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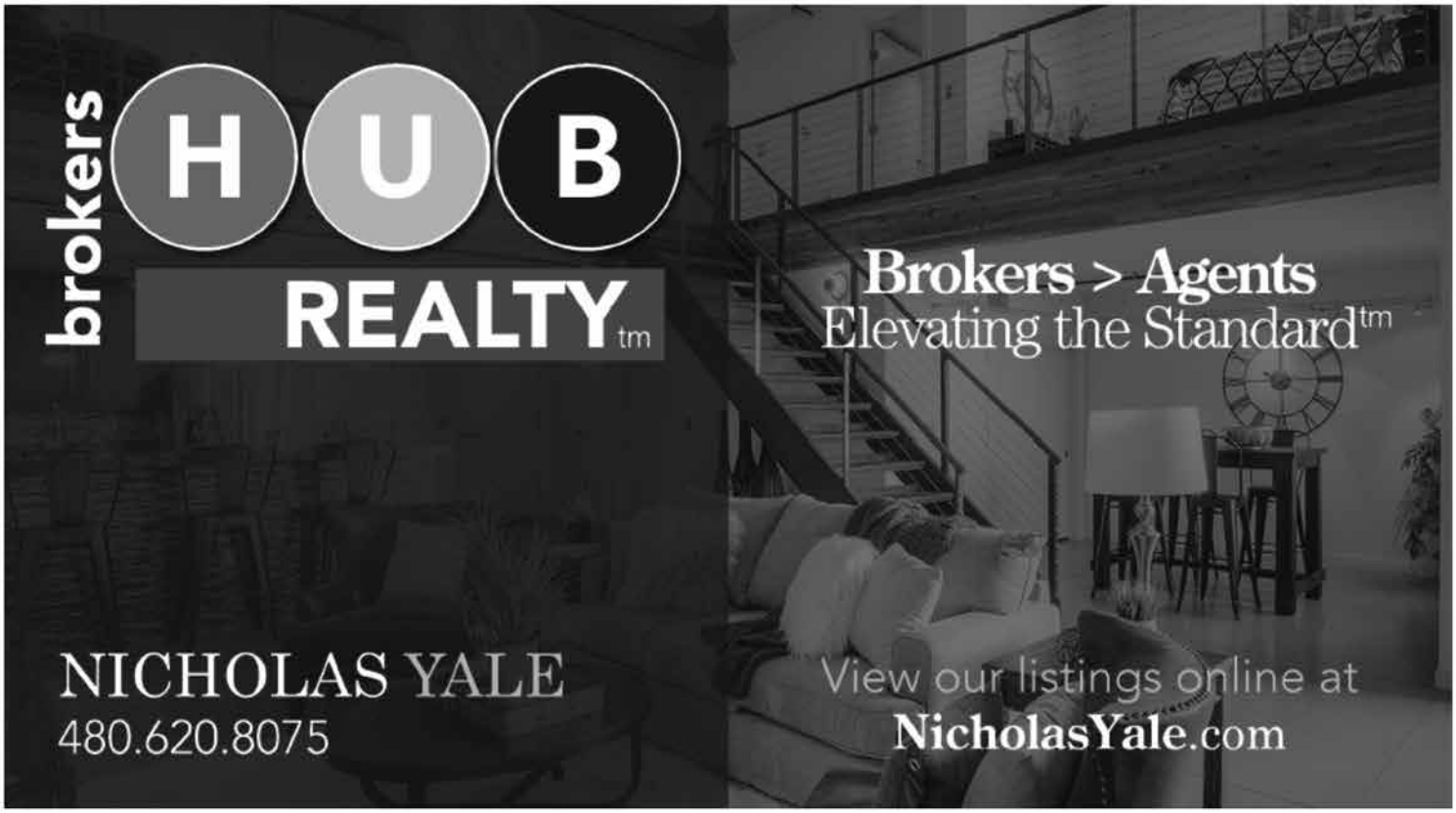

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Dr. Robert L. Cannon

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April showers bring out the kids in Willo

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THANK YOU FOR ELECTING ME once again to be President of the Willo Neighborhood Association for the next 2-year term; I look forward to continuing to serve our neighborhood. This month's President's column is devoted to the 3.5 Streets and Traffic Safety Committee project.

WILLO'S FUTURE (3RD AND 5TH AVENUES)

In the past, many of you have worked with me on various projects to control traffic and increase the safety of our neighborhood's streets such as:

- Light Rail construction strategy
- Gate closures to the east of the neighborhood
- Eliminating 1st Avenue north from Holly to Thomas
- Design of the Tapestry building on Central to change access from Willo to Central Avenue only
- Placement of speed humps and roundabouts

When I returned to be the Willo President 4 years ago, we immediately began working on the redesign of 3rd and 5th Avenues. In the spring of 2017, the Willo Neighborhood Association began working on this major strategic project to protect and provide safety to all residents and support the Willo Conservation Plan written and adopted by the City of Phoenix. Now, 4 years later, we are at the 60% design phase and moving forward.

As the President for the last 4 years, the NUMBER ONE comment I hear is, "what are you going to do about all the traffic, speeding, and wrong-way drivers?" We all know the stories of wrong-way drivers, speeders, etc... Now is the time for action. Our children deserve safety. All of us deserve safety. The City should honor the Willo Conservation Plan... we deserve no less.

Nothing will change unless we are provided the funding for the CONSTRUCTION of this project. These are your tax dollars.

Please take the time to attend (virtually) one or both of the budget hearings listed below. I need your help. Willo needs your help. Nothing will change unless we as a community speak.

Your time is requested to get the proposed upgrades to 3rd and 5th Avenues funded. Thus far, only the design phase has been funded. You can help by attending the District 4 Virtual Community Budget Hearing on April 14, 2021, from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. and/or the Community-Wide Virtual Budget Hearing on April 17, 2021, from 10:00 a.m.- noon to speak in support of funding to complete this vital project designed to improve traffic safety and provide needed bike and pedestrian infrastructure enhancements on 3rd and 5th Avenues through Willo. Your voice counts! Registration to speak at the Virtual Budget Hearings opens the week of March 29, 2021. Please check phoenix.gov/budget, WILLOPHX.COM, and the Official Willo Facebook page for updates.

Please see the related article on page 19 regarding the status of the 60% design phase and how you can provide valuable feedback.

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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.

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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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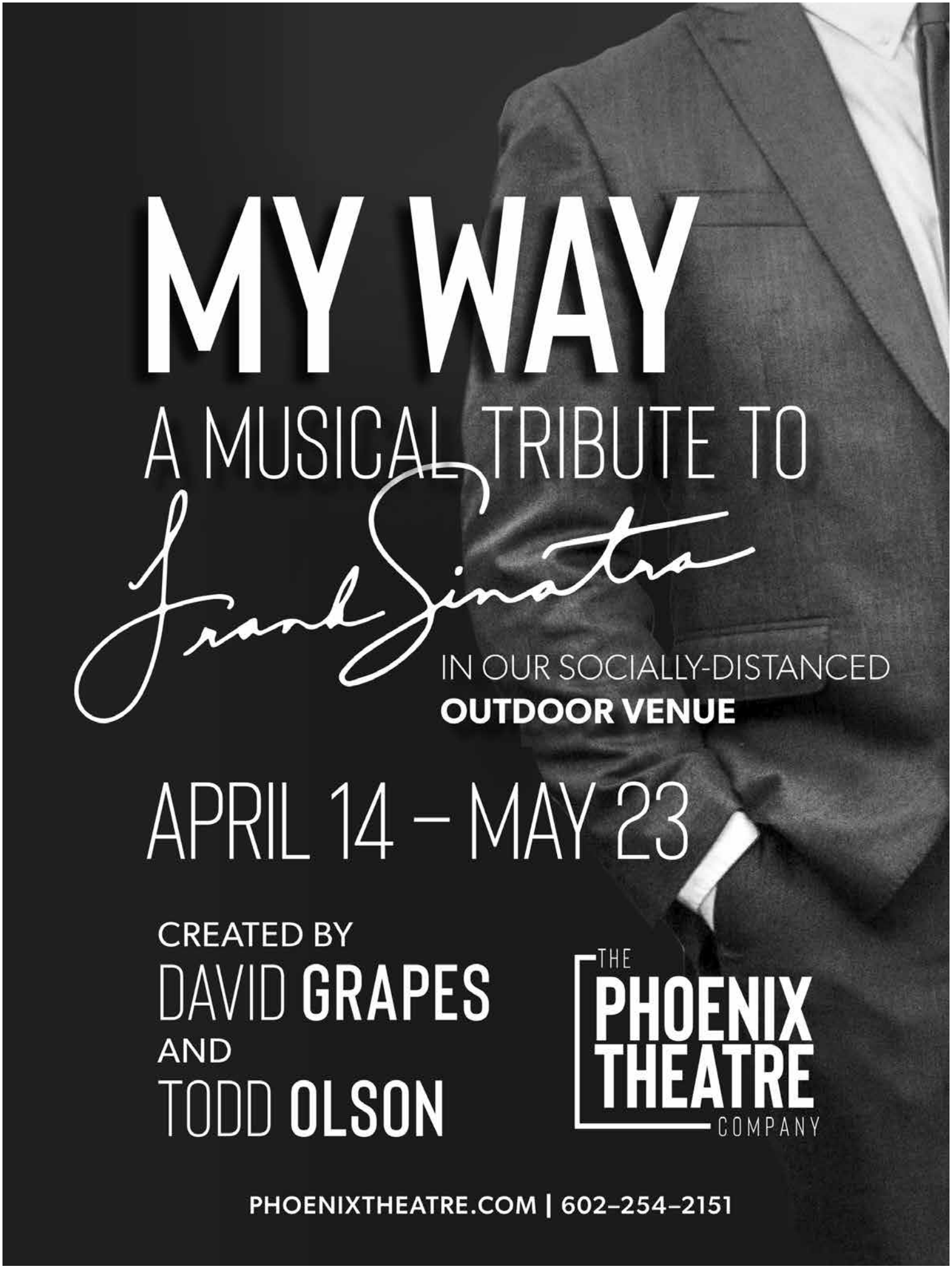
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Willo Zoning Committee Update

BY TOM DOESCHER (CAMBRIDGE)

PROPOSED RAISING CANE'S AT 2816 N 7TH AVENUE:

The Zoning Committee met with Raising Cane's representatives to hear their proposal to build a restaurant at the former Duke Photography Studio. The building was constructed mid-century, and the sign has historic significance. The company has provided initial project information but has not initiated any zoning or permit request as of this writing.

At this time, they proposed two drive-through lanes with entrances on Thomas and 7th Avenue with parking along the west side of the restaurant next to the property line. They have not decided if there will be inside dining or the hours of operation. It was mentioned that the hours that the restaurant would be open, could be open from 9:30am to 12:00am with later hours on weekends until 3:00am.

The Zoning Committee's concerns are:

- Increased traffic at the restaurant
- Glare from increased lighting
- Noise from the drive-through and the parking lot
- Is this an appropriate business at the entrances to the Four Corners Historic Districts?
- Could the building be repurposed rather than torn down?

This is in the early process, and they have not started the formal review to obtain zoning adjustments and permits. The Zoning Committee will continue to monitor the progress of Raising Cane's proposal and will keep the neighborhood up-to-date.

2910 N. 3RD AVENUE BARROW NEUROLOGICAL INSTITUTE:

A Zoning Adjustment Hearing was held on March 4, 2021, for a new LED sign for the newly constructed building at 2910 N 3rd Avenue. The proposed sign would be 4000K and 80 Nits. Willo asked that the Hearing Officer to limit the sign to 3000K 40Nits and dim to half strength at 10:30pm. The decision rendered allowed 4000K and 80 Nits but required the correlated color temperature and brightness ordered by the Hearing Officer to be verified by a certified electrical engineer after fabrication and prior to installation. The sign must be dimmed to half strength at 10:20pm. Although the decision was not Willo's desire, requiring an affidavit of proof that color temperature and brightness are consistent with the decision is important for future sign installations.

133 W PALM LANE HISTORIC PRESERVATION HEARING

On March 18, 2021, the homeowners for 133 W Palm Lane requested a Certificate of Appropriateness for a one-story rear addition to their 1920 bungalow. The Historic Preservation Office supported the request for the addition and there were no objections raised by others to the plans submitted for the hearing. The Hearing Officer decided in favor of the homeowners and granted the Certificate of Appropriateness. ●

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New Term Begins for Willo Neighborhood Association

BY ANNE BOMMERSBACH (WINDSOR)

THE WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD election was held electronically this year. Voting deadline was 3/9/2021. Elected officers are Bob Cannon, President; Brad Brauer, Vice President; Opal Wagner, Secretary; Linda Doescher, Treasurer. Elected Board members are W. Aaron Searles, Kush Govani, James Varela, Ann Bommersbach, Sandra Lefcovich, Jeremy Schachter, Charlene Gum, Erika Gagnon, and Patrice Wappel. Congratulations to all. Contact information for all board members as well as committee chairs may be found on page 5 of this newsletter. Please welcome our newest Board members, Erika Gagnon & W. Aaron Searles (see bio and pics on right). ●

BOARD MEMBERS
Erika Gagnon
(Cypress)

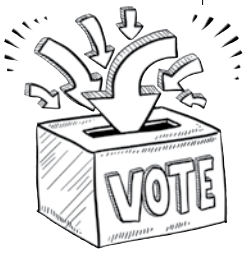
My husband and I have lived in Willo since 2017, and we have had the pleasure of being on Home Tour as well as serving as block captains for our annual luminaria lighting. I am excited to expand my involvement with our unique community and would like to have your vote for the Willo Board. I am native to Arizona; I grew up in Phoenix and have lived in northern and eastern Arizona as well. Growing up, I always admired the historic districts in downtown Phoenix and am very proud to be a homeowner in a community that is diverse, inclusive, and architecturally distinctive. I have previous experience, having served on the board from our former Chandler neighborhood. I am blessed to work in the public school system as a 3rd-grade teacher and would love to serve my community in a larger capacity.

BOARD MEMBERS
W. Aaron Montaño Searles
(Edgemont)

I was born and raised in Willo and returned here to buy a home in 2012. I worked for three City Council members and formed a business, LMC Enterprises Consulting. I serve on the City of Phoenix Encanto Village Planning Committee, the Phoenix Symphony Board of Overseers and the Chavez Youth & Community Foundation.

I have helped with many Willo activities and initiated participation by Public Broadcasting System's (PBS). My knowledge about the City and my other community connections can help move Willo projects forward and ensure its priorities are represented.

I am very happy to be living in a neighborhood where community means so much. I walk my dogs, Cheech and Max, here. If you see me, please say hi.



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Art at the Fair Trade Cafe

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BY PHILIO TALARICO (EDGEMONT)

CAROL IS A SELF-TAUGHT OIL PAINTER. Her work primarily consists of portraits of characters from her imagination. She has been drawing ever since she can remember. Art is a way for her to express emotions and feelings she can empathize with and explore ideas she finds intriguing. She moved to Arizona from California when she was 11 and has been pursuing a career in art for almost a decade. As she puts it, "painting can sometimes be a coping mechanism, other times, a craft, an obsession, a way of life...sometimes, it's everything."

Aldo is an aspiring game developer. He was born in Guyana but has lived in Arizona for over a decade now. While he has been making and selling art at First Fridays for over a decade, he sees himself more as a storyteller than a fine artist.

Carol and Aldo collaborate under the pseudonym of BrokeBot. Together they create artwork that blends their styles and interests seamlessly, creating something greater than the sum of its parts. The name BrokeBot comes from a combination of screen names they've used online. (Brokeneyeball and ChampagneRobot). ●

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New Neighbor Spotlight

BY TERESA FONTANA (MONTE VISTA)

WELCOME TO THE BRADLEY FAMILY, who moved to the 100 block of Wilshire in October of 2020. Sarah grew up in Chandler, and Stephen moved from Virginia to attend college at ASU. After graduation, they moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, where they spent 13 years. They moved back to Arizona to be close to family, and so Stephen, a Southwest Airlines pilot, could be based in a Southwest hub.

Sarah has a background in marketing with a focus in retail and art buying. Currently, she spends her time managing the household and their two girls; Claire, 6, and Reese, 4. However, once the dust settles with Covid, she plans to open up shop again. The family has a fish, Sophie, who is quite loved by all. Stephen enjoys golfing and reading about history. Sarah enjoys gardening, vintage hunting, and reading.

As a family, they enjoy hiking, biking, and playing board games. When they lived in Charlotte, they were in an incredibly walkable area full of historic homes, great restaurants, breweries, and shops. When they discussed moving back to Phoenix, they knew living in the suburbs was not for them. So, even though they had lived in the valley before, they did not really know walkable, historic areas existed. Sarah's stepdad suggested they check out Willo and the surrounding neighborhoods, and they were fortunate to be able to find their home on Wilshire. Please join us in welcoming this wonderful family to our amazing neighborhood! ●

Kids Club

WILLO KIDS CLUB

BY VALERIE LANE (LEWIS)

WKC SPRING EVENT WKC will host a socially distant Spring Event on Friday, April 2 at 4:00 at Lewis Park. Look for more details to be sent to your email via Evite. The kids will be able to participate in making a springtime craft to plant this April. There will also be a lot of goodies to take away. We hope the Easter Bunny can make a special appearance. (If you are interested in being the Easter Bunny, please contact Sheryl Haarman (slhaarman@aol.com). Thank you for all of your support of the WKC. We are looking forward to having more in-person events later in 2021 and 2022. For now, look for more contests and fun events this summer!

DRAW YOUR HOUSE CONTEST We are extending the deadline to Monday, April 5th, for the Draw Your House Contest. If you have not submitted your drawings, now is the time to do so! Take a photo or scan of your drawing of your house with your spring flowers and email it to INSIDEWILLOMAGAZINE@gmail.com to be part of the fun! ●

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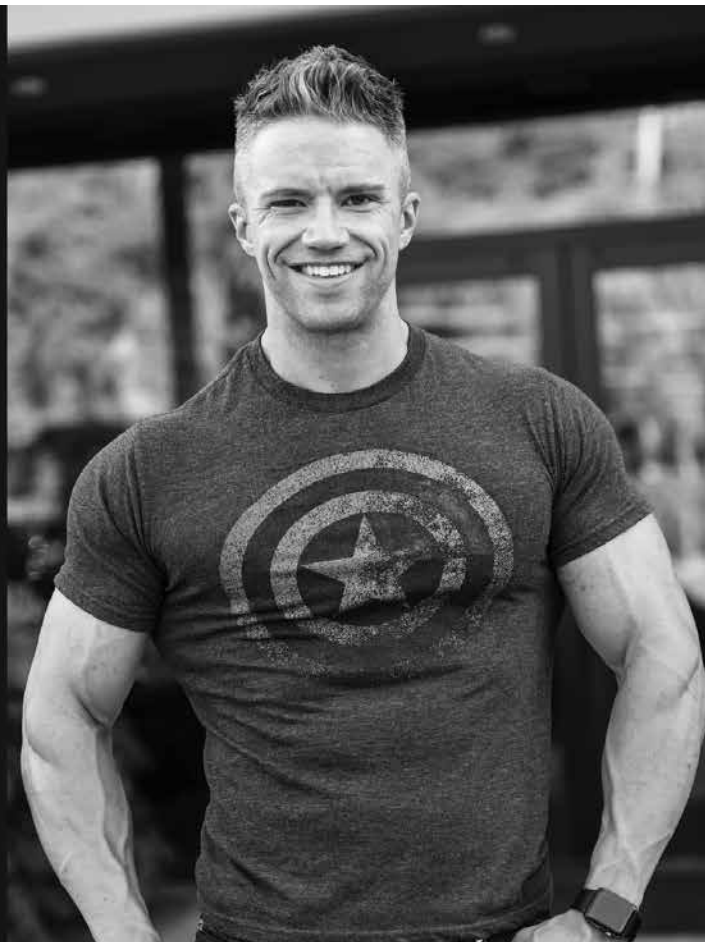

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Our researchers and writers are also working diligently on the text to accompany the photographs, culminating in a narrative history of Willo from its origins to the present. We plan to cover as much detail as possible, from visits to the Burton Barr Library's historical archives and the AZ Historical Society, to interviews with long-time Willo residents.

The committee would also like to hear from you if you happen to have old photographs of the Willo neighborhood or your home. We would like to make a copy to include in the Willo Photo Book.

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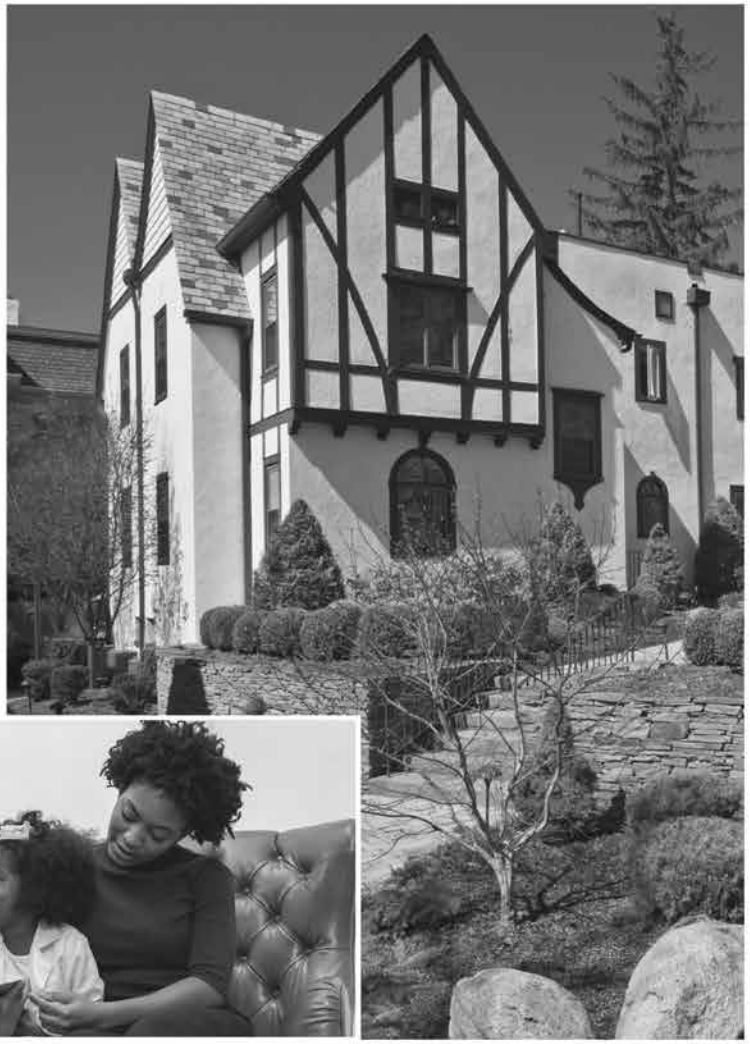

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APRIL 8 , 2021
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6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions
Bob Cannon
Approval of MARCH Minutes
Opal Wagner
Financial Reports
Linda Doescher
Street Improvement Committee
Opal Wagner
Zoning
Tom Doescher
Block Watch
Brad Brauer
Inside Willo
Sandra Lefcovich
Social Media
Jeremy Schachter
By-Law Change Process
Ann Bommersbach
Willo Committees
Bob Cannon
Home Tour 2022
Brad Brauer and Teresa Fontana
Other Committees as Needed
Old Business
New Business

Willo residents should contact Linda Doescher at ldoescher@kcpagels.com for ZOOM links and instructions. Alternatively, visit WILLOPHX.COM or THE OFFICIAL WILLO HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD FACEBOOK PAGE for instructions on ZOOM access.

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3.5 Streets and Traffic Safety Committee Update

Streets and Traffic Safety Committee Updates

BY OPAL WAGNER (CORONADO)

THE CITY OF PHOENIX STREETS Transportation Department held a Virtual Public Meeting to update the community on the 60% design phase of the 3rd and 5th Avenues North project on February 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Streets Transportation Department Director Kini Knudson and staff presented the latest plans and sought the community's input on curb ramp options on 3rd Avenue at Encanto Blvd. and configuration of the proposed pedestrian pathways on 5th Avenue north of Encanto Blvd. An online survey seeking community input was live at phoenix.gov/streets/3rdand5thavenuesnorth through March 19, 2021. Results will be presented at the next public meeting in Summer, 2021 (date and time TBA).

Your help is needed to get the proposed upgrades to 3rd and 5th Avenues funded. Thus far, only the design phase has been funded. You can help by attending the District 4 Virtual Community Budget Hearing on April 14, 2021 from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. and/or the Community-Wide Virtual Budget Hearing on April 17, 2021 from 10:00 a.m.- noon to speak in support of funding to complete this vital project designed to improve traffic safety and provide needed bike and pedestrian infrastructure enhancements on 3rd and 5th Avenues through Willo. Your voice counts! Registration to speak at the Virtual Budget Hearings opens the week of March 29, 2021. Please check phoenix.gov/budget, willophx.com and the Official Willo Facebook page for updates. ●

WEDNESDAYS (5 TO 8 P.M.)

APRIL 7 Chicken Coop (American, Comfort Food)
APRIL 14 Mediterranean Majik (Lebanese, Mediterranean, Vegan)
APRIL 21 Mas Tacos (Mexican)
APRIL 28 Sweet Magnolia Smokehouse (Barbeque, Southern)

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HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

Secret Life of a Hidden Rock

BY BITSY SUSICH (GRANADA)

AS MANY OF US ARE leading bubbled, COVID lives taking a break with a spring walk in Willo is a treat. On a recent walk I came across a Tic-Tac-Toe rock at Almeria and 5th Avenue left by Hidden Rocks (on FB) and it intrigued me. You've probably seen these hand painted rocks scattered around the neighborhood. The game had already begun being marked with a few X and O moves. I hesitated to pick up the rock and disrupt the game, but when it was still there the next day I couldn't resist. After discussing the next move with my neighbor Matt, we played and put the rock back. The next day our mystery opponent had played. Matt and I realized the game would be a draw regardless of where we played, still we played and left a note on the rock with our names and street. A subsequent reply shared we were playing Pat on Culver. Since our game had reached its end, we decided to pay it forward with a blank Tic-Tac-Toe rock left on the Willo Sign north of Almeria and 5th Avenue. During these quarantined times it is reassuring to discover how simple it is to connect with neighbors. •

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Urban Nocturnes - Outdoor Live

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THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 7:00 PM

Urban Nocturnes

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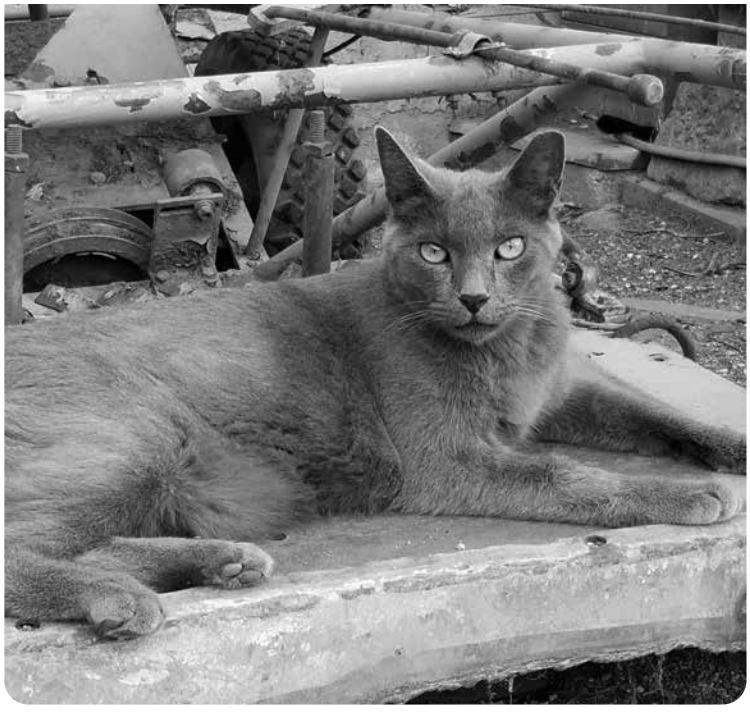
Please Help Control the Feral Cat Population in Willo — it's Free!

BY LINDA DOESCHER (CAMBRIDGE)

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!
Spring is in the air, and kitten season is upon us. Each street in Willo has them—neighbor cats living under our homes, in the alleys, in our yards, that don't seem to belong to anyone. They just live in Willo and are fed by the generosity of residents. You may be bothered by our four-legged neighbors, but they add great value to our neighborhood by helping us control the rodent population. By nature, they "stake out" their territory and keep other feral cats from coming onto the Willo street they occupy. If you are feeding any outdoor cats, please make sure they are all spayed or neutered. If you see a new cat, please check around to see if she's someone's pet or is new to the neighborhood and needs a Willo Welcome! You can help stop the birth of unwanted kittens and yowling, fighting, and spraying that comes this time of year.



The Willo Neighborhood will help by covering the cost of spay/neuter for cats in the neighborhood. For more information, please contact the Animal Defense League of Arizona's Spay Neuter Hotline at 602.265.7729 or visit ADLA's website and use this handy online form https://adlaz.org/spay-neuter-hotline/outdoor-cats/. Please mention that you live in Willo! Be a Lifesaver for Outdoor Cats! ●

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Where is Bear?

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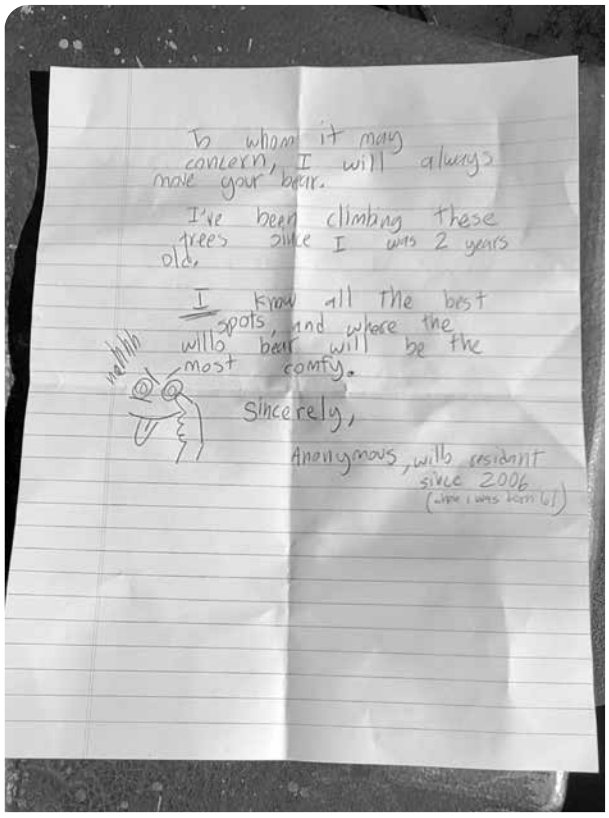

WILLO'S NEWEST RESIDENT, BEAR, is certainly getting around and meeting all the neighbors! He lives in Walton Park, but he has been spotted on some of the nearby streets. One young neighbor who wishes to remain anonymous ensures that BEAR is in a different spot every day. BEAR has even been spotted reading this publication!

One neighbor we interviewed even said: "This BEAR, he has more fun than I do"!

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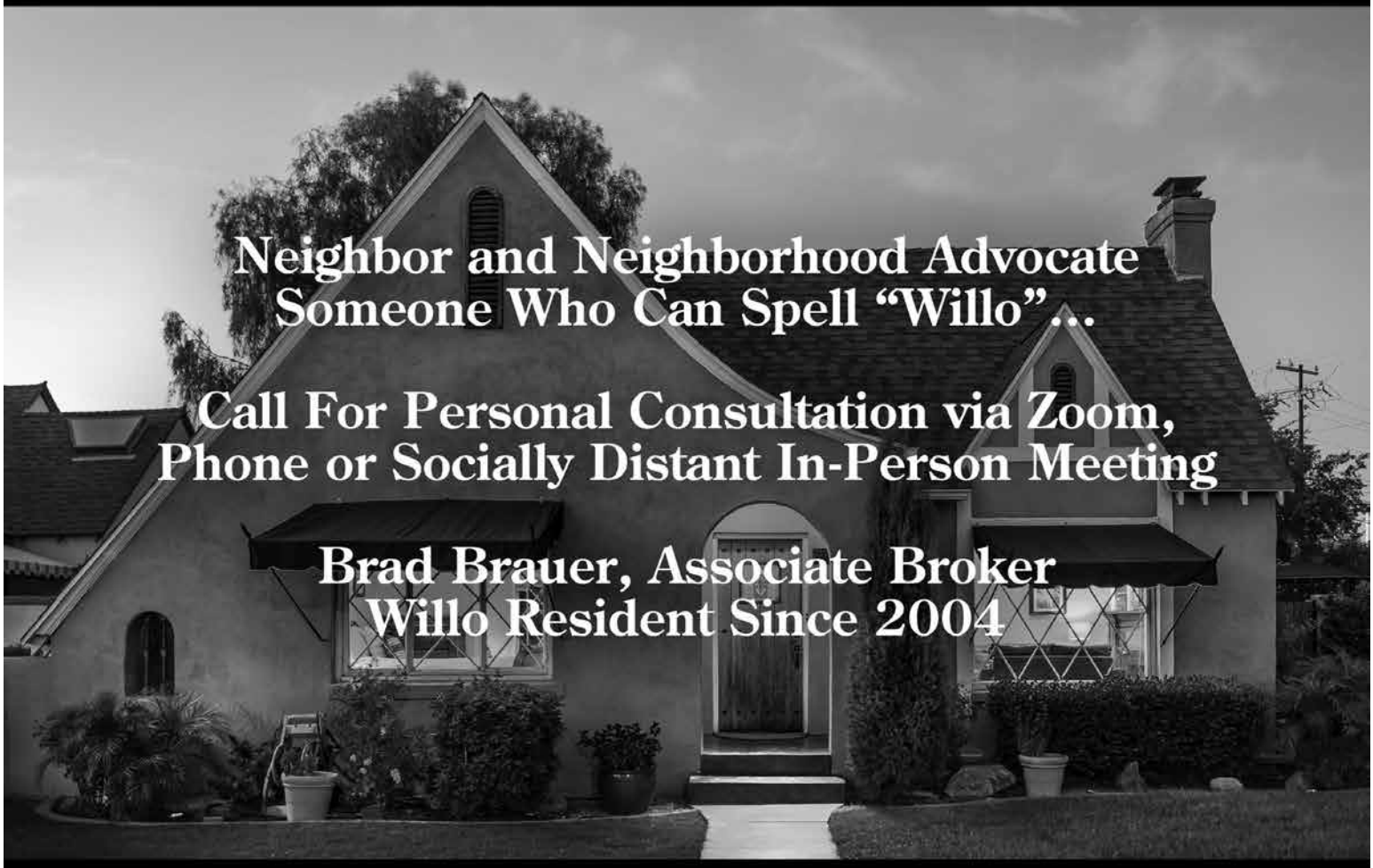

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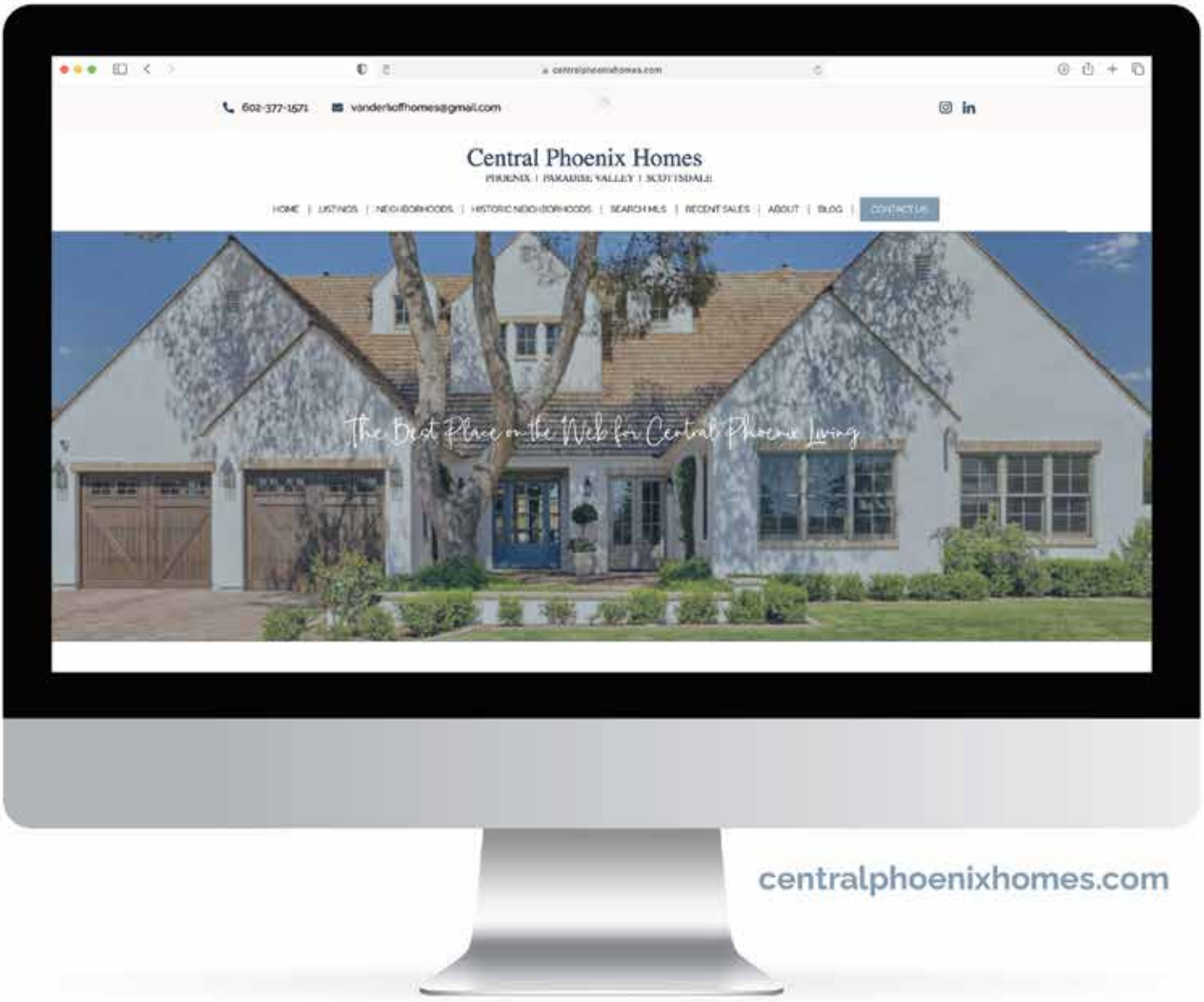

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