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Summary of Major Neighborhood Issues Impacting Willo



ABOUT THE COVER

This is the Yum Yum Tree house at 90 W. Virginia. It's one of the many homes that will be on tour for our annual Willo Home Tour in February 2018

Photos by Diana Herman (Monte Vista)



FAA:

Good news - the bottom line! Aircraft will resume Western Departures to 43rd Avenue before making a northbound turn in April of 2018. Full details of the ruling can be found on willophx.com. Please refer to Page 19 for details as well. Important to note: the financial responsibility to the Willo treasury has been fulfilled at the cost of \$25,000.

VISION 3.5:

Please find Councilwoman's Laura Pastor's official response to our request for 3rd/5th Avenue future traffic pattern and design on page 7. Good news here once again: the funds have been approved to begin the "study" as this important first step is going to take place in early 2018.

LUMINARIAS:

Big thank you to Chris Norton for coordinating the Luminaria project. The estimate cost of the project to the Willo treasury is \$2800.00. Our neighborhood certainly looked beautiful and magical over the holidays!

WILLOPHX.COM:

Please refer to our web site for information and updates to activities in the neighborhood.

"MAKE WILLO SHINE"

Saturday February 3, 2018 is "Make Willo Shine" Day. In preparation for the upcoming 30th Anniversary Home Tour on February 10-11, 2018, I am asking Willo residents



to please clean up their yards, trim trees, bushes, and plant some flowers as our neighborhood prepares to host 3000-plus visitors over the February 10 weekend.

OUR 30TH

Willo Home Tour Anniversary: This most important event for our neighborhood - please see page 12 for a sneak peek. The Home Tour participants and volunteers are appreciated, and your time, energy, and passion for the neighborhood will shine on the weekend of February 10th. ●



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WILLO WEBSITE

The Willo website, www.willophx.com, was recently updated. The site contains information on neighborhood activities, committees, and board meetings.

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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Vision 3.5 Update

NIKKI ARMSTRONG (GRANADA)

IN DECEMBER, THE WILLO Neighborhood Association received a letter from Vice Mayor Laura Pastor with an update on traffic and safety issues. The letter is reprinted on the facing page of this edition of *Inside Willo* for your perusal.

The City of Phoenix held an open meeting on Monday, December 4 during which city staff were on hand to discuss and hear

feedback on the draft of Phoenix's 5-Year Bicycle Program. Go to the following link to find the draft version of the plan: <https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/safety-topics/bicycle-program> and then take the survey described in the next bullet point to provide your feedback.

The City of Phoenix wants to hear from you: visit the link below to provide infor-

mation to the city regarding your knowledge and attitudes regarding driving a vehicle and riding a bicycle in Phoenix, Arizona. The survey takes less than five minutes to complete and does not ask for any personal or identifying information. <https://www.phoenix.gov/streetsite/Pages/Survey--Bicycling-and-Driving-in-the-City-of-Phoenix.aspx>

Two sessions of bicycle registration with the Phoenix Police Department were held in Walton Park in the last few weeks, with an impressive turnout. Photo courtesy of Brad Brauer. ●



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December 2017

Dear Willo Neighbors:

Happy New Year! I write this letter to update you on some of the efforts that I have directed City staff to undertake with respect to traffic and safety in your neighborhood, as I know it is of the utmost importance to you all.

Phoenix has successfully participated in the first phase of a pilot study for evaluating urban corridors through the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), and is now using available funding to analyze proposed bike, pedestrian, and auto safety improvements on 3rd and 5th Avenues between McDowell and Thomas Roads, and then a less-detailed portion northward to the Grand Canal multi-use path. This multi-modal analysis is an exciting next step for planning and implementing improvements that could link to those currently being executed south of McDowell Road, and coincides with the priorities voiced by Willo residents for the reconfiguration of these streets. The consultants leading the project have begun the study which will conclude in mid-2018.

In addition to this, the Phoenix Police Department continues to monitor motor vehicle activity throughout the neighborhood, and will persist in undertaking rigorous enforcement efforts through the area streets and alleys as needed. As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office at any time to express your concerns and make any inquiries.

I applaud the many contributions and efforts that the Willo Neighborhood and its leadership continue to carry out to advance the health and vitality of not only its residents, but the entire Midtown area and greater Phoenix community as a whole. I am proud to represent you on the City Council.

The Happiest and Most Blessed of New Years to You All,

Laura Pastor

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Community Map

New Online Resources: Community Map

**ALAN STEPHENSON (CITY OF PHOENIX PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, DIRECTOR)**

HAVE YOU EVER DRIVEN BY A

construction site and wondered what was being built, or seen a development sign on a site but never had time to go back up and see what it says? Keeping informed about all the planning and development activity occurring in your neighborhood can be challenging. That's why we are excited about the debut of My Community Map on phoenix.gov. My Community Map is a new interactive mapping tool that highlights recent and active requests for rezoning, variances, and use permits. These are the common public hearing items related to new development. In addition, you even learn about projects not needing any zoning changes, but that are proceeding through the plan review and building permit process. The service started in September and can be accessed on any computer or mobile device with internet service at www.phoenix.gov/pdd/mycommunitymap.

My Community Map has a variety of ways to learn about what is being proposed or built in your neighborhood. In addition to the traditional mapping navigation tools, the *Near Me* search function allows users to enter their address and generate a list of all recent and active development for up to a one-mile radius from their property. It's so easy to get started, and there's no login required.

If you ever have any questions about the information you find on My Community Map, don't hesitate to contact the Planning and Development Department. You can always reach us by phone at (602) 262-7811 or you can send an email to the Encanto Village Planner, Hannah Oliver, at hannah.oliver@phoenix.gov.

We also recently updated our Village Planning Committee (VPC) web page. The pages were updated with interactive maps to learn which village you live in and our new series of videos on urban planning topics. Check out the new web page today at www.phoenix.gov/villages.

We are committed to continuing to find ways to keep our residents informed and engaged in our planning and development processes. I hope you find that My Community Map and our new VPC web page are great resources for Willo and all of Phoenix's great neighborhoods. ●

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Willo Neighborhood Association (WNA) Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 11, 2018 ● 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Robert Cannon, President

Approval of December Minutes

Charlene Gum, Secretary

Financial Report

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Linda Doescher, Treasurer

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Zoning Summation of Activities

Opal Wagner, Board Member

Inside Willo-Update

Nikki Armstrong, Board Member

Vision 3.5-Update

Bob Cannon and Nikki Armstrong

Willo Home Tour

Allison Powers, Board Member

Luminarias Follow-Up

Chris Norton

New Board Member Nomination

Bob Cannon, President

Various Committee Reports

Committee Chairs

New Business

Old Business

Please note: Various Committee Reports may include: Willo Kids Club, and Klean Streets. ●

Fond Farewell

THE WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION bids a fond farewell to Los Olivos Hand Car Wash. This local business operated on the corner of 3rd Street and McDowell for almost 30 years. Los Olivos held a farewell party on December 30 as a thank you to their customers from Willo and other central Phoenix neighborhoods. Willo is sad to see you go, Los Olivos! ●

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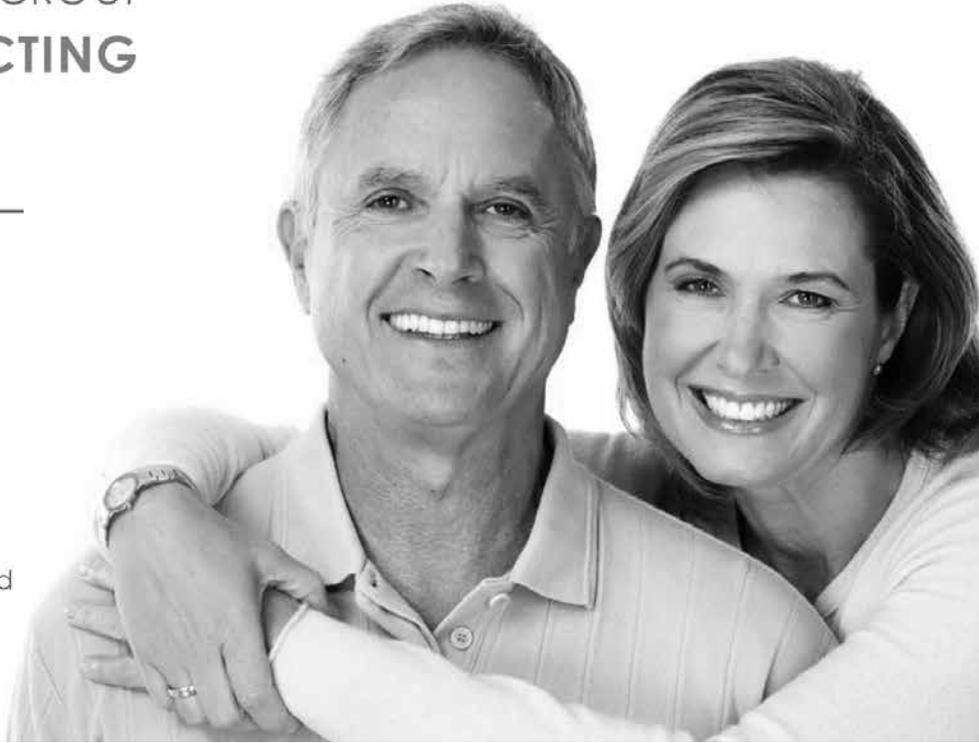
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When Should I Call the Police?

BEN HARRIS (COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER FOR WILLO)

This article is a companion piece to Officer Harris' article in the December issue of Inside Willo.

SHOULD I CALL 9-1-1 OR CRIME STOP (602)262-6151?

In my last article, I touched on what to be ready for when calling 9-1-1 or Crime Stop (602)262-6151. To expand on this, I will introduce more detailed information that we need, and behaviors to watch for, so that you can more effectively communicate with 9-1-1 or responding officers.

PEOPLE / VEHICLES

When calling Police about persons or vehicles, we obviously want as much detail as possible, but we need to get to that detail in a certain way. Think macro first, and micro second. Meaning, we need the big, obvious info first, then the finite info after that. For instance, when calling about a person, the initial info we will need is: gender and skin tone, clothing (including hats), height/weight, and if the person has a **weapon**, or a bike/cart/dog/etc. After that: estimated age, hair color and length, details on the clothing, items being carried, facial details such as facial hair and glasses, and tattoos if observable.

When calling about a vehicle, the same rules apply with macro, then micro, with the exception being if you have a full or partial license plate number. With vehicle types, there is key verbiage that will make communication with 9-1-1 operators smoother, such as: Sedan, Hatchback, Station Wagon, Coupe, Convertible, Van, Mini-Van, SUV, Pickup Truck, Commercial truck, Flatbed, Box truck, Tractor-Trailer, Bus, Tow truck, etc. Following the type is a little more detail such as color, and number of doors, possible year/make/

model. After that, the detail continues to number of occupants, window tint, exterior accessories such as custom wheels, tool boxes, roof rack, vehicle damage, lifted or lowered, etc.

WHEN / WHY

The when and why to call police is highly subjective. That is, I may call about a person/vehicle/issue, where you might not, and vice-

may be useful in compromising security. This can be done on foot, on a bike, in a car, or via electronic communication, like email or social media. Use of alleys is always a problem because it is often an ingress/egress point for burglaries and thefts. Be suspicious of unlawful behavior in alleys such as using them as thoroughfares, removing items from dumpsters, illegal dumping, and loitering in alleys.



versa. In general, I believe the residents of Phoenix do an outstanding job at reporting crime and suspicious persons/vehicles/behavior to us. I also believe we can always learn to make our neighborhoods a better place. A key behavior to look for with people is casing. This can come in many forms, but generally it is person(s) surveying an area or specific place to glean information that

TIMING

It cannot be stressed enough to call us as soon as possible regarding reporting a crime or any other police need. Even though we are stretched for manpower at times, the sooner you call us, the more likely it is for officers to make contact with the person or vehicle that you have called about.

Stay vigilant, and always stay safe. ●

The Yum Yum Tree Guest House at 90 W. Virginia

REGINA HARRIS (PALM LANE)

ALTHOUGH THE HOME AT 90 W.

Virginia is most fondly known as the Yum Yum Tree Guest House, it was originally established in 1930 as the Fairhope School for Girls and Boys. The school's architect was Herbert Harmon Green, who was prolific during this era with works including the Heard Museum, Phoenix YMCA, Arizona State Capital Annex, Hayden Hall at ASU, and many custom homes in neighborhoods such as Country Club Manor and Encanto-Palmcroft. The Fairhope School, a private academy, was comprised of an administrative building and a bank of classrooms separated by a breezeway. It remained a school into the late 1930s and was briefly called Miss Preston's School for girls. At this juncture the school was sold to a local doctor, who turned the buildings into rental apartments. The property was sold again in 1949 to a neighbor named John Haldiman, who renovated it into a bed and breakfast with the help of acclaimed Arizona architect Benny Gonzales. Local history has it that Haldiman is the one who dubbed the property The Yum Yum Tree Guest House but no one knows why.

During the 1970s Haldiman traded 90 W. Virginia for an office building on Central. The new owner of the Yum Yum Tree, Neal Roberts, was a lawyer who would use the



property as both an office and a home. Roberts was later suspected of having ties to the mafia. Legend has it that the car bomb murder of Arizona Republic journalist Don Bolles was masterminded by Roberts at this very residence. Don Bolles was an investigative reporter who was looking into mob-related fraud, racetrack illegalities, and government corruption. While meeting a source at the Clarendon Hotel in 1976, Bolles was assassinated by 6 sticks of dynamite placed under his vehicle that were detonated by a remote device. Durant's restaurant also vies for the distinction of being the locale for all this nefarious plotting and scheming of the Bolles murder, but since Neal Roberts frequented

Durant's, both places could likely share the claim.

The current owners, Tasha and Kelly Aubey, believe the house was turned back into a bed and breakfast sometime in the 1990s through 2007 and was again called The Yum Yum Tree Guest House. They do not know when the two buildings were conjoined but the previous owner completed a renovation in 2009 that received the distinction of Best Historic Renovation by Phoenix New Times. The exterior of the house retains its integrity with almost all of the original windows. The cement block construction is crowned by a red tile roof offering a beautiful example of Spanish Mis-

sion Revival architecture. The main house is L shaped and comprises 4,100 square feet with 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. A long veranda runs the length of the house in the backyard with multiple seating areas including one for children. A large grassy area, pool, and pergola with a lounging bed invite magic and relaxation to the yard. This peaceful space is privatized on the southern edge by a massive oleander hedge. An attached 850 square foot guest house was added by the Aubey's and conforms to the Americans with Disabilities Act standards with wide doorways and walk-in shower.

When the Aubey's took ownership of the home in 2012 they found the layout of the house was not conducive to their lifestyle and thus began their own renovation in 2016. The L shape of the house still remains but they completely reconfigured the position of all the rooms except for the study. As many renovations in historic neighborhoods go, an interesting surprise occurred on day four: a wall was removed that was deemed to be non-load bearing; however, part of the ceiling fell in, bringing with it a huge pile of sawdust that the owners believe was old-fashioned "insulation" from 1930s. The kitchen, which used to be in the back of the house, is now in the front but still has the original O'Keefe & Merritt stove. All of the kitchen cabinets from the previous remodel



have been re-purposed into cabinetry in the master suite and guest house kitchen. The new kitchen cabinets are Shaker style, with window panes on the doors, which the owners felt was period-sensitive to the 1930s. The Aubey's also took the opportunity to put all four external schoolroom doors back in their original locations, creating wonder-

ful access to the home's backyard for each bedroom. The home's decor reflects the very diverse taste of both Tasha and Kelly. The mid-century Eames chair, which represents Tasha's leaning toward modern design, shares the space with Kelly's classical Persian rug. Their love of travel, music, film, and art is reflected in the many prints that adorn their walls. They support several local artists and have works from Abe Zucca, Tato Caraveo, Chadwick Uptain, and Tony Martingilio (owner of CIBO).

Tasha and Kelly moved to Willo twelve years ago, wanting to be part of the rebirth of downtown Phoenix. They invested in downtown over six years ago by opening FilmBar - a bar-cum-movie theater in downtown Phoenix highlighting foreign, indie, retro, classical, local, and genre films. Their love of downtown is only matched with that of traveling - their 6-year-old daughter has already been to five foreign countries!

They are looking forward to sharing the magic of their delightful home during the 30th Anniversary Willo Home Tour on Sunday, February 11, 2018. ●



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Close to Home

JORDAN CAUSADIAS (LEWIS)

OVER THE PAST YEAR, THE house my family and I inhabit has undergone a wonderful transformation. While decorating our walls and stocking our pantry has helped make our mark on the new-to-us property, the relationship we have formed with our neighbors has transitioned our quarters from house to home status. Having moved eight times in the past ten years, I have seen my share of neighbors; for better or for worse. But not until moving to Willo had I formed the kinds of relationships that fostered a sense of community.

According to a General Social Survey data from 2015, having a lack of neighbor interaction has become a growing trend. The report found that only 20 percent of Americans report spending time with their neighbors and almost one third of the US population reports no interaction with people who live nearby. That is a major difference from 40 years ago, when nearly 30 percent of Americans spent time with their neighbors at least twice a week.

This study got me thinking that today's youth are growing up in a paradox. Even though technology now provides instant access to people all over the planet, fewer and fewer individuals are interacting with people in their physical communities. That doesn't mean one form of communication or community is superior to another. In fact, I love that my daughter can instantly interact with her abuelita in Panama or her grandparents in Minnesota.

However, I still believe that the adage "it takes a village" rings true when it comes to childrearing. Some research indicates that there are protective factors found through fostering a close-knit community with the individuals around you. Madeleine Lansky, clinical faculty in the Department of

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at UCSF states that, "Modern Western Civilization underestimates the central importance of our social needs... families seem to function better when they are 'held' within a larger community." Such positive interactions early on can provide children with an awareness of how they would like to live as adults. Additionally, communal nurturing helps build resilience in children and strengthens one's ability to venture out into the world with confidence.

Individuals select the structures they inhabit for many different reasons: some choose a house based on the location, while others are drawn to a certain type of architecture. Even though a larger closet or an extra bathroom would be nice, my husband and I choose to live in Willo for the neighborhood's

cultural and community capital. In today's hyper-scheduled world, it is quite remarkable that we can get together with our fellow neighbors for an impromptu after-work or after-school play session. It is not uncommon to find my neighbors and me enjoying a glass of wine outside while our children run from yard to yard saving the block from alien invaders with their lightsabers and rocket launchers in tow.

What are your experiences since moving to Willo or having grown up in this community? Do you know your neighbors? Willo Kids Club would love to hear new ideas on how to build community in our neighborhood. Please email us at: WilloKidsClub@gmail.com. ●



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Our 4th Quarter market was a bit of a stinker. Overall prices are stable, but inventory is low and that should push prices up. We are not really seeing that and personally my feeling it is because buyers are pushing back a bit thus creating a "stable" market. I always say stable does not mean bad! Stable means you get a fair equitable price for your home and the buyer gets a home for current market conditions, or as we call it in the business, a win-win. Now, we will see a flurry of activity in the new year as every January my office is on high alert as listings are seemingly coming online daily. For those who have worked with me in the past, I do it a bit different, we call it "New Listing Thursday" as I like to list my properties on that day. Why? Most buyers look on the weekend.

So while it may sell on the first day you list it on a Tuesday, you lost most buyers seeing it over the weekend. FYI, that is my trade secret, so do not tell anybody! Ha.

Have you considered selling your home this year? You may be surprised what the home is worth. Sure, you can go to Zillow and look it up, but Zillow is a computer algorithm that lives in Seattle and has never been to Phoenix. It does not know that your home is the best on the block, or that your garage has been finished out to a guest house. It doesn't know that the home that last sold backed up to something less desirable or that half the house burned down and is no longer historic. Zillow just gives you a good idea of what it could be...much like WebMD may not be the best place to consult your health issues. To be sure, you need somebody to physically walk through the house with you, feel the wood, check the roof and admire the updates. Then, and really only then, can you get a true assessment of what your home is worth. My team is more than willing to sit with you and go over the comps in the area, chat about what makes your home unique and create a plan that works for you. Maybe you list it for sale, maybe we just have a cup of coffee or wine and chat about your neighbors. There is never any pressure. This is what we do, Elevating the Standard™.





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Willo Zoning Update

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BMO Tower Signs

On November 14, 2017, Harvey Schulman of Tapestry on Central, who has been leading the midtown neighborhoods' effort to work with BMO and the City of Phoenix to reduce the brightness and glare from the BMO Tower signs received a letter from BMO stating that it had cut the voltage of the signs by half. Mr. Schulman has since conducted a survey of 100+ residents in proximity to the signs. Results thus far indicate that 70% of respondents see no difference in brightness after BMO reduced the voltage to the signs last month, and 85% still find the light from the signs to be annoying and intrusive. If you'd like to share your thoughts on the signs and whether or not BMO's efforts to dim the signs thus far have been effective, please contact Opal Wagner, Willo Zoning Committee Chair, opal.wagner@gmail.com.

For the latest zoning updates, please visit our neighborhood website, willophx.com.



FAA UPDATE

On November 30, 2017 Willo and the other historic neighborhood petitioners entered into an agreement with the FAA and the City of Phoenix and petitioned the U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, to accept their joint plan for implementing the Court's August 29, 2017 judgment vacating the FAA flight path changes of Sept. 18, 2014. The parties have agreed to a two-step process designed to implement the Court's Order as expeditiously as possible and in hopes of avoiding a lengthy appeal process. Step One of the process provides that the western departure flight paths at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport will be returned as closely as possible to their original routes on or about April 1, 2018. Community meetings will be held to inform the public of the changes and solicit comments for FAA consideration. Step Two of the process provides for developing satellite-based procedures for the western routes, using best efforts to design and consider routes that closely approximate the original routes. Recommendations from the public meetings will also be considered. The time frame for Step Two is estimated to be up to two years, with the historic routes remaining in effect during that time. For more information, please visit skyharbor.com. ●

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Scenes from an Italian Restaurant

Forno 301 Moves to Willo

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Patio seating, showing the interior and exterior bar

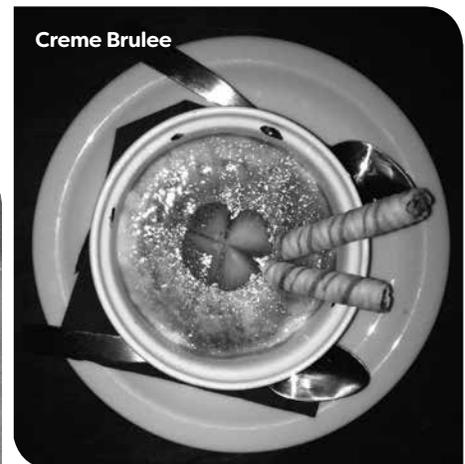
PERHAPS YOU CAME TO KNOW

Forno 301 in its original location on West Roosevelt near 3rd Avenue. Luckily for us in Willo, this delightful restaurant moved into the ground floor of the new Muse building on the corner of Central Avenue and McDowell just a few months ago. Luckily for Forno 301, they expanded their restaurant's capacity with the move: the new location offers exterior patio seating along with twice as much interior space, including bar seating. Upon entering the restaurant, patrons have multiple small tables to choose from, along with larger, community-style tables.

Forno 301 offers a traditional Italian menu. Diners can choose from wood-fired pizzas, pastas, sandwiches, and salads. But first, sample the wine! On our recent visit, there were about a dozen reds to peruse,

and about half a dozen whites, plus a few sparkling options. A glass of house red cost \$7, while the price for a bottle of finer red climbed into the \$70-80 range, giving wine connoisseurs some options. Forno 301 offers some draught and bottled beer, plus cocktails, too, for different tipping tastes.

The food is the top reason to visit Forno 301, though: lovers of Italian cuisine will appreciate the care and craftsmanship that goes into each dish. Make note of the specials board just inside the entrance on the left: you will likely find a specialty pasta, appetizer, sandwich, or other item that does not appear on the regular menu. During our recent visit, the specials included pumpkin ravioli and focaccia de recco (focaccia stuffed with cheese). Forno 301's new kitchen space has plenty of room for their large, wood-burning pizza oven, plus a rear



Crème Brûlée

kitchen area for other food preparation. Diners will see the staff enthusiastically prepare each pizza to order since the pizza oven operates in full view of the dining room. Pizzas come with different topping combinations: meats, cheeses, vegetables, and sauces. Pastas are homemade and include gnocchi, ravioli, fettuccine, and more. The menu regularly includes three sandwich choices and four salads, plus several appetizers and a couple of calzones. Pizzas are large enough for sharing. Salads are served in large bowls, so these could be shared, too. Most prices fall in the \$9-14 range, which is comparable to other locally-owned restaurants in the Willo area.

Entrée portions are reasonable, meaning that once you finish your entrée, you will likely have room for dessert! The crème brûlée was delicious: a nice size and not too sweet, topped with a strawberry. A neighboring table ordered the tiramisu, which was definitely sized for sharing (or go ahead and eat the whole thing, you probably deserve it). ●

If you go: Forno 301 is open every day from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., excluding major holidays. You can give them a call at (480) 787-5654 for more information.

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How a 20-Year Willo resident works to improve fitness and wellness



YOU MAY RECOGNIZE

Nicolas Abramowicz from a story on 12 News last spring that told viewers about boxing classes for Parkinson's disease patients at the Muhammed Ali Parkinson Center. The Center is across the street from Willo in the Barrow Neurological Institute, next to the St. Joseph's Hospital campus. Nicolas is the instructor for those classes, which are designed to help Parkinson's patients using a combination of boxing fundamentals and drumming rhythms, with elements of qi gong and philosophy as well.

Nicolas holds a certificate from the Rock Steady Boxing Training Camp that allows him to work with Parkinson's patients. He draws on his past experience as an anthropology instructor, plus his love of playing the drums, to enhance his boxing and fitness training instruction. The rhythm of drumming lends a unique cognitive element to Nicolas' class: this allows for what he calls "cross fertilization" during his instruction, so students have a holistic experience.

Nicolas gives the students instructions on a particular sequence to use with their hands punching a bag, for example, then he will play a drum while the students run through the boxing exercise, using the drum as a metronome to establish the students' rhythm. This allows for a combination of both physical and cognitive exercise, which is beneficial to Parkinson's patients. Nicolas has played the drums for many years. Nowadays you won't find him playing out in bands, but he still practices the drums first thing every morning.

Nicolas' fitness training extends beyond his work at Barrow. He has a studio in the backyard of his Willo home where he works with clients from all walks of life. He has several clients who are age 70 and above, but he also works with high school students. He brings the same philosophy to all of his work with clients: a holistic approach drawing from his past living experience in different parts of the world. In his studio you will find some antique pieces of exercise

equipment that still work just fine today. He has a 370-pound cast iron speedbag stand that originally came from Brooklyn, New York, along with an antique weight pulley made of iron and wood, plus a cast iron stationary bike constructed in the Bronx by the company Everlast, which still produces sporting goods today.

Training with Nicolas is a different experience than going to the big box gym and watching an iPad while using a treadmill. Under Nicolas' tutelage, a client might find themselves walking or jogging along the street in Willo carrying sandbags of different weights, or even climbing the tall rope stand in his backyard (for those clients who are not afraid of heights). His method relies on the fact that getting fit does not require plugging in to anything; rather, the tools that one needs to lose weight, increase strength, and improve posture and agility are all available offline. ●

Visit Nicolas' website at www.nicolasabramowicz.com to learn more about him.

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Music

SHOWTIME: Upcoming Performances from the Mill Ave Chamber Players and Music at Trinity

WILLO NEIGHBOR DR. ROSE

French is one of our resident musicians. Dr. French teaches horn lessons and began the band program last year at Rosie's House, where she has taught for 14 years. Rosie's House is based at Central United Methodist Church, along with the Mill Ave Chamber Players, Dr. French's quintet. The group was a 2017 nominee for the Arizona Governor's Arts Awards and a 2016 nominee for the City of Phoenix Mayor's Arts Awards. The Players are a woodwind quintet: flute, oboe, clarinet, horn, and bassoon. They are celebrating their tenth season this year and have about 50 concerts annually. This season's theme is Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed and Something Blue. Each of the concerts will have a staple work of the woodwind quintet repertoire, a commissioned work, a transcription (a work stolen from another instrument or group of instruments!) and something blue.

Upcoming concerts are scheduled on February 4, March 4, and April 8. All performances are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. and are at Central United Methodist

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Church, except March 4, which will be held at the Newton at Changing Hands. Complete concert information is available at millavechamberplayers.com, where you can also find more information about the group. Learn more about Rosie's House here: <http://rosieshouse.org/about-rosies-house/>

MUSIC AT TRINITY

Music at Trinity, under the direction of Dr. Erik Goldstrom, announces the fourth annual Helen Peel Memorial Organ Concert with guest musician, David Higgs, Sunday, January 21 at 3:00 p.m. The concert takes place at Trinity Cathedral, 100 West Roosevelt Street (at Central Avenue) in

downtown Phoenix and is free to the public.

David Higgs is one of America's leading concert organists. He is Chair of the Organ Department at the Eastman School of Music and performs extensively throughout the United States and abroad. He was appointed to the faculty of the Manhattan School of Music upon graduation from that institution, and has been a member of the faculty of the Eastman School of Music since 1992 where he recently received the Eisenhart Award for Excellence in Teaching. For more than 20 years the San Francisco Symphony featured his holiday organ recitals and now the Los Angeles Philharmonic continues that tradition at

the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

The January 21 concert program includes "Prelude and Fugue on B-A-C-H" by Franz Liszt, "Sonata in C minor/Scherzetto" by Percy Whitlock, "Trois Impressions Op. 72, No. 1/Harmonies du soir" by Sigfrid Karg-Elert, "Variations sur un Noel" by Marcel Dupré, "Sweet Sixteenths: a concert rag for organ" by William Albright, and "Suite for Organ, Op 5" by Maurice Duruflé.



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Mark Fuller

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mark Fuller, piano
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"Bravissimo!" Such was the spontaneous reaction of Olga Kern, one of the world's most celebrated concert pianists, to Mark Fuller's final round performance in the 2007 Van Cliburn international amateur piano competition. This performance not only earned him the silver medal, but the first prize from the press jury, composed of music critics from around the United States. Fuller has also been heard on NPR's "Performance Today," and is featured in the documentary film *They Came to Play*, a New York Times Critics' Pick. He lives, works and teaches in Phoenix. ●

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THURSDAY,
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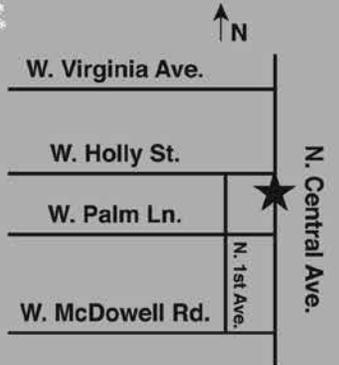
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Willo Home Tour Signs the District PHX as Main Sponsor

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The DISTRICT PHX

THE WILLO HOME TOUR

Committee is excited to announce that The District PHX has been named the main sponsor for this year's Willo Historic Home Tour & Street Fair happening February 11. As part of this innovative partnership, The District PHX will also provide extensive marketing services for the event with the goal to attract even more attendees to the

30th anniversary festival.

The District PHX helps foster collaboration between neighbors and investors to restore, improve, and revitalize the charm of Phoenix neighborhoods. The organization works with homeowners who need or want to sell their home quickly, regardless of the reason. At the same time, The District PHX helps neighbors protect their most important asset, their home, by revitalizing or rebuilding the property completely in harmony with the existing neighborhood.

Andy Griffin, co-founder of The District PHX, says "Willo has always held a special place in the hearts of those who love the charm and character of Phoenix's historic neighborhoods. The pride of ownership

within Willo is a shining example of how a historic neighborhood should look and feel. The District PHX could not be more proud to be a part of the 30th Annual Willo Historic Home Tour."

"The Willo Home Tour Committee is excited to work with The District PHX as they have a proven track record in supporting other Phoenix historic neighborhoods and generating a lot of buzz among their local connections," says Don Vallejo, Willo Home Tour Committee Co-Chairperson.

Visit www.willophx.com to purchase tickets for the main tour as well as the special Willo Affair event on February 10. For more information on The DistrictPHX, visit www.thedistrictphx.com. ●



Historic Home Project

THE DISTRICT PHX RECAPTURED

the charm of this model home built in 1925 in the Coronado historic district of Phoenix. One of the organization's most special projects, this home retains its charm with modern amenities including new electrical, new plumbing, and a tankless water heater.

The District PHX remodeling team removed over 90 years' worth of paint to bring the flooring, casings, and niches that were custom-built back to new again. They restored all the original windows, door knobs, and hinges to ensure that this premiere home could still serve as a model to the Coronado historic district. ●

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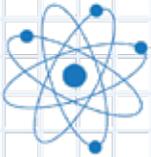
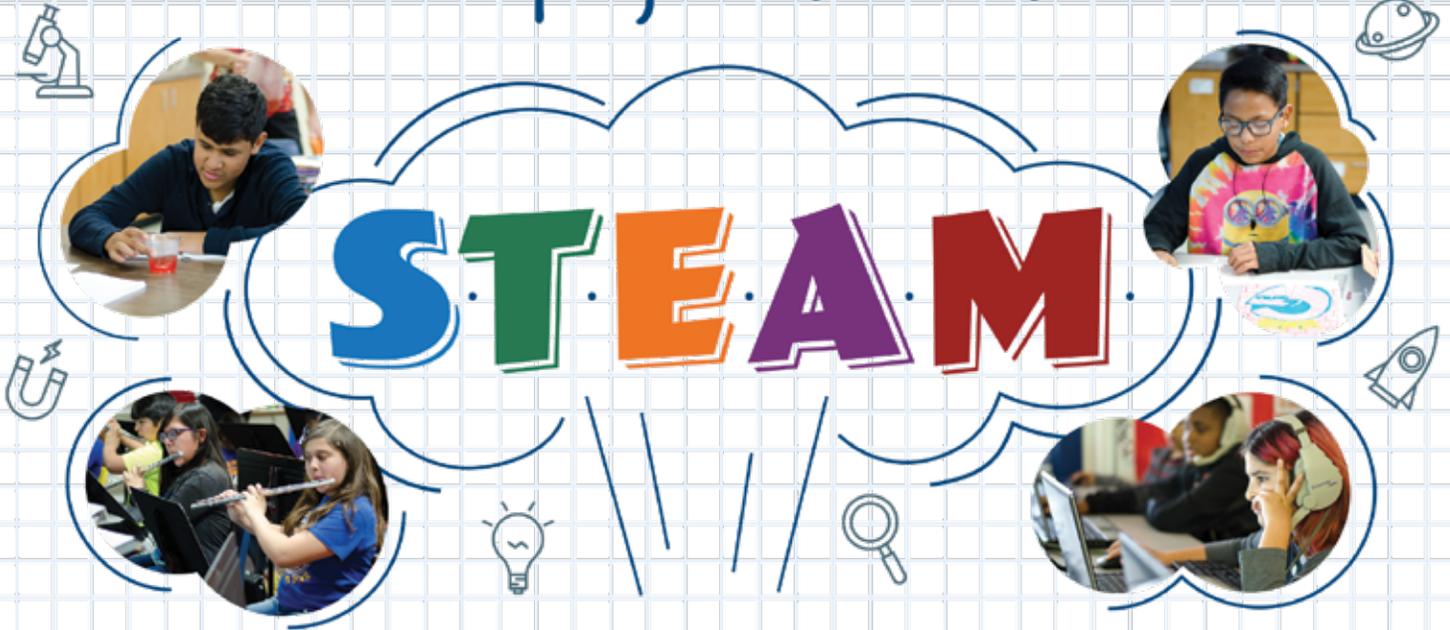
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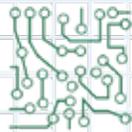
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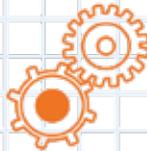
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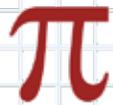
Engineering

Lego® Robotics, K-Club Builders, Rocket Building



Art

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Mathematics

RoboCode: Robotics & Coding, Math 20/20, Math Night



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