

**Do you remember the
Encanto Park Archery Range to Papago Park trade?
If you do, we need your help!**

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For years now, many have spoken of the outstanding target archery facility that was once at Encanto Park. The Encanto facility had a large grass lawn field that accommodated the 90-meter distance, stadium lights for cool summer evening shoots, and a concession stand. Restrooms were nearby. It is the senior archery community's general recollection that the Encanto Archery range was closed in the mid 80's.

Most interesting is that some claim that the Encanto Park property was originally donated to the City with some sort of a stipulation that the City of Phoenix maintains an archery range. The rumor continues that the Phoenix was obligated to create a new range of equivalent value of the Encanto range to provide for the target archery community and to comply with the spirit of the Encanto park property donation stipulations.

The City of Phoenix, Parks and Recreation Departments, Papago Park leadership has recently been charged with documenting the facts.

If you were apart of the target archery community during the Encanto closure and Papago development, we need to have the information you might remember or copies of the documents you might still have including:

- ***Names of the representatives involved.***
- ***Approximate dates or the year things took place.***
- ***Meetings information from the Parks and Recreation Board and City Council meetings.***
- ***Agreements established.***
- ***Promises made.***

Please take a moment and contact the Arizona Junior Olympic Archery Development (AZJOAD) with whatever information you may have. We would like to compile the information to assist the City in their research efforts.

Thank you,

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Encanto Park History

City of Phoenix, Main Library “Arizona Room” Collection research 12-21-2002.

- 1934, the Encanto area began to become a City of Phoenix park. Property was purchased from J. W. Doris (100 acres) and Dr. Norton among others. Quitclaim deed 11-27-1934.
- 1935, Legal description issued by the Phoenix City Manager Thos. M. Sullivan in order to curtail live stock grazing.
- 1955, Encanto Park brochure, 2700 N 15th Ave., indicates archery adjacent to tennis clubhouse, badminton, croquet, horseshoes and parking. The archery range is also indicated on an associated document as “100 yds”
- 1965, Encanto Park brochure map shows the archery range adjacent to a recreation building and restrooms. The area is in section of the park referred to as the south section identified as such by being south of Encanto Blvd. The area is referred to also as the supervised games and sports area.
- 1974,1975 (Brochure), The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department encouraged archery events including:
 1. Holiday Sports Festival Archery Tournament for youths ages 9 to 18.
 2. Archery Field and Target archery groups meet at Encanto Park and Maryvale Park. Tournaments and classes offered
 3. Associated groups; Black Feather Archers, Hondah Archery Club.
- 1981 (Brochure), Phoenix Parks and Recreation and Library Department listed “Archery” as a Special Operation along with team field and ball sports.

- 1982 (Resource Brochure), Only Encanto was listed as a Phoenix park with an Archery Range.
- 1985 AZ Republic September 8, 1985. The Director of Parks and Recreation, Jim Colley discusses trends...
More sports facilities to accommodate greater interest in physical fitness and games.
Soccer and handball are in; archery is out.
Bike paths and jogging trails are hot, horseshoes pits are not.
- 12-12-82 aerial photos indicate that the Encanto archery range area was intact.
- 1-4-84 aerial photos appear to indicate that the Encanto archery range area was under construction.
- 12-18-84 aerial photos indicate the tennis, basketball, and racket ball complex was construction in the location of the former archery range.
- Improvement were made to the “south side” by way of 1979 and 1984 bonds totaling \$1.3M
- Other documents, assumed to be in the 1980s, frequently mentioned names
 1. Daniel Cleland, American Society of Landscape Architect, Cella Barr
 2. Bernie Freese Landscape Architect, Phoenix
 3. Jim Burke, Parks Development Administrator, Phoenix
 4. Herman Orcutt, Paul Winslow, Arlen Solochek, Orcutt Winslow Architects