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Willo Jumps into Spring Planning

WILLO BOARD CHANGES:

Paul Benjamin and Nikki Armstrong decided not to run for the recent Board Election, and we thank them for their years of service and dedication to our neighborhood. Nikki did an outstanding job as Editor of Inside Willo.

Board Member Sandra Lefcovich will transition to her role this spring as the Editor. Nikki will remain the Social Committee Chairperson.

The Board welcomes Anna Lauri as a newly

elected Board Member. All other Board Members and Officers remained the same.

SPRING YARD SALE:

Spring Yard Sale will be Saturday, April 13th beginning at 7 am. (see related article on page 21)

ZONING COMMITTEE:

The Zoning Committee has been very busy this past spring. Please see the update on page 25.

Special thanks to the committee for their efforts!

HOME TOUR STRATEGIC VISION SUMMIT:

On Saturday, April 13 at 9:00 a.m. at the Fairfield Hotel on Central/Virginia, we will be holding a 2-hour session on "The future strategic planning of the Willo Home Tour." This meeting is open to everyone, and the meeting will cover the following:

- ◆ Brief Qualitative and Quantitative History
- ◆ Best Practices
- ◆ Our Competition
- ◆ How do we improve the process of securing Homes?

The meeting will focus on the success and spirit of our neighborhood and how we can work together as Team Willo.

Our next Willo Board meeting is April 11, 2019. Please plan to attend! ●



ABOUT THE COVER

Willo in bloom. Orchid tree on 5th Avenue.

Photos by Diana Herman (Monte Vista)



New Term Begins for Neighborhood Association Board

ELECTIONS FOR THE WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD

Association Board were held on Thursday, March 14. Most board members ran for re-election, with one new addition, Anna Lauri. This term will run through March of 2021. Board officers are: Bob Cannon, President; Brad Brauer, Vice President; Charlene Gum, Secretary; and Linda Doescher, Treasurer. Other members are: Ann Bommersbach, Lisa Helm, Anna Lauri, Sandra Lefcovich, Gene Nance, Jeremy Schachter, Opal Wagner, and Patrice Wappel. Congratulations to

all, and the neighborhood looks forward to your good work over the next two years. Contact information for all board members as well as committee chairs can always be found on page 5 of this newsletter. There is one vacant seat on the board. If you or someone you know is interested in serving, contact President Cannon to discuss. You can see the board in action every second Thursday, September through June, at the monthly Willo Neighborhood Association meetings. See the Calendar of Events on page 27 for more information. ●



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The Willo website, www.willophx.com, contains information on neighborhood activities, committees, and board meetings. The website is frequently updated and contains an archive of *Inside Willo* editions. During Home Tour season, tickets for the event can be purchased online.

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 willophx.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 250-500 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*. *Inside Willo* does not accept political campaign ads. A copy of *Inside Willo* is also posted to the Willo website each month.

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farm at <https://www.cartersfarmaz.com/>

◆ **ENCHANTED ISLAND AMUSEMENT PARK** is having a Free Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday and Sunday April 20th and 21st starting at 10:00 am, with 10 designated time slots for your child's age. Bring your own basket to collect prize filled eggs. There will be 40 Grand Prize Eggs. The times for

the hunt are as follows: **Child's AGE/ Time::**
 1/ 10:00, 2/10:20, 3/10:40, 4/11:00, 5/11:20
 6/11:40, 7/12:00, 8/12:20, 9/12:40, 10/1:00

The Easter Bunny visits 9-3. See more details at www.enchantedisland.com ●

Please contact Sheryl Haarman (slhaarman@aol.com) if you would like to volunteer for WKC.



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**Urban Nocturnes
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May 5, 4PM

Artist	Genre	Date-Time
ASU Music Students	Mix Ensembles	Feb 1,
Helios Shades of Gray	Vocal Ensemble	Feb 10,
Phoenix Chorale Two Paths in Choral Music	Lecture	Feb 12,
Arizona School for the Arts Guitar / Dance Ensembles and Vocals	Guitar, Dance Vocals	Mar 1, 6:30 PM
Phoenix Chorale A Chorale Celebration	Lecture	Mar 19, 6:00 PM
ASU Professor Nathan Myers' Voice Studio	Vocal Ensembles	Apr 5, 6:30 PM
Arizona School for the Arts High School Piano Students	Classical Piano	May 3, 6:30 PM
Urban Nocturnes \$15.00 Spring Concert	Chamber Music	May 5, 4:00 PM
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BY DECKER WILLIAMS (WINDSOR)

EXPLOSIVE GAS ALARMS ARE needed for Willo homes that use natural gas for stoves, water heaters, and furnaces. I will not go into details about smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms, as public service announcements tend to prod us into why we need them. I will say, buy at least two each for your home and make sure that they have a battery backup, if they are hard-wired, or install an additional battery-operated smoke alarm.

You don't hear as much about explosive gas alarms, but if you have natural or propane gas appliances such as a stove, oven, water heater, and/or furnace, then you need these alarms in your home.

Natural gas is odorless, so the gas company does put mercaptan (bad perfume) in it so you will 'hopefully' smell a gas leak. Most smoke alarms and CO alarms will not detect natural gas leaks.

If you have gas appliances in your home, purchase explosive gas detector alarms to

keep you and your family safe.

I responded to incidents where people died in home fires where fire alarms were not installed, wiring was disconnected, or batteries not replaced. Defective furnaces killed occupants where CO monitors were not installed. Spend at least \$50 on a wired, battery backup explosive gas alarm. ●

Decker Williams is a retired Chief Officer of the Phoenix Fire Department.

WINTER IN WILLO

Recent winter storms brought flooding to our neighborhood and snow elsewhere in the Valley.



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Street Smarts: Tip of the Month

BY LISA HELM (PALM LANE)



DID YOU KNOW THERE IS A \$189 fine for using an alley for through traffic? Phoenix City code 36-61, which refers to vehicular traffic, says “no person shall use an alley within the city as a thoroughfare...” While the applicability to pedestrians can be questioned, the City of Phoenix prohibits vehicles from using alleys as a means to get from one street to the next. The alleys in Willo are intended for residents’ access, trash pickup and utility maintenance.

Willo has a significant amount of illegal “cut-through” traffic, especially from 1st Avenue to 3rd Avenue, and during rush hour. These are drivers who are trying to get around the dead-end streets or avoid traffic backups. Most are from the businesses along Central, some are people who are lost, and others are our neighbors looking for shortcuts.

The use of alleys stirs up dust and is unsafe, so please don’t use them unless necessary. If you encounter others using them, remind them that there are children

playing, pedestrians, and pets, along the sidewalks. Careless driving could have life-changing repercussions.

The speed limit in alleys is 15 mph.

When entering the roadway from an alley or driveway, you must stop before reaching the sidewalk, even if there is no stop sign. The fine is \$189 for failure to stop, and also \$189 for failure to yield. Drivers must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and approaching vehicles. Look both ways, and be safe! ●



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HOLIDAY LUMINARIA 2018 RECAP

BY CHRIS NORTON (LEWIS), CHAIR OF THE LUMINARIA COMMITTEE

HAPPY BELATED NEW YEAR

everyone. I hope you enjoyed the holidays and Willo's luminaria. Yes, there were some mixed impressions regarding the big change this year. But before delving into that, I'd like to thank all the block volunteers. Willo had 100% coverage this year. Not one block was dark! And the volunteers did an amazing job after the event.

As you read this, I hope you'll ponder what luminaria means to you. "Why" should the neighborhood do it? "Why" do you enjoy it? "What" would you like your experience to be? For me luminaria isn't just about paper lanterns. It's about community. At the end of this article there will be a link to an online

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survey where I hope you'll contribute thoughtful feedback. Luminaria is for all of us and your input counts!

THE CHANGE MADE: QUALITY AND COSTS

There are 44 blocks in Willo. Each block receives supplies to build 250 luminarias. In November, the Willo board voted to switch from using 3 wax tea lights per bag

could be repurposed, but the spent wax tea lights went to a landfill. Since they are contaminated with burnt wicks and wax, they are not recyclable according to City of Phoenix recycling guidelines. Prior to presenting the LEDs to the Board, I had researched how to recycle the CR2032 batteries they use. I learned that any Batteries Plus store in the valley will accept used batteries for recycling free-of-charge.

candles each night. Feedback I've seen online from others was they felt it would be worth a "few extra minutes" to light wax lights instead of using the LEDs. But the reality of lighting an entire block is a bigger effort than that. Block captains expressed gratitude at not having to take time off each night to light candles.

Another recurring suggestion I heard from volunteers was to include December

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to 1 LED tea light thus replacing 33,000 non-recyclable candles with 11,000 reusable LEDs.

Over the years, the quality of the wax tea lights previously used has declined. In 2017, some only lasted 1.5 hours even though the wax was rated to have a 4-hour burn time. I received complaints and my own testing validated the decline in quality. Additionally, rising costs were a factor. After an extensive search, a reasonably priced, better quality 6-hour burn-rated wax tea light was found. However, it was only 8% cheaper than a reusable LED tea light. By replacing only the batteries in 2019, the neighborhood stands to realize a 32% cost savings. Since the performance of the tea lights was questioned, switching to LEDs seemed to make sense from a cost perspective. Also, LEDs do not pose a fire hazard.

REUSE/RECYCLE

Last year a survey was given out after the event to the 44 volunteers who organized their blocks. They made it clear that going forward a big "why" for them was a desire to make the event more eco-friendly. The paper bags could be recycled and the sand

The board considered steps we might take to educate volunteers and residents to ensure the return of LEDs after the event. Several measures were used as each year there are residents who clean up after the event without being involved or informed as a volunteer. Of the 11,000 LED tea lights distributed, Willo got back 10,618 which have been placed into storage for reuse in 2019. I had projected a loss of 8-12% and this represents a 3.5% loss. We also got back unused bags and boxes that will save \$200 next year. Thank you volunteers and neighbors. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

FEEDBACK FROM OTHERS

In collecting the LEDs from block captains after the event, I had the opportunity to speak with many of them. The feedback I heard was they LOVED not having to light

25 in luminaria. Since they wouldn't have to light LEDs, they wouldn't have to leave their family and friends during Christmas dinner. Personally, I love this idea. What do you think?

ONLINE SURVEY

Again, what is your "why"? What would you like to see? This is a holiday tradition to be enjoyed by the entire community that takes real effort to happen.

It seems to me the real question here is: Were the LEDs pleasing enough or was their performance so unacceptable we should switch back to traditional tea lights?

The link at bottom is for a quick survey with multiple choice questions and opportunities for you to share your thoughts. The results will be aggregated and shared anonymously. We need to hear from you! ●

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As you may recall, we are in the process of selling my father-in-law's home in California. The selected Realtor sent over the paperwork for me to review. Wow, how things are different! There, the agents are required to inspect and report a visual inspection of the home in addition to the homeowner report. Not in AZ! Also, they have a surveillance clause. This one I liked! It states that a homeowner MUST disclose if they have any cameras or listening devices in the home. In this day and age, this is very common, and I am always advising buyers to watch what they say inside the home. I'm never one to show our hand! Keep it to yourself until we get in the car! In California they also require that toilets only use 1.2 gallons per flush and that shower heads to only spit at you, not actually wash you. I am all for saving our precious water resources, but come on! But, mark my words, if it happens there, it isn't too many years before it comes this way!

I am happy to report that our market is doing quite well. Not crazy, but not chicken little the sky is falling either. If you have read my column with regularity, I am a broken record on this. You will never time the market just right, so buy when you need to buy, sell when you need to sell. That being said, inventory for good homes is low, so Nicholas Yale is on the hunt for new listings!

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This is my 20th year in real estate. To be perfectly honest with you, I had no idea I would last this long! When another agent in my office told me that AOL was going to put us all out of business I figured I would get a few years out of it. But here I am, AOL be damned! Ha! The landscape of our jobs has certainly changed over the years, but the fundamental role has not. Take clients hands and lead them through an often scary, uncertain and financially consequential event. How an agent handles that will determine how long they can survive the industry. It is a tough business, for sure, and not every client is peaches and cream, but overall, it has been a wonderful career for me and I am looking forward to 20 more! *N.Y.*



Willo Neighborhood Association (WNA) Meeting Agenda

Fairfield by Marriott at Corner of Virginia and Central
Thursday, April 11,, 2019 • 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

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Approval of March Minutes

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New Business

OUR NEXT MEETING IS MAY 9, 2019!

AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Phoenix Explores Shared Electric Scooters

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE

Street Transportation Department will present information to Willo residents at the April 11 meeting regarding the city's pilot program allowing use of shared electric scooters (e-scooters) in the downtown area. Street Transportation staff have developed the proposed program requirements based on shared mobility programs from other municipalities and associations. In addition, staff met with various potential e-scooter vendors and City Council Subcommittees to share the proposed policies. The department is now in the process of presenting these

proposals to community neighborhood associations to gather additional feedback. At the April 11 meeting, staff will explain what shared e-scooters are, the program's boundary limits, and proposed regulations such as staging locations, parking, and general program requirements.

It will be important to establish metrics and collect data to help determine final policies; therefore, staff will collect data on: ridership trends, number of incidents, completed surveys, number of e-scooter replacements and community feedback. The next steps for the proposed pilot

program are: to have council approval to modify an existing ordinance to allow e-scooters and finalize the pilot program permit requirements. Once the pilot program starts, the department will provide a summary to council within the first 3 months. They also have to determine the pilot program term length; it will be either 6 months or 12 months.

Willo residents interested in learning more about e-scooters and/or who wish to provide feedback on e-scooters should plan to attend the meeting on Thursday, April 11. ●

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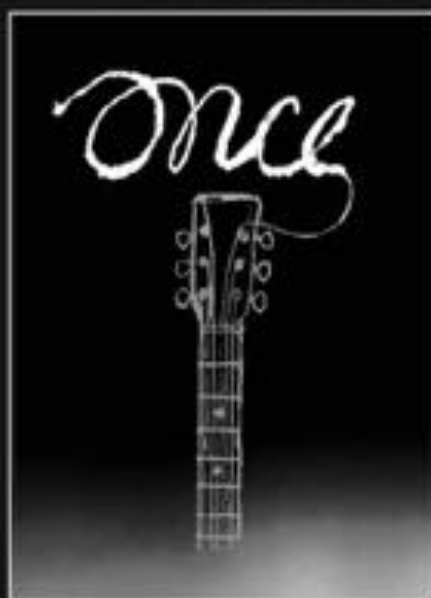
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New Management Re-Opens zpizza

BY PAUL BENJAMIN (VIRGINIA)

THERE'S NOTHING MORE controversial than opinions on pizza. zpizza on Thomas recently re-opened under new management and I was asked to write a review. First my pizza cred... Pizza is without a doubt my favorite food. Not only do I like the gourmet pies that you will find at places like Pizzeria Bianco and Pomo Pizzeria, but also the stereotypical pizza with tomato sauce, mozzarella and pepperoni that you can find just about anywhere. I prefer thinner crusts, prefer New York pizza over Chicago style and detest deep dish pizza. "It's not pizza, it's a casserole." -Jon Stewart Locally, I like Bianco, Pomo, Fired Pie and Streets of New York and am not a fan of NYPD Pizza, La Piazza PHX or Forno 301.

zpizza was, for years, my go-to place for everyday pizza, usually delivery. I also make pizza at home, and zpizza was where I bought dough. My favorite thing about zpizza was the crust. I was really disappointed when it closed, and although I knew it had re-opened, I had not been back until I was asked to write this review. That gave me an excuse to order a pizza. Pizza is always a good idea.

I used their online "build your own" pizza. Testing things out I wanted a half "Napoli" -- housemade roasted garlic sauce, mozzarella, roma tomatoes, parmesan, fresh basil -- and half traditional tomato

sauce and mozzarella, but the interface gave me a hard time adding pepperoncini. I did my best and at 5:25 hit submit, asking for a 6:30 delivery. Within 5 minutes I got a phone call, where an employee asked to clarify my (admittedly confusing) order. I explained what I was trying to do and got a cheerful "I can absolutely do that". Encouraging.

At 6:22 I got a text from DoorDash that Dasher Keegan was delivering my pizza at 6:29. Encouraging. We live, per Google Maps, a 2 minute drive from zpizza. I'm not sure what Dasher Keegan was doing for the next 26 minutes but the pizza arrived at 6:48. Sadly, it was cold. Maybe either DoorDash or zpizza should invest in those insulated warming sleeves that places like Domino's use.

There were a lot of positives here. They went the extra mile to make sure that they had my order right, which they did. My dining companion and I both thought the roasted garlic sauce was great. I was less enthused about the tomato sauce but



maybe that was a temperature issue. We differed on the crust. I thought it was as good as ever, she thought it was a little chewy, either undercooked or suffering from the temperature drop. Overall it was a pretty good pizza and worthy of another order.

I missed zpizza and I'm glad that they're back. They're making good pizza and are an asset to the neighborhood. They do have some kinks to work out in their delivery process. Next time, and there will be a next time, I'm trying carry-out. ●



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spark joy. If you are selling on Yard Sale day, please remember to properly dispose of any unsold items, which means please do not leave random things in our alleys that encourage dumpster diving.

This year we are excited to have Community Action Officer Ben Harris and friends from the Phoenix Police Department on hand in Walton Park (3rd Avenue and Holly/Monte Vista) offering bicycle registration from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00

p.m. Registering can help police return your bicycle to you if it is stolen. Registering your bike (or bikes) is free! It is also easy: bring your bike to Walton Park, fill out a form, and the officers will take a photo of your bike and place a sticker on it for identification.

Also, there may be food trucks around Walton Park on Yard Sale day. Come out and enjoy camaraderie with your neighbors hosting sales, shopping, or simply appreciating our beautiful neighborhood. ●

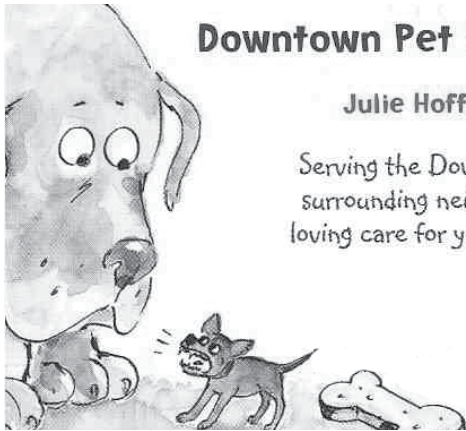
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Heard Museum Features Work Influenced by Mexico

BY PHILIP TALARICO (EDGEMONT)

WHAT A RARE OPPORTUNITY

the Heard Museum is offering to the Valley with its presentation of Josef Albers in Mexico, organized by the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York, and curated by Lauren Hinkson.

The show opened on February 1, 2019 and will be running through May 27th, 2019. Josef Albers in Mexico is an exhibition that shows the influence and connectivity between the work of Albers (German, 1888-1976), and the abstracted geometric vocabulary of pre-Columbian art, architecture, and material culture.

Albers and his wife, Anni Albers, took frequent trips to Latin America, with particular interest in Mexico – visiting the country more than a dozen times from the 1930s to the 1960s. Josef Albers' fascination with the visual culture of Mexico left an indelible mark on his own artistic production and methodology, with sites like Teotihuacán, Chichén Itza, Monte Albán, and Mitla infiltrating the visual framework of his work.

Included in the exhibition are over 400 works, including rarely seen early paintings by Albers, seminal works like Homage to the

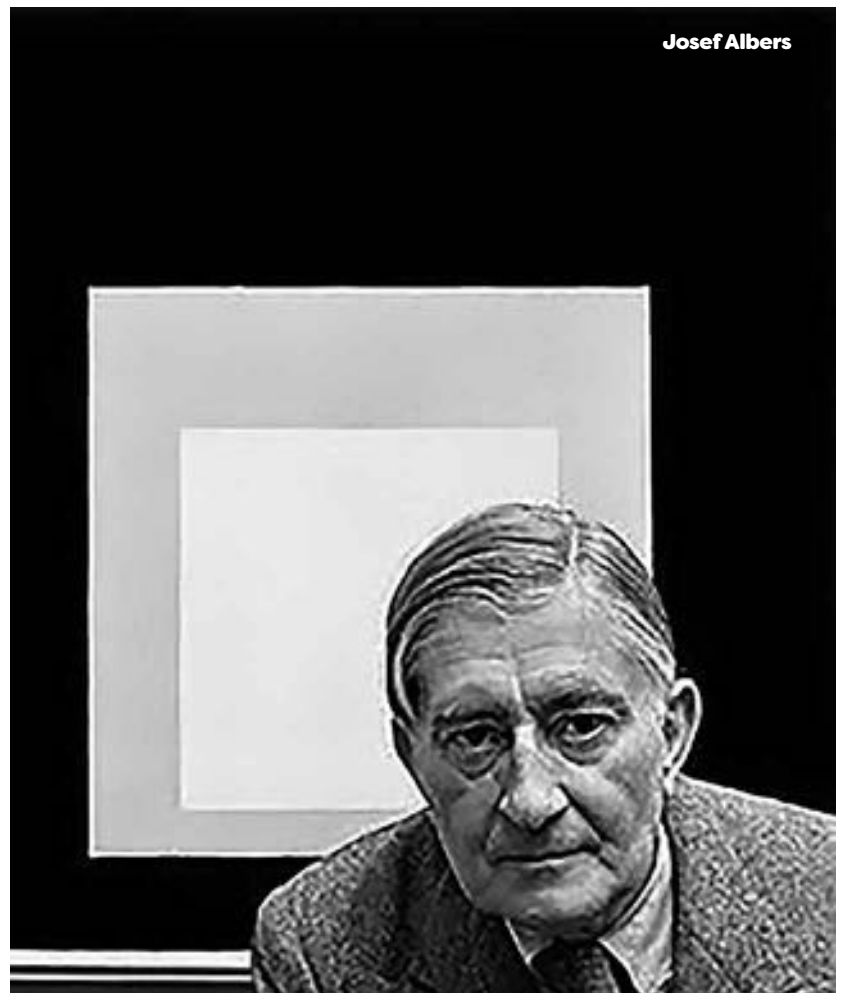
Square and Variant/Adobeseries, works on paper, and a selection of rich photographic and photo-collage work, many of which have never before been on view.

Admission to the Heard Museum is \$18 for Adults, \$15 for Seniors (65+), \$7.50 for children age 6 to 17 and Students (w/ college ID). Admission is free for children 5 and under and for Native Americans (with tribal

ID). Free to members.

Free general admission on each First Friday of the month from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

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ZONING UPDATE

BY OPAL WAGNER (CORONADO)

◆ **A VARIANCE TO INCREASE**

the maximum letter height of a sign on the south elevation of 2333 N. Central Ave. to 14" (12" maximum allowed) was approved on 2/14/19 with the stipulation that the LED bulbs be limited to a maximum of 3000 Kelvin color temperature. (ZA-12-19-4)

◆ A Certificate of Appropriateness was approved on 2/27/19 for a 646 sq. ft. west side addition at 330 W. Virginia Ave. The project meets historic preservation guidelines and was recommended by Historic Preservation Office staff without stipulations. (HPCA 1800521)

◆ A variance to allow a maximum letter height of 30" for wall signs at 2535 N. Central Ave. (12" maximum allowed) was denied as filed on 2/28/2019. Letter height was limited to 24" and a dimmer switch must be installed to control the brightness of the signs and be dimmed by 10:00 p.m. Applicant shall provide a notarized statement confirming

that 3000 Kelvin color temperature lighting modules were used. (ZA-27-19-4)

◆ A Certificate of Appropriateness for over-height fences and gate after-the-fact and 294 sq. ft. addition to north of existing garage (corner lot) at 333 W. Coronado Rd. was approved with stipulations on 3/6/19: 1) That the fence (approximately 6' 9") and gate (approximately 6' 6") along 5th Avenue, be reduced to 6' in height; 2) That the approximately 7' 4" fence at the alley may remain, subject to zoning approval; 3) That the garage addition height be at or below the height of the existing garage (which is 12' at its ridge); 4) That a clear and accurate plan set be submitted for final approval. This will include a clarified roof plan, correct elevation labels, accurate roof heights including that of main house, accurate documentation of wall and gate location along 5th Avenue, and that no curb cut or additional driveway will be poured along 5th Avenue. (HPCA 1700546). The decision was appealed by the applicant

and will be heard by the Historic Preservation Commission on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St., Phoenix.

◆ A use permit to install large, bright white 5000K LED signs at the top of the north and south sides of the tower at 2020 N. Central was heard on 3/14/19 and was continued to 5/2/19 at 9:00 a.m. NOTE: The proposed 5000K LEDs for this sign are the same as the BMO Tower signs when they were first installed (before neighbors negotiated a 50% reduction in power to the signs). The proposed 2020 N. Central signs will be visible from many homes and yards on the north and south side of the tower. Anyone with concerns about the signs at this location should plan to attend the hearing on May 2nd. (ZA-53-19-4). ●

Each of the above hearings was attended by one or more members of the Willo Zoning Committee. Check willophx.com for updates.

LET'S MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO MORE MISTAKES LIKE THE BMO SIGNS!

Coming soon?
 Another huge, annoying face-lit LED sign like BMO will invade our homes –unless we act.
 Here's what you do can to stop it!

The building at 2020 N Central Ave has asked the City of Phoenix for a 'MAJOR' amendment to the building's Comprehensive Sign Plan to erect huge, face-lit LED bright white signage to invade our homes, yards & balconies. At a City hearing on March 14, dozens of residents opposed the sign (no empty chairs in the room). After unanimous testimony & emails against the sign from 100+ residents, the Hearing Officer said he would deny it unless the applicant offers more information & changes in a 2nd hearing on May 2. **YOU CAN STOP THIS SIGN FROM BEING APPROVED.**

1- **ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING & STAND UP** with your neighbors on **Thurs, May 2 at 9:00 AM** (City Hall – 200 W Washington St -1st floor).

2- **FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS AT www.willophx.com**. Sometime after mid-April, send an email to Hannah.bleam@phoenix.gov – but we need to see what changes the applicant proposes (on April 25) before sending emails prior to the May 2 hearing. **So the Willo website will update you with details.** The neighborhoods are against the 'glare' from the bright signage at 5000 Kelvin 'white color' (street lamps are only 2700 Kelvin 'white color'), the front face-lit lighting, & the size of this sign. This is 'light blight', an 'invasion', a "trespass", & an 'intrusion' to your property. Send questions to us via our webpage's Contact form, or send emails to other neighbors fighting this sign at StopBrightSigns@gmail.com. 3-15-19

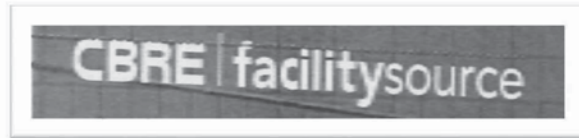
Summer 2016: Erected by BMO on Central Arts Building (Dial Building) at 1850 N Central Ave. Our community fought & won 50% brightness reduction on this '5000-Kelvin' sign ('5000 Kelvin = ultra-white'). **"But still too bright"**



Proposed 2019: Proposed face-lit LED '5000 Kelvin' sign below – for the north & south sides of 2020 N Central Ave – is LONGER than BMO & will face Willo, Phoenix Towers, Regency, Tapestry, Alvarado & more historic neighborhoods. But even a shorter, smaller face-lit LED sign will harm us!



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THURSDAY, APRIL 4:
CITY OF PHOENIX COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING, DISTRICT 7, 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M., College Depot, 2nd Floor, Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9:
CITY OF PHOENIX COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING, DISTRICT 4, 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M., Rosenberg Building, Melvin L. Cohen Conference Room, Phoenix Children's Hospital, 1919 E. Thomas Rd.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11:
WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING @ 6:30 P.M., Fairfield Inn and Suites on the corner of Virginia and Central.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12:
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SATURDAY, APRIL 13:
WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE, See the article on page 21 for more information.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14:
KIDS CLUB EVENT IN LEWIS PARK, 4:00 TO 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16:
U-HAUL FARMERS MARKET: 10:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.,

U-Haul Campus, 2727 N. Central Ave., Look for the Farmers Market in the rear parking lot, off of E. Roanoke Ave.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18:
CITY OF PHOENIX COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING, DISTRICT 4/7, 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M., Ballroom, Encanto Park Clubhouse, 2605 N. 15th Ave.

REMEMBER: To keep up-to-date on happy hour information, please send an email to willosocialcommittee@gmail.com so you will have the latest details sent to your inbox. ●

COMMUNITY BUDGETARY HEARINGS

Residents are invited to attend community budget hearings to discuss the City Manager's 2019-20 Trial Budget. At the hearings, residents will have an opportunity to comment and provide input on the 2019-20 trial budget. Phoenix City Council members and city staff will be available to answer questions. For more information on the meetings, visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/budget>.

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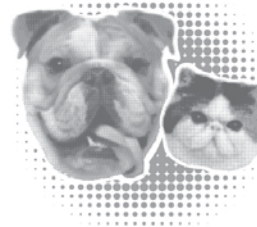


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100 W. Palm	ACTIVE	\$449,000
322 W. Cambridge	ACTIVE	\$480,000
49 W Lewis	ACTIVE	\$489,000
346 W. Encanto	ACTIVE	\$498,500
501 W. Edgemont	ACTIVE	\$525,000
546 W. Encanto	ACTIVE	\$549,900
76 W. Virginia	ACTIVE	\$575,000
309 W. Coronado	ACTIVE	\$589,000
325 W Palm	ACTIVE	\$595,000
501 W. Encanto	ACTIVE	\$599,900
38 W. Wilshire	ACTIVE	\$599,900
521 W. Monte Vista	ACTIVE	\$609,900
2016 N. 1st Ave	ACTIVE	\$779,000
41 W. Edgemont	PENDING	\$375,000
313 Lewis	PENDING	\$435,000
522 W. Almeria	PENDING	\$464,950
502 W. Windsor	PENDING	\$485,000
52 W. Lewis	PENDING	\$485,000
505 W. Cambridge	PENDING	\$535,000
325 W Cambridge	PENDING	\$585,000
522 W. Windsor	PENDING	\$585,000
123 W. Granada	SOLD	\$532,200
317 W. Coronado	SOLD	\$550,000
127 W. Granada	SOLD	\$575,000
535 W. Wilshire	SOLD	\$660,000

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New Holiday Luminaria Tradition

BY LARA SANDS (MONTE VISTA)



WILLO NEIGHBORS, bicyclists, children, coffee enthusiasts, and other visitors gathered at Walton Park (3rd Avenue and Holly) on the second night of luminarias to celebrate together.

A very jolly Santa (Willo resident Marco Bianco, Edgemont) arrived on a bicycle decorated with holiday lights and three glowing reindeer. He merrily worked the crowd, handing out candy canes and glow-in-the-dark bobbles to families brought out by the Willo Kids' Club. Meanwhile, the adults patronized the First Place Coffee truck, which served up hot beverages and pastries from Ollie Vaughn's for three hours.

A hundred or so bicyclists gathered in the first part of the evening, and hung around the park until the 6:30 p.m. ride set off to zig zag through the neighborhood to admire the luminarias and other holiday decorations. Many cyclists had decorated their bikes with colorful holiday lights as well. Ride leader Suzanne Day of the Phoenix Spokes People, a local bicycle advocacy group, said, "What an impressive show of community! Thanks, Willo, for creating such a magical place to ride."

Willo resident Gail Skeens (Granada) said, "This was our first year experiencing [the luminarias] but we thought it was

amazing! All around, it was beautiful and we loved watching the people come by especially the bicycle parades."

Willo President Bob Cannon (Cypress) later reflected on the evening, "The Neighborhood certainly looked magical at the festive gathering in the park, which included poinsettias, decorated bicycles, a terrific coffee truck, Santa Claus, and many people walking and enjoying our beautiful neighborhood admiring the beautiful luminarias, and all of the festively decorated homes in our neighborhood."

Perhaps this is the start of a new Willo tradition! ●

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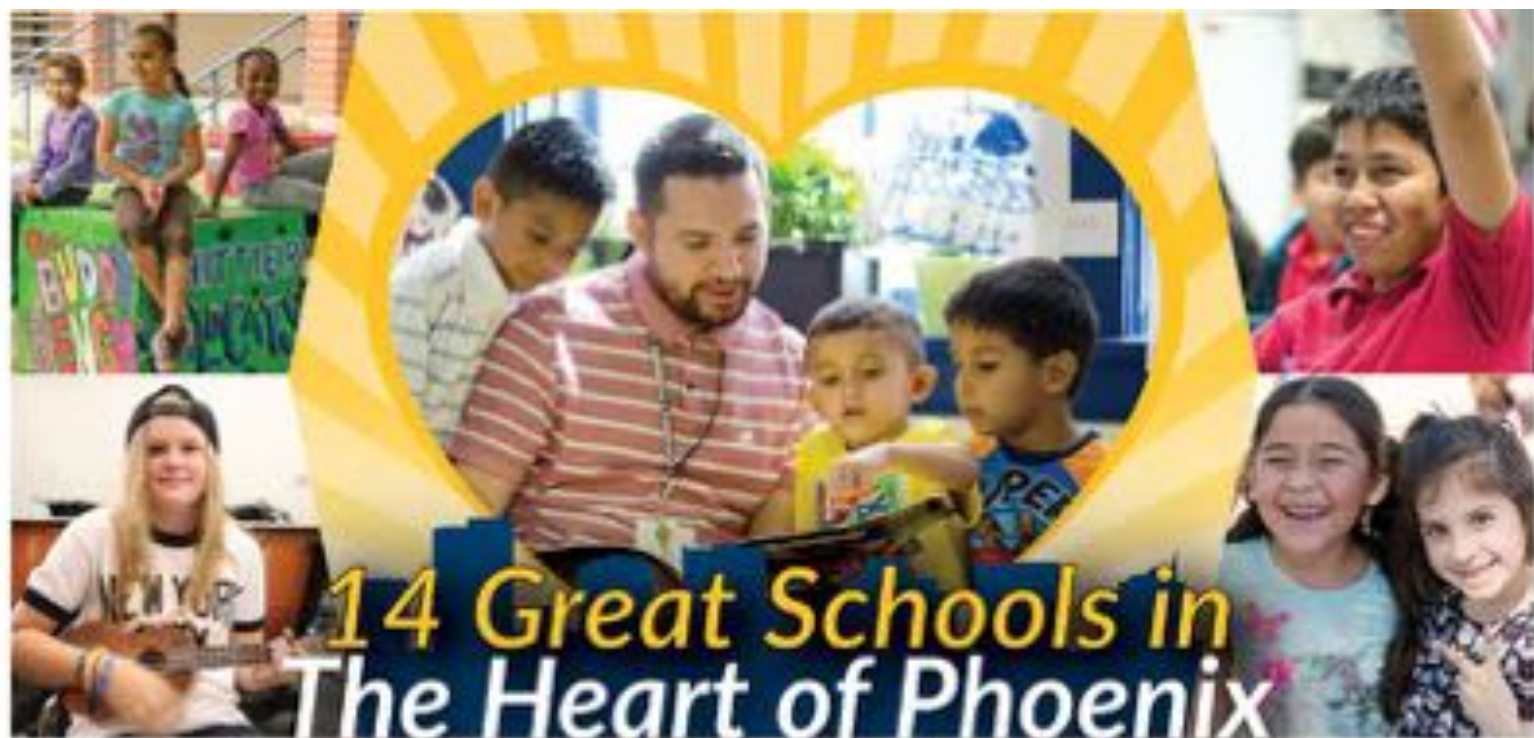


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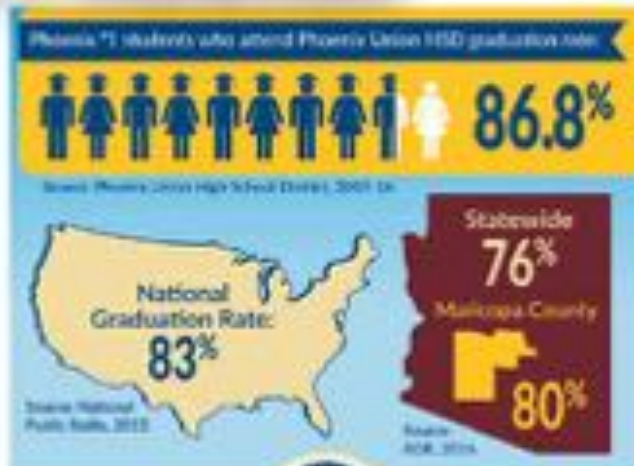
At Phoenix Elementary School District #1, we are inspiring EVERY child to achieve! We definitely mean EVERY. Students are achieving and growing, and as a result all of our schools are performing with A, B and C school labels. Our students who attend Phoenix Union are graduating at higher rates than those students in other feeder elementary school districts. And, based on a Stanford University study published in *The New York Times* in 2017, our student growth rate is at the 95th percentile and even surpasses student growth rates at many of the wealthier suburban school districts.

Our children are happy, learning and engaged in all the programs and activities needed for a well-rounded education, and to ensure students and staff have all the support needed, we offer:

- ♥ A nurse or nursing assistant on every campus.
- ♥ A social worker on every campus.
- ♥ A psychologist on every campus.
- ♥ Before & after free, student care (PEER) for children of working parents.
- ♥ Free breakfast & lunch.
- ♥ Free after school sports 5th- 8th grades.
- ♥ Art, music & physical education on every campus.
- ♥ Mindfulness programs to reduce anxiety & promote well-being.
- ♥ Strong academics!

Our schools are inclusive of all! We are free, public education! We welcome all students, family and staff with respect and dignity. Join us today in the heart of Phoenix to learn, grow and prosper in our Phoenix #1 community!

Inspiring Every Child to Achieve



DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

WHEREAS, Phoenix Elementary School District #1 recognizes the education of our children is a shared responsibility among our community members;

WHEREAS, Phoenix Elementary School District #1 believes the key to a successful education includes a safe, welcoming environment for all students, their families and members of our Phoenix Elementary School District community;

WHEREAS, Phoenix Elementary School District #1 prides itself as a community that treats one another with respect and dignity;

WHEREAS, Phoenix Elementary School District #1 promotes cultural awareness, diversity and dual-language;

WHEREAS, Factors such as race, ethnicity and socio-economic status must not be allowed to hinder student achievement;

WHEREAS, A diverse community with a vibrant immigrant population is an integral part of Phoenix Elementary School District #1;

BE IT RESOLVED, on the 6th day of December 2014, Phoenix Elementary School District #1 commits to fostering an inclusive school environment that promotes dignity, respect and equity for all cultures.

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4/15 deadline. Visit PhxSchools.org

Our Preschool - 8th Grade Schools: ♥ Bethune ♥ Capitol ♥ Dunbar ♥ Edison ♥ Emerson ♥ Faith North ♥ Garfield ♥ Heard ♥ Herrera Arts & Dual Language ♥ Kenilworth ♥ Lowell ♥ Magnet Traditional ♥ Shaw Montessori ♥ Whittier