



# Camelot Voice

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## Coyote Sightings in the Neighborhood

Neighbors have reported recent sighting of coyotes in our neighborhood.

**Coyotes are here for only one reason: FOOD.** They have found a food source in our neighborhood: dog food, cat food, garbage or domestic outdoor cats. Eliminate those problems and they will move on. Arizona Fish & Game has a helpful information page on their web site, see below

To successfully discourage coyotes from becoming comfortable in our neighborhood –

- Remove food source
  - Cat food/dog food/garbage, etc.
- Keep cats inside
- Don't allow them to become comfortable
  - Whistle, yell, bang on a pot, make noise, etc.



Arizona Fish & Game Division has some helpful information on their web site @

Link to AZ Game & Fish website page –

<https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/livingwith/coyotes/>

- Remove anything outside your home that may be attracting coyotes. This includes garbage, pet food, water sources, and bird feeders that can attract rodents and birds for coyotes to eat.
- Never feed coyotes.
- Encourage your neighbors not to feed coyotes or leave anything out that might attract the animals.
- Feed your pets inside, and never leave them unattended, especially at dusk and dawn when coyotes are most active. If it's necessary to leave a small pet outside unattended, keep it in a sturdy enclosure with a roof.
- Keep poultry, rabbits, and rodents in secure enclosures.
- Trim and remove any ground-level shrubs and branches that provide hiding places or den sites for coyotes or their prey.
- Secure garbage containers and eliminate odors by cleaning trashcans with a 10 percent chlorine bleach solution. Put out trash containers on the morning of pickup, not the night before.

Link to Arizona Game & Fish website

[https://www.azgfd.com/PortallImages/files/wildlife/livingwith/Coyote\\_Brochure\\_v7\\_final.pdf](https://www.azgfd.com/PortallImages/files/wildlife/livingwith/Coyote_Brochure_v7_final.pdf)

Link to city webpage regarding coyotes –

<http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/community-development/neighborhood-services/coyotes>

## 2018 Annual Camelot Village Association Meeting

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Ice Cream

Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup>

7pm

Stroud Park



**It is time for our annual meeting and election of officers for 2018**

### Agenda:

- Election of Officers
- Arizona Legislature activity affect local our neighborhood and City of Tempe
- Google Groups
- 2017 Grant Summary
- Neighborhood Traffic Issue -2018 Grant Request
- Treasurer Report
- Guadalupe Renovation
- CVNA Adopt-Canal
- Meet your local Police
- Volunteer for a committee
- Special Speaker: City of Tempe– City Traffic Engineering Analyst - Steve Horstman
- **Ice Cream Social**



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CVNA periodically sends out email update of items of interest to our community.

Link to sign up if you are not currently receiving CVNA updates.

<http://www.camelotvillage.org>

### Contact information on CVNA website

<http://www.camelotvillage.org/contactus.html>

#### Camelot Village N.A. Board Members

President - [Sid Frede](#)

Vice President - (open)

Secretary - [JoAnne Frede](#)

Treasurer - [Jim Sippel](#)

4th Of July Parade and Picnic - [Debi Nielson](#)  
[Larry Nielson](#)

Luminaria Sale & Block Watch - [Sid Frede](#)

Halloween Party - [Sid Frede](#)

Newsletter Publisher - [Serena Jones](#)

Website and Email Editor - [Debi Nielson](#)  
[Larry Nielson](#)



## 2017 Grant

Our 2017 Grant application was approved for bike racks in Stroud Park. The City is organizing installation of bike racks in multiple locations and we should see our installation in the next few months.

## 2018 Grant Application



Tempe's Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant Program was created in 1994 as a means to invest in resident-initiated projects designed to enhance the quality of life in our neighborhoods. This year each Neighborhood Association can apply for up to \$15,000 for these projects.

An email was sent to Camelot Neighbors in February regarding ideas for possible 2018 Grant fund projects. Several residents responded with the increasing traffic problem generated by the congestion on McClintock Drive. Vehicles are attempting to avoid the Guadalupe/McClintock intersection on their way to the 101 Freeway by cutting through Camelot Village. The density and speed of the traffic is creating a nuisance and safety hazard for our residents. I have contacted the City regarding methods of minimizing this situation. Tempe's recommendation is to add speed humps on Vaughn between Los Feliz and Hazelton and speed humps on Hazelton. The new design of the speed humps allows emergency vehicles to pass without restricting access (a previous concern), but slows passenger vehicles. The first step in the evaluation is to complete a traffic survey. That is now being conducted. The results of the survey will determine if speed humps are justified. The next step would be an approval petition of the residents adjacent to those streets. The addition of those speed humps with the current speed humps now on Vaughn, will help address the problem we face.

Conclusion: Pending City Traffic survey and approval petition, CNVA will submit a Grant request.

Deadline for this year's Grant application is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will keep you updated.

(See the City web site @

<http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/public-works/transportation/speed-humps>

**Resident Surveys** - Resident surveys are required to determine support for speed hump installation after it is determined that a particular street is eligible for humps. A documented majority of the residents should be in favor of speed hump installations. Signatures of the owner or the occupant are acceptable. Where proposed speed hump locations are determined 100% of those signatures of the adjacent properties are required, whereas, 75% of the resident's signatures on the rest of the affected street are required. In addition, 50% of the signatures are required on adjacent streets that may be affected by the installation of speed humps. Prior to obtaining signatures, city staff will determine the petition area.

## Dogs in the Park



There have been some issues recently in Stroud Park regarding dogs running loose. Dog fights have broken out near young children putting them at risk. Even though “my dog doesn’t bite” may be accurate, others do not know that, and places them in a uncomfortable situation. Stroud Park is not an open dog park and lease laws apply. The owner is responsible for the actions of their pets. Please notice the signs with the waste bags asking owner to pick up their dog waste.

## The Value (\$\$\$\$) of Your Landscaping

The landscaping of our mature neighborhood is often taken for granted. It is irreplaceable and adds substantial value to the quality of life in our community, and to the individual value of your home. To replace a mature tree, cactus, or other plants is an extremely expensive task, if not impossible. You typically need to replant and wait 10-20 years.... If you have questions about caring for your plants, contact your local nursery. The Desert Botanical Gardens is also an excellent resource for information on desert adaptive plants. <https://www.dbg.org/>

Next time you walk or drive through our neighborhood, take time to enjoy the trees, flowers, cacti, and other plants that make our neighborhood a beautiful place to live!

