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## IT MAY SEEM LIKE YESTERDAY

that I was in this position, writing the letter from the president, but it has been eight years. Special thanks to my predecessor, Dr. Bob Cannon for his additional six years of commitment to this amazing neighborhood. I'm hoping that Bob will continue to work with the city to complete his biggest success story, the updating of 3rd and 5th Avenues. The city has set aside funds to reduce those avenues to one lane, one way, a protected bike lane on both 3rd and 5th and pedestrian lanes north of Encanto on 5th Avenue. I'd also like to thank the 2021-2023 board members for all of their work and successes. For our new members, thank you for stepping up to care for our neighborhood and I'm looking forward to your involvement, ideas and work.

My goals over the next two years are to work on communica-

tion with the neighborhood, community involvement, transparency of the board, protecting our neighborhood from encroaching developers, and engaging with the city of Phoenix. I'm hoping to encourage more involvement in the Home Tour, Block Watch, and Zoning issues. I'm working with other realtors and the Historic Preservation office to create some document or addition to the Seller Property Disclosure Statement to acknowledge to Buyers that they are purchasing a home designated historic or in a neighborhood that is designated historic. Any changes, particularly exterior, may require approval through Historic Preservation. Unfortunately, not every realtor is aware of that, which may put the new homeowner in jeopardy. While we do receive discounted property taxes as an incentive from the state, that can be taken away if changes are made without proper certification from Historic Preservation.

I'm looking forward to meeting more neighbors, new and "seasoned" in the near future and hearing ideas and general input from you. This neighborhood has benefited from previous and current residents, it did not create itself. Hoping more of you will be a part of the process. Until next time, see you around the 'hood. ■



**ON THE COVER:**  
**HOME TOUR 2023**  
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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](http://WILLOPHX.COM).

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Inside Willo is published monthly, free of charge, by WNA 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 the content or use on social media, [WILLOPHX.COM](http://WILLOPHX.COM), and promotional materials. WNA retains the right to use all photos, media, and printed articles in perpetuity. Inside Willo does not accept political content or ads. Inside Willo is posted on [WILLOPHX.COM](http://WILLOPHX.COM). No copies may be reprinted electronically or otherwise.

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# WKC Easter Event

BY VALERIE LANE (LEWIS)

**HELLO PARENTS!** This year our Spring/Easter Event will be a joint venture of the Willo and Roosevelt Kids Clubs. The event will be held at Encanto Park's Amphitheater Island from 3:00 pm – 5 pm on Saturday, April 2nd. 🌸 There will be a bounce house, face painting, games, and of course, an Easter egg hunt which will start shortly after 3:00. Kids can look forward to a special appearance by the Willo Easter Bunny, who will be handing out treats and posing for photographs! 🌸 Remember to bring your refillable water bottles, as there will be a water station. 🌸 This is a Block Watch / GAIN event, and we will educate about “Kid safety in public places.” 🌸 See you at Encanto Park! 🌸



# Hey Neighbor!



Christ's Church of the Valley (CCV) is opening on Easter Sunday and we want you to be a part of it! Join us as we gather in prayer over you and our city. Let's come together as neighbors and grow a new community. Plant roots with us and let us cultivate a hope-filled life together!



Easter Sunday 9:30 am & 11:00 am  
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## Help Control Our Outdoor Cat Population

BY EDITORIAL TEAM

**EACH STREET IN WILLO** has them - neighbor cats living under our homes, in the alleys, in our yards, and they don't seem to belong to anyone; they live outdoors 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. Also, by nature, they "stake out" their territory and keep other feral cats from entering the Willo street they inhabit.

It is important for neighbors to coexist with our furry neighbors and help the outdoor cats live healthy and happily. Experts

explain that as outdoor cats reproduce - sometimes up to 12 new kittens per year from one cat - the food supply they compete for diminishes, so many go undernourished. Additionally, with more and more cats concentrated in one location, disease and competition become adverse issues.

Taking the time to spay/neuter the existing outdoor cats will help us prevent additional cats from entering our neighborhood while also controlling the number of outdoor cats in Willo, ensuring the current cats live a healthier life.

The Willo Neighborhood Association Board appreciates

that, as a neighborhood, we need to help address and control our outdoor cat population. We have approved a program that partners with the Animal Defense League of Arizona's Spay/Neuter program.

### TO PARTICIPATE:

**FIRST:** Contact the Spay Neuter Hotline at <https://adlaz.org/spay-neuter-hotline/outdoor-cats/new-request-for-tnr-services-2/> or 602-265-7729 to make a FREE appointment with a local, participating veterinarian. The cost, up to \$35.00, will be covered by the Willo neighborhood. The Willo neighbor will have to provide a Willo address to TNR and be willing to trap and bring the cat(s) to the vet for the surgery.

**SECOND:** Trap the cat(s) prior to your vet appointment. Traps can be obtained from TNR if needed, or contact Willo resident Lisa Burke (Cambridge) at [pnutlm@gmail.com](mailto:pnutlm@gmail.com) for coaching and/or trap loans.

**THIRD:** On the day of your FREE vet appointment, you must take the cat(s) to your assigned vet for surgery.

**FOURTH:** After 24 hours, return the altered cat to the same location where you trapped them.

Many thanks to Willo animal lovers for helping us control animal homelessness through spay and neutering.

**CONTACT:** The Animal Defense League of Arizona at 602-265-7729 or at <https://adlaz.org/spay-neuter-hotline/outdoor-cats/> for more information. ■

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# THE 2023 WILLO HOME TOUR IS IN THE BOOKS!

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

**AS OF THIS WRITING, THE** 2023 Willo Home Tour was three weeks ago, and what a Home Tour! This year was one of Willo's most successful Home Tours since 2017!

The planning started in May 2022, with months of phone calls, emails, meetings, and visits. Producing this event is hard work and truly a community project, and given we are all neighbors and volunteers, it's even more challenging yet rewarding.

Home Tour has many moving parts, and when they all come together, it is beautiful! The acclaim belongs to all of us. We want to acknowledge several key people who form part of the Home Tour Committee, without whom Home Tour would not have been possible this year.

Brad Brauer & Addison Dent joined forces in enticing the homeowners to participate and ensure they were comfortable and happy throughout the process.

Francesca Thomas crafted thoughtful gifts monthly for the homeowners, culminating with a Willo logo doormat that people can't stop talking about!

Lisa Naccarato undertook the herculean effort of recruiting

and coordinating the volunteer force, which kept the event running smoothly. Everything from the ticket booth to the setup and clean up at the end requires human power, and our neighbors stepped up to the task admirably!

**TOTAL TICKETS SOLD:**  
**3,136**

**SILENT AUCTION PROFIT:**  
**\$2,000**

**STREET FAIR PROFIT:**  
**\$11,000**

**TOTAL PROFIT FOR WILLO:**  
**\$106,906.85**

**NET PROFIT FOR WILLO:**  
**\$53,047.05**

Bob & Diana Herman have fabulously been running the Street Fair for the past seven years, and this year was no exception! They coordinated over 100 vendors and created a fun and distinctive event for all our neighbors and visitors.

Ellen Fong ably sourced and handled the musical talent for the day. Not only did every home have musicians playing, but they were also enjoying themselves along with the visitors! The main stage acts, over both days, were also top-notch and well-received.

Jenn Boonlorn & Bob Girvin sourced over 50 items for the silent auction, which they staged and operated seamlessly.

Bob Cannon, in addition to providing guidance and support, secured the billboards around town and coordinated visits from Mayor Kate Gallego, Coun-

cilmembers Laura Pastor & Ruben Gallego, and State Senator Lela Alston.

Much of our event is planned and executed behind the scenes: Linda worked diligently in the exacting chore of equipment rentals, securing permits and licenses from the City of Phoenix, as well as juggling the budget; Sandra put together endless articles, press releases, advertising copy as well as the brochure; Regina Harris wrote much of the history of the homes; and Tricia Amato was the creative force behind all the beautiful artwork that graced all printed and online materials.

Last but certainly not least, THE HOMEOWNERS. Without them opening their homes to over 3000 visitors, we would not have a Home Tour!

We have enjoyed our turn at being Home Tour Co-Chairs, have had fun, and learned much while producing this year's Home Tour. We now hand over all planning responsibilities to the 2024 team, who will be announced in due time by the incoming WNA President, Brad Brauer.

Following is a sample of the photographs taken on the day. For more photos, please visit WILLO-PHX.COM. Photos by Addison Dent & Richard Blue Cloud Photography.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH! --- Linda & Sandra ■

*Home Tour Pics*



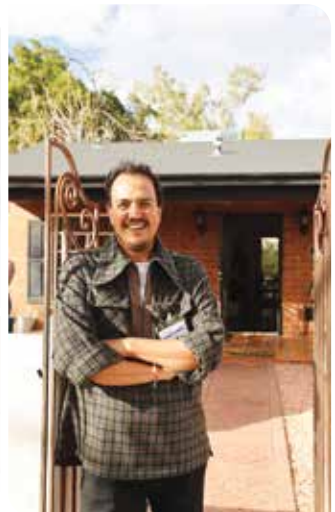
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# UP ON THE ROOF

BY TRICIA AMATO (LEWIS)

**I THINK SOMETIMES WE STOP** “seeing” our neighborhood the way people who come to the home tour do. They are fascinated by our homes and all the little details that make them unique. Some details worth noting are the numerous roof types. I do not have enough space here to identify them all, so I will focus on three roof types that are uncommon and interesting: asbestos, copper, and concrete.

Asbestos mixed with lightweight concrete was used to manufacture durable, lightweight, inexpensive, and fireproof shingles. They were produced in several shapes, could be pressed with different textures, and even colored, so they seemed to be the perfect roofing material. Asbestos tiles continued to be manufactured right up until the 1980s, when asbestos was determined to be a carcinogenic material. However, if left untouched, asbestos roofs can last up to 100 years! However, if one of these roofs needs to be replaced, there is a modern alternative shingle that looks exactly the same.

Copper is less common in our neighborhood, even though it has been used as a roofing material for centuries. Copper does not corrode and is stable in a wide range of temperatures. A properly installed copper roof can also last a lifetime. These

roofs can either be laid down in sheets or installed as shingles that are soldered together. Roofs like the one pictured here were laid down horizon-



tally in sheets beginning at the eaves and then overlapped as they went up toward the ridge. Wooden spacers were placed under the sheets to create the texture you can see in the photo. As the roof ages, the copper

gets a beautiful green patina, like this one!

We have all seen concrete tile roofs. In fact, concrete has been used as a roofing material for hundreds of years. But one concrete roof in Willo is unique

and special — it is a poured-in-place roof that was “stamped” to look like shingles. The builder of this

home, Frank B. Wallace, was an engineer who is most famous for developing the Villa Verde neighborhood. He saw himself as a builder of artistic homes for people of modest means, and he experimented with novel techniques like this concrete roof, which, like the others discussed here, will likely last for 100 years.

Next time you are walking through Willo, look around with the eyes of someone who is new here and notice the interesting historic details you may have never seen before. ■

*Tricia is a City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Commissioner. Visit [phoenix.gov/pdd/historic-preservation](http://phoenix.gov/pdd/historic-preservation) for information regarding historic guidelines and approvals. Tricia can be reached at [amatricia@gmail.com](mailto:amatricia@gmail.com).*

(Pictured from top to bottom) Asbestos; Concrete; and Copper roofs.



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BY JON ROBERTS (GRANADA)



**DR. BOB CANNON AND DON** Vallejo never tire of visits to Spain and the essential nightlife activity of venturing out to local “tascas” — colorful tapas bars. It’s something they love to share with others, so they are treating Willo to tapas at their home for April’s Happy Hour.

The experience of tapas is like an edible scavenger hunt, where one collects small portions of seafood, salads, meat-filled pastries, and deep-fried tasties, and pieces them together for a light evening meal. Tapas are an opportunity to eat adventurously

and in Spain are usually enjoyed standing at the barra (counter), where it’s easier to mingle with chattering locals (which makes this perfect for our neighborhood too).

Food (and travel stories) will be generously provided by Bob and Don, but feel free to bring a beverage to share. Enjoy the evening like a gregarious Spaniard living in Willo and write your own stories! ■

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2023

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**THURSDAY,  
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Association Board  
Meeting - 6:30pm -  
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Building - 1850 N  
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Room - Level C

**FRIDAY,  
MAY 12TH**  
Willo Happy Hour  
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## Block Watch

# Block Watch Update

BY ERIKA GAGNON (CYPRESS)

**NEIGHBORS!** Help is needed filling the vacant Block Watch Captain spots, listed below. Please consider volunteering to help keep our community aware and safe. Contact Erika Gagnon at 480-277-2845 or [eleigh13@outlook.com](mailto:eleigh13@outlook.com) for more information. Thank you!

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# TALES OF TAILS

## THE HONORARY BRIGADIER GENERAL PANCHO VILLA ROGERS CLARK AND GRACE (VIRGINIA)

BY BOBBI RYALS (LEWIS)

**I HAD THE DISTINCT** pleasure of sitting down on the lovely, breezy front porch of The Honorary Brigadier General Pancho Villa Rogers Clark to interview him on this fine Friday afternoon. Pancho greeted me enthusiastically yet casually. As we chatted, I was thrilled that he

mix and got my name from my Uncle Bill.

**Interviewer:** Thank you, sir. Pancho, what is your favorite thing in life?

**Pancho:** My absolutely most favoritest thing to do is to decline the world's best dog treats in order to save room to eat the most

have lots of friends, Pancho. What would you consider your best trait?

**Pancho:** Besides my really cool, big ears that rotate backward when I walk, I think my best trait is that I approach the world with an open nose and heart. Whether it's a pretty flower or a pungent



perched himself on my lap for the following interview:

**Interviewer:** So good to see you again, Pancho. Can we start by you telling our readers just a little bit about yourself?

**Pancho:** Yes, sure. I'm 13 years old, and I was taken in by my Uncle Bill, Aunt Norie, and Cousin Sarah when I wandered up to their front door one day in Glendale, AZ. They took care of me until I found my forever home with Grace in 2019. Grace took me in because her Mom, Yvonne, needed a companion, but Yvonne had to go live in a memory care place, so Grace is now my forever Mom. I am a Jack Russell/Chihuahua

mysterious dead insect or animal on the street when Grace walks me. My runner-up favorite things are reading and writing pee-mail and my sniffing walks.

**Interviewer:** It sounds like you give Grace some gifts she may not be too fond of. What are your other favorite foods besides dead things?

**Pancho:** Oh, I love chicken and cheese of any kind. In fact, my second favorite humans besides Grace are Brian and Miguel, Max's dads, because they give me THE BEST treats! Max is my best 4 legged friend too, and he lives on Wilshire.

**Interviewer:** I'm sure you

pile of poo, I am equally interested and open to what they can bring to my life!

**Interviewer:** Well, that is really an amazing trait, Pancho. In closing, is there anything you'd like to let your human, Grace, know when she reads this article - maybe something even she doesn't know about you?

**Pancho:** I would be so much happier if Grace did not have to go to her office to work ever again. That would be the best treat. Even better than dead animals & insects! If Grace stayed home, I'd be the happiest Brigadier General on the face of the planet! ■

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# Willo Neighborhood Spring Yard Sale

BY PATRICE WAPPEL (WINDSOR)



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