL ASSOCIATION

The mission of the Tahoe Rim Trail Association is to maintain and enhance the Tahoe Rim Trail system, practice and inspire stewardship, and preserve access to the natural beauty of the Lake Tahoe region.

ABOUT THE TRAIL

The Tahoe Rim Trail is one of the most iconic and beautiful long-distance recreation trails in the world. The 165+ mile single-track trail is open to hiking, equestrians, and mountain biking (in most areas). The trail circumnavigates the ridge lines of the Lake Tahoe Basin, crossing six counties, four National Forests, three wilderness areas, two states and one state park. The Tahoe Rim Trail Association also manages approximately 30 miles of side and connector trails. The entire Tahoe Rim Trail is designated as a National Recreation Trail (aside from approximately 50 miles that are co-located with the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail) and is therefore part of the National Trails System.





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