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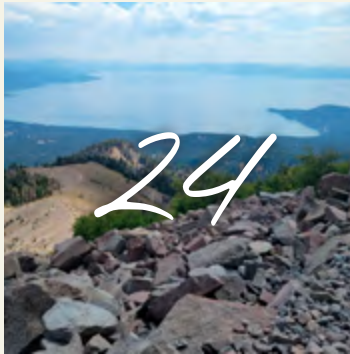
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FEATURES



DAVIS FIRE THREATENS ARROWCREEK

On Saturday, September 7, at approximately 2:30pm, a fire broke out in the Davis Creek Campground area.



RIM TRAIL AT LAKE TAHOE

A main attraction of the Reno area and ArrowCreek is access to wonderful outdoor opportunities - in the desert, the Sierra Nevada mountains and Lake Tahoe.



A VISITOR ON PALMER POINTE COURT

On Labor Day night, the homes of Palmer Pointe Ct had a special visitor after 10pm. We never saw Mr. Bear, but he did leave a sizable Calling Card in our driveway.

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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

In the last ArrowCreek View issue, we started the Board Note with, "Let us hope that by the time of this publication, we are enjoying a fire-free end to the summer fire season." Little did we know then how close we would come to having a disaster in ArrowCreek because of the Davis Fire and a mandatory evacuation. A special thank you goes out to all the first responders who worked diligently to protect our community. Thank you to all the homeowners who responded to the evacuation calls and stayed safe. We still must assess how to prepare for the next scenario, so that we can improve our response. Please refer to General Manager Scott Peterlin's article for specific details on the fire and our response.

At the Town Hall on September 19, we presented some options for improvements to the Residents' Center. Currently, the locker room bathrooms and outside pool bathrooms are actively in the process of a refresh. For additional improvements, we took comments from those in attendance and others, who sent in their suggestions. The board will be discussing bringing some of these into fruition this winter and next spring. Please see the details on page 16 of this View.

The Budget and Finance Committee and the Reserve Committee have been working hard to finalize their budgets for next year. The Committees presented a draft 2025 Operation, Capital and Reserve Budget at the Reserve & Budget Committee Workshop on October 14. The final 2025 Draft Operation, Capital, and Reserve Budget will be presented at the November 12 board meeting for board approval. The 2025 board approved Operation, Capital and Reserve Budget will be presented to the Community for community ratification at the Annual Meeting on December 10, 2024.

We must again reinforce that vehicle infractions, especially speeding, continue to be a problem, which will only be more problematic as we move into the slippery winter season. Please obey traffic signs and slow down.

We wish you a happy and safe holiday season!

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DISCOVER

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Ryan Stodtmeister is a Reno, NV native and a member of the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys. His practice focuses on estate planning, business planning, and asset protection. He has earned degrees from Brigham Young University, New York University, and UCLA School of Law, with a focus on business law. In addition to teaching and counseling clients about estate planning, Ryan also loves discussing literature, film, music, guitars, and golf.



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ASK THE MANAGER

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It is normal for homeowners to be uncertain of all ArrowCreek policies and we are here to help you when you have questions. The

most encountered infraction is speeding. Speeding can be a danger to children playing as well as pedestrians and since outcomes can result in loss of life, speeding in ArrowCreek is taken very seriously. Other commonly seen infractions include going around school buses, speeding through stop signs, unauthorized parking or even being abusive toward Security and staff. Sadly, this happens. The next time you encounter Security or staff members please be courteous. ArrowCreek team members are here to assist and protect you and they cheerfully do the best they can every day to make that happen.

The ArrowCreek community relies on a group of volunteers and staff to enforce these policies. Occasionally homeowners will inquire as to whether they are being "singled out." I assure you that your tirelessly working Security team, management and your volunteer Board have neither the time nor inclination to single out homeowners. Homeowner volunteers on the Board or committees are inspired by appreciation and offer their time as a gift to us all to best preserve and support the community they love.

Of course, following rules can be inconvenient. Most of us would prefer to have our own way as often as we can - such is human nature - but the benefits of compromise in terms of honoring your commitment to support this community vastly outweigh thinking only of your immediate wants.

At a recent Executive meeting in which hearings were carefully considered, Board members had to evaluate 43 hearings over a meeting that lasted three consecutive hours. These volunteers provided twelve total hours for that meeting alone and that does not include preparatory time reviewing hearings. So far this year your volunteer neighbors on the Board have had to review a total of 845 disciplinary actions! Let us all work together to reduce this number and the burden it represents to your community.

When you honor the agreement you signed, you are being considerate and generous to your neighbors in this community as well as staff. Please know that your kindness will come back to you - I promise.

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BUDGET & FINANCE



TREASURER'S REPORT

The September 24, 2024 Reserve and Budget Committees 2025 Budget Workshop was postponed to October 14, 2024 because of the Davis Creek Fire and related community evacuations.

Community member safety was the primary concern for changing the workshop date.

The Reserve and Budget Workshop provided information concerning the planned or proposed Revenue and Expenses for the 2025 Operating, Capital and Reserve Budgets. The Committees presented the Draft Budget Proposals to the Community for their feedback and to answer specific questions. After the Reserve and Budget workshop, the committees again met to develop their final recommendations for the upcoming Board Meeting November 12, 2024. The recommendations are designed to assist the Board in complying with NRS 116.3115 concerning an Annual Budget Approval requirement. At the November 12 Board meeting the Board will approve the Monthly Assessments for Operating, Capital and Reserve Budgets as well as the planned expenses for 2025. Once the Board approves the 2025 Operating, Capital, and Reserve Budgets, the Community will ratify them at the Annual Meeting on December 10, 2024.

The Reserve and Budget committees recommended that the Board approve a balanced budget with Monthly Assessments to cover expenses as follows:

- » Reserve Fund will Increase to \$15.00 per month which will increase the monthly assessment from \$150 per month to \$165 per month for 2025.
- » Capital Fund will remain the same at \$5.00 per month for 2025.
- » Limited Common Area (Sub Gates) will remain the same at \$7.00 per month for 2025.
- » Operating Fund will increase \$13.75 per month which will increase the monthly assessment from \$198.50 per month to \$212.25 per month for 2025.
- » Total Monthly Assessment will be \$382.25 per month for 2025.
- » Total Monthly Assessment for Limited Common Area Lot Owners (275 Lots) will be \$389.25 per month for 2025.

The principal driver for the increased revenues came from inflationary increases for materials and labor in all ACHOA vendor

contracts and inflationary increased materials and labor costs for the operation and servicing the ACHOA common area and amenities.

The Reserve Committee discussed new initiatives to lower the planned costs for the Reserve Fund. The initiatives included a new Five-Year Study for 2026 conducted in 2025. The initiatives are as follows: (1) Establish a new plan for the 26 plus miles of roads in the ACHOA concerning Full Deck Reconstruction (FDR) and more Partial Deck Reconstruction (PDR) with milling and overlay on arterial streets; (2) Annual pathway partial replacement budget with limited FDR; (3) Review elimination of certain neighborhood pathways; and (4) Change Reserve Committee Charter from a Board Mandate of a Percentage Funded Standard to a Cash Flow Standard with costs maintained above a base level of \$5,000,000 which may be increased over the years. This will satisfy the adequate reserve requirements and annual adjustments as required in NRS 116.31152 Study of reserves: duties of executive board regarding study.

The Reserve and Budget Committees agreed upon the expenses categories within the 2025 Capital Budget for 2025. It was determined that all budgeted expenses require final Board approval before spending the money. The Committees recommended that the monthly assessment stay at \$5.00 per month.

The Budget and Finance Committee reviewed all expenses within the Operating Budget for 2025 to balance the budget. The inflationary increases and automatic escalation clauses in ACHOA vendor contracts impacted the need for additional revenue. The increased cost of materials to support the management and operation of all ACHOA common areas and amenities impacted the need for additional revenue. Lastly the costs to retain and manage ACHOA staff impacted the need for additional revenue. The Committees received requests for additional spending, but the Committees did not recommend any additional spending for the 2025 Budget.

We should thank all the members of these two critical committees for their diligence and efforts in providing the ACHOA with a workable Operation, Capital, and Reserve Budget to guide the Board and staff in 2025.





ARROWCREEK 2025 BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Reserve and Budget Community Workshop concerning the 2025 Operating, Capital and Reserve Budget occurred on October 14 at the Residents' Center. The workshop was designed to inform attending community members about the proposed 2025 Budget that the Board will approve at the November 12 Board meeting and will be ratified at the Annual Meeting on December 10, by community members.

Bill Boon, Co-Chair of the Reserve Committee presented the Reserve Committee recommendations for 2025. The Committee

will be changing for the 2026 bottoms ups Five Year Reserve Study the requirement for full depth reclamation (FDR) for ACHOA roads by moving to a mill and overlay philosophy. In addition, the Committee wants to modify the walking paths repair and replacement plan to save money in the future. The Committee will also be recommending to the Board to change the Reserve Charter to abandon the percentage funded approach and move to a cash flow model with the maintenance of a minimum balance of \$5,000,000 in the fund with all reserve work being paid by funds accumulated in excess of \$5,000,000. The above changes were well received by the community members in attendance.

Paul Burkett, ACHOA Treasurer, presented the proposed budget for Operations, Capital and Reserve for 2025 (see Treasurer's Article). Inflation for labor and materials and escalation clauses in ACHOA vendor contracts continue to drive the operating budgets for the ACHOA to support current services and amenities. The Capital projects were discussed, and the new Board will make the final decisions concerning these proposed projects.

The presentations have been posted on TownSq for community members to review.



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Elvin Evans came to ArrowCreek back in 2009 with the intent of working one summer, but he ended up staying for 14 years and finishing out his career. Elvin oversaw maintaining the common area grounds and facilities

including managing our landscape crew, who also performs snow removal in the winter.

Originally from Louisiana, Elvin made the move out west after working in South America to support humanitarian efforts. During that time, Elvin became fluent in Spanish, which proved very beneficial in running landscape crews in Northern Nevada. Elvin made many improvements to ArrowCreek's landscape over the years and had an exemplary record for safety. He truly cared about the staff and well-being of ArrowCreek as a whole. We thank Elvin for all his efforts and dedication in making ArrowCreek a great place to live and work. We wish him well in his retirement.



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▲ Karyn Grow & Harold Brown. He was the Operations Section Chief for the Davis fire. He works for the Southwest US Incident Command team.



Mansion, and her sister got the state to donate equipment to conquer this coffee endeavor. Karyn and her sister provided coffee numerous mornings with five (5) large Cambros/700 cups of coffee. Karyn included a sign that stated "Arrowcreek residents appreciate you and your efforts - THANK YOU!"

The estimated cost of this effort was about \$750 and the ACHOA Board of Directors underwrote the costs. The cost included the purchase of a 200-cup brewer that the ACHOA could use for future meetings and events at the Residents' Center along with coffee and accoutrements.

The Board and all community members cannot thank Karyn and all the helped in this endeavor enough. The ACHOA community so appreciated all that was accomplished by the firefighters to keep our community safe again.

Coffee FOR DAVIS CREEK FIREFIGHTERS

Karyn Grow, an ArrowCreek resident, saw on the local news that the firefighters did not have a caterer and were requesting "real food" to be delivered by the community. Historically firefighters are provided a large incident kitchen for these events that cover their needs, but there were none available nationwide due to the large number of fires burning on the West Coast.

Karyn was able to reach out to the Incident Commander to see if we could sponsor a food truck or do something to show

the ArrowCreek community members' appreciation. The incident commander reported that they were able to procure a local catering company for food, but no one has been able to provide coffee for the 7:00am Incident Command meeting and for the start/end of shift for the firefighters. The incident commander indicated that they needed "40 gallons" of hot coffee every morning!

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LANDSCAPE & TRAILS COMMITTEE

Now is the time to plan for spring groundcover. The ArrowCreek Landscape Committee is working with the ArrowCreek Homeowners Association (ACHOA) maintenance team to create a vibrant spring landscape while reducing wildfire risks. Here are a few ideas for homeowners who decide to develop their own plans.

ArrowCreek starts with fundamentals: A high desert landscape, a dry climate, and a search for attractive, "firewise" plants. Any plant will burn. However, some plants are harder to ignite and generate less heat when burning. The ACHOA makes a list of plants available to its residents that discuss those fundamentals in detail. "Choosing the Right Plants for Northern Nevada's High Fire Hazard Areas" is a 59-page primer developed in partnership between University of Nevada, Reno, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Washoe County. The booklet details plants that are drought tolerant, less likely to produce fire fuels, and still attractive. The primer is free to residents and available at the Residents' Center.

November and December are the best months to seed for the natural look that residents often prefer. Ed Kleiner, a consultant with Comstock Seed in Gardnerville, has been working with ArrowCreek residents to create the natural look of dry land grasses and wildflowers since ArrowCreek was built. His company

helped develop an “ArrowCreek blend” aesthetic which also adapts best to this climate.

Comstock Seed (at www.comstockseed.com) has developed an extensive procedure for germinating seeds called “Resources, Procedures for Germinating Seeds.” The brochure details, “the most important rule of seeding is close seed-soil contact...disturb the top inch or two of soil.” Kleiner also suggested delaying until a significant storm forecast to broadcast seed and waiting until freezing temperatures “cement” the seed such that the wind cannot scour the seed away. Kleiner further recommended raking the area to about 1/16 inch for flowers and no more than 1/16 inch for grass. In addition, “top dressings,” including compost, sand, existing dirt, mulches, and grass clippings, can be broadcast over the seed. “Soaking the area once will help keep the ‘top dressings’ from blowing away.”



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RESIDENTS' CENTER



TOWN HALL - RESIDENTS' CENTER & TRAILS

Over thirty people attended the Town Hall on September 19 to discuss Residents' Center and Trails possible improvements for 2025. It was announced that a refresh of the locker room bathrooms and pool bathrooms are in the contractor's hands and should be completed this year. Input was sought from the residents on a number of possible changes for a small meeting room, gym

improvements, more pool shading, and the outside eating bar area. Additionally, the status of the Pilot Trails project was discussed by Julee Conway and possible steps forward. It was a positive interactive discussion, and comments received during and after from attendees resulted in these recommended items:

1. General support for adding the multipurpose room closet and foyer to the gym for additional space to move some of the equipment in the multipurpose room back into the gym.
2. Convert the old kitchen into a small meeting room and storage area.
3. Fix up the outside bar counter area, and allow it to be reserved for events.
4. Get rid of the big ice machine.
5. Add some additional shading in the pool area.

Board members will take these suggestions forward for possible action at subsequent board meetings.

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The monthly dinner meetings feature speakers on a wide variety of topics that inform, challenge, and develop those who attend. Some

speakers cover social and economic issues while others provide insight on personal, business, or organizational development. Monthly dinner meetings are held in the Vista Room at The Club at ArrowCreek and all ArrowCreek residents are invited to attend. Dinners cost \$45/person (members), \$47 (non-members).

Since 2017, The Hayek Group has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to augment the financial literacy of youth, serving thousands of students at more than 25 Reno schools.

Recent speakers have included best-selling author and political commentator Heather Mac Donald, economist and syndicated columnist Richard Rahn, Nobel Prize winning economist Vernon Smith, and Wall Street Journal editorial board member Jason Riley.

UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

NOV. 14, 2024 "Economic Round-Table" discussion of current economic issues

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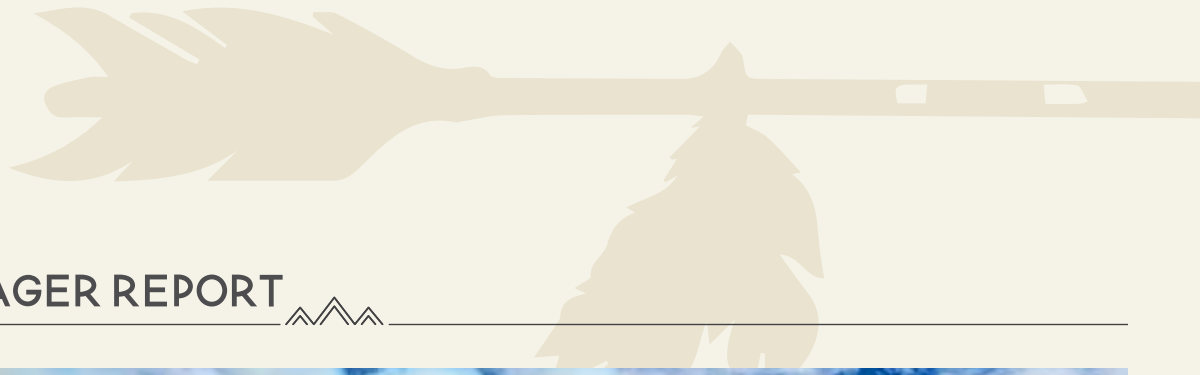
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GENERAL MANAGER REPORT



DAVIS FIRE THREATENS ARROWCREEK - LESSON LEARNED

On Saturday, September 7, at approximately 2:30pm, a fire broke out in the Davis Creek Campground area. Due to high winds, the fire rapidly spread north towards the Mt. Rose Highway, and the ArrowCreek community quickly went from an evacuation warning to a mandatory evacuation at approximately 4:45pm. Not all residents chose to evacuate Saturday night and there was minimal traffic congestion within the community. However, there was a bottleneck and lengthy lines of traffic at the Wedge and ArrowCreek Parkway intersection. Additionally, NV Energy cut power to the community around 6:00pm. An email blast from the ACHOA and VOLO Village automated phone/text messages followed shortly thereafter to alert residents of the evacuation order and new shelter location. If residents had access to powered devices to receive the messages was a different concern.

The Incident Commander removed the ArrowCreek evacuation order briefly late Saturday night only to be re-instated Sunday afternoon as the fire activity increased and eventually grew to over 5,824 acres.

Another ACHOA communication was forwarded to the community alerting them of the new evacuation order. Power was cut again. The Washoe County Sheriff Search & Rescue Team along with ACHOA Security went door to door evacuating residents. The Sheriff used three different color-coded ribbons attached to mailboxes to give them a quick reference in the event the fire jumped Mt. Rose Highway and they had to forcibly evacuate the community. Red ribbons indicated Sheriff made contact and people chose to stay; yellow ribbons showed no contact made; and green ribbons indicated an evacuated home.

Unfortunately, the Sheriff estimated that 40% of the homes within ArrowCreek chose not to evacuate when contacted. The Sheriff and Fire Crews also encountered residents who drove their vehicles to the top of the community to watch the fire, which inhibited fire engines access to the top of High Vista. In addition, there were two drones flying at the top of High Vista on Sunday. These drones could have grounded the aerial support crews since aerial support crews do not fly in drone areas.





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For the duration of the fire, there was massive aerial firefighting from large air tankers and helicopters dropping retardant and water which helped keep the fire south of the Mt. Rose Highway. The air attack kept the fire in check on Monday; however, it was noticeably creeping closer to the Galena area and ArrowCreek.

On Tuesday, September 10, the Incident Management Team held a press conference to address the severe weather that was predicted for the following day on Wednesday. The National Weather Service declared a PDS (Particularly Dangerous Situation) and forecasted 40 mph winds with gusts up to 70 mph which would ground the aerial firefighting. This was only the sixth PDS issued for this area. TMFPD Chief Moore spoke about his concern specifically for the ArrowCreek community and asked for residents to be ready and prepared to evacuate. Given the extreme weather predicted for Wednesday, the Incident Commander Team presented a fire behavior model which demonstrated that the Davis fire could spread seven miles to the north burning into ArrowCreek creating an evacuation issue.

On Wednesday, all aerial support assets did not fly in anticipation of the high winds. The high predicted winds in the ArrowCreek area were not as bad as predicted and the ground fire crews were thankfully



able to hold the fire lines preventing a run towards ArrowCreek. By Thursday, due to cooler temperatures and calmer winds, the fire crews focused on fire mop-up activities, and the Incident Commander lifted the ArrowCreek evacuation order. The Davis Fire was declared 100% contained as of 6pm on September 25.

A big thank you to all the first responders and ACHOA Security for keeping the ArrowCreek community safe!

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She is incredibly appreciative of the museum's inclusive environment, particularly the Spanish translations of many exhibits. This allows her to connect more deeply with her sons and enriches their understanding of science. For Spanish-

speaking families like hers, breaking down language barriers is essential in making science accessible to all children.

As a passionate advocate for The Discovery, Atzimba is eager for other local families to experience the magic of the museum. She recently met a mother with four young kids, around the same ages as her own, and encouraged her to visit The Discovery for the first time. Atzimba recounts, "it was exciting to see her children discover a new and fascinating place. They are now members!"

While she understands that the cost of a membership may be a barrier for some, Atzimba hopes more families will consider applying for financial assistance. The Financial Assistance program, supported by generous community members, helps cover the cost of admissions, camps, memberships, and more. For Atzimba, bringing her children closer to the world of science and technology is priceless, and she wants other families to have that same enriching experience.

Atzimba truly believes in the value of The Discovery and its impact on our community. She invites those who are passionate about supporting programs like financial assistance to consider making a one-time gift or becoming a member of the I Love Science Society, which is The Discovery's monthly giving program. Atzimba says, "The Discovery consistently offers new exhibits and activities for children, benefiting many families with its diverse range of learning opportunities. It brings kids and adults closer to discovering, exploring, and learning more about science and technology from the past, present and future."

Mission Moment

JARAMILLO FAMILY

BY LAUREN GIBBS · SENIOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICER · INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY GIVING, THE DISCOVERY

Atzimba and her husband moved from Michoacán, Mexico, to Northern Nevada more than a decade ago and quickly discovered Reno was the perfect place to call home. Since then, they've established a life and expanded their family to include four science and technology-loving boys ages three to nine years old.

Over the years, The Discovery has become a cherished space where the Jaramillo family can explore, learn, and grow together. Whether her boys are splashing around in Truckee Connects or delving into the world of invention in Spark!Lab Smithsonian, nothing makes Atzimba smile more than seeing them light up as they learn something new.

These experiences, along with Atzimba's own excitement for the museum's science demonstrations, have fueled her passion for science and lifelong learning, making The Discovery her favorite place to visit. Atzimba proudly shares, "the Discovery has inspired me to do science projects at home with my children. We've made non-Newtonian fluid, which they adore because it feels like both a solid and a liquid. It's been a wonderful experience for all of us."



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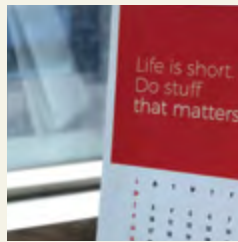
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SOCIALS & EVENTS



AUGUST WINE LOVERS EVENT

In late August, the ArrowCreek Wine Lovers held a Summer Blow Out gathering at the home of Shari and Phil Scott. Attended by more than 85 guests, the evening was full of dozens of appetizers, desserts, and of course fine wine. Kelly Young, wine distributor and ArrowCreek resident, also poured a good sampling of Meadowcroft Wines from Sonoma. Enjoying the perfect ArrowCreek weather evening were Joan Brodt, Sheila Galuppo, Jodie Miller, Tracey Allman, and Maureen Dudley.



WINE LOVERS 3RD ANNUAL CHARITY GALA

The ArrowCreek Wine Lovers held their 3rd Annual Charity Gala benefiting The Children's Cabinet on September 5. The event was held poolside at the home of Maurine and Tom Turner with 170 guests attending the gala. The key sponsors were Maurine and Tom Turner, Sparks Water Bar, Epics Photo Booth, entrepreneur Greg Kidd and Spanish Flamenco pop guitarist and ArrowCreek resident Milton Merlos. The CEO of The Children's Cabinet, Kim Young, spoke about their mission to keep children safe and families together. The Children's Cabinet provides programs and services at no charge to youth and their families and supports young children to young adults, so that they can thrive within their schools, their families, and their neighborhoods. The Wine Lovers Gala raised \$16,865.



ARROWCREEK REALTOR TOWN HALL

Sometimes the best information is heard by only a few. That was the case with an intimate crowd gathered to hear the Realtor Town Hall, hosted by The Club, on October 8.

Moderated by Greg Newman, host of The House Detective TV show, the panel consisted of Bryan Drakulich, Owner/Broker of Better Homes and Gardens Drakulich Realty and the Realtor behind the sale of Rancharrah. Dave Hughes, a 40-year real estate veteran in Reno and the former co-host of "The Golf Guys" TV show, and Mike Wood from RE/MAX Professionals and the team leader of the 3rd

ranked team in Nevada for large teams by number of transactions and first for volume.

Topics ranged from the laws for Buyer's Agreements, to making sure your home is show ready, and keeping your home updated to get the most money from your investment.

Most audience members had questions ready for the panel that included questions about HOA costs across different communities and the amenities that came with those communities, to understanding the current percentages expected when selling a property.

Each member of the panel had a different take on the current market understanding that while it has been slower by volume, the costs continue to tick up making it advantageous for a homeowner to look at their equity position for the long term.

It was stated by the realtors that I-80 Corridor and the proximity of Sommerset sets the first impression of homes in the Reno Market. A lot of buyers never explore Reno, and they are not aware of the ArrowCreek Community offerings. The Board and the Communications Committee will investigate options to pursue marketing the ArrowCreek community outside the front gates.



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Looking at Marlette Lake above Lake Tahoe, Nevada side, 2016



Bonanza's been swimming in Star Lake between Heavenly ski resort and Armstrong Pass, 2018



Charlie and Harvey enjoying a beer at the Genoa Bar after hiking near Kingsbury Grade, NV



Harvey & Mary on TRT near Kingsbury Grade

Rim Trail

AT LAKE TAHOE WITH THE HARVEY KATZ

A main attraction of the Reno area and ArrowCreek is access to wonderful outdoor opportunities - in the desert, the Sierra Nevada mountains and Lake Tahoe. In 2001, volunteers completed the 165-mile Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT) that encircles Lake Tahoe and welcomes hikers, horses and bicycles. It provides spectacular views from the mountains, it is easy to get to, and many people use it. Quite a few attempt to complete the 165 miles, either by backpacking it in one or a few attempts or by hiking it piecemeal, completing it in several years.

Many ArrowCreek folks have completed the TRT including Harvey Katz who recently finished during his tenth year of hiking it. Harvey started in 2015 and had hiked it all save one section by 2019. That last section, Mt Rose trailhead to Brockway Summit, seemed to take forever to attempt, but he and his wife Mary finally notched it in September.

Some of Harvey's highlights include:

- » Hiking with his wife Mary and friend Charlie Dickinson (also a resident of ArrowCreek), both excellent hikers and trail companions. Charlie has completed the TRT and Mary has a couple sections to go.



Aspens near Armstrong Pass, 2018

- » Hiking with Bonanza, the dog who loves snow and water.
- » Viewing beautiful mountain lakes like Star Lake near Heavenly ski area, and scenes of of Lake Tahoe, accompanied by granite, blue skies, evergreen forests.
- » Backpacking two nights in the Desolation Wilderness, classic High Sierra terrain.
- » Encountering many hikers, interesting folks with adventure on their minds.
- » Enjoying a good cold beer after a long day on the trail.

Harvey suggests you explore the TRT, a little bit or all of it. You won't regret it.



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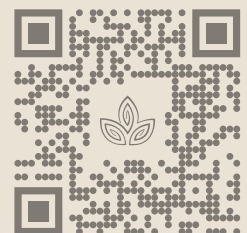
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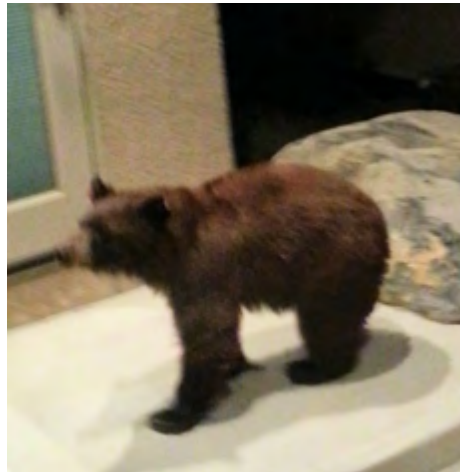
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A Visitor

ON PALMER POINTE COURT BY TERRY BRODT

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After dinner I went out on the patio to cover the BBQ to make sure it did not attract any wild beasts, especially Mr. Bear. I guess the sauce was so good, he could smell it from the top of the Sierra Crest and he barreled down from Lake Tahoe.

The following morning was Trash Day and I took careful care of disposing of Mr. Bear's Calling Card.

I checked with a few AC residents, and here are two more recent Bear encounters:

We had a late night visitor during the summer heatwave. We opened the garage windows at night as it gets quite hot in the garage. With the windows opened, the garbage aromas were so compelling to the sensitive bear's nose, that he mangled the screen and ripped the window off the mechanism trying to get to it. Luckily, something scared him, and he decided to go in search of easier hunting grounds as he

would have probably destroyed some cars. - Tom and Julie Bonomo, Winding Ridge Dr.

I had a mama bear and her cub in my garage about 18 months ago around 10pm. I had forgetfully left the garage door open. Sadly, she and her cub enjoyed my favorite chocolate cake that was in the refrigerator. - Lewie Webb on Via Verona.

A healthy wild black bear typically weighs between 200 and 400 pounds, but bears that have access to human food and BBQ ribs can weigh much more. Bears in the Lake Tahoe area are opportunistic omnivores, meaning they will consume anything available to them. Black bears have a diet that is 85% plant based. Bears are always searching for food. Their sense of smell is ten times more powerful than a bloodhound, enabling them to smell food from miles away. Bears are also curious, intelligent animals with an excellent long-term memory, exceptional hearing, and eyesight like that of a human.

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NEAR ARROWCREEK BY TERRY BRODT

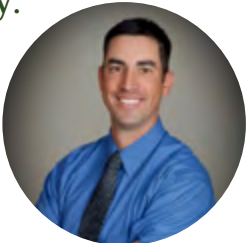
November 2024 marks the 178th anniversary of the tragedy of the Donner Party. The Donner party was a group of pioneers who became stranded in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in the winter of 1846-1847 while traveling to California.

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The Donner Pioneer Monument—Its base stands 22 feet high—which is how high the snow was that winter.

is now known as Donner Lake just off the side of Interstate 80 in Truckee. As the crow flies, it is only 40 miles west from ArrowCreek. (I always wonder how much snow ArrowCreek got that winter.)

According to History.com the Donner party (some 87 people—29 men, 15 women, and 43 children and 23 ox-drawn wagons) left Springfield, Illinois, for Independence, Missouri, in April and continued

westward for a new life in California. After crossing the Great Salt Lake Desert in Utah, the Donner party stopped at Truckee Meadows, present day Reno, to rest before making their way up into the mountains. Due to some major mistakes they made in selecting a route and their late departure, they did not reach the slopes of the Sierra Nevada until early November 1846 when an early blizzard blanketed the Sierras in several feet of snow. Mountain passes that were navigable just a day earlier soon transformed into icy roadblocks, forcing them to make camp and wait out the winter.

It was not long before supplies ran low and many perished from starvation. Some of the pioneers even resorted to cannibalism to survive. In April 1847, the survivors made their way on the final trek to the Sacramento Valley. The total of deaths was thus 42, with 45 survivors. *“The Donner party is largely considered the most famous tragedy in the history of westward migration.”*

DONNER MEMORIAL STATE PARK VISITOR CENTER: Explore the history of the area and the people who came into this part of the Sierra, including local Native Americans, the Donner Party, and builders of the transcontinental railroad. Scan the QR code for more details.

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ARROWCREEK PARKWAY PATHWAY WORK COMPLETED

In late August, Sierra Nevada Construction completed the slurry seal work on the pathways along ArrowCreek Parkway. Both the inner and outer loop received a slurry coat. Prior to the slurry seal, uneven sections of the pathways were identified and replaced with asphalt patches providing for a smoother ride for golf carts and cyclists. As a reminder all golf carts on ArrowCreek Parkway are required to use the pathway and not drive in the road.

RECORDS FROM JAN 1 - SEPTEMBER 23, 2024	
VIOLATIONS	
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Dates vary each month

NOVEMBER

01 ADRC Submittal Deadline for 11/13

09 2nd Annual Holiday Bazaar
TCAC Clubhouse

12 Board Meeting - 6pm

13 ADRC Meeting, 11am

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

17 Blood Drive TCAC Vista Room
11am - 4pm

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
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CALENDAR KEY

ADRC Architectural Design Review
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BOARD MEETING Regular meeting of the
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Jason Mattick (AACT Principal) and Ashley Oliveira (SVES Principal) bring donations to firefighters.

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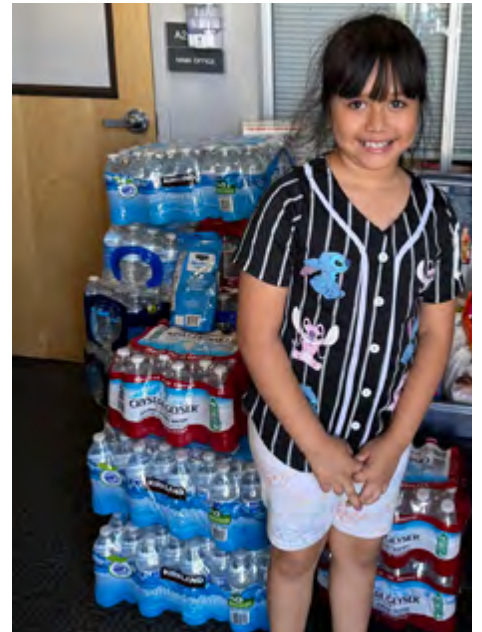
SUN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILIES SHOW THEIR 'SUPERPOWER,' SUPPORT ARROWCREEK FIREFIGHTING EFFORT

During the devastating Davis Fire that threatened homes in ArrowCreek and forced the temporary closure of schools in south Reno in September, families from Sun Valley Elementary School (SVES) in Reno showed superhero generosity in supporting firefighters who were defending ArrowCreek homes and property.

"Our theme at Sun Valley Elementary School this year is 'Discover Your Superpower,'" said SVES Principal Ashley Oliveira. "We are learning to celebrate the strengths of others and discover our own. Our wonderful librarian, Dana Bothe, launched a great activity called 'Not All Heroes Wear Capes,' and helped our students compose thank you letters and pictures for the firefighters. And I invited our families to bring water bottles and snacks to our school to donate to the firefighting effort."

Sun Valley Elementary families were thrilled to help. With classes canceled due to the fire, students helped their families gather donations and bring their purchases to the school. Oliveira and her fiancé, Academy of Arts, Careers and Technology (AACT) High School Principal Jason Mattick, loaded the donations into an SUV and brought them to grateful firefighters at ArrowCreek.

"The families at Sun Valley are truly wonderful and have the biggest hearts," said Oliveira. "I am proud to serve the students, families, and staff here every day, and this donation drive was a perfect opportunity for our school to come together and give back to our greater community. This effort beautifully ties into our 'Discover Your Superpower' theme, showing how much we can accomplish when our community unites to serve others."



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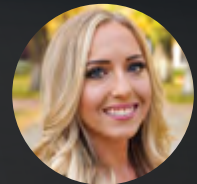
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