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2020 HAS CERTAINLY BEEN different from any other year so far, and as summer approaches, we are finding new ways to celebrate everything that is wonderful about summer in Phoenix as well as a keeping ourselves, and the children entertained and active. In this issue you will find many new ideas for activities within the neighborhood.

BUDGET TIME

The Board will vote on the annual budget at the June 18, 2020 meeting currently scheduled for 6pm at the Fairfield by Marriott on Central near Virginia Avenue (see page 9 for agenda) The plan is to conduct the meeting maintaining social distancing protocols, but this may have to change; if so, the meeting will be held via ZOOM. Please monitor willophx.com or 'The Official Willo Historic Neighborhood' Facebook page for details. The start time has been moved to 6pm to accommodate summer hours. There are no meetings scheduled for July or August.

5G EQUIPMENT

Please refer to page 7 for continued specifics of the 5G structures installation process in Willo. The information presented has also

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Thank you to everyone for displaying your White Ribbons of Hope. It has been wonderful to see trees, houses, and doors decorated to show our support. We all appreciate our neighborhood and especially our neighbors. Please stay safe and healthy.

Please continue to monitor willophx.com and or The Official Willo Historic Neighborhood Facebook Page for any changes to meetings, or updated information about Willo events, news, and important messages throughout the summer months.

Have a happy, healthy, and cool summer, see you in September! ●



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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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5G Willo Update

BY DR. ROBERT CANNON, PRESIDENT WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS, I have received a several questions regarding “who” decided where the Verizon 5G Small Structures will be placed. The answer is: Verizon.

The Background: The State Legislature in 2017 passed House Bill 2365 providing the right to cellular companies to place small cell structures in the City’s right of way. This law also limits local governments from enacting zoning laws to prevent 5G structures within their jurisdiction.

What IS Willo’s Role: Our main effort has been to communicate to residents (often-times before Verizon and The City) what the overall plan is with as specific and factual information as possible. Detailed specifics on our collaboration efforts have been communicated in previous articles and posts.

What is NOT Willo’s Role: The Neighborhood Association does not, and will not have direct decision-making authority on the

specific location of each small cell structure.

Impacted Residents: Impacted Willo residents have been notified by Verizon with a contact number for questions. The city of Phoenix contact is Ann Griffin, she is the representative for the City in case anyone has specific questions. (Ann.Griffin@phoenix.gov)

Cooperation: Special thanks to Opal Wagner, and Tom Doescher for working with me along with The City, and to Verizon for being collaborative as we try to balance modern technology with our historical neighborhood. Under normal circumstances, I would have scheduled a Neighborhood meeting on this issue. We are the first historic neighborhood to undergo 5G Small Structure Installation. No “best practices” are available to consider. Please remember many stakeholders are involved in this complicated process from the FCC, State Historic Preservation, and the City of Phoenix. The specific decision on the

5th Coronado small cell structure is still pending. The photos below illustrate the 5 sites where 5G the 5G Structure will be installed in our neighborhood. The first four locations for the 5G Structures are confirmed.

Conclusion: We are doing our best to communicate specific, credible, and advance information as listed above and below. Trying to balance the Historical Integrity of our Neighborhood with new technology is a delicate matter, and we are striving to accomplish this balance. As many of our children and workforce are learning and working from home these days, we have wasted no time in getting the issue of 5G to the forefront.

Please check WILLOPHX.COM and The Official Willo Historic Neighborhood Facebook Page for more information and updates throughout the summer.

I hope the above information is helpful. Your cooperation and patience is appreciated. And, of, course, please stay safe. Be well. ●



MONTE VISTA/HOLLY NEAR PARK CURVE: EXACT picture of what will be installed. Using current structure while adding to the top of the pole, and electric box on the ground. Color: brown



5th Avenue-Evancto Blvd SE corner: Pole will be moved several feet to appear EXACTLY as the picture shows. Color: metallic as the rest of the poles in that area are metallic.



SE Corner of Virginia/5th Avenue: Pole will be moved several feet to appear EXACTLY as the picture Color: brown to blend with the homes on that block.



1st Avenue Encanto Blvd/Vernon-Alley Structure will be built from ground up. Picture is EXACT except we have requested no light fixture ... no need to draw attention to the alley as we prefer to reduce alley traffic.



Coronado Road/5th Avenue: As stated earlier, this site is still pending. The picture shown is a possible structure that may be constructed as shown. We are doing our best to move this across to the SE corner of the area, but face multiple challenges with APS, drainage, and easement space.

Social Distancing Events in Willo

BY EDITORIAL STAFF



HAVE YOU NOTICED THE WEEKEND concerts that are popping up in Willo neighbor's front yards?

You may have heard some nice music around Willo on weekends. There has been a selection of outdoor 'porch concerts' put on by various homeowners around the neighborhood. Strict social distancing precautions have been practiced and it has been a chance for neighbors and friends to enjoy musical entertainment during these times of pandemic.

At 528 W. Granada, Alison Daniels has been holding Saturday night concerts on her porch for the last three weeks. The concerts have been starting at 6:30pm, and Alison plans to continue scheduling them through the summer months. There is usually a post on The Official Willo Historic Neighborhood Facebook Page announcing each concert.

This past week's post, for example, read: *The amazingly talented Kim Weston Trio will be at 528 W Granada Rd!!! Look for the cute brick house with the twinkle lights... Bring a chair or blanket, your favorite beverage, and some song requests! They will have a tip jar if you feel so inclined. Hope to see you here! Social distancing is still a thing at our pad and are recommended.*

Other outdoor concerts include John Whitcomb's home at 502 W. Granada. John has been hosting Friday night concerts for a few weeks now. Local celebrities Vinyl Nova, of Home Tour fame, have been playing various venues, the latest one was the front yard at Holly & 3rd Avenue.

Other social distancing activities in the neighborhood have included the visits of a few food trucks. One popular visitor was the Mac & Cheese truck that parked at Walton Park. Diners lauded the the lobster Mac as amazing!

Check the schedule of visiting food trucks here: <https://streetfoodfinder.com/WilloWednesdays> ●



zTo find out what activities are happening each weekend in Willo, please visit The Official Willo Historic Neighborhood Facebook Page or WILLOPHX.COM.



**Willo Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting**
JUNE 18, 2020
(THURSDAY)

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fairfield by Marriott at Corner of Virginia and Central or via Zoom
(Link will be available)

AGENDA

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| Welcome and Introductions
Bob Cannon, President | 5G Update
Bob Cannon and Tom Doescher |
| Approval of May Minutes
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A Floral Surprise

BY ALISON DANIELS (GRANADA)



A WEEK BEFORE MOTHER'S

Day I was stressing out about finances and what the future with my job would be. I am an event planner and have been terrified that my boss will want to reopen our venue before I feel like it safe to do so. I was brainstorming ways to try and make some extra cash and decided to post on the Nextdoor app.

For many years I was a florist, so I put up a simple little post asking the Willo community if anybody would be interested in buying Mother's Day flower arrangements, if I could get my wholesale license set up. I was absolutely overwhelmed by the response, 45 complete strangers said they were in. The next day I figured out my resale license, contacted a local wholesaler and went and bought some flowers to make some mock arrangements. I made two different arrangements and posted them on the Nextdoor app and on the Willo

Facebook page. And, I was absolutely blown away by the response from this community. When it was all said and done I made 50 different flower arrangements, most of which were for people I don't know and have never even met.

I know that times right now are very uncertain and the future of my job security, my children returning to school, and figuring out what the new normal is, is all very terrifying to me. But, the things that I'm seeing in this world literally bring me to tears. We are reconnecting with our neighbors, checking in on our friends, slowing down the pace, spending the most amazing quality time with our children. And, to me this shift in people's priorities is such a beautiful thing to be a part of.

I can't thank everyone in this neighborhood enough. I now have a cushion so that I won't be forced to go back

to work before I feel it is safe. The support from everyone has been amazing. I met so many incredible people, heard such great stories and felt so much love from complete strangers. I have always known that this neighborhood was truly something special, but, last weekend really solidified that for me. I was sent so many touching messages at the beginning of the week... "My Mom loved her flowers so much, you made her day! Please keep this going, I'd love to buy from you weekly."

And, with the outpouring of support, I've decided to keep this going. I'm a florist again after many years away from it, and I couldn't be happier. My heart is so very full. I couldn't have done it without you all! ●

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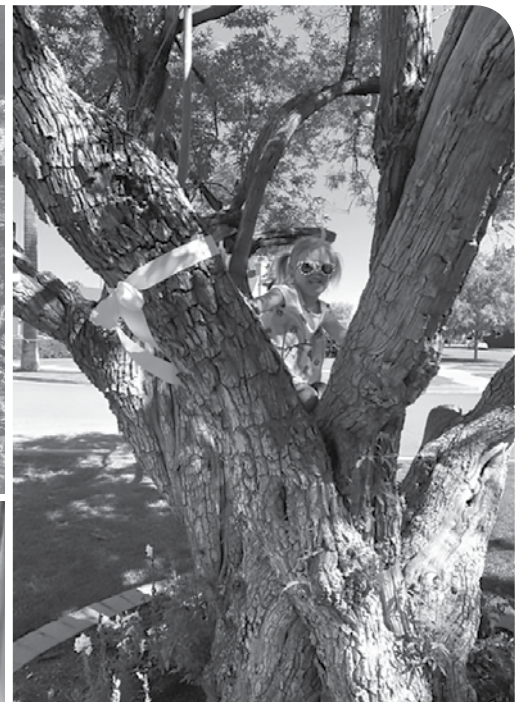
BY VALERIE LANE (LEWIS)

AS CHILDREN, IT IS INSTILLED IN us to be thankful for things we receive and to be grateful for all that we have. Unfortunately, many of us forget these gestures as we become adults with busy schedules and surmounting stress. It is important during these adverse situations that we look for opportunities to be grateful for all that surrounds us.

Willo Kids Club invites you to be a part of a widespread project of gratitude. WKC will be making Kindness Rocks (<https://www.thekindnessrocksproject.com/>) It is as easy as it sounds in that you find a nice flat rock and paint an inspirational message. It can be a message of gratitude, hope, or peace. Feel free to place these in your yard or share with a neighbor. We hope to eventually have the neighborhood

filled with kindness rocks. We would hope that this idea of spreading peace, love and gratitude will spread with more power than this virus. (see page 19 for more on the Kindness Rocks Project)

We will have a recess with WKC group events for now, but we will leave you to enjoy the photos of our Willo Kids having fun at home! Thank you for another great year in Willo! ●





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This ought to not surprise you, but we write these things about a month in advance. Normally, not a problem. The world is pretty laid out from month to month on what goes on. However, WE LIVE IN THE DAMN UPSIDE DOWN right now, so I am going to take a stab in the dark as to what will be going on once this goes to print and you are reading it. Let's start with a memory from my favorite childhood movie: Jurassic Park. You know, the park that opened too soon and all hell broke loose. Sound familiar? It has been over 90 days since the pandemic broke out, so I am sure that we have all been tested by now and everything is just peachy. If only there was a movie about what happens without testing or great leadership. (Cue: "Contagion", great movie to scare the crap out of you, btw!) On a brighter note, the skies have cleared out and the pollution of the earth has started to subdue. Who knew this is what it would take to turn that dial down! A win for mother nature!

However, I know you don't read my award winning column to laugh, you read it for the real estate data. So here goes: It's gonna be ok. I promise. We have seen inventory start to creep up in May, which we needed, and we are starting to see buyers come back into the market, which we also needed. We have currently about 14K active listings for sale and about 3K contracts written per week. This is still very much a sellers' market. #SorryBuyers. What is good news for the buyers out there is that sellers are a bit more willing to entertain an offer or offer a concession they might not have done two months ago. Interest rates have gyrated a bit, but seem to be settling down and I expect as we get closer to election time (don't even get me started) the market will stabilize as we head into the end of the year. Time will tell, and if you asked me 6 months ago if I would be ordering paper masks and gloves to go show homes I would have laughed at you. Life is uncertain, for sure. What I do know is people still need to live in homes. So for that, I think our market will continue. *N.Y.*

Virtual Travel Tours

BY SANDRA LEFCOVICH (CORONADO)

WE HAVE BEEN IN LOCK-DOWN

for more than two months by now, but it seems a lot longer since we have been able to take a holiday or travel anywhere exotic and far away! Through the magic of the internet, we are now able to visit some of the places that maybe are on our bucket lists for 'someday' or maybe they are too remote to even consider... either way, the following links will take you away – there has never been a better time to be an armchair tourist embarking on exotic adventures to faraway, magical lands. Enjoy!



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beaches of the Caribbean are right now...

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a 'sensurround' experience! (please wear a hat) <https://wildearth.tv/safarilive/>

Alternatively, crank up the air conditioner and chill out skiing on the Italian side of Mont Blanc with a visit to Courmayeur for a heli-tour and some downhill skiing: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fi6_jTtDBRo

The National Park Foundation is also offering virtual tours of parks at: <https://www.nationalparks.org/connect/blog/take-virtual-visit-national-park>

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Street Smarts Tip of the Month

BY LISA HELM (PALM LANE)

WHEN IS IT GOING TO RAIN?

Soon, Monsoon!

“Weather” you like it or not, summer is here. The National Weather Service outlook gives a 60% chance of a hotter-than-normal summer in Phoenix. We usually see about 110 days a year that hit 100 degrees or more. We hear a lot about the heat, but we also have to watch out for flooding.

We get approximately half of our annual precipitation in central Arizona during the monsoon, or summer rains. “Monsoon” comes from the Arabic word for season, and it is a reversal of the dry westerly winds that persist from fall through spring and shift to moist southerly winds. While Arizona monsoons are not as powerful or prolonged as those of India, the change in wind direction, intense heat, and increased moisture, bring brief and unpredictable thunderstorms, heavy rain and hail, lightning, high winds, and severe dust storms known as haboobs.

The monsoon storms often cause serious damage as high winds can toss debris around, down trees, damage power lines, and destroy structures.

Old-timers remember the dread of waiting for the first 100 degree day, and similarly, the anticipation of the official start of the monsoon season that used to be determined when there were three consecutive days that the dew point averaged 55 degrees or higher. A hot, dry June would be drenched with a spectacular July storm. In 2008, the National Weather Service designated the monsoon start and end dates as June 15th and September 30th.

Typically, in Arizona, the monsoon season peaks between mid-July to mid-August, but due to the variability in wind patterns and the differential heating of land versus the oceans, it is very difficult to forecast accurately. The wettest season on record was in 1984 when

Arizona received 9.38 inches of rain causing heavy flooding of many roads.

The driest on record was in 1924 when Arizona received only 0.35 inches of rain, resulting in a drought and high hazard for wildfires. According to a recent study from University of Arizona scientists, while the average amount of rainfall remains the same, central and southwestern Arizona are receiving fewer, but more intense, storms than seen 50 years ago.

Flash-flooding occurs in outlying areas due to steep terrain and rapid runoff, and can happen pretty far away from where it is actually raining. Be sure to follow safety advisories and don't try to cross flooded roads or washes. Go to higher ground if you are outdoors.

In the city, flooding occurs in low-lying areas and along roads that have poor drainage. Willo's storm sewer system consists of some interconnected dry wells along 3rd Avenue to store rainwater, and large underground pipes in the rest of Willo that carry the untreated water directly to rivers, washes, and retention basins. This is separate from the sanitary sewer system that goes to the wastewater treatment plants.

Some of Willo's storm system is over 90 years old and more of it was built by the WPA in the 1940s. The old silos made out of brick and mortar are up to 30 feet deep and about 7 or 8 feet in diameter at the bottom. When they fill up after heavy rains, the water backs up causing flooding in the streets and surrounding yards. It can cause a stinky, dirty mess from all of the debris that gets dumped into the gutters.

“EVERYBODY TALKS ABOUT THE WEATHER, BUT NOBODY DOES ANYTHING ABOUT IT.”

Widely attributed to Mark Twain, but more likely coined by his close friend Charles Dudley Warner in the late 1890s.

HERE'S WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT:

1 Prevent neighborhood flooding by cleaning the storm sewer grates and gutters in the streets. Keep them free of debris from fallen leaves, trash, and grass or weeds. Don't let your landscapers blow dirt and debris into the street. [There is up to a \$250 fine for violating the Leaf Blower Restriction Ordinance P-25.]

2 Be prepared for summer storms, power outages, and flooding by having extra food, water, flashlights, batteries, ice, sandbags, and phone numbers to call in case of emergencies. The APS power outage Arizona Public Service (APS), call 855-688-2437. Visit APS's Outage Center webpage for more information.

3 Check out other helpful websites for monsoon safety tips like, <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona-weather/2017/08/02/five-ways-stay-safe-during-arizona-monsoon-flash-floods/505780001/>, or <https://phoenix.org/dangers-of-monsoon-season-arizona/>, and lightning safety tips at <https://www.weather.gov/safety/lightning-science> and <https://www.weather.gov/safety/lightning-tips>

4 And look at great photos of haboobs at https://www.azfamily.com/archives/monsoon-madness-huge-wall-of-dust-rolls-through-town/article_a10bfe40-097f-11e9-949b-6b486a708024.html

Stay safe, and see you 'round the 'hood! ●



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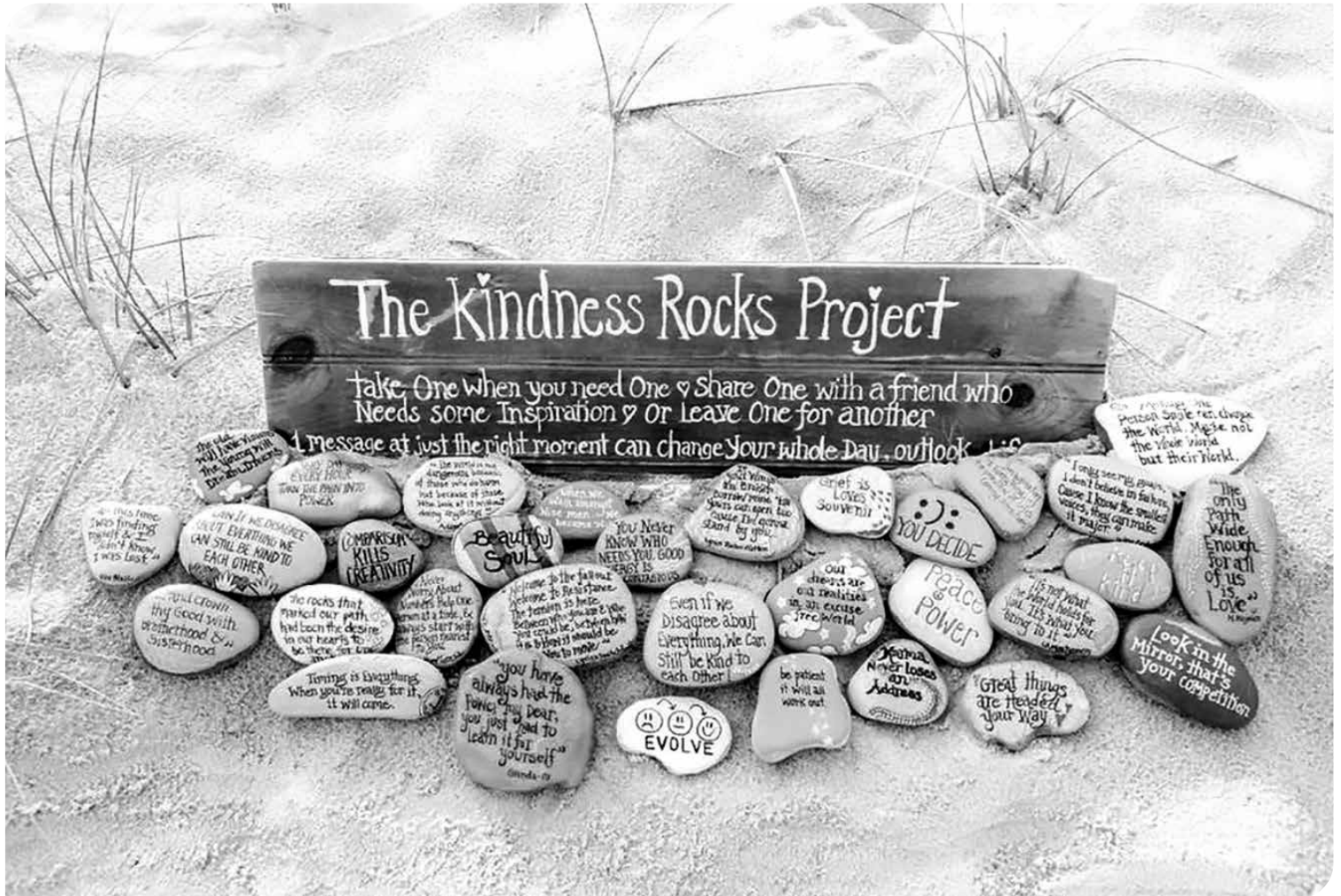
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Kindness Rocks Project

BY MARA REYNOLDS (PALM LANE)

MANY OF YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY SEEN beautiful painted rocks on your walks throughout our neighborhood, at the edge of yards or along hiking trails in the valley. These rocks may have inspirational messages, artwork, or thoughtful questions.

The premise behind this is simply to send a message of hope or to speak to one's heart. How wonderful would it be to have this project right here in our own community! The Kindness Rocks Project has become a worldwide phenomenon so let's join the party! (<https://www.thekindnessrocksproject.com/>)

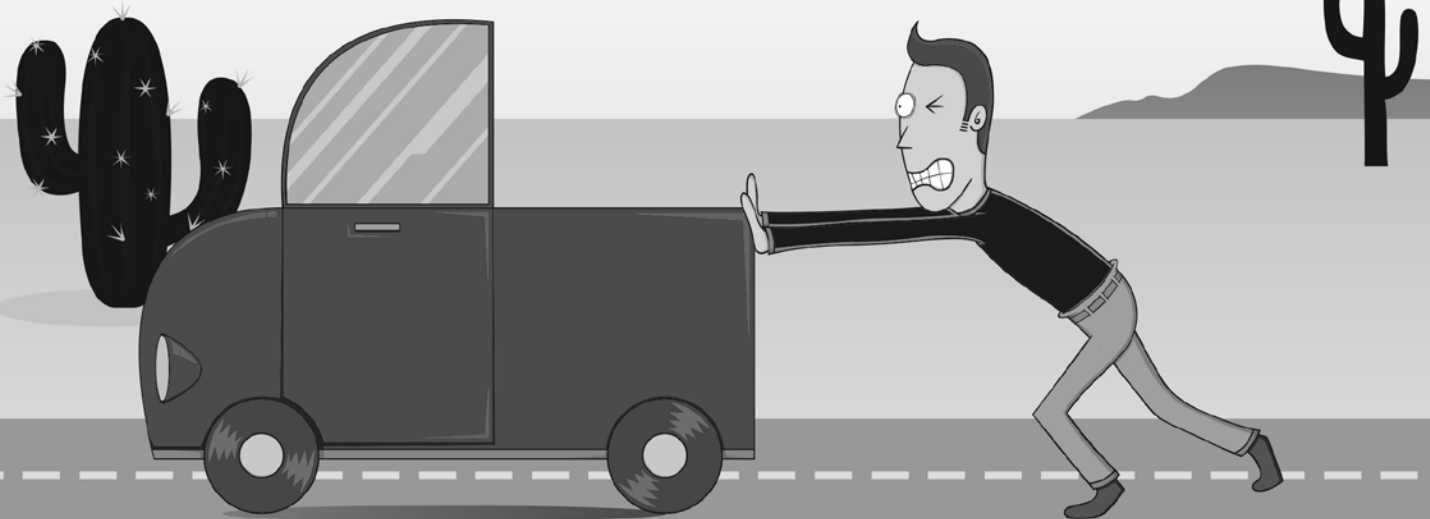
Starting today I invite you to get your art on, have some fun and

share your inspiration with others. Once your rocks are painted you can place them at Walton Park around the trees. If you need a rock to paint, some blank ones will be there to take. If you see a particular rock that speaks to you, take that rock and then add your own to the collection so that your message gets passed on to others.

Take photos of your rocks and share them on Facebook at our neighborhood page "The Official Willo Historic Neighborhood."

Children and adults can join in on this project to share and connect with each other. Don't worry about being fancy. Everyone can spread the joy! (see page 13 for Willo Kids Club participation) ●

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Support Your Local Small Business

BY MARGUERITE, PURPLE LIZARD OWNER



ON MARCH 7TH AS I OPENED MY store at 10 a.m., I had no idea it would be the last time for a while ... and still it is yet to be determined how long it will be! Over that weekend I realized the severity of Covid-19 and its potential to harm people and businesses.

My decision was clear: I would close for my customer's and my safety.

I also realized, that although I had a new website that was in infancy, I needed to totally focus on and fill up my website to show as much as possible with the merchandise in my store, and also to be available by emailing customers or speaking over the phone. We, my husband and I, worked hours and hours to photo, model, and list items. We quickly created a new way for our customers to stay in touch and shop. We are now continually updating our

site daily and offering curbside pickup. I can always be reached by the contact email on our site to answer any questions.

Over the following days, one of my customers contacted me to say that she was making masks and was I interested. By this time many artists and designers were making masks and contacting me to purchase from them. I decided to just meet with my customer Angelica. She wanted to be purposeful and productive and I thought I could help people by selling a quality non-medical mask that was really fun!!! We decide to give it a try.....and ZOOM they took off. They are now available on our website Purplelizardboutique.com under Accessories/Face Masks. They are double layer, great quality, can be washed often. The masks are made one at a time by Angelica, from fun cotton fabrics, and they

are a great buy at \$15. She is now hand beading Virgen de Guadalupe masks which are priced at \$30. We have collaborated to donate batches of 30 masks at a time to Phoenix Children's Hospital.

We feel so very good about donating the masks, since this was always about helping others, not about making money! We are still closed as I don't feel it is time to open yet. The support from the community of many small businesses, like mine, has been a beautiful thing.

Thank you for your support in any way you can. I have received many lovely emails of encouragement. Small businesses are truly the backbone of any community. The creativity, diversity, strength and passion is reflective of the community and help us all to better!!!

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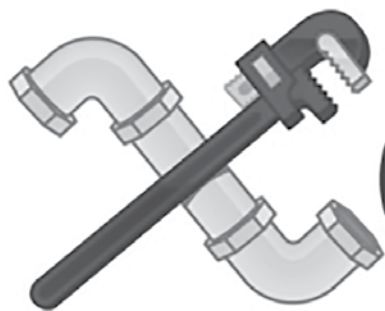
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Willo Stuff by Stuff

HI NEIGHBORS. Stuff offers up several thoughts this month.

A Fantasy Email from Bubba on Sixth Ave: Flag Day and Vexillologists!

DEAR STUFF,

I see Flag Day is coming up. What's this all about? P.S. I love you man. ~Bubba

Dear Bubba, Hi there, I didn't expect to hear back from you. Not after your open house on Sixth Avenue in Willo. The one that nobody attended because there is no Sixth Ave in Willo. But I still love you, too, Bubba.

And, to answer your question about Flag Day you might consult a "vexillologist." No, despite how it sounds, vexillologists do not treat personal problems (especially those kind of personal problems). Vexillologist is simply a high priced word for flag expert (who knew?). I'm assuming you didn't want to pay for a real vexillologist and that's why you turned to me. I'm honored even though it tells me you're a real Cheap Charlie. (And yes, Bubba, I know I used the word "vexillologist" four, now five, times in the same paragraph. I just couldn't resist.)

Regardless, Flag Day is an annual event and this year it falls on Sunday, June 14th. It celebrates the anniversary of when we adopted our American flag. That was in 1777, a year after telling those pesky Brits to beat it. Bubba, you do know about the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, don't you?

Many Willoites, Stuff included, enjoy "Showing the Colors" on Flag Day. So, let's talk about how. First, DON'T hang it upside down. That's a signal for a major emergency and you may find your house surrounded by a Phoenix SWAT team. Of course, if you're on Sixth Ave. in Willo and there is no Sixth Ave. in Willo.... well, let me think about that.

Second and most important, always treat the flag with respect. All other things are secondary to this one rule. There are no penalties in the flag code so any violations can be forgiven provided one treats the flag with respect. That means keeping it clean, well maintained, off the ground, and honored.

One violation of the flag code is its use in advertising. Technically, car dealers, for example, are in the wrong if they use those gigantic versions of the flag to mark their location as a way to get around sign codes. However, such a display is so beautiful nobody complains.

By the way, the rules for flying at "half-staff" are the same as for "half-mast." The



difference is in terms. The first is an army reference and the second a navy one. The authority for declaring this condition of display is flexible. It ranges from the President on down through governors and mayors to individual homeowners.

Traditions and memories about the flag seem unlimited. We remember special flags such as the one over Fort McHenry in the War of 1812 (those pesky Brits again), the one the marines raised at Iwo Jima, and the one the military draped over the Pentagon damage on 9-11. We even recall the flag planted on the moon by our astronauts (and, since there is no atmosphere up there, it's still "flying"!).

Since 1834, Lafayette, our great revolutionary war ally from France has had an American flag flying over his grave 24/7.

Next time I hear from you Bubba, I expect you to know all about flags including how to spell vexillology. If you use the word among your friends, they will think you are really smart. Boring, maybe, but really smart.

And, did you know? The adoration this country has for our flag is not typical of other nations. Perhaps, our long history and military heritage have cemented a special relationship. Generally, though, other countries do not display their banners on homes, cars, and clothes, or in classrooms or churches.

In Willo, one notable non-U.S. flag is the cocktail banner sometimes flown on Monte Vista by residents Sherwin and Joanne. Drinks are always cold so if it's out, stop in and say you are an FOS, "Friend of Stuff."

Bubba: "Yeah, OK, but Stuff, how come you used this vexillologywissywashy thing in your title for this piece?"

Stuff: "Because being a vexillologist sounds so cool man. Don't you agree?"

Bubba: "Yeah, I guess. I'm actually a Democrat myself."

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Bubba: "Wait, wait, a 'Great Deal From D.C.?' Is that one of them oximaroons?"

Stuff: "Bubba, you mean oxymoron, a combination of contradictory words. But, man, I am so proud of you. Spouting words like vexillologist and oxymoron (or even oximaroon), you'll be a hit at the next Willo Social." ●

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Bridging the Artistic Divide in a Time of Pandemic: A New Online Video Series from Music at Trinity

BY ERIK W. GOLDSTROM

HOW DOES ONE RESPOND TO

the cultural realities of a pandemic world? One challenge is to create a sense of community through the admittedly sterile world of technology, virtually our only social and cultural outlet at present. Music at Trinity, the musical outreach arm of Trinity Cathedral in downtown Phoenix, has recently launched a series of short video broadcasts that attempts to bridge this ever-widening artistic divide. Our initial series of videos offers to viewers a detailed but non-technical demonstration of the cathedral's pipe organ. The pipe organ is undoubtedly one of the most misunderstood musical instruments, if for no other reason than "the way it works" is not readily apparent. Honore de Balzac may have said, "The organ is the grandest, the most daring, the most magnificent of all instruments invented by human genius," but for most of us, the actual workings of that "magnificent instrument" remain a dark mystery. Each installment is short (3-5 minutes in length) and will focus on one or two aspects of organ mechanics and sound production. It is a guided tour of sorts, a virtual field trip to blower rooms, organ chambers, pipe chests and the organ console itself. In addition to the mechanical workings of the organ, we will also focus on the tonal aspects of pipe families, illustrating the difference between

a flue and a reed, or a flute, a principal, and a string. And with every episode, there will also be an opportunity for viewers to submit



questions that will be answered in successive installments of the series.

The Trinity Cathedral organ was installed by the Schantz Organ Company of Orreville, Ohio in 2005. The current organ comprises 71 ranks playable on four manuals and pedal and, at a little over 4,100 pipes, is one of the

largest organs in the Desert Southwest. Built in the American Classic style, the organ has several notable features, including three high-pressure reeds in the Solo Division, four 32' stops in the pedal division, and an en chamade (horizontally-mounted reed) in the rear gallery.

We are especially pleased to showcase the cathedral organ in this inaugural video series as it was recently rededicated in February 2020 with a celebratory concert played by acclaimed organist Janette Fishell. Unfortunately, with the advent of COVID-19 in mid-March, our spring noontime organ series was cancelled along with the remainder of the Music at Trinity Season, which included concerts by the Phoenix Chorale, Helios, Urban Nocturnes, and Trinity Cathedral Choir.

It is anticipated that as the online video series progresses we will branch out to include episodes that feature members of our resident ensembles and other artists from the larger Phoenix community. We hope that it will become an informative and creative element of the Music at Trinity presence here in Phoenix and invite you to join us online. ●

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