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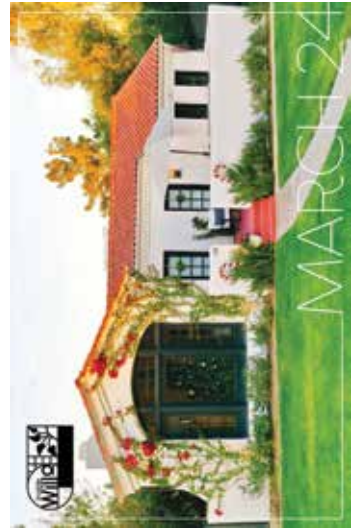
Kudos for a Successful Home Tour

tour in the city we know about. Other neighborhoods could not get the homes or the interest to hold their own events. Thank you all for showing the city that Willo is the best neighborhood in the Valley. The excitement for Saturday night's Twilight Tour and the Sunday main event was overwhelming. We intend to start planning the 36th Annual Willo Home Tour for President's Day weekend 2025 as soon as possible.

We had the new Streets/Transportation Department director, Mr. Joseph Brown, at our Feb 8th meeting. We informed him of our concerns with updating 3rd and 5th Avenues, the missing sense of urgency, the missing safety precautions, and more. We have sent a follow-up letter to the city regarding the speed and potential of missing stop and street signs, the constant change of staff, flooding, and other issues we have in our neighborhood. In March, we will have Eric Prochnow discuss how the Final Four games in April will affect downtown and midtown neighborhoods. I'm also speaking with a city engineer specifically addressing the flooding of 3rd Avenue, hoping for him to also make an appearance at a board meeting.

Until next time, see you 'round the 'hood. ■

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR Home Tour Chairs, Courtney Southerland and Crawford Breedlove, for a successful and fun Tour. Thank you to all our gracious homeowners who shared their homes, all committee members, and volunteers. Although the numbers aren't finalized yet as I write this, the turnout, the volunteers, the music, and the beautiful homes were great. I believe having two new chairs provided a new/ view and vibe that was enjoyed all across the neighborhood. I had the opportunity to show Mayor Gallego a few of the homes, as we do every year. It is very helpful to share what's going on in Willo and have the mayor's ear for 45 minutes to an hour once a year. This is an interesting year for us as we are the only home



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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.

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DEXTER:

NIKKI ARMSTRONG & AL ARPAD (ALMERIA)

INTERVIEWED BY BOBBI RYALS (LEWIS)

EVERY TIME I TRY TO WRITE

this article, I burst into laughter. Dexter dog is a hoot and a half! He's a 3-1/2-year-old, reddish-brown, wiry little job of cuteness with long, stringy white hair around his mouth and down the middle of his lower back. With a little wax, he could easily have the best handlebar mustache to go with, what his mom Nikki calls, his butt mullet! But good looks aren't everything – there's more personality packed into this little 11lb terrier/chihuahua mix than you can even fathom. He's a licker extraordinaire, lovey-dovey to the max, and has enough energy to power a city! After he licked my entire face (glasses and all), I asked him if I was sweet or salty. He had the nerve to tell me that he was reserving judgment until he got to know me better. Though a bit hurt, I agreed to continue the interview anyway, in my best form, of course.

Interviewer: Well, well, Dexter, can you settle down long enough to tell me about yourself? (He springs off my lap, through the air, and perfectly lands in Nikki's lap about 5 feet away).

DEXTER: I'll try. Obviously, I love to kiss and love on people and relish making them laugh; people are my thing. I came to live with my mom, Nikki, and dad, Al after the Humane Animal Rescue Trapping Team (HARTT) rescued me from a construction site. Since my adoption, I've really lived a



charmed life. Mom and Dad work from home, so we are pretty much always together, which I love. We also have a house in Ohio that we drive to every summer. I ride in the back seat while Mom blasts the Beastie Boys on the radio. It's the best! I get two long walks a day, and I love to burrow under really soft blankets when I get home.

Interviewer: Very nice, Dexter, that sounds like such fun! What about snacks? Do you have favorites?

DEXTER: My favorite snack is night cheese.

Interviewer: Night cheese? What's that?

DEXTER: It's the cheese my

humans get into and eat after the sun goes down. My dad is the purveyor of the night cheese. I also get sweet potatoes from our garden and crackers; sometimes I even get Cheese-Its after a long game of fetch and destroy.

Interviewer: Yummy! I love cheese too, especially the night kind. I also want to ask you about your four-legged friends. Who's your favorite in Willo?

DEXTER: My favorite friend is the other Dexter.

Interviewer: The other Dexter?

DEXTER: Yeah, he lives in the 500 block of Coronado, and he's a chihuahua, but he doesn't look much like me. He's my buddy, though, and I just think it's so cool that we have the same name and live in the same neighborhood. I also have another puppy friend who lives in Kentucky. Her name is Willow. Isn't that ironic?

Interviewer: That's really crazy! So, one last question of a more serious nature ... what is the meaning of life for you, Dexter?

DEXTER: Well, Mom says every day is a gift, so I think that's it. Every day is a gift – another day to lick, love, play, and ... live my best life. The only thing I would change, if I could, would be to get some day cheese!

Interviewer: What a great view of life, Dexter. I love it! And I'm coming back with some day cheese for you. Remember where it came from. ■

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BY JON ROBERTS (GRANADA)

I TRULY ENJOY PLANNING AND presenting our Willo Happy Hours each month with hosting neighbors all over the neighborhood. Keith and I are appreciative of all the connections we've made and developed in the last few years. Each of you has truly enriched our lives and given us solid proof we live in the best neighborhood in Phoenix. We want to host you again at our home on March 8th for our traditional Friday Pizza Night. I'll be slinging a variety of pies for your enjoyment (some GF, Veg,

and Plant-Based too). We invite you to bring your favorite side dish or dessert and beverage to share. Come join the fun and turn this gathering into a celebration of our neighborhood. We can't wait to share this beautiful evening with you, our wonderful neighbors! Ages 21+ please. ■

Subscribe to the Willo Social Committee's email list and watch for more information about upcoming Happy Hours by contacting willosocialcommittee@gmail.com.

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MARCH 8TH
5:30-7:30 PM

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5:30-7:30 PM

HOSTS:
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Willo Kids Club

WHAT A MONTH WE HAD!

BY AMY JENSBY (CAMBRIDGE)

FEBRUARY WAS A BIG MONTH FOR THE

Willo Kids Club, with our Willo Home Tour & Street Fair booth and our much anticipated Snow Day in Lewis Park. As always, thank you to our volunteers who help make these events possible. ■ Join us for our second annual Spring Fling! Please let me know if you want to be added to the WKC mailing list @ amyjensby@gmail.com. ■ Finally, we are beginning our search for WKC parent volunteers to head up the Willo Kids Club for the 2024/25 academic year. Please consider this fun and rewarding one-year contribution to our lovely little community! ■



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Preserving the Hotel San Carlos

BY TRICIA AMATO (LEWIS)

I AM PRETTY SURE THAT every Phoenician knows about the Hotel San Carlos on Central and Monroe. Many even know it's haunted, and that mystique lends to its popularity and intrigue. To me, it is a once-grand hotel that has seen better days, but it also has some of its best days ahead. In 2021, long-time owners Gregory and Robert Melikian sold the San Carlos to Rockbridge, an Ohio-based hotel investment firm. The new owners plan an \$80M renovation of the property — more about that in a minute.

The luxurious Hotel San Carlos was built in 1928 and was the first “high rise” hotel with an elevator*, steam heat, and air cooling. It was built at the staggering cost of \$850,000! It had 128 rooms, a pool, and several dining areas, including a tea garden and the famous Palm Room, where guests mingled with local movers and shakers over cocktails. It was the hotel of choice for many celebrities visiting Phoenix, including Marilyn Monroe, Mae West, Clark Gable, Humphrey Bogart, and Gene Autry, among others.

The hauntings seem to have started right away. The same year it opened, a woman named Leona Jensen jumped off the roof in an evening gown. It is debated whether she committed suicide or was pushed, but a woman in a white dress has been “seen” in the

hotel since. Other spirits frequent the hotel, including several children who are believed to have been students at Phoenix's first school, which was previously on the site. The children include a young girl seen crying for her mother and three boys who cause mischief. The girl may have died during the Spanish Flu epidemic, and the boys, it is believed, fell into the well on the property (which is still in the basement of the hotel) when they were trying to retrieve the ball they were playing with. These days, many people stay at the San Carlos to catch a glimpse of the ghosts and enjoy the shabby chic vibe of this once-elegant hotel.

Now to the hotel's future! Its new owner, Rockbridge, has renovated historic hotels across the US in cities such as Louisville, St. Louis, Knoxville, Philadelphia, Indianapolis, and Portland. Last year, they gave a presentation to the Historic Preservation Commission and showed us examples of past projects and some conceptual drawings for the San Carlos. Those who may want the hotel returned to its original look and design will be pleased. Rockbridge applied for a \$500,000 matching grant from the city to make some needed infrastructure repairs and begin returning the facade to its original form. This includes replacing ALL

the windows in the building, re-creating the historic storefronts on the main lobby level, and reversing some non-historic changes made to the Monroe side of the building.

There are also plans to re-open the tea court, which was closed off years ago, and the Palm Room and to add a speakeasy in the basement next to that original well I mentioned above, as well as a lobby bar. They will also add 13 new guest rooms, 5,000 square feet of meeting space, a new pool, and other rooftop amenities. Inside, it will look like a modern boutique hotel. If you like it as it is now, filled with antiques, you may be a little disappointed. But the renovation, scheduled to be finished in 2025, will turn the San Carlos from a shabby chic hotel frequented primarily by ghost hunters into a hip destination for travelers and locals alike.

*You may want to argue that the Westward Ho was the first high-rise hotel with elevators, but the San Carlos beat it by only months due to delays in the construction schedule of Westward Ho. ■

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

Wow! Time Flies by when having Home Fun!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS, COURTNEY SUTHERLAND (PALM) & CRAWFORD BREEDLOVE (ENCANTO)

WELL, AND JUST LIKE THAT, the 35th Annual Home Tour + Street Fair concluded! We want to give a big THANK YOU to our Willo Community!

DEAR NEIGHBORS, As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for each of you and our shared sense of community. Your kindness, support, and camaraderie have made our neighborhood a

wonderful place to call home.

Whether it was lending a helping hand, sharing a friendly smile, or simply being there for one another during the past year's joys and challenges, your presence has truly enriched our lives + The 35th Annual Home Tour.

As we move forward into the new year, let us continue to cultivate this spirit of togetherness and unity, building

upon the strong bonds that connect us as neighbors and friends. Here's to another year of laughter, friendship, and shared experiences.

WITH HEARTFELT THANKS AND WARM WISHES, COURTNEY + CRAWFORD

But wait! We are already getting ready for next year and have some exciting changes to tell you about! Keep reading! ■



CAPTURED MOMENTS FROM HOME TOUR 2024

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO THE dedicated committee members, volunteers, and homeowners who brought our Willo Home Tour to life. Your passion and commitment illuminated the past, creating an unforgettable journey for all. Your efforts have left an indelible mark on our community. Thank you for preserving and sharing the stories within these walls.

You all have worked so hard and have done such an amazing job!

Sincerely,
Courtney + Crawford, Willo Home Tour & Street Fair Co-Chairs ■



WILLO HOME TOUR RECAP



(A) Our monthly Home Tour Committee meetings are a great time for neighbors to come out and ask questions + hear updates about the biggest Willo neighborhood event! (B) Putting the signs up and seeing all the neighbors scanning the QR codes and driving by taking pictures- such pride in this neighborhood! (C) Our first Volunteer + Docent Happy Hour hosted by Lisa + Gregg Carrington. So much fun- tacos + neighbors + home tour... what could be better! (D) Our Home Tour homeowners got to hang out and see each other's homes and experience a mock home tour! (E) The Willo Home Tour committee planned and organized the Winter Willo Movie night. We had Donuts + Hot Chocolate + Elf. Such a blast!



As we look back on this past Home Tour, let's cherish the moments of joy, draw inspiration from our achievements, and reaffirm our commitment to progress and prosperity in the year ahead. With gratitude in our hearts and optimism for the future, let's embark on the next chapter of our journey, ready to embrace new challenges, seize new opportunities, and write the story of another remarkable year together.



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Here are the themes around our posts throughout the week-reach out if any resonate with you:

#MONDAY RITUALS Coffee Chronicles- Share a picture of

your favorite brew or cozy coffee spot

#SNAPSHOT TUESDAY- Capture the moment e.g., walking dog around Willo or at Trivia w/ neighbors, hanging out with neighbors or at local businesses

#WILLO WEDNESDAY- highlight favorite parts of Willo e.g., happy hours, Christmas bike ride, walks, neighborhood events

#TALENTEDTHURSDAY- show of your hobbies/talents

#FRIYAY CELEBRATIONS- what is happening this weekend ■



HOME TOUR PLANNING & FEEDBACK SESSION: FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024



Save THE Date

We want the outcomes to be insightful and constructive, providing valuable insights into our strengths and areas for improvement.

Session Details

MARCH 15TH
6-8PM
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WHETHER YOU WANT TO BE on the Home Tour committee this next year or have feedback-join us on March 15th for a planning and recap/feedback session on this past Home Tour.

We want to have a constructive feedback session focused on areas such as logistical arrangements, including signage and street fair layout, communication strategy, theme for next year and opportunities for enhancing

networking opportunities and facilitating deeper engagement among participants.

Moving forward, we will utilize this feedback to further enhance future events, leveraging our strengths while addressing areas for improvement to ensure that each event + The 36th Annual Willo Home Tour + Street Fair continues to exceed expectations and deliver exceptional value to our attendees.

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BY EDITORIAL STAFF

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 - ◆ Fill them out and have them notarized
 - ◆ Send the form letter by certified mail to all residents within a 600 ft radius
- keep in mind that the post office will only process 15 certified letters at a time unless you make an appointment*
- ◆ Scan in all the documents and the receipts for the letters
 - ◆ Upload them to the Shape PHX portal
 - ◆ Pay your fee (\$250)

The permit will be emailed to you within a day or two. Hang it as instructed. ■

Block Watch

BLOCK WATCH NEWS

BY BOBBI RYALS (LEWIS)

A SPECIAL THANKS TO Erika Gagnon, my Block Watch predecessor, for making my transition into this role seamless! Also, thanks to Erika for ordering the six new city Block Watch signs complete with graffiti-proof coating (brilliant) and to Jonathan Roberts and Aaron Mantaño Searles for your amazing work in hanging the signs! The signs can be seen on the street lamps located near Edgemont, Encanto and Almeria on 3rd and 5th avenues.

There are more signs to come in the near future (individual yard and window signs) that have been redesigned and are awaiting city approval.

I'M EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW BLOCK WATCH CAPTAINS:

- Susan Slonaker – 100 block of Holly and temp for 100 block of Cypress
- Xandon Keating – 500 block of Monte Vista
- Carl Schurtz – 300

- block of Encanto
- Casey Cody – 100 block of Vernon
- Lisa Burkstaller – 300 block of Vernon
- Allyson Damon – 300 block of Vernon
- Linda Pastore – 500 block of Lewis
- Rebecca Masterson – 300 block of Lewis
- Aaron Montaña Searles – 100 block of Edgemont

- 100 block of Coronado
- 500 block of Granada
- 100 block of Cypress
- 500 block of Wilshire
- 500 block of Cambridge
- 300 block of Edgemont

Look for more information to come on the Block Watch Captain meeting/get together in April with our Community Action Officer Ben Harris!

Grffiti Busters:
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Calendar



FRIDAY, MARCH 8th

Willo Happy Hour
- 5:30pm - 7:30pm -
THEME: Friday Pizza Night!

HOSTS: Jon Roberts & Keith Aldridge

LOCATION: 127 W. Granada

SATURDAY, MARCH 9th

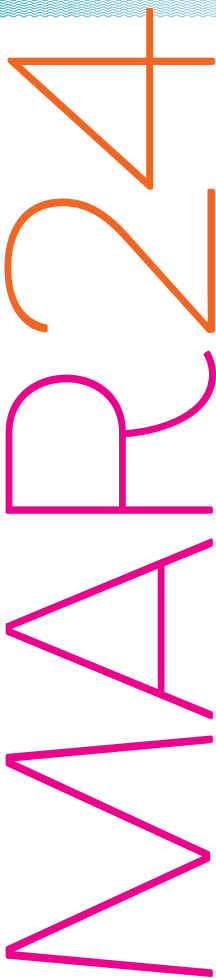
Bulk Trash placement begins - see www.willophx.com for full details

THURSDAY, MARCH 14th

Willo Neighborhood Association Board Meeting - 6:30pm - 8:00pm; **LOCATION:** Oven & Vine - 14 W. Vernon Avenue

FRIDAY, MARCH 15th

Willo Home Tour Home Tour Planning + Feedback Session: - 6:00 - 7:00 pm; **HOSTS:** Crawford Breedlove - 70 W. Encanto



MONDAY, MARCH 18th

Bulk Trash Collection - see www.willophx.com for full details

SUNDAY, MARCH 24th

Desert Overture – Civic Space Pops! Concert. This a FREE concert in the park, co-sponsored by Desert Overture, Phoenix's Premier LGBT Symphony and the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department. Music includes selections from Rent and Hairspray, as well as a rousing arrangement of "Lift Every Voice and Sing." *Attendees should bring chairs and of course can bring food and drink to enjoy at the concert. Location: Civic Space Park, 424 N. Central Ave. Time: 4:00 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 29th

"Safety in the Park Spring Fling," 3:00 to 6:00 pm; In collaboration with

Roosevelt, Willo and FQ Story Kids Clubs.

LOCATION: Amphitheater Island, Encanto Park, 1202 W. Encanto Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85007

LOOKING AHEAD

THURSDAY, APRIL 11th

Willo Neighborhood Association Board Meeting - 6:30pm - 8:00pm; Oven & Vine - 14 W. Vernon Avenue

FRIDAY, APRIL 12th

Willo Happy Hour - **THEME:** TBA **HOSTS:** Dr. Bob Cannon & Don Vallejo **LOCATION:** 533 W. Cypress

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Stinknet

BY EDITORIAL STAFF

STINKNET (ONCOSIPHON pilluliferum), aka Globe chamomile, is an invasive weed from South Africa that is spreading throughout central and southern Arizona. Its bright yellow flowers may look pretty, but this plant has devastating effects on the desert ecosystem, with the power to outcompete native spring wildflowers. It also appears in neighborhoods, including Willo in recent years. Stinknet especially thrives following wet winters like we've experienced this year.

Declared an Arizona state Noxious Weed in 2020, stinknet's name reflects the pungent odor released from crushed foliage. It has also been linked to contact dermatitis and respiratory distress, so wear gloves (and perhaps a mask) when you remove plants around your property or neighborhood. When it dries out

in the summer, it becomes highly flammable brush topped by seed heads (dried flowers). When the seed heads break up, tiny seeds spread on wind, animals, people and vehicles. The dried plant becomes a fire risk with caustic smoke that presents a public health hazard.

Stinknet plants can easily be spotted in spring, as the flowers resemble little yellow lollipops. In Arizona, it germinates from November–April and flowers from February–June. If it grows on your property, take action to remove and dispose of the plants before the seeds ripen and have a chance to spread.

WHAT TO DO

- ◆ Eliminate stinknet asap after it emerges; do not let it flower.
- ◆ Pull the plant by hand or with a shovel, making sure to remove

the roots from the ground. Since it can cause allergic reactions and rash, wear gloves, long sleeves and long pants.

- ◆ Use herbicides to kill the plant if it has not yet flowered. A variety of herbicides, including glyphosate and pre-emergents, are effective.

- ◆ Have an annual management plan to find and remove young plants before they grow seeds.

- ◆ Remove and bag dried/dead stinknet carefully – it will shed thousands of seeds, which can live in soil up to five years. Bag the weeds carefully, clean shoes, clothing, and equipment to prevent spread of seeds.

- ◆ Do not use a mower or string trimmer; plants may grow back and will leave seeds to germinate the following year.

- ◆ Brush off clothing and shoes after hiking in stinknet areas.

- ◆ Do not allow pets to run through stinknet. Clean them off if they do.

- ◆ Report stinknet plant locations to <https://www.inaturalist.org> and www.stinknet.org

For more info:

- ◆ City of Phoenix:

<http://tinyurl.com/phxstinknet>

- ◆ Arizona Native Plant Society:

<http://tinyurl.com/aznpsj>

- ◆ University of Arizona Cooperative Extension:

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