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Happenings this Spring & Summer

WILLO HAPPENINGS...

Spring is full swing in Willo, and we all know the Summer season is around the corner. During April, the Kids Club had an event (see page 15), and the Spring Willo Yard Sales was a success (next yard sale is the

2nd Saturday in October) ...and of course the ever famous Willo Happy Hours continue to be well attended and everyone gets to enjoy a Friday evening with friends, and neighbors.

approved at the April Meeting. The budget provides funds for our Parks, Willo Kids Club, Willophx.com Web site, Luminarias, Insurance and Liability protection, *Inside Willo*, Vision 3.5, GAIN event, Yard Sale support, Meeting room rental, Willo Storage expenses, and General Administration Funds. The Willo Budget is supported 100% from Home Tour Profits which were near \$29,000 this past year.

WILLO HOME TOUR STRATEGY ROUNDTABLE MEETING, AND WILLO 2020 HOME TOUR CHAIRS:

A meeting was held on April 13, 2019 to address the Willo Home Tour Vision for

the future. (please see page 7). The Willo Home tour is on a five-year decline in ticket sales, revenue, and net profit. Although we continue to have the most successful Home tour in the City of Phoenix, I felt it necessary for the overall strategic vision of the Home tour be discussed as summarized on page 7.

All of the volunteers and Willo residents who graciously open up their homes are appreciated by everyone and we look forward to Home Tour 2020.

Congratulations to Brad Brauer, and Ellen Fong who were appointed as Willo Home Tour Chairs for 2020.

Next Willo Board of Directors meeting is May 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm, and as always, open to the public.. Details are also on willophx.com ●



ABOUT THE COVER

Beauty blooming on Almeria

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ANNUAL BUDGET:

The Willo Annual Budget was unanimously



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Maintenance Program, the Street Transportation Department will be accelerating pavement maintenance work on many of the city's major streets during fiscal years 2019 through 2023. The accelerated program will significantly improve the condition of some of the city's most deteriorated major streets and will be accomplished in conjunction with the pavement preservation program for local and collector streets. The streets included in the city's pavement maintenance work plans for

fiscal years 2019 through 2023 are shown on the interactive street maintenance map available through the link provided below. For more information about the Accelerated Pavement Maintenance Program, visit the program webpage atphoenix.gov/PavementProgram. ●

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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 is not 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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The Planning Begins for
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FRESH OFF THE HEELS OF our 2019 home tour, our first order of business is to give a callout to: WHT2019 co-Chairs Samantha Keating and Anna Lauri, for their leadership; to committee chairs and their teams of volunteers for their tireless efforts; and last, but not least, to the homeowners who opened up their beautiful homes, without whom, the tour wouldn't have happened.

APRIL 13TH WILLO HOME TOUR VISION MEETING

The meeting turned out to be a terrific brainstorming session. After a comprehensive 5-year review of noticeable trends and identifying ever-evolving dynamics, there were a number of key takeaways and observations. Ultimately, it was agreed that key to our tour successes has been to build upon our strong sense of community, and the pride that we collectively have in distinguishing Willo as

one of the most desirable neighborhoods to live in Phoenix.



INCOMING CO-CHAIRS FOR 2020 WHT: BRAD BRAUER AND ELLEN FONG (MONTE VISTA)

Brad and Ellen are excited to spearhead next year's WHT. They will endeavor to integrate all the inputs from the April 13th session into a cohesive and focused strategy

to include:

- ◆ Enhancing marketing outreach
- ◆ Engaging new faces to join our seasoned corps of volunteers
- ◆ Exploring the depth of talent and resources within our Willo community
- ◆ Ensuring that everyone is given the opportunity to contribute and to enjoy the tour experience

Already, a number of homeowners have expressed interest in showcasing their homes for the 2020 WHT, and we're off to a great start!

There are numerous ways to get involved: whether it's offering your home to be on tour, joining one of the tour committees, and/or accessing resources that will enhance the tour experience. Stay tuned as Brad and Ellen get the ball rolling. They will be looking to each one of you to join in the fun, especially if you haven't already! It takes a village! Contact Brad and Ellen at 2020willohometour@gmail.com. ●



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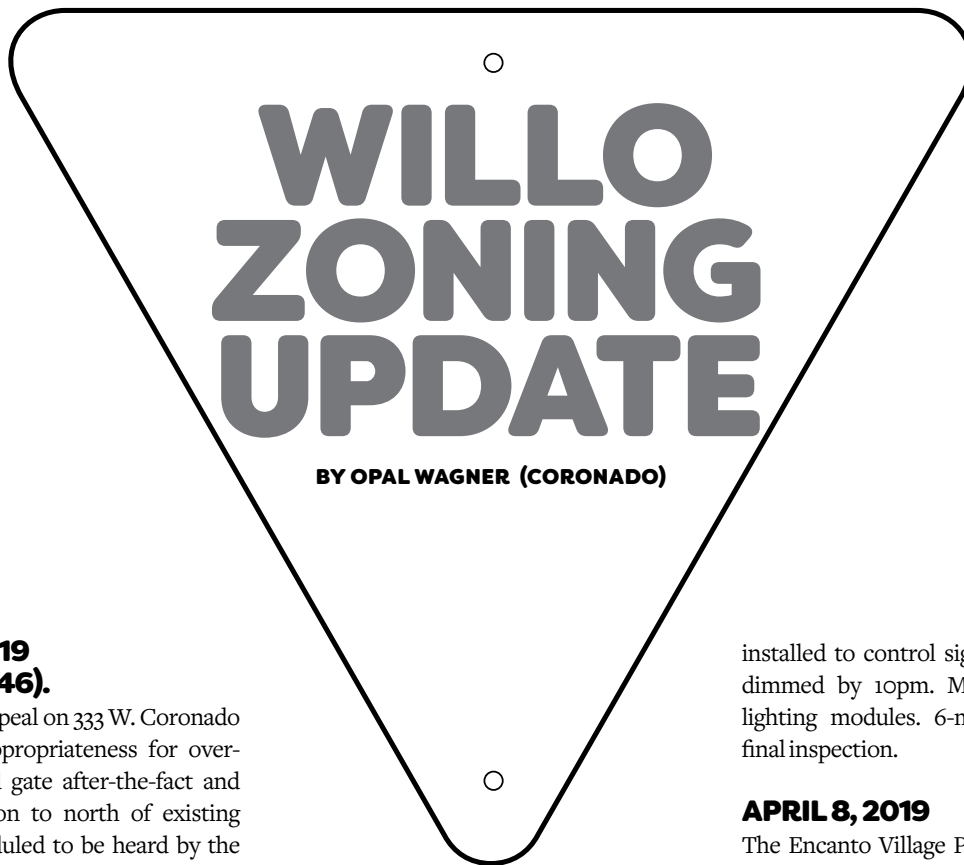
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**MARCH 6, 2019
(HPCA 1700546).**

The applicant’s appeal on 333 W. Coronado (Certificate of Appropriateness for over-height fences and gate after-the-fact and 294 sq. ft. addition to north of existing garage) was scheduled to be heard by the Historic Preservation Commission on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ. The item was continued to May 20, 2019.

MARCH 14, 2019

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 continued to May 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. NOTE: This is the same Kelvin temperature 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 12-story tower. Anyone with

concerns about the signs at this location should plan to attend the hearing on May 2nd and/or send an email to zoning@phoenix.gov with a copy to hannah.bleam@phoenix.gov with item no. ZA-53-19-4 in the subject line.

**MARCH 21, 2019
ZA-69-19-4**

2401 N Central Avenue. (Variance to increase the maximum letter height for a wall sign on the south elevation and west elevation to 26.5 inches. Maximum 12 inches permitted.) The variance was approved with the following stipulations: Dimmer

installed to control sign brightness, to be dimmed by 10pm. Maximum of 3000K lighting modules. 6-month review from final inspection.

APRIL 8, 2019

The Encanto Village Planning Committee (EVPC) approved rezoning of the lot at the NW corner of 1st Ave. and Virginia from Commercial Office to PUD (Planned Unit Development) to allow single-family residential (attached and detached). The Planning Commission will hear the case on May 2, 2019. Z-92-18-4

The EVPC also approved rezoning of the 40.51 acres at the NW corner of Central and Catalina from C-2 HR TOD-1 to WU Code T6: HWRMT to allow mixed use.

APRIL 11, 2019

Zoning Adjustment Hearing re 101 W. Granada variance to allow an over-height wall of 7’4” in the alley. Maximum 6’ permitted. Approved. ●

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Social Committee Update

BY NIKKI ARMSTRONG (GRANADA) • Photos by Diana Herman (Monte Vista)

A FEW MONTHS AGO, I WAS appointed as the Chair of the Willo Social Committee. Now that Sandra Lefcovich has taken over as the Editor of Inside Willo, I have a bit of extra time to think about how the Social Committee might expand its offerings to the neighborhood beyond monthly happy hours.

Happy Hours

The main function of the Social Committee has been organizing our neighborhood happy hours each month. Last year, a couple of brilliant changes were made: first of all, happy hours are now on the second Friday of each month, so they do not conflict with first or third Fridays when there are other activities happening downtown. Secondly, last summer we started hosting happy hours all year long, which is nice for neighbors who do not take off to cooler climates and still want to relax with friends even when it is still close to 100 degrees at happy hour time...

That being said, if we continue to have summer happy hours in 2019, hosts are needed! I have happy hour hosting vacancies for June 14, July 12, and August 9. If you are interested in hosting this summer, please send an email to willosocialcommittee@gmail.com. Please also use this email to request that your email address be added to the Social Committee's email list. I send reminders to everyone on the list each month when the happy hour approaches. There are also hosting vacancies in the fall and winter, so if you would like to plan ahead and host either October 11, November 8, or December 13, let me know.

Happy hours are a great way to get to know your neighbors, whether you are the host or an attendee. We ask that attendees bring a drink and a snack to share. Happy hours are informal events, usually outside,



depending on the weather. You will find that long-time Willo residents are eager to welcome newcomers, and it is always an interesting mix of people.

Other Potential Activities

One of the reasons I am excited to work on the Social Committee is that I love to throw parties! I am brainstorming some ideas for other events that the Social Committee could sponsor to get neighbors together. It seems wise to start small, perhaps with only two or three other events in the next year or so, in addition to the happy hours,

as we gauge everyone's interest in doing different things. Please take some time to complete the survey found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHCGJ7M>

The survey allows you to indicate your interest in different potential events as well as provide your own feedback or other ideas you might have for social events for Willo residents. Please also feel free to communicate via email with any suggestions or ideas.

If we have not already met, I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood in the future! ●



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BY LISA HELM (PALM LANE)

TRAFFIC CIRCLES, DIVERTERS

or roundabouts are confusing, especially if you don't even know what to call them. They are traffic calming designs around a central island but are designed for different situations. According to ADOT and most definitions, roundabouts are smaller and simpler in scale and designed for much slower speeds (15 to 20 mph), such as in residential neighborhoods, as opposed to the freeway traffic circles on I-17. The City of Phoenix says it depends on whom you ask. Whatever you call them, in Phoenix they are relatively new, not very common, and very expensive to install. Love them or hate them, Willo has two of them, and they certainly slow traffic.

While studies show they are generally

much safer than intersections with stop signs or traffic signals, some basic rules will help make them easier to understand.

Did you know that you have to yield to ALL traffic in a roundabout no matter from which direction it is coming? The fine for failure to yield is \$189. No one street or approach has priority, so all drivers must slow down when approaching a roundabout, promoting slower speeds on both streets. Since traffic is not required to come to a complete stop, drivers have shorter delays. This increases the intersection capacity, and reduces fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

This configuration reduces the severity of accidents by eliminating the potential for head-on and right-angle crashes.

Cars should always yield to pedestrians and bicyclists that are crossing the road in a marked or unmarked crosswalk.

While walking or bicycling, be aware that drivers often cut across the lane lines and move out of their normal travel paths near the circles. They may occupy space near the curb normally used by cyclists or pedestrians. Pedestrians should cross the street outside of the roundabout and stay out of the central island.

In Willo, the bike lane merges with one of the car lanes in the roundabouts. Since autos and bicycles travel about the same speed around the circles, it is safer for cyclists to merge into traffic and follow the same rules of the road as motor vehicles. ●

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In April I was able to take some time off and really chill. We went to Hong Kong, Taipei, Shanghai and Tokyo. I do not think I will eat rice for a few months, or get the smell of a fried octopus out of my nose, but what a magical part of our world to visit. I love to travel internationally, and only in part because I am a foodie snob, but more so because it is the only time I truly take a deep breath and relax. Sure, we can take a trip to California, but I am still checking email, returning phone calls, etc. But put me on a cruise boat with \$7.00 a minute internet and I just lock the phone in the safe and go have a martini and let my team back home handle the fires. Of course, once I come back then it is truly FULL STEAM AHEAD and I am roaring to work. That, my friends, is called a #Recharge!

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If you recall from last month, we have been in the process of selling my father-in-law's home in California. What fun that has been to sit on this side of the table. It went up for sale and it was a feeding frenzy with 5 offers, accepted one, they canceled before the ink was dry, went to the 2nd offer, they accepted and then canceled because they felt 'rushed' and then we circled back to the very first offer and are now on track to close by the end of the month. Whew! It made me smile to know that my theory still rings true: the first offer is always the best offer. I also took a back seat and bit my tongue and let the CA agent do their thing. For those that know me, that was quite a feat! Selling real estate is quite a roller coaster and having a good rail to rely on (ie a GREAT agent) really makes all the difference between a good experience or a nightmare of a transaction.

Our little brokerage continues to grow. We had an amazing Q1 and Q2 is looking even better. Our agents are some of the best in the business. One of the cool things we do is our weekly "Broker Council Fireside Chat" where we sit around and have some wine and whine about the business or learn something new. In April, we sponsored a 1031 investment guru to come speak to our agents. A 1031 is where you sell an investment property, buy another and defer the taxes due. With so many people sitting on so much equity right now, we felt it was a valuable lesson to be learned. We also had a financial advisor come in and shame our brokers into starting or beefing up their retirement savings. We talked about how we can help mold the young buyers into maybe buying a slightly cheaper house and taking the difference and setting it aside for retirement. Now that is full service! That is Brokers Hub. That is "Elevating the Standard™".



Willo Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Thursday May 9, 2019

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OUR NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 13, 2019!

(AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Willo Kids Club

BY VALERIE GENTZ (LEWIS AVENUE)

WE HAD A GREAT EVENT APRIL 14 with Carter's Farms. Everyone got to pet and brush a number of goats, lambs, chickens, and an alpaca. A special Thank You to Sheryl Haarman for planning the event.

WKC will have a short break for summer, but will plan more events once school is back in session. We will have a fun water event at the end of summer. We will also have a planning meeting around this time for future WKC events. Look in your email for further details. Please contact Sheryl Haarman if you would like to volunteer for any WKC events slhaarman@aol.com.



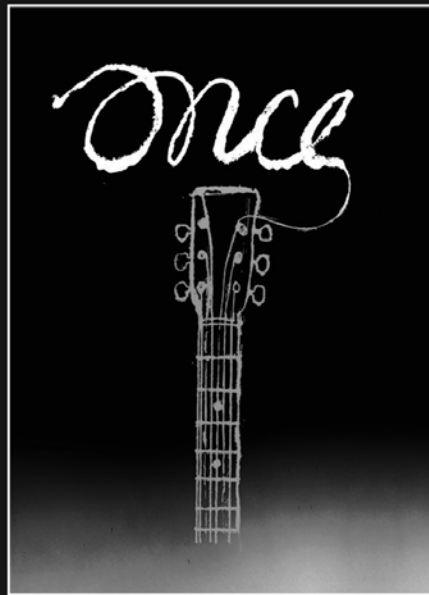
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Willo Book Club

BY DIANA HERMAN (MONTE VISTA)



IN SEPTEMBER 2013,

Victoria Norris and Val Turner who live on Monte Vista decided to start a book club. What began as a small group of 4 or 5 women and was called the Monte Vista Book Club has grown to over 20 members. As it grew, it was opened to everyone living in Willo. (Women only....sorry fellows... A welding club for guys, Dudes of Willo, is in the works though.)

Willo Book Club meets once a month from September through May at the homes of the members. Members who host pick the book to read/discuss for their host night. Our motto is 'Come and visit with us...you don't

have to read the book. Just stop by and say 'Hello' and enjoy a light snack and a glass of wine -or 2'.

We do discuss the books chosen, discuss happenings in Willo and enjoy each other's company all while enjoying our wine.

Book titles cover all genres: from mysteries, biographies, narrative non-fiction, personal narrative, thrillers, historical fiction and humor to fiction and non-fiction. Several times local authors have come to the meetings to discuss their books. Paul Mosier, author of *Echo's Sister*, joined us last year to share his sad yet heartwarming story of the loss of his daughter. Jana Bommersbach, author of

several books relating to the Phoenix area (including *The Trunk Murderess: Winnie Ruth Judd* and *thedeatgirlinthecantlot* will be speaking again at our club in May.)

Field trips are a part of the Willo Book Club, as well. A few years ago after reading *Derby Girl*, the club attended a competition at the Arizona Roller Derby rink on west McDowell to cheer on one of the book club members who was competing that night. Last year we attended the movie "The Notorious RBG" then enjoyed dinner out after.

We would love to have anyone in Willo join us. Please contact Diana Herman if you are interested: dcherman@msn.com ●



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We are working with Door Dash to make adjustments in their operational procedures to help with our food quality when it gets to your door. The first of which is to make sure that every delivery driver has a hot bag. The other is a more important departure from their normal process of “batching” deliveries. The delivery drivers are currently open to pick up other deliveries on their way to delivering our food to our customers. This is where Keegan was while your food was getting cold. It was not his fault. He was merely following Door Dash’s procedures. We are working with their regional rep to change this, so that all zpizza orders will no longer be batched with other orders. This will allow our deliveries to be taken straight to our customers without stopping to pick up other orders.

Secondly, zpizza is working diligently to fix issues with our Online ordering system. The ultimate goal is to find a better online partner. However, we have already started to work on the current system, to try to make some improvements that will make our customers’ ordering experience less confusing. Unfortunately, this is not an easy task, as there are many moving parts.

I am grateful that you felt the pizza was worthy of another try. Whether you choose to dine in, pickup or try delivery again, I look forward to serving you a hot, fresh pizza on your next visit.

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BY PHILIP TALARICO (EDGEMONT)



MELODY SMITH, VALLEY artist, was born in Southern California and holds a BA Degree in Art.

She now calls Arizona home and has been living in the East Valley for the last ten years. Always a full time artist, Melody has made a career in the art world from being an Art Director and Designer in Los Angeles

and Orange County working on projects for Mercedes Benz, L.A. Philharmonic, L.A. Marathon and a multitude of high end after-market car products and high tech gear to teaching at all grade levels to now exhibiting and selling her art professionally. Her experiences allowed her to travel and soak up other cultures, which you will see in her

collection of art.

Being around a lot of cultural diversity has really influenced her art. She defines her art as “Contemporary Urban Eclectic” - a mix of modern pop art and urban designs in acrylics on canvas and wood. Melody puts a modern flare on urban trends incorporating graffiti, tattoo, folk art, and city dwellings. She is well known for her brilliant colors and whimsical interpretations.

Melody participates in about 20 shows per year and sells her art at various locations and online. Her last large juried show was at the Tempe Festival of the arts in the Spring/Fall and her last large solo gallery show was at ASU Gammage for 6 weeks during the production of “Wicked” last October. ●

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MAY 8:

**WALKPHX WEDNESDAYS
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THURSDAY,
MAY 9:

**WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION MEETING @
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FRIDAY &
SATURDAY,
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| 100 W. Palm | ACTIVE | \$415,000 |
| 542 W. Cambridge | ACTIVE | \$439,000 |
| 49 W Lewis | ACTIVE | \$459,000 |
| 322 W. Cambridge | ACTIVE | \$479,900 |
| 346 W. Encanto | ACTIVE | \$498,500 |
| 501 W. Edgemont | ACTIVE | \$499,000 |
| 546 W. Encanto | ACTIVE | \$539,900 |
| 534 W. Almeria | ACTIVE | \$549,000 |
| 331 W. Edgemont | ACTIVE | \$549,000 |
| 76 W. Virginia | ACTIVE | \$575,000 |
| 309 W. Coronado | ACTIVE | \$579,000 |
| 325 W. Palm | ACTIVE | \$595,000 |
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| 2016 N. 1st Ave | ACTIVE | \$779,000 |
| 69 W. Virginia | PENDING | \$374,000 |
| 41 W. Edgemont | PENDING | \$375,000 |
| 521 W Edgemont | PENDING | \$418,500 |
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| 522 W Almeria | SOLD | \$455,000 |
| 52 W. Lewis | SOLD | \$485,000 |
| 522 W. Windsor | SOLD | \$565,000 |
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Solar Panels on Historic Homes

BY GENE NANCE (PALM LANE), HISTORIC REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL COMMITTEE



MOST OF OUR HOUSES in Willo are getting reduced property taxes because they are contributing to a historical neighborhood. There are several conditions including 50 years old, owner occupied, and an unchanged curb view from when originally constructed. It is possible to change the front view if you get permission from the Historical people, but they must approve your plans as “contributing”.

If you are planning solar panels, make sure they don't show from your curb view. Houses on the North side of a block have a problem if the roof faces the South or sun. A solar salesman might not reimburse you if the Historic people don't like your view. Tesla is coming up with solar panels that look like shingles and tiles, but that is a topic for another day!

Some friends of mine even had problems with replacing their roof under the 10 year

old solar panels. The old comedian Red Skelton used to joke that “his teeth were in perfect condition, but the gums would have to go!”

If you have any questions on historical registration or renewals, please telephone me at (602) 252-5397. I do volunteer work so please call me before 8 a.m. and after 4 p.m. I don't have caller ID and will always answer the phone---even if you are a solar salesman! ●

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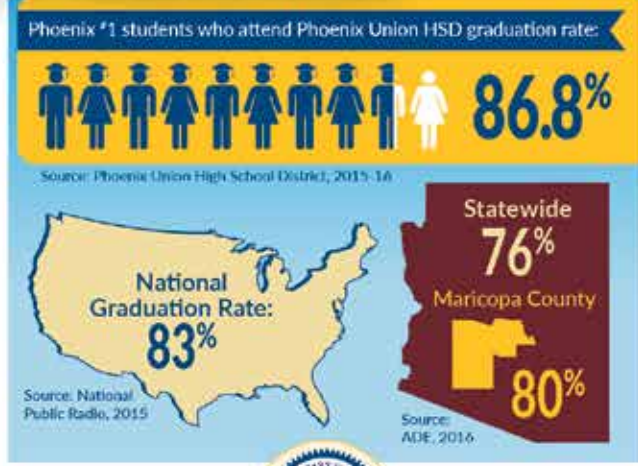
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