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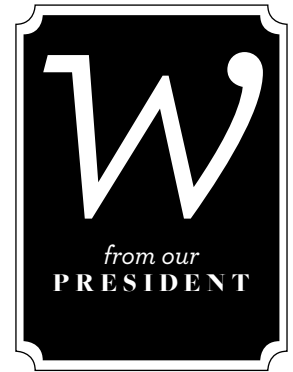


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THE LATE MARILYN ESTEVES
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AT OUR LAST BOARD meeting, we had an excellent presentation for the purpose of proposing updated by-laws. They haven't been updated in many years. Jill Bray (Coronado) and Dr. Robert Cannon (Cypress) have been working for almost four months to prepare. The board was very engaged and there was a great deal of discussion. It is interesting


to participate with all of our neighbors as they provide such high quality work product with the various skill sets they have to offer. This is just another benefit of our diverse neighborhood. The by-laws vote will be on the May agenda.

It was so nice to get out and visit the southeast part of the neighborhood during the Willo Yard Sale. It was informative too. Knowing what you think is best for our neighborhood can be very helpful. I took quite a few pictures for the website and *Inside Willo* and got some great deals. Many of you said that you wanted to know more in advance when the sale will be held next, so mark your calendars

for Saturday, October 15, 2016. Our sales are generally held the second Saturday of April and the third Saturday of October. We like to check to see what other events are happening around us when deciding. The yard sale is yet another Willo event that is now being copied by many other surrounding neighborhoods.

I hope that all of you mothers have a happy Mother's Day. It's a great time to appreciate our parents that still walk this earth and miss those who do not. I thought I would share my own late mother's picture. Many of you knew her. She was also the Vice President of Willo until 2007. 

COFFEE WITH OUR CONGRESSMAN

Pushing away from his office on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C., Congressman Ruben Gallego will be in town on Saturday, May 21st and would like to spend time with Willo neighbors. Join him on Saturday from 9:00-10:00am at 34 W. Vernon Avenue, and share your concerns and questions while hearing what he is working on in Washington on our behalf. All Willo neighbors are welcome! 



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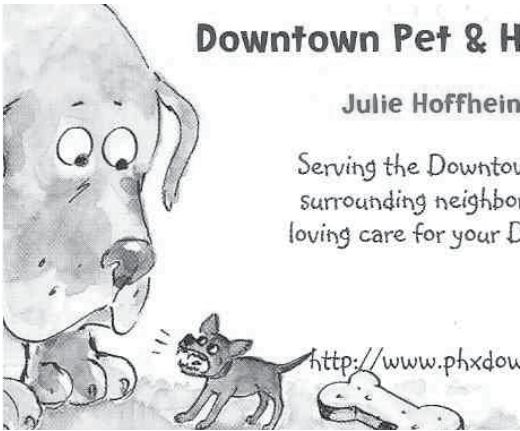
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Willo Historic Neighborhood Association Board

The Willo Historic Neighborhood Association Board was established in the early 1980s. The members are volunteers and are elected every two years in March. The association does not collect dues and does not act like a Home Owners' Association (HOA). Rather, its function is to serve the collective well being of the neighborhood. Meetings are typically held the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Fairfield Inn and Suites Hotel. All residents of Willo are invited to attend. Agendas are available online prior to the meeting at www.willohistoricdistrict.com.

Inside Willo newsletter

This free newsletter is published monthly (excluding July & August) by a committee headed by Willo volunteers. Willo neighbors are encouraged to submit neighborhood news, tidbits, photos and articles (between 250-350 words) by the 10th of each month. We reserve the right to: edit as needed, attribute to the submitting neighbor (with the street they live on where appropriate), determine which issue the information may be printed and use content on our website and in neighborhood promotional materials. The Willo Neighborhood Association is not responsible for nor endorses the editorial content in *Inside Willo*. A copy of *Inside Willo* is also posted to the Willo website each month.

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Walk-in hours are 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday at the main office, located at 200 W. Washington Street, 3rd Floor (City Hall). The field office is The Ellis-Shackelford House at 1242 N. Central Avenue (by appointment only)

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MR. WILLO GENE NANCE

BY DIANA HERMAN (MONTE VISTA)

GENE NANCE MOVED TO the Willo neighborhood in 1947 and has lived at 112 W. Palm Lane since then. He has seen many changes over the years but loves living in Willo because of the wonderful friendly neighbors and charming homes.

Born in Albuquerque, NM on May 23rd, 1933, Gene moved to Phoenix in 1942 with his parents. His father Horace, a dentist, soon moved back to Albuquerque leaving Gene and his mother, Elizabeth. Elizabeth wanted the best schools for Gene and purchased their home in Willo so he could attend Kenilworth. The population of Phoenix was around 100,000 at that time.

After Kenilworth, Gene attended North High. He was secretary/treasurer, home room officer and participated in the debate club. He graduated in 1951.

GENE 1951

Following high school, Gene attended Phoenix College for two years working toward a career in Business Administration. He also enjoyed photography, music, golf, tennis and swimming while attending PC.

1953 TO 1955

From 1953 to 1955 Gene attended Arizona State University earning a degree in Radio Physics and Marketing. After two years

in the Army, he returned to Phoenix and worked with the Radio Corporation of America, Montgomery Wards, and Osco Drugs. He retired in 1975.

GENE TODAY

Gene keeps busy by going to aerobics every morning dividing his time between the Downtown YMCA and the Chris Town YMCA. He spends the rest of his day serving food to “people older than me” at the Senior Center on Filmore.



Gene has been on the Willo Board for over 20 years. He is in charge of historic property renewals and is a notary for the neighborhood. Though he does

own and drive a car, he will usually be seen riding his bicycle around the neighborhood.

He has traveled extensively in Europe, Japan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Mexico, Canada, and Germany. Every year Gene enjoys a two week vacation in Hawaii to visit friends.

Stop by for a visit in the late afternoons and you will see Gene sipping a glass of wine on his porch enjoying a large flock of peach-faced love birds in his palm trees. Sit down for a stimulating conversation about just about anything with this fascinating and charming man. Thank you, Gene, for being an awesome neighbor.

Thank you Willo!!!
Dear Neighbors,
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Thank you for all of your help and
donations. Thank you for helping
me make a difference!
From,
Spencer



OUR NEIGHBOR

SPENCER'S THANK YOU NOTE

You may remember our young neighbor, Spencer Bodell (Palm Lane), set out to collect donations for UMOM (his community service as required to achieve his black belt in Taekwon Do). Well, thanks to generous Willo neighbors, and with the help of his friend Declan Reynolds (Palm Lane), they delivered heaps of supplies to help the homeless.

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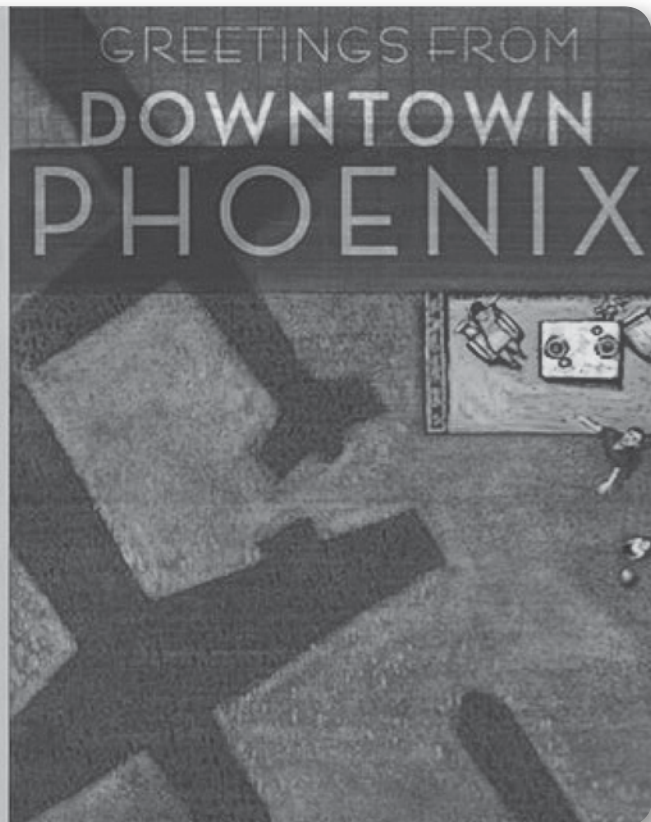
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FAREWELL

GOODBYE TO A NEIGHBOR

Last month, we said goodbye to a long time Willo neighbor, Michael Penn (Vernon).

Michael's new journey started when he passed away peacefully on April 9, 2016 in Banner Good Sam Hospital. Born in Clifton, New Jersey, he graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Oct 1959. After serving in the Korean War, as a Marine (Oorah!), Michael tried to live his life to its fullest despite delayed PTSD diagnosis (60+ years later).


Prior to leaving Washington DC for Arizona in 1980, Michael retired as an Assistant to the Secretary at the International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers.

A very loving and doting husband, he is survived by his wife of 31 years, Pettie. Michael and Pettie lived together on the 100 block of Vernon Avenue for many, many years, enjoying Pettie's wildflowers that brightened up the neighborhood every spring. Hoping to make someone's life a little better in Michael's memory, family and friends are asked to do a good deed for a stranger. 

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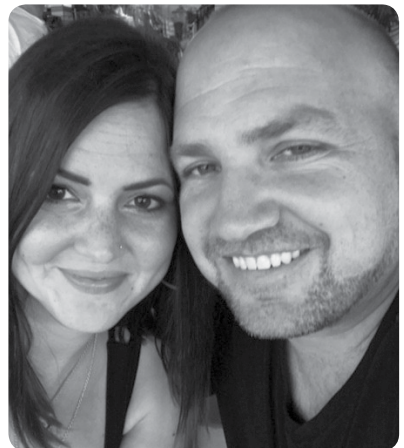
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AS THE MERCURY IS starting to rise we know summer is right around the corner. The summer heat puts us all at risk for heat-related injuries such as heat stroke, dehydration. Homeless men, women and children are particularly vulnerable. Their exposure to the summer's elements not only increases their chances of injury, but also increases the potential for death. Our neighboring shelter, CASS (Central Arizona Shelter Services), is asking for the public's help in stocking up on bottled water that will be distributed to the homeless this summer. Won't you please help? Donations of packages of bottled water from Willo neighbors can be left at 34 W. Vernon Avenue this month. Many thanks for helping the homeless in our community. www.cassaz.org 



CONGRATULATIONS to Lewis Avenue neighbors (300 block) Michael Cripe and Kate Gomez who were recently engaged. He popped the question while at dinner in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and she said "yes"! 



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The city’s Historic Preservation Commission is made up of nine Phoenix residents, representing categories such as registered architect, real estate professional, archeologist, and historian and serve for a three-year terms.

Phoenix also has a team of professionals, led by Michelle Dodd that run the City’s Historic Preservation Office. Their focus is to protect and enhance historic neighborhoods, buildings, and sites in Phoenix. They work closely with the Phoenix Historic Preservation Commission, to identify designate districts and properties that are eligible for a listing on the Phoenix Historic Property Register. The Preservation Office also produces interesting books, like the coffee-table book “Midcentury Marvels: Commercial Architecture of Phoenix, 1945 -1975” co-written by The Phoenix Historic Preservation Office and Ryden Architecture, Inc.

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In Other “Historic” News:

LAST MONTH, the Associated Press reported that in an effort to stop the demolition of our neighboring state fairgrounds, the Phoenix City Council awarded a historic preservation grant worth \$120,000 to help repair the WPA Administration Building at the fairgrounds. Another \$80,000 was awarded by the Phoenix IDA, a provider of private activity bonds for projects that give a public benefit.

Originally the building was set for demolition in July 2014 but the Maricopa County Superior Court issued a temporary restraining order. The Arizona Exhibition and State Fair Board had planned to demolish the building unless the preservation

community could raise at least \$120,000 by April 14. Considered an iconic landmark at the fairgrounds, the 12,200-square-foot property was built in 1938.

NEW SPOT IN OLD, HISTORIC building. “Nook Kitchen Downtown” is now open in the recently-renovated 1931 Professional Building (aka Hilton Garden Inn Phoenix Downtown) in downtown Phoenix. The swanky, new restaurant and bar feature art deco aesthetics, boasting 19-foot-high floor-to-ceiling windows and an impressive octagonal marble bar.

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ALEXANDRA DEE MELIKIAN, a junior at Phoenix Country Day School, has created a deck of playing cards featuring historic landmarks in her hometown and Arizona’s capital city, Phoenix. Each playing card and the two Joker cards feature an original color photograph of one of 54 historic landmarks in the city of Phoenix. The cards also feature the building’s name, address, and date of construction. The retail price is \$10 with five percent of the proceeds donated to the Arizona Preservation Foundation. Order your deck of cards on the Foundation’s Facebook site. 

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The obvious opportunity for keeping children engaged is to keep them reading every day. For reluctant readers this is not an easy task. However, you can make it fun if it becomes a family activity. You might set aside fifteen to thirty minutes to read together or each read on your own. Then, taking time to share what you are reading and discuss the characters, plot or activities taking place in the book can make it more educational and fun for your child. It is especially fun for children to compare what they are reading to a movie they have seen or create a new ending to the book. Make it fun! And, sometimes reading on the computer or a digital tablet is more enjoyable for children today.

Comic books are an engaging and educational way to integrate art and reading. Researching the artists or creating their own art and comics engages children at an entirely new level.

Ask yourself, what could I learn from my child? This might be a fun and interesting way to engage your child in learning. Is there something they can do on the computer that you can't? Did they learn any coding at school this year if attending



Kenilworth School or learn games on the computer they can teach you? Taking time out to learn from your child is a great way to involve them in dialogue and engage their critical thinking skills.


Consider playing Words with Friends with your child or other digital or paper

word or numbers games. Even the youngest of children can intuitively download these games to play on a smart phone or tablet.

If you have the resources to send your child to camp or purchase inexpensive online classes that are aligned with your child's interests, they can be great learning opportunities. For example, children can learn computer coding at scratch.mit.edu, code.org or studiocode.org and e-learningforkids.org offers numerous learning opportunities. Some of their courses can even be downloaded at no cost if you do not have Internet access. And, there are many opportunities to learn languages online.

Don't forget our public libraries. They are an amazing source of learning for children and adults of all ages. Visit phoenix-publiclibrary.org for the library nearest you.

Just about any activity you are involved in can be turned into a learning opportunity through dialogue with your children. Consider the math, language, spelling or science embedded in our everyday living and make learning fun as you engage with your child.

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- 3rd Street and Grant Street
- 4th Street and Jackson Street
- 9th Street and Van Buren Street
- 12th Street and Palm Lane
- 3rd Avenue and Sherman Street

In addition, some of the system's existing and most utilized stations are being expanded to accommodate more bikes. To learn more about Grid Bike Share, visit GridBikes.com.

Receive 50% off the first month of a basic membership for new or upgrading users. Promo code: GRID07619. Good through June 30, 2016. 

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THE ANNUAL MONTE VISTA CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

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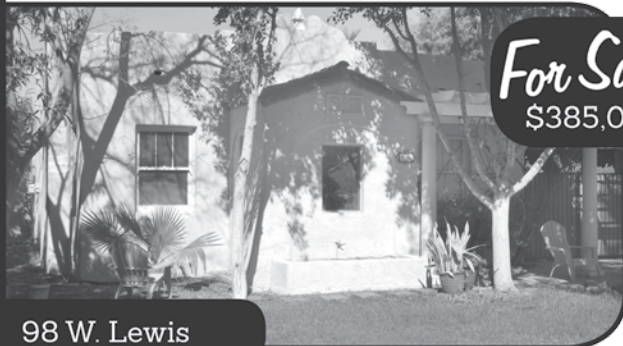
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Real estate information provided by Brad Brauer, HomeSmart Elite Group.

Sold or Pending	Status	Price
322 W. Coronado	SOLD	\$325,000
74 W. Wilshire	SOLD	\$330,000
40 W. Cambridge	SOLD	\$355,000
70 W. Edgemont	SOLD	\$360,000
512 W. Encanto	SOLD	\$405,000
133 W. Palm	SOLD	\$409,000
101 W. Cypress	SOLD	\$895,000
534 W. Coronado	PENDING	\$300,000
49 W. Wilshire	PENDING	\$312,000
30 W. Cambridge	PENDING	\$325,000
513 W. Granada	PENDING	\$360,000
45 W. Edgemont	PENDING	\$369,000
531 W. Edgemont	PENDING	\$387,000
542 W. Cambridge	PENDING	\$409,999
530 W. Coronado	PENDING	\$410,000
301 W. Lewis	PENDING	\$425,000
505 W. Holly	PENDING	\$529,000
322 W. Holly	PENDING	\$645,000

For Sale in Willo	Status	Price
38 W. Wilshire	ACTIVE	\$265,000
549 W. Cambridge	ACTIVE	\$299,888
98 W. Lewis	ACTIVE	\$385,000
318 W. Palm	ACTIVE	\$395,000
526 W. Vernon	ACTIVE	\$399,900
62 W. Windsor	ACTIVE	\$425,000
325 W. Almeria	ACTIVE	\$425,000
542 W. Palm	ACTIVE	\$440,000
505 W. Granada	ACTIVE	\$459,000
127 W. Almeria	ACTIVE	\$474,950
306 W. Palm	ACTIVE	\$489,000
114 W. Windsor	ACTIVE	\$498,000
517 W. Almeria	ACTIVE	\$519,900
546 W. Lewis	ACTIVE	\$550,000
56 W. Windsor	ACTIVE	\$554,000
124 W. Granada	ACTIVE	\$569,900
542 W. Holly	ACTIVE	\$575,000
510 W. Monte Vista	ACTIVE	\$595,000
320 W. Cypress	ACTIVE	\$610,000
73 W. Edgemont	ACTIVE	\$625,000

All figures as of 4/14/2016. Information provided by Arizona Regional Multiple Listing Service and is listed by individual brokers. For more information, please contact the listing agent, one of our advertising realtors or your real estate professional.



LETTERS TO WILLO



April 19, 2016

Dear Willo Residents,

On behalf of Boxer Luv Rescue, I wanted to thank you for allowing us to receive your unsold donations following your Community Yard Sale.

Founded in 1998, Boxer Luv Rescue (BLR) is a 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to giving new life to homeless Boxers and Boxer mixes in need in the Metro Phoenix area and throughout Arizona. We have documented more than 7,000 rescues since 1998.

Boxer Luv works closely with county shelters - 90% of Boxers rescued are abandoned, injured, sick, lost and unwanted Boxers that end up on shelter kill lists. We are saving between 450-650 Boxers and Boxer mixes annually in Arizona - we rescued and cared for 519 Boxers in 2015.

Boxer Luv is an all-volunteer organization that operates solely on private donations and grants from individuals and corporations. The vast majority of dogs in BLR are rehabilitated in foster homes where they are medically treated, and given time to heal from their physical and emotional wounds before being ready for adoption to qualified families and individuals. If foster homes are not available, the healthiest dogs are boarded at a private kennel where they are exercised and cared for by Boxer Luv Volunteers.

In 2013, Boxer Luv made the leap of faith and opened a thrift shop at 12th St and Northern Ave (1221 E Northern Ave, Phoenix, 85020), Luv-To-Save. As with the rest of BLR's operations, it is volunteer run and relies on public donations for our goods to sell. All of the items received from the Willo Yard Sale were taken to our shop for sale. If you are missing something, or just need something great at amazing prices, please come have a look!

Our shop is open Tuesday-Friday, 11am-4pm and Saturdays from 10am-5pm. As a thank you for your generous support, we are offering Willo residents 20% off your purchase (minimum \$5), through the end of June. Just show this letter for your discount.

Boxer Luv is successful due to the generosity of people like you. Again, many thanks!

Sincerely,

Dian Bentinck
Boxer Luv Rescue Board Member / Luv-To-Save Thrift Shop Manager

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