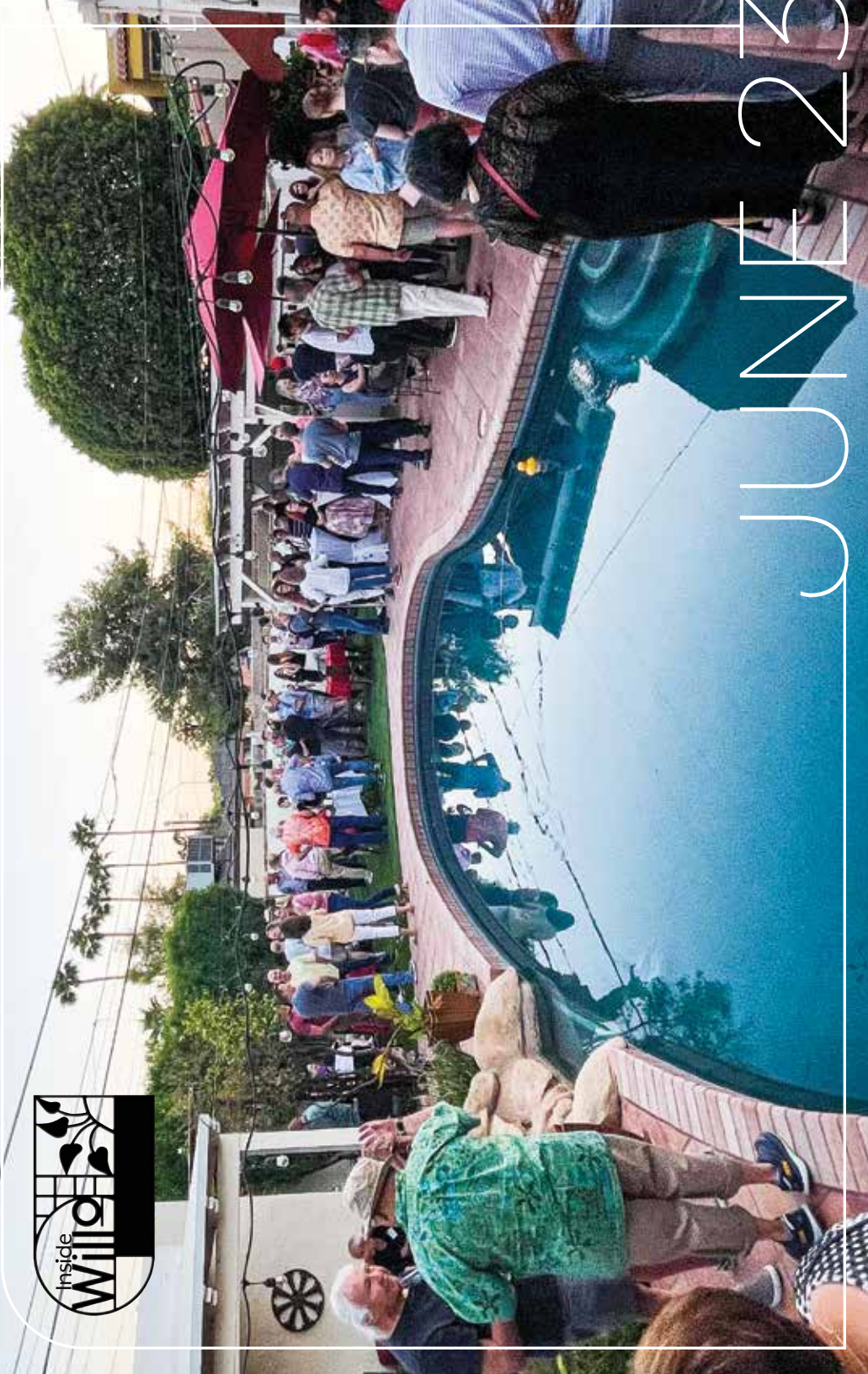


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Hello Neighbors!

AS I WRITE THIS, IT'S A gorgeous day in May, with a light breeze, and I think it's only 80 degrees. Compare that to when you read this, it will probably be a bit different! It's June, and we're getting ready to take the summer off after our June 8th board meeting. We will not print Inside Willo or have a board meeting until September.

I wanted to share a great experience we had on Monte Vista at the end of April. We invited both blocks to a dinner party and had three houses smoke brisket, turkey, and pork, while the other residents brought appetizers, sides, and desserts. Everyone brought their own drinks (it is Willo) and set up a game of "Bags" as my neighbor calls it. We had a fantastic turnout, but in our revelry, we neglected to take photos. My point, though, is we used to do this sort of thing annually, if not more often, and finally, we're back, post-pandemic. I'd love to see this sort of neighbor event pop back up all over Willo, re-

turning to the "Mayberry" feel we had before Covid 19. I'm excited to be invited to the "First Sunday" gathering on Edgemont to continue this neighborly fun. Hopefully, we can get some photos here in Inside Willo and on-line at www.WilloPHX.com of neighbors sharing some food and drinks on their streets.

As you've probably noticed, the City of Phoenix has finally begun construction on 3rd Avenue and hopefully will have started 5th Avenue by the time this magazine hits your doorstep. This project is seven years in the making and is designed to slow traffic, reduce wrong-way driving, and protect cyclists and pedestrians. It may not be the easiest project(s) to live through, but I am asking for everyone's patience. This will be better when it's finally completed.

Hoping you all have a fantastic summer; take some time to enjoy a vacation and some cooler weather. I believe I've got an Alaskan cruise coming in June. Before you leave, be sure to alert your neighbors of your plans, when you'll be gone, return, and if anyone should be at your house while you're gone. Just a bit of precaution. Until next time, see you 'round the hood. ■



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APRIL HAPPY HOUR AT THE CANNON/VALLEJO HOME.
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The Summer Dispatch

IN THIS LAST ISSUE OF *Inside Willo* until September, I want to leave you with important information for the next three months.

- ◆ Please see the calendar on page 17, which lists events and food trucks for June through September.
- ◆ The schedule and guidelines for Bulk Trash Collection are on page 22.

- ◆ Kids Club briefs us about their family-friendly 4th of July event on page 15.
- ◆ Page 19 will give you ideas and inspiration for neighborhood cleanup efforts; Summer is the perfect time to make your corner of Willo shine!
- ◆ Last but not least, *everyone loves a party*, and as Willo President Brad Brauer mentions in his column, think about gathering

your neighbors for some community-building fun!

We will be hosting the next Willo Happy Hour on September 8th at the Lefcovich-Berrocoso home - we hope to see many neighbors for a grand fiesta! Until then, have a wonderful summer!

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Super Pawn's Super Interesting History

BY TRICIA AMATO (LEWIS)

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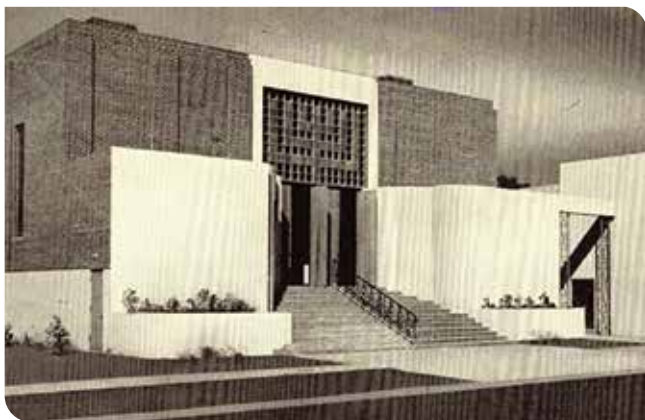
at the Super Pawn on the corner of 3rd Ave. and McDowell and thought that it looked odd for a commercial building? You would be correct to think that, but what could it have been in a previous life? It looks institutional, that is for sure. Maybe a library? A government office building?

How about a synagogue?

Its simple, modernist design has a sophisticated formality — a serious building. The red-brick building, with a sweeping staircase leading up to double doors, was, in fact, a synagogue. The synagogue and 12-room school building was purpose-built in 1951 for Temple Beth El.

In 1930, Beth El split off from Beth Israel, the valley's first and only Jewish congregation at the time. The newly formed congregation was Phoenix's first conservative Jewish congregation. This was their permanent home until 1968 when they moved to a larger campus in north Phoenix. The tiles that formed the menorah on the front of the building are still there, under the Super Pawn sign.

Beth El also purchased the house immediately to the north of the synagogue (301 W.



Almeria) as the home for Rabbi Harr Z. Schechtman, which is why that house is colloquially known as the "Rabbi's House." However, the official name is the Bert J. Freidman/A. B. Baker House and was built in 1930, 20 years before Temple Beth El purchased the property. The Mediterranean Revival style home is one of the largest in Willo with over 3,300 square feet, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, and a 600 sq ft. basement. It is immediately recognizable for its prominent lancet window in the front. The house was originally intended to be built in the Encanto-Palmcroft neighborhood, but there wasn't a lot large enough to accommodate it. Therefore, two lots in Willo were combined to fit the plan.

Probably the most interesting

feature of the house is that its basement was at one time connected to the synagogue's basement by at least one tunnel. This was so the Rabbi and the congregants could escape if necessary — a stark reminder that in 1951 the Holocaust was still very much alive and on the minds of Jews, even here in Phoenix.

Today, the tunnels have been blocked off, but the remnants of several tunnel entrances can still be seen in the basement of the pawn shop. Fascinating! ■

Tricia is a City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Commissioner.

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LOLA MARTIN (CHARLIE MARTIN, LEWIS)

INTERVIEW BY BOBBI RYALS (LEWIS)

TOP POINTS FOR LOLA!

When I asked to interview her for this article, she immediately said yes and suggested that we meet at Oven & Vine, my favorite hangout. And then she even proceeded to buy me 2 beers! What a boon.

Interviewer: Thanks Lola (who actually goes by LOW-LEE per her human, Charlie)! Let's start by you telling me all about yourself – all the things I don't already know.

Lola: Well, let's see ... my Dad named me Lola after the song "Lola" by the Kinks. Although I don't cross-dress like the Lola in the song, my Dad would love me all the same if I did! You might recognize me by my fluffy, puppy-like fur and my puppy face. I'm not sure what breed I am, but I have a Chow tongue and the coloring of a Cocker Spaniel. I was rescued from the streets of Flagstaff and then found my forever human, Charlie. When he brought me home, there was another dog there named Pugsly, a Brussels Griffon mix. Once I established dominance over Pugsly, we became best friends until Pugsly died 5 years ago. My Dad thinks it's funny to say that I slipped out of my first house one



day, and they locked the door so I couldn't get back in. But I'm not sure I like that story.

Interviewer: Yeah, I'm with you, Lola, I doubt anyone would ever intentionally lock you out. But maybe Charlie thinks that because you are not an escape artist like many dogs, especially rescue dogs.

Lola: Maybe ... ok, I accept that. I will tell you, though, I am 1½, and I am getting some dementia along with my achy joints. About a month ago, something came over me. Charlie had me off-leash on the porch as usual, and I was just feeling good at that moment and decided I'd go for a run down the street. I felt like a puppy all over again for this moment in time! I started trucking down the block as fast as I could, and it was the most fun! I had Charlie running so fast, and he couldn't catch me. Then the neighbors, Chris

and Cari, started trying to catch me. Chris even had to chase me down on his scooter because I was hightailing it! That was the best night of my life! About a month ago, I had another good day when I hiked 4 miles in Sedona! I want to get all the walking and hiking in that I can while I can if you know what I mean?

Interviewer: Walking & hiking, yes! But bolting is only fun for you, Lola! Can you tell me more about your human?

Lola: Charlie is a perfect Dad. There is nothing he could do any better than what he already does. I get hound hash every night (rice, hamburger, and veggies) with a fried egg on top. I get treats and walks and gentle pets. I get regular visits with my half-brother, Bowie, who is a Bug, which means he's half Boston Terrier & half Pug. He's personality plus, and we get along really well. I also especially love hanging out at home by the garage listening to vintage vinyl or classical music when Dad gardens or works on his 1972 Hafflinger. It's a Steyr-puch from Austria and bright red! I think my Dad is a pretty cool guy. I love those times just hanging out with him on a nice spring day. ■

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Summer is Upon Us.

BY JON ROBERTS (GRANADA)

SUMMER IS UPON US.

In most climates, that means more time outdoors, enjoying the rare few months of warmth with family and friends. In Phoenix, this is our season for retreating indoors or escaping to cooler places. In Willo, we take a break from hosting happy hours until September.

But staying socially connected is still vital for us individually, and as a neighborhood. Those who lack social connections or report frequent feelings of loneliness also tend to suffer higher rates of injuries, infection, depression, cognitive decline, and early death. In fact, prolonged isolation is as harmful as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. Willo benefits greatly through our social interactions with each other to stay a clean, safe, and vibrant community. That

is a profound impact!

So, here are a few ways I would like to encourage you to keep your connections strong this summer:

- ◆ Host a dinner or pool time with some neighbors you've met this year. Take the initiative!
- ◆ Check in on an older neighbor. Stay and ask lots of questions about their interesting life.
- ◆ Welcome a new neighbor with some frozen treats and a card. Exchange your contact information.
- ◆ Host a personal interest class at your house—like a “day camp”—for a few invited neighbors (cooking, sewing, painting, yoga, music, swimming, etc.)
- ◆ Come to a June Willo Board meeting. I'll bring treats. You bring your ideas.
- ◆ Can you think of more ways to stay social? Share them with us on Facebook!



Thank you all for making the 2022-2023 season of happy hours so amazing. I look forward to reconvening in September! ■

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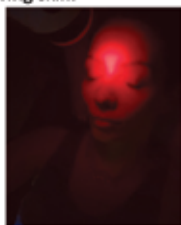
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4th of July Celebration!

BY AMY JENSBY (CAMBRIDGE)

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WEDNESDAY,

JUNE 21st

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Rockets - https://streetfoodfinder.com/YumRockets#!menu_section
5:00 pm -
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**Walton Park is at Monte Vista & 3rd Avenue for more info: streetfoodfinder.com/WilloWednesdays - please check the link for last minute changes and additions.*

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of the Brisket - https://streetfoodfinder.com/Retrunofthebrisket#!menu_section
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm,
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CLEAN UP, WILLO!

BY JONATHAN ROBERTS (GRANADA)

EARLY APRIL, WILLO

neighbor Ted McLaren alerted us on Facebook of information from the Saguaro National Park about an invasive weed called “Stinknet” spreading through our state. You may have noticed it growing in Willo this year—particularly on the Avenues and in alleyways. His post asked us to help control its spread by destroying it whenever possible.

Bobbi Ryals (Lewis) responded with the idea of organizing neighbors for a cleanup, which gave momentum for a cleanup.

The neighborhood was surveyed, and the most egregious area was 1st Avenue between McDowell Road and Holly Street. It was full of Stinknet and overgrown weeds.

Eric Gilmore (Coronado), along with Block Watch captains Vincent Waldron (Granada), Diane Connors (Almeria), and myself, rallied neighbors near the area with emails and fliers.

Neighbors had also noticed the lack of clean-up from the City



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After

along 1st Avenue, so they were willing to roll up their sleeves and do the dirty work before the weather grew too hot.

On April 22nd—a week after the first contact—neighbors from Almeria, Coronado, and Granada showed up with gloves, tools, and friendly smiles to beautify this border of Willo. It was a great way to celebrate Earth Day, work alongside friends, and also meet new faces. Many hands made work go much quicker than anticipated. We began at 7:00 am and finished before 9:30 am. Just

look at the before & after images above! Wow!

Several neighbors spontaneously gathered afterward for brunch at a couple homes.

Thank you to all for your ideas, work, and other contributions to tidy up Willo! ■

If you see an area of Willo that needs a cleanup, you can help organize it! Willo Neighborhood Association can provide assistance if you reach out to us. Contact KleanStreets Committee Chair Patrice Wappel at william@cox.net.

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83 W Cypress	PENDING	\$1,250,000
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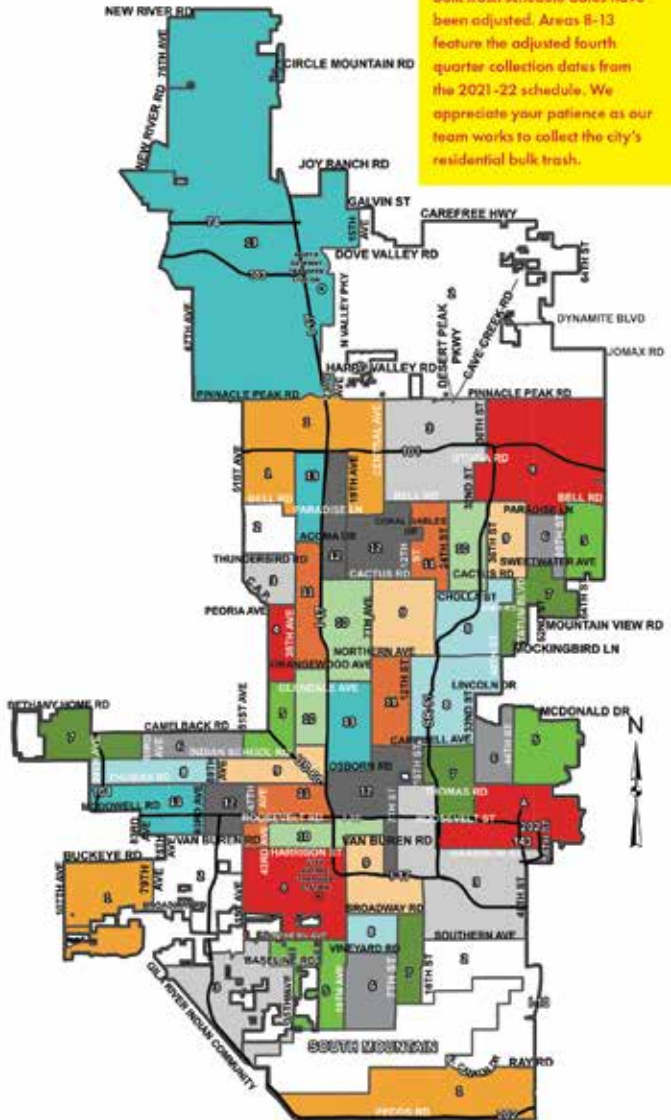
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2023 City of Phoenix Bulk Trash Pickup Schedule

Area	Placement Begins On	Collection Begins Week Of
1	Dec. 24, '22	Jan. 2, '23
	Mar. 25, '23	Apr. 3, '23
	Jun. 24, '23	Jul. 3, '23
	Sept. 23, '23	Oct. 2, '23
2	Dec. 31, '22	Jan. 9, '23
	Apr. 1, '23	Apr. 10, '23
	Jul. 1, '23	Jul. 10, '23
3	Jan. 7, '23	Jan. 16, '23
	Apr. 8, '23	Apr. 17, '23
	Jul. 8, '23	Jul. 17, '23
4	Oct. 7, '23	Oct. 16, '23
	Jan. 14, '23	Jan. 22, '23
	Apr. 15, '23	Apr. 24, '23
5	Jul. 15, '23	Jul. 24, '23
	Oct. 14, '23	Oct. 23, '23
	Jan. 21, '23	Jan. 30, '23
6	Apr. 22, '23	May 1, '23
	Jul. 22, '23	Jul. 31, '23
	Oct. 21, '23	Oct. 30, '23
7	Jan. 28, '23	Feb. 6, '23
	Apr. 29, '23	May 8, '23
	Jul. 29, '23	Aug. 7, '23
	Oct. 28, '23	Nov. 6, '23
8	Feb. 4, '23	Feb. 13, '23
	May 6, '23	May 15, '23
	Aug. 5, '23	Aug. 14, '23
	Nov. 4, '23	Nov. 13, '23
9	Nov. 12, '22	Nov. 21, '22
	Feb. 11, '23	Feb. 20, '23
	May 13, '23	May 22, '23
	Aug. 12, '23	Aug. 21, '23
10	Nov. 11, '23	Nov. 20, '23
	Nov. 19, '22	Nov. 28, '22
	Feb. 18, '23	Feb. 27, '23
	May 20, '23	May 29, '23
11	Aug. 19, '23	Aug. 28, '23
	Nov. 18, '23	Nov. 27, '23
	Nov. 26, '22	Dec. 5, '22
	Feb. 25, '23	Mar. 6, '23
12	May 27, '23	Jun. 5, '23
	Aug. 26, '23	Sept. 4, '23
	Nov. 25, '22	Dec. 4, '22
	Dec. 3, '22	Dec. 12, '22
13	Mar. 4, '23	Mar. 13, '23
	Jun. 3, '23	Jun. 12, '23
	Sept. 2, '23	Sept. 11, '23
	Dec. 2, '23	Dec. 11, '23
14	Dec. 10, '22	Dec. 19, '22
	Mar. 11, '23	Mar. 20, '23
	Jun. 10, '23	Jun. 19, '23
	Sept. 9, '23	Sept. 18, '23
15	Dec. 9, '23	Dec. 18, '23
	Dec. 17, '22	Dec. 26, '22
	Mar. 18, '23	Mar. 27, '23
	Jun. 17, '23	Jun. 26, '23
16	Sept. 16, '23	Sept. 25, '23
	Dec. 16, '23	Dec. 25, '23

Due to staffing challenges, the bulk trash schedule dates have been adjusted. Areas 8-13 feature the adjusted fourth quarter collection dates from the 2021-22 schedule. We appreciate your patience as our team works to collect the city's residential bulk trash.



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