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# Tis the Season

#### HOLIDAY LUMINARIAS

The holiday season is here, and our annual Willo Luminaria display will be on show from Friday, December 23rd, through Monday evening, December 26th, 2022. This annual Willo tradition continues and wouldn't be possible without Chris Norton, Lewis Avenue, and many volunteers participating.

If your block has an annual Block Party to build and set out the Luminaria, please plan for Friday, December 23rd, 2022.

Almost 6000 Luminarias will be assembled and distributed throughout all Willo blocks. The cost of the Luminarias is expected to be \$6000 (yes... six thousand dollars). We are fortunate that our annual Willo Block Watch grant funds most of this.

If you are interested in helping, please refer to page 16 for details and our willophx.com on the landing page. Thank you, everyone, for supporting this annual Willo tradition.

#### 2023 WNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

Willo Neighborhood Association

Board Elections will be in March of 2023; Willo Residents submit nominations must in early January. Names of candidates must be submitted by January 10th, 2023. WNA Board Members and Officers will be elected for a two-year term in an open election in March 2023. Per the bylaws, all candidates must be current Willo residents, be members of the association, and have lived in Willo for at least one year. All residents are encouraged to make time for their neighborhood. Please see page 11 for more information.

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Please visit our newly redesigned website for updates and more information on Holiday activities. Also, a remind er that the board meeting agenda is now listed on WILLOPHX.COM.

#### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

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Established in 1986, the WNA Board consists of 13 volunteer positions elected biennially by the membership. WNA is not a Homeowners' Association (HOA); It does not collect dues; Its mission is to preserve Willo's historic designation and community quality. WNA meetings are open, all Willo residents may attend. Bylaws, registration, and agendas are available on WILLOPHX.COM.

#### INSIDE WILLO MAGAZINE

Inside Willo is published monthly, free of charge, by Willo volunteers. Neighbors are encouraged to submit articles (125-250 words) by the 10th of each month. We reserve the right to edit as needed, attribute the author, and determine when to print and use the content on WILLOPHX.COM, social media, and promotional materials. Article and photos become the property of WNA. WNA is not responsible nor endorses the editorial content. Inside Willo does not accept political content or ads. Inside Willo is posted on WILLOPHX. No copies may be reprinted electronically or otherwise.

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# Who's Who on the Home Tour Team?

BY SANDRA LEFCOVICH (CORONADO) & LINDA DOESCHER (CAMBRIDGE)

As of this writing, we have 12 homes, 3 gardens, and the Willo Historic Firehouse confirmed. ■ Home Tour entails many 'behind the scenes' tasks, and many volunteers join forces to make this event a success; we would like to acknowledge the committee chairs:

LINDA DOESCHER & SANDRA LEFCOVICH - HOME TOUR COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS
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EVERYONE is invited to attend all 2023 WHT monthly meetings. We summarize all committee updates and have volunteer sign-up sheets. Get involved, we always need more help! •

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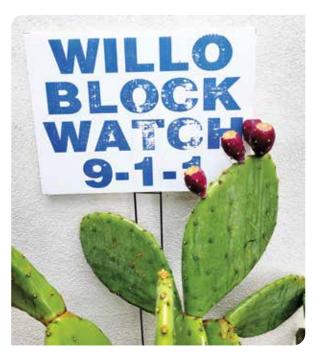


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# Block Watch Holiday Safety

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#### IT'S A WONDERFUL TIME

of year in the Valley of the Sun. As the holiday and travel season approaches, we must increase our awareness at home and in the neighborhood. Here are a few tips from the Phoenix Police Department on staying safe this holiday season.

■ Have packages delivered when you know someone will be home,

or ask a neighbor to hold your delivered packages for you.

- Stay connected with neighbors and report any suspicious activity.
- When traveling away from home, set up automatic timers for lights, stop your mail service through the post office, and ask a neighbor to park in your driveway from time to time.
- Register your home safety

camera systems, such as Ring doorbells, with Phoenix Virtual Block Watch. For more details, visit: <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/police/virtualblockwatch">https://www.phoenix.gov/police/virtualblockwatch</a>

- Never leave your house keys hidden outside your home.
- If you have a landline phone, turn off the ringer so a burglar won't be alerted of your absence by a ringing phone.
- Secure all accessible outside entrances, including windows, dog doors, storage sheds, attic entrances, and gates.
- Have emergency and nonemergency numbers stored in your phone or in an easily accessible location.
- You can also visit: <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/phone-directory">https://www.phoenix.gov/phone-directory</a> for an extensive list of City of Phoenix contacts.

#### A FEW NUMBERS TO HAVE HANDY ARE:

- Emergency 911
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- Willo Community Action Officer, Officer Ben Harris #8275 602-495-6882, benjamin.harris@phoenix.gov
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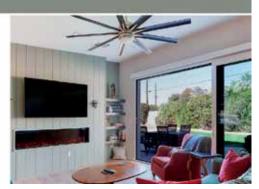


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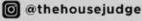
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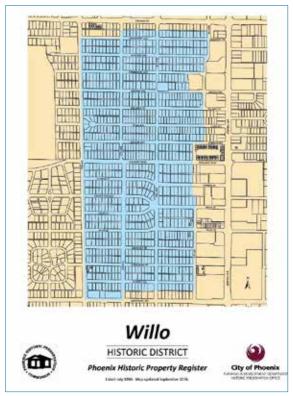
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# The Willo Home Tour is Kind of a Big Deal

BY TRICIA AMATO (LEWIS)



#### IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN -

when the chatter about Home Tour starts — in the newsletter, on the website, at happy hours, etc. Some of you may actually think to yourselves, "What's the big deal about Home Tour?" Well, not only is the Home Tour the largest neighborhood fundraiser, it is also a big deal from a historic

preservation point of view.

The Willo Historic District Conservation Plan is designed to uphold and preserve the historic elements that make our neighborhood and city unique. And while this is a very important effort, it is not the only way our neighborhood contributes to the City of Phoenix's larger, long-

term plans. In fact, the Willo Home Tour contributes to the City's stated goals by 1) Creating opportunities for people of diverse backgrounds to interact with each other and the city core generally, 2) Creating events that bring people together to experience the heritage, culture, and environment of our city, and 3) Maximize the sense of community felt by residents and visitors alike. The 2015 general plan for the City, Plan PHX, identified five core values that drive the City's planning. Our home tour actively aligns with these core values:

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So I encourage you to
get involved in this amazing
neighborhood event that brings
so many visitors to Willo each
year!

Tricia is a City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Commissioner. Visit www.phoenix.gov/pdd/historic-preservation for information regarding historic guidelines and approvals. Tricia can be reached at amatotricia@gmail.com

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WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Registration	Now thru Fri 12/15	https://bit.ly/2022-luminaria
■ Pick Up Supplies	Sat 12/17 10:00 - 1:00	60 W LEWIS AVE
■ Build Party	12/17 - 12/23	TBD by the Block Captain
■ Placement	Fri 12/23	Your Block
■ Group Bike Ride	Fri 12/23 @ 6:00	Walton Park 3rd & Holly
■ Teardown & Return	Mon 12/26	60 W LEWIS AVE

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#### **REGISTRATION:**

Sign-up is open right now for Block Captains and Floaters. Volunteering is about making Luminaria fun and easy for everyone. As always, we need 1 volunteer to be a Block Captain for each block in Willo; there

are 44 blocks. Block Captains coordinate: build parties, placement, and teardown. You don't have to do all the work; just organize the block to get it done.

This year we also need a few "FLOATERS." These volunteers might connect Block Captains from different blocks for collaboration, distribute flyers to homes for 1 or 2 blocks, and provide guidance to those needing help. We mostly need help putting together supply boxes for pick up and taking inventory for storage after the event.

#### PICK UP SUPPLIES:

Block Captains head to our house to pick up luminaria supplies. Each block gets a box with LED tea lights, paper bags, and instructions, along with sand. No battery change this year – YAY!

#### BUILD PARTY:

Build parties vary from block to block. They can be big or small, but the more people you have, the merrier! Gather friends and neighbors to help assemble the luminarias. Bring snacks, wine, or make it a potluck. Share your build party ideas with your Block Captain. Who's your captain? Volunteer or find yours at https://bit.ly/2022-luminaria

#### PLACEMENT:

On this day, set out the assembled luminarias for your block. A flyer

in the supply box will guide you on how to place the lanterns along 3rd or 5th Ave.

#### **GROUP BIKE RIDE:**

This super fun bike ride takes place on Friday night and has always been organized by the wonderful folks at www.PhoenixSpokesPeople.org. Bicycles, One-Wheels, and Scooters are welcome; this is a family-friendly event. Decorate and light up your bikes! Wear something festive. Or come as you are – everyone's welcome. Riders will meet at Walton Park @ 6:00 and set off around the neighborhood @ 6:30 for a beautiful night ride. Expect 100+ people.

#### **TEARDOWN & RETURN:**

After Christmas, Block Captains are responsible for returning the LED tea lights TURNED OFF and RE-BOXED. Anyone can help but pretty please! Let your Block Captain know, and WHEN COLLECTING THE LED TEA LIGHTS, YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST FLIP THEM **OVER AND SLIDE THE SWITCH** OFF. Each LED Tea Light has a timer; the light is on at night and off during the day. The timer runs 24/7, and the battery will drain completely if the switch is not turned off. Batteries are expensive, and Willo reuses them.

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# Willo Kids Club Update

BY VALERIE LANE (LEWIS) • PHOTO BY ERIKA GAGNON (CYPRESS)



WKC WOULD LIKE TO thank everyone that came to the Halloween Block Party and G.A.I.N. Event; we had a great turnout! The Mayor and new Chief of Police attended, as did hundreds of Willo kids, their parents, and pets! Many people worked hard to bring this together. Special thanks are extended to Erika Gagnon for making this a great community event. Samantha Keating (and Family), Marie Hullander, and I all worked especially hard to make it memorable for the kids. We also thank our local neighborhood hangout, Oven and Vine, who did not hesitate to contribute our

costume contest prizes. We hope to keep this event growing every year. Thanks to all for a great event!

More information is to come in the WKC FB group and through Evite.

- WKC will have a planning meeting at 4pm on January 8th, 2023, at Little O's on McDowell Road. Please come, and help support WKC this meeting will help determine the planning of events for winter and spring.
- If you have ideas for better communication, planning events, or fundraising, we want you to come and help us. Our neighborhood is only getting bigger, and we need all the help we can get. Please support WKC!

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# Socializing is Good!

BY JONATHAN ROBERTS (GRANADA)
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#### WILLO SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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- Volunteer We need Neighborhood Watch Block captains and Willo Home Tour volunteers.
- Host a Gathering Invite your block to assemble luminarias on your driveway for your street in December.

We can help you talk about taking turns hosting or cooking for each other once a month.

Are you feeling inspired? Let us know how we can help! Or, subscribe to the Willo Social Committee's email list for more



Thank you very much to our November Happy Hour hosts Wylie and Lauren Carhartt who made our "Cowboy Chili" night an ace-high shindig for all!

longer. Socializing is good for your mind and body.

It's also essential for a thriving community. Nothing beats having a strong support system right outside your front door. And knowing your neighbors inspires more ideas on how to improve the neighborhood.

We are happy to see so many of you participate in the monthly happy hours (keep coming). Here are a few other ways we want to help you connect with others in Willo:

- ❖ Take a Walk The weather is amazing. People are smiling. And the 3rd/5th Avenues project is coming soon!
- \* Teach a Skill or Learn from a Neighbor - Willo is full of talented people! Contact us if you'd be willing to share your knowledge about gardening, writing, painting, glass making, cooking, yoga, or more.
- \* Start a Dinner Group -Once you meet a few people on your block or around Willo, why not have them over for dinner?

information about upcoming Happy Hours and activities by contacting willosocialcommittee@gmail.com.

#### **UPCOMING HAPPY HOURS**

December 9th 5:30 - 7:30 pm Hosts: John and Heather Cairney Location: 96 W Holly

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SATURDAY. DECEMBER 3RD & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH FQ Story Home Tour Tickets: https://www. fqstoryhometour.org/ tickets.html

SATURDAY. DECEMBER 3RD & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH Zona Music Festival -12:00pm - 11:00pm - All Ages, Margaret T. Hance Park (South East side)

THURSDAY. DECEMBER 8TH Willo Neighborhood Association Board Meeting - 6:30pm - 8:00pm \*\*New



location\*\* BMO Building - 1850 N Central Avenue - Sedona Room - Level C

FRIDAY. DECEMBER 9TH Willo Happy Hour -5:30pm - 7:30pm Hosts: John and Heather Cairney. You are invited to bring drinks and snacks to share. Location: 96 W Holly

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

Music at Trinity Celebrates the 200th Birthday of Composer César Franck Trinity Cathedral, 100 W. Roosevelt Street. Series of three free concerts, scheduled for 2:00, 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY **DECEMBER 23/24/25** Willo Holiday



Luminaria display throughout the neighborhood

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD Luminaria Bike Ride with Phoenix Spokespeople. Walton Park\* Gather at Walton Park, 6:00 pm, depart 6:30 pm to ride through Willo! Theme: Jingle Bell Ride - decorate vour bikes!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH Willo Food Truck Wednesdays - 5:00pm - 8:00 pm - Sunny's Gyros. Walton Park\* \*Walton Park is at Monte Vista & 3rd Avenue for more info: streetfoodfinder.com/ WilloWednesdays



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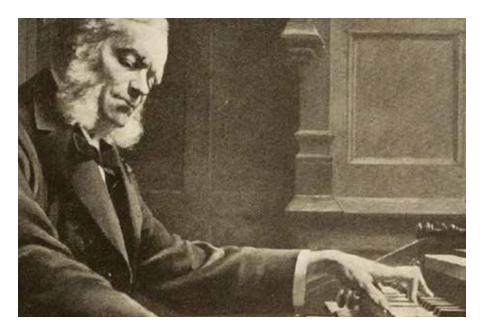
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# **Music at Trinity**

Music at Trinity Celebrates the 200th Birthday of Composer César Franck. The Music at Trinity Concert Series, under the direction of Trinity Cathedral's canon musician Erik W. Goldstrom, will celebrate the 200th birthday of composer César Franck on December 10th (the date of Franck's birth) by performing his complete works for organ with a with a day-long organ concert event on December 10th. Franck's 12 works for Grand-Orque will be heard in a series of three free concerts, scheduled for 2:00, 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. and will be played by three organists from the Phoenix area: Erik W. Goldstrom, James Gerber, and Kimberly Marshall. Each concert will last about an hour. Trinity Cathedral is located at 100 W. Roosevelt Street in downtown Phoenix.











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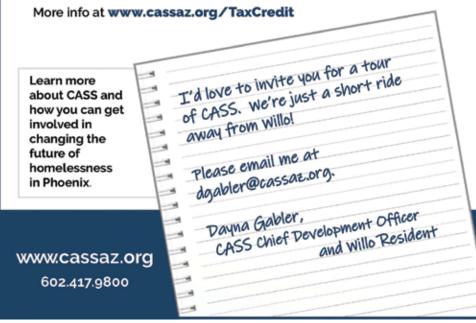
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There will be a beer and wine garden, music, and a special Silent Auction to benefit our own Willo Neighborhood Association.

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This year has been full of challenges, but we have worked hard to give you the best service possible. It hasn't been easy to keep this wonderful place full of history up and running, but the effort and the love of the community has shown.

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\$885,000

\$975,000

\$1,200,000

\$1,350,000

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# The Success of Willo Home Tour Continues to be Grounded in what Makes Willo a Great Community: YOU!!

We are reaching out to our Willo friends and neighbors to volunteer and be a part of the 2023 Willo Home Tour. Why volunteer? You will make new friends and meet new neighbors, you can connect with your Willo neighborhood and community, and your time, energy, and talents will make a positive impact on the tour event and the community

Volunteer and be a part of the 2023 Willo Home Tour!

#### **WE NEED YOU FOR:**

\*\*TICKET SALES\*\*

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