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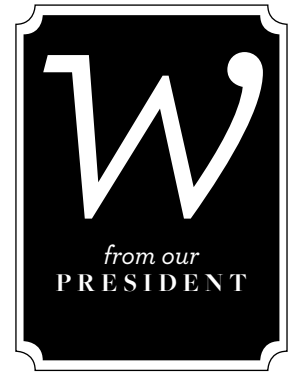


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IT'S HOME TOUR MONTH!

It's home tour month! After a year of planning, our Co-Chairs, Cindy DePonti and Drue Kaplan, are ready to put our neighborhood on display for the Valley to see, enjoy and envy. This is both of their first times as chairs and I can see they have done a fantastic job. As our previous chairs know, this is no easy task. Congratulations on a job well done.

Hopefully most of you have seen our new gateway monuments at 3rd/5th and Edgemont, 7th and Encanto and 1st and Encanto. They are soon to arrive at 3rd/5th and Almeria as well, but details have not been resolved for those intersections. Thanks to Vice President Marilyn Rendon for all of her time and face time at City Hall to get the proper permits and approvals for this project. As we all know, working with the City is never easy. Perseverance pays off. Monuments were designed by Willo resident Lee Causer and made by Willo resident Dan Moore/Oxide

Studio. It is great to see the use of our own neighbors as we improve the area.

Quick update on our gates and walls from last month. We have in writing that the City is responsible for the gates and locks, maintenance and repair, and the walls at Cambridge, Palm and Granada as well. We are still waiting for the Virginia gate to be repaired, hoping that is done prior to home tour.

I saw a lot of Willoites at the grand opening of the Vernon Pocket Park with the Mayor. Thanks to so many Willo residents that contributed to the creation of this park. This, like the Walton and Broadmoor parks in Willo, is a nice place to relax and enjoy some shade and conversation. This park also has a coffee shop and soon a restaurant next door. Another fantastic place for us to enjoy.

I'm looking forward to seeing many residents February 9th as we showcase the best neighborhood in Phoenix. If you have the opportunity to enjoy the Twilight Tour, don't miss out on the fantastic street fair Sunday. Come down and enjoy the music, check out the vendors/artisans and some incredible food. Till then, see you 'round the 'hood. **W**



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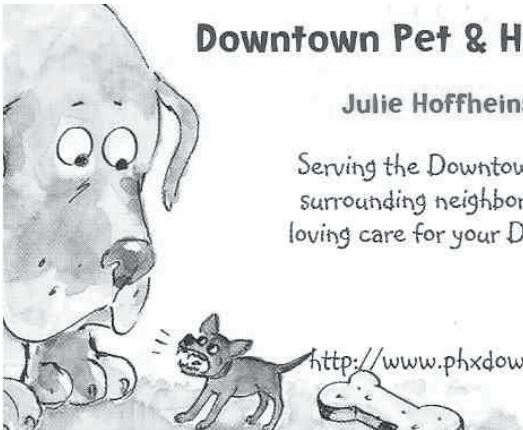
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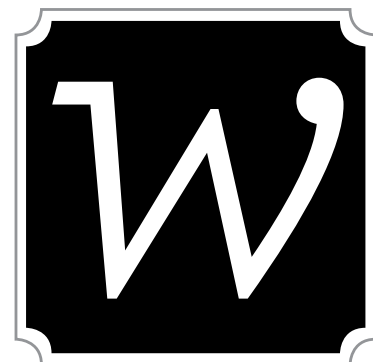
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Willo Historic Neighborhood Association Board

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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historic@phoenix.gov 602-261-8699
 Walk-in hours are 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, Mondays through Fridays at the main office, located at 200 W. Washington Street, 17th Floor. The field office is The Ellis-Shackelford House at 1242 N. Central Avenue (by appointment only)

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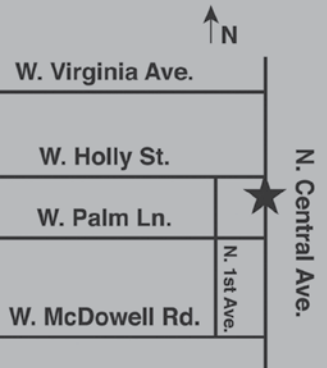
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The new Vernon Avenue Pocket Park next door to Shine Coffee is open! Mayor Stanton, David Anaya of Phoenix Renews & Colin Tetrault of ASU's School of Sustainability joined Willo neighbors to cut the ribbon on this new space on Vernon Avenue, just west of Central Avenue. Thanks to an effort led by Shine Coffee owners Christiaan & Laryn Blok, a successful Kickstarter campaign raised over \$23,000 in community dona-

tions to for landscape, trees, watering system and grass. Thanks to landscape architect Kirby Hoyt who donated the design which was implemented by Paradise Valley Tree Experts/Property Maintenance.

Neighbors and coffee drinkers have been anxiously watching the park being built over the past few months and were all in attendance to toast the new space (with coffee of course!). Future plans for the park include working with ASU architecture students on creating custom park benches and adding architectural lighting. 

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ROAD CLOSURES IN THE WILLO

Sunday, February 9, 2014
6 AM to 5 PM

Dear Willo neighbor,

A friendly reminder that the annual Willo Home Tour will take place Sunday, February 9.

The following streets will be closed from 6am to 5pm:

- ◆ 100 and 300 blocks of Holly Street
- ◆ 300 block of Monte Vista
- ◆ 3rd Avenue between Cypress Street and Palm Lane

Please remember to remove your cars from these streets by Saturday night. In addition, if you would turn off any sprinklers in your front yards (near the sidewalks and streets) on Saturday and Sunday, it would be greatly appreciated by the Street Fair vendors.

We apologize for this inconvenience, but hope you will join us for the event. Advance tickets are on sale on our website: www.willotour.com. They will also be available at the park on the day of the tour. For more info, please visit our website.

On behalf of the volunteer Home Tour Committee members and your fellow Willo residents, thank you for your patience, consideration, and help.

The Willo Home Tour Committee





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VOLUNTEERING



WE NEED YOUR HELP AT THE HOME TOUR!



We are looking for **volunteers** to help on the day of the big event—our annual Willo Home Tour, Sunday, February 9th. We will need volunteers to work shifts between the hours of 7:00a.m. and 6:00p.m on Sunday.. This includes set-up, break-down and ticket sales. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Don Vallejo at: dval549770@aol.com 

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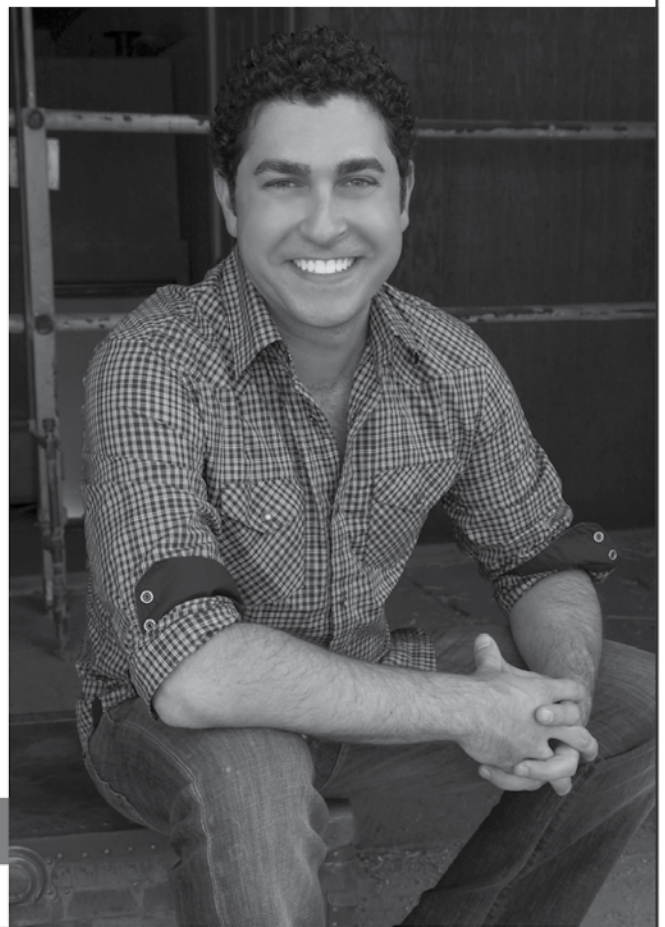
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ENCANTO PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Below is a summary of some of the projects that are currently underway at Encanto Park.

Sports Complex

- ◆ The Sports Complex has been opened for use.
- ◆ New fabric will be ordered to replace the existing windscreens.
- ◆ Work to remedy the lighting issues is still being conducted. The manufacturer of the light fixtures met City representatives at night to better understand the issue. A shield plate is being fabricated to minimize the glare.



Perimeter Fence Project

- ◆ The areas with retaining walls along Thomas Road are next to be repaired. The contractor will be repairing the damaged block, replacing the 2' high fence, and repainting the wall.

Picnic Areas

- ◆ The ramada plans are 100% complete, permitted and work is underway.

Lake Improvements

- ◆ Pump is complete, inspected and it is working as designed.


Playgrounds

- ◆ The playground has been ordered and

usually takes 6 to 8 weeks to fabricate.

- ◆ The City has developed an aquatic theme for the playground on the Encanto side of the park.
- ◆ Wood fiber was installed at the playgrounds.
- ◆ A community meeting was held to select the exercise equipment. The items selected will be installed in the area just east of the existing pool. The improvements will include five pieces of exercise equipment; as well as a shaded seating area.



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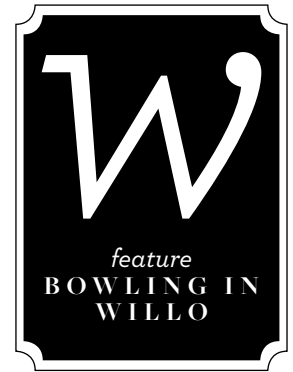
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GREEN BIKES COMING TO PHOENIX




Have you seen them? Neon green bikes are starting to be seen around downtown as part of a new bike-sharing program that will officially launch this Spring. The Gr:D (pronounced Grid) bikes are not available to the public just yet, but are being used by 20 testers — CycleHope employees (vendor of the bikes) and City staff — who will use the bike sharing system like typical customers in preparation for the public launch. They'll use a mobile device to book the bike online or rent from the bike itself and return the bicycles to one of three temporary bike racks in downtown Phoenix. After the launch, people can rent bikes from \$5 an hour, \$30 a month or \$79 a year, with a discount for students. The bikes have GPS so the company can track their locations. And to cut down on theft, some parts, like the handlebars, are built into the frame and can't be removed. The City said that no City funds will be used for



the program, but the contract allows for revenue sharing of profits once they reach a certain level.

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“As a realtor who lives and breathes historic homes, why do you think so many buyers fall in love with our Central Phoenix neighborhoods?” –Amorous on Almeria

Dear Amorous,

What a perfect question to answer so close to Valentines Day! Our Willo neighborhood is so very near and dear to my heart, and it's not hard to see why buyers are infatuated with our homes.

with well-kept yards, front porches and sidewalks. The sheer idea of befriending neighbors is a joyous and refreshing discovery.

Back to those sidewalks, you really don't see them in other Phoenix neighborhoods. These narrow strips of concrete work miracles. They allow our kids to run

location, and it's the perfect combination.

With Phoenix light rail surrounding us, I often meet buyers who prefer Willo to Encanto Palmcroft because of the closer proximity to Central Avenue. What a gem! Can you even count all the new urban restaurants and businesses lining Central? The




In my experience, I have found that many buyers come from dense metropolitan areas like Chicago, Washington DC, San Francisco and New York City. These folks still want to be in the heart of things, close to downtown. When they discover our neighborhood, they swoon!

Willo also sees buyers from suburban areas of Maricopa County who come from spacious but often cookie-cutter style houses. They are drawn to our quaint historic homes

safely to friends' houses, learn how to ride a bike and even sell lemonade. Residents walk their dogs and stop to chat with neighbors. It's called civilized living, people!

I often get asked at open houses "why don't they build homes like this anymore?" The primary reason is that construction of our quality is cost prohibitive for today's builders. The good news is that savvy buyers will pay more to have something they can't get anywhere else. Add that to our central

restaurants alone... I could go on and on!

If you ask me, and I believe you did, our Willo neighborhood is purely irresistible. As Robert Frost said, "Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired," so Happy Valentine's Month! 

Thanks to Vicki Vanderhoff for helping us share home information with our readers. To submit your question, please contact Vicki at vicki@centralphoenixhomes.com.

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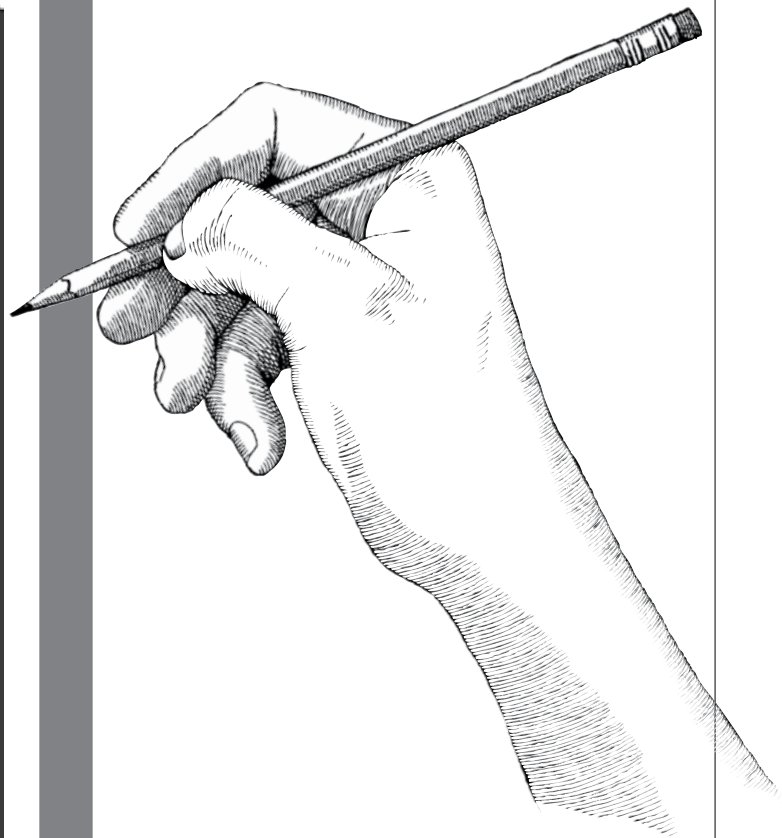
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Financial aid may be available. To get more info and register for the class visit www.tinyurl.com/teen-art-RAC or phone instructor Tricia Wang at 602.903.3919

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Why do you advertise with Willo residents? Because I love the Willo and I believe Willo residents, due to their love of the historic & unique neighborhood that is Willo, appreciate and support local & independent businesses - especially restaurants!


Tell us about a time you worked with a Willo resident. We have worked with the Willo Home Tour for 3 years helping with the pre & post parties for the volunteers and residents who place their homes on tour. We have also worked with several Willo residents to support their causes such as Andrea Katsenas and an organization that is near and dear to her heart, Friends of Animal Care & Control.

Do you live in Willo? I used to - lived on Palm Lane for 5 years and still consider myself a Willo resident as I live at the Regency or what we call Willo-Adjacent!

Are you from Phoenix? I am a native Arizonan

born and raised in Tucson. I lived in Phoenix on and off over the past 20 years but have been back permanently since 1998.

What's your favorite place to go or event to see in Phoenix or AZ?

Love downtown and what it has to offer and to experience and be a part of the change. Love the great theatre we have in Phoenix (Phoenix Theatre, Actor's Theatre, Stray Cat Theatre, Nearly Naked Theatre and more!) and enjoy the shows when I can. And truly enjoy as many of our wonderful independent and local restaurants as I can! Love being a part of Devour Phoenix and proud to showcase the wonderful offerings of my restaurants along with the many other independents in our City! 

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Desert tortoises are protected in Arizona and cannot be legally collected from the wild, but breeding of captive tortoises and the return of tortoises by owners who can no longer care for them has led to a surplus of these unique animals at authorized adoption facilities. The facilities

are at capacity and are seeking people willing to adopt and care for a tortoise.


"The Game and Fish Department receives hundreds of unwanted adult and captive-born tortoises each year, and caring for these animals takes away resources for conservation efforts of wild tortoises," says Cristina Jones, Arizona Game and Fish turtle biologist. "That is one reason we discourage captive breeding and only allow adoption of one tortoise or multiple tortoises of the same sex per household."

Contrary to many initial assumptions, desert tortoises can be interactive and provide companionship without as many de-

mands as a cat or dog. Tortoises can teach many of the same life lessons to children, including responsibility, compassion and commitment.

Desert tortoises can live as long as 50 to 100 years. They grow to be about 15 pounds and hibernate in the winter months. They eat plant material, including grasses and wildflowers.

To adopt a desert tortoise, you will need to have an enclosed area in your yard free from potential hazards, such as an overly curious dog or an unfenced pool. You will need to construct a burrow for the tortoise so that it can get relief from extreme temperatures. Those interested in sharing their yard with a tortoise should visit www.azgfd.gov/tortoise for more information on feeding, care and habitat for a tortoise.

If you are a Willo resident interested in adopting a desert tortoise, you can send a completed application form to the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Turtles Project. They can be reached at turtlesproject@azgfd.gov. 



HOME TOUR BRUNCH



A THANK YOU HOME TOUR...

It was a sunny Sunday as the 2014 HomeTour volunteer committee members hosted a “thank you” brunch at the home of Farina and Scott McKenzie (Palm Lane) for our WONDERFUL homeowners that will be on tour this month. The Home Tour Brunch Committee, led by Catherine Sibiski (Edgemont) met to cook the night before in order to have the most delicious brunch spread ready for when our homeowners arrived on Sunday morning.

Home Tour Committee members answered questions, shared tips for managing tour day guests and relayed our thanks to each homeowner for rolling

out the welcome mat on February 9th.

“If it is true that the way to a person’s heart is through their stomach, then our Home Tour Brunch Committee hit it out of the park, there was a lot of yummy love going around,” said Brad Brauer (Monte Vista), Willo Neighborhood President. “I think homeowners on tour this year really appreciated the chance to receive tips for tour day, and I heard lots of reports of their fix up projects in the works.”

Not only is our home tour about raising money for our neighborhood, but a day like today reminds us that this is a great way for us to be together, get to know our neighbors and form long friendships. It certainly takes everyone pitching in to present our annual home tour.

Thanks to Home Tour Brunch Committee members Mara Reynolds, Samantha Keating, Rocio Sumner, Theresa LoCoco, Catherine Sibiski, Cristina Coash, Tracy Gromer, Kathy Gee, Anna Lauri and Vicki Vanderhoff. And special thanks to Bob McCarville (Windsor) for ably managing the beverage cart and Becky and David Shaw (Almeria), owners of “Party People,” for helping out with brunch rentals—tables and chairs. Chow Locally donated 5 boxes of local Arizona vegetables for the food and décor, myolivepress.com donated olive oil to each of the homeowners, and Pane Bianco opened early so we could supply fresh local bread to the homeowners. 

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542 W. Encanto	PENDING	\$374,500
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