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follows: our 2024 Home Tour is the second-highest net profit in our history. Congrats to our Chairs, Courtney Sutherland and Crawford Breedlove, as well as all the homeowners and committee members. This achievement was difficult as the costs rose so much on top of the fact that this was their first time as chairs. I'm so thankful that they have both offered to chair the 2025 tour again. They have already begun planning and are taking everything learned this year to improve our 36th Willo Home Tour. If you'd like your house to be on tour next year or would like to be a part of the Home Tour Committee, you can find Courtney and Crawford's contact details on page 5 of this magazine. It's a great way to get involved and meet your neighbors.

As you can see, construction has started again on 3rd and 5th Avenues. The city has shared expected completion dates, but those continually change. Both

avenues will be ground and resurfaced, making them much easier to drive on. Your patience is greatly appreciated. Chair Bob Cannon will have a new report for us at our April 11th board meeting. I also hope to have a City of Phoenix engineer there to discuss flooding in the neighborhood during heavy rainstorms. I'm hoping that after 30 years, the city can devise a planned budget for those changes.

Speaking of rain, we've had a lot over the winter, and at the beginning of spring, it caused a lot of weeds throughout the neighborhood and in the city easements. Although we're not an HOA that can require you to remove them or fine you, I hope all of our neighbors will be considerate to each other and remove them - keep Willo beautiful!

Real estate has gotten explosive in the neighborhood, with many selling over \$1,000,000, even with higher interest rates. I love the values rising and am very thankful I purchased it almost 20 years ago! Also, I am grateful I refinanced under 3% in 2021.

So far, 2024 is off to a great start, with the home tour completed and the spring yard sale coming on April 13th. Until next time, see you 'round the 'hood. ■



ON THE COVER:
CLOUDS REFLECT
THE SUNSET OVER
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DURING MARCH
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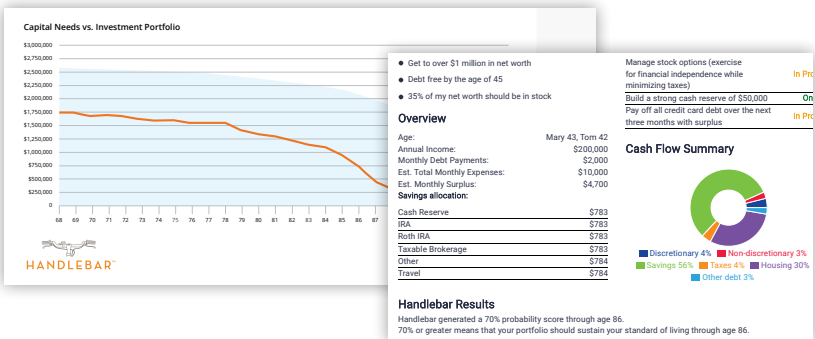
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ELLA & WINNIE:

JIM & PATTY GOUGH (ENCANTO)

INTERVIEWED BY BOBBI RYALS (LEWIS)



WHEN I ARRIVED AT

the house, I was more than warmly greeted by Patty and two of the cutest three-month-old female boxer puppies that you can even imagine – Ella Margaret & Winnie Olivia. It was like walking into a lovely garden of galloping little reddish-brown square-shaped beasts. They bounced around like little goats – I was in heaven even though my arms and legs served as puppy scratching posts, and the toe of my Birkenstock was nearly chewed off before I realized it! Ok, maybe I'm being a tad hyperbolic.

Ella is brindle with white on her paws, chest, and stomach. A perfect white stripe is drawn right down the middle of her face, circling her big square nose.

Interviewer: Hi Ella! Tell me about yourself, little girl.

ELLA: Sure, I started out in a litter of 10 kids, but now I live with Patty and Jim and only one of my sisters, Winnie. Winnie and I are best friends, and we love to play in Mom's garden. We lie on her irises, burrow under her shrubs, and even eat from the garden.

Interviewer: You lie on the irises and eat from the garden?

ELLA: Yes, we do. Does that make us bad girls? I hear Mom Patty say that she used to have a Garden of Eden, but now she

has a Garden that's Eaten, but I don't even know what that means. One day, we wanted to do something special for Mom and Dad, so Winnie and I snapped off all the orange pom poms from the marigolds to decorate the backyard. We had so much fun and were so proud of it. We thought it was a good thing.

Interviewer: You'll have to ask your Mom about that. She's so smitten with you and Winnie that I'll bet she just overlooks it. But, if you come to my house, no eating from my garden, ok? (I got the head cock of confusion in response.) Enter Winnie ... Winnie! Come here and let me see you! I love your adorable vertical ears that flop over on the top. And you sure do have the cutest little brown face that I think I've ever seen!

WINNIE: Look at me, Bobbi, I have deep wrinkles on my face, just like you!

Interviewer: Well, thanks a lot, Winnie (eye roll). Wrinkles are super cute on you, though. I think your wrinkles mean that maybe you are wise beyond your months?! Tell me about what you like to do. At this moment,

she prances like a show horse over to where Ella is, and they begin playing crunch and tug-of-war with a plastic water bottle – the cracking of

it seemed to serve the same purpose as a squeaker. Patty told me they box with each other, too. I was surprised to learn that boxing is common among Boxers, which is probably how they got their name! Ya learn something new every day.

Hey girls, come over here and talk to me a bit. Tell me something you really love about your humans.

ELLA: We love Mom and Dad, especially our nightly routine of cuddling up together to watch the evening news with Norah O'Donnell. Mom and Dad love us SO much it's ridiculous!

WINNIE: Yeah, Mom says we give her a purpose, and she loves how we make her laugh. She also likes that she and Dad now spend more time outside in their Garden of Eaten.

Interviewer: Ha ha! Thanks, girls! It sure sounds like you have a great life here. I'm so happy I got to witness your crazy energy and your happy puppy abandon. You have made me really happy and make me want to roll down a hill or decorate my yard with marigolds or something. Thank you for that. ■

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PIZZA, THUNDER, AND TAPAS!

BY JON ROBERTS (GRANADA)

RESIDENTS OF OUR

charming neighborhood gathered for a delightful evening of camaraderie and culinary delights at the recent March happy hour. As the host, I enjoyed my station making pizzas while many of you stopped by for conversations. Thank you for contributing an array of tantalizing side dishes, delectable desserts, and refreshing beverages. What a joy for Keith and me to see our yard filled with your laughter and conversation, fostering a sense of community spirit.

Just as the rain threatened to dampen spirits, the group swiftly rallied together to tidy up and protect the remaining treats under the shelter of the patio. My gratitude flows towards the helpful hands of Erin, Lara, and Ted, who took my place welcoming you, and the efforts of Cari, Chris, Ruth, and Stewart for their invaluable service in cleaning up.

Looking ahead, anticipation



builds for the upcoming April happy hour at Dr. Bob Cannon and Don Vallejo's residence. With promises of sangria, tapas, and irresistible desserts, it's an event not to be missed. Please note, however, that due to safety concerns, this event is adults-only, as the hosts have an unfenced pool and two friendly golden retrievers. ■

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

UPCOMING HAPPY HOURS

**FRIDAY,
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What Makes a Property Eligible to be Listed on The National Register of Historic Places?

BY TRICIA AMATO (LEWIS)

IN A PREVIOUS COLUMN, I talked about how our historic districts (and Phoenix's Historic Preservation Office) came into being and how Prop. 207 has made it much more difficult to nominate new neighborhoods for historic designation. Today, I want to talk about the criteria for placing an individual building or place on the National Register.

The National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) was created by the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act (HSPA), the most comprehensive legislation ever passed in the US concerning historic buildings and places. Under the HSPA, every state was required to establish a State Historic Preservation Office, which falls under the National Parks Service, and follow newly created, standardized eligibility criteria for historic buildings, places, and landmarks.

Any property, district, or site nominated to be placed on the NRHP must meet one or more of the following criteria: (The following is taken directly from the NRHP nomination form.)

AGE All nominees must be more than 50 years old, with limited exceptions.

SIGNIFICANCE To be eligible for

the NRHP, a property must represent an important part of the area's history or architecture. (Note: a property need only be significant under one of the areas below to be eligible for the National Register.)

A. HISTORIC EVENTS/TRENDS The property is associated either with a significant historic event or with a trend or pattern of events important to the history of the nation, the state, or a local community.

B. PERSON The property is associated with a person's life that was significant in the past.

C. ARCHITECTURE The property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or construction method, represents the work of a master or possesses high artistic values.

D. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCE The property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important to pre-history or history.

Applications are extensive and include a comprehensive narrative explaining the property's history and its significance, according to the NRHP criteria. Usually, the property owner hires a consultant to complete the application. Once it is complete, it is reviewed by the Phoenix Historic Preservation Office. Then, it goes to the Phoenix Historic Preserva-

tion Commission for approval to refer the application to the Historic Sites Review Committee, a state commission created for this purpose. If approved there, it is forwarded to The Keeper*, who evaluates the application and, if acceptable, places the property on the NRHP.

Once placed on the NRHP, the property owner has the option to purchase a plaque — the NRHP does not issue plaques, but they can be purchased from the list of vendors found on the National Parks Service website.

So you might ask if the houses in Willo with bronze plaques underwent this exhaustive process? The answer is no — no houses in Willo are individually listed on the NRHP. However, as a contributor to a historic district listed on the NRHP (Willo), you can purchase your own bronze plaque.

*Officially, The Keeper of the National Register is appointed by the National Parks Service to evaluate nominations to the NRHP. ■

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.



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Quit storing your treasures and set them on your front lawn, from 7am to 1pm, Saturday April 13th, 2024. ■ There are usually 30-50 individual yard sales and hundreds of customers. Join your neighbors for a day of shopping! ■ It's fun to see the joy folks from outside our neighborhood get when they purchase such items as an 80-year-old fireplace mantle... you were going to throw it away? No, not yet! That antique bathroom sink? Don't throw it away yet either! ■

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2024 WILLO HOME TOUR IN PHOTOS

PHOTOS BY RICHARD BLUE CLOUD CASTAÑEDA // GUEST PHOTO EDITOR LARA CERRI (VERNON)





2024 WILLO HOME TOUR: MUSICIAN PHOTOS

GUEST PHOTO EDITOR LARA CERRI (VERNON)



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(A) Abby Walker sings a sweet blend of originals and covers during Saturday's home tour. Photo by: Lara Cerri; (B) Lee Perreira Trio entertains on our main stage on Sunday. (C) DJ Orbit Corbett spins his records for the festival crowd on Saturday. (D) Electric Sol, featuring Willo residents Eddie Rossi on guitar and Lara Cerri on vocals, play on Saturday night. (E) Shannon Lijek greets visitors with her songs on Saturday during the main tour. PHOTOS BY: LARA CERRI & TANNER SMITH



2025 WILLO HOME TOUR COMMITTEE

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO start planning for next year!

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

#TALENTED THURSDAY- show off your hobbies/talents

Participating in Willo Home Tour planning and activities promotes community building, encourages networking and social connections, inspires skill development, develops a sense of empowerment, and increases property value by emphasizing and boosting our historic neighborhood status.

We have several committees



about life in Willo – All residents can post & read.

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#FRIYAY CELEBRATIONS- what is happening this weekend.

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JOIN THE HOME TOUR COMMITTEE!!!

Do you want to get more involved in the neighborhood? We will meet monthly! Participating in neighborhood endeavors offers a range of benefits, including contributing to personal well-being and the community's overall health.

you can get involved in:

- ◆ Homes Committee
- ◆ Street Fair Committee
- ◆ Finance Committee
- ◆ Music Committee
- ◆ Marketing Committee
- ◆ Volunteer & Docent Committee
- ◆ Operations Committee
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Our next Home Tour Committee meeting: April 19th 6-7pm @ 70 W Encanto Blvd. ■

Email us if you have any questions + if you would like to get added to our email list/calendar invites: Willohometours@gmail.com

VACATION & STUDY IN CUERNAVACA, MEXICO—NOW CELEBRATING 35 YEARS

BY ALBERT CELOZA (CYPRESS)

HAVE YOU ALWAYS WANTED to learn Spanish? Generations of Arizona students and Willo residents that include lawyers, doctors, educators and business people have participated in this now famous Spanish Immersion Program at La Universidad Inter-nacional in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

Families with children are welcome to study. Students are taught by Mexican professors and live with local families in a safe environment.

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Block Watch News

BY BOBBI RYALS (LEWIS)

THE MOST COMMON BW issue in Willo right now is alley graffiti. If you see graffiti in your alley or elsewhere, please take a pic and send it to your BW captain. Then report it to Graffiti Busters: 602-534-4444; blight@phoenix.gov.

The second issue becoming more prevalent is landscapers dumping their grass clippings in the alleys. If you have a landscaper, I would encourage you to make sure they know to bag the grass and either place it in your trash cans or haul it to the city dump.

The penalty for illegal dumping is \$100-\$2,500 per Phoenix City Code G-7203.

On March 15th, there was an attempted package theft on the 300 block of Vernon. An eyewitness scared the thief away, and I reported it.

Let's keep Willo safe!

OUR NEW BLOCK WATCH CAPTAINS AS OF MARCH (THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!):

- ▶ Beth Gallagher: 100 block Palm
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Encanto

- ▶ Dan Masters & Robert Pargmann: 500 block Vernon
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How to Install Your Own Speed Hump!

BY KRISTY DURKIN (CORONADO)

THE TRAFFIC AT 7TH AVENUE

and McDowell Road has gotten busier as commuters rush to work, using Willo as their convenient cut-through. Unfortunately, these commuters have little to no regard for our speed limits as they rush down our streets. The 500 block of Coronado Road was a popular choice for these reckless drivers; car accidents, sideswipes, and stop-sign-running increased.

One morning, after a severe crash, I was fed up and immediately got to work. Coronado Road needed a speed hump. Calling the city was my first step. The city employee laid out the numerous steps, but, to be honest, I was skeptical that they could be done. But my determination took over, and I asked the city to send me the initial petition to get the ball rolling. This petition required 70% of my neighbors' signatures for the city to even consider surveying the road.

Door by door, my neighbor Jae and I obtained the signatures with surprisingly warm and enthusiastic responses. Once the city received the signatures, the next step was scheduling the city survey. Upon completion, the survey proved a speed hump was indeed necessary. The final steps included the installation petition, approval of hump positioning, notification of all block residents of the proposed hump, and funding,



which needed to be done within an allotted period of time. I have to admit, I didn't get the 70% final signatures required – I got 95%! I was thrilled as signatures flowed in. Again, thank you to Jae for his help.

The hardest part: funding. It turns out a speed hump is quite expensive, and ours came in at a whopping \$1,200. I had hoped the Willo Board would be a helpful resource, but that didn't pan out. I needed to get donations. To my happy surprise, our 500 block residents not only banded together for signatures, but they generously opened their purses as well. I was elated as I stuffed that final envelope with all the required paperwork and funds. I immediately emailed my contact at the city and

asked him to notify me the minute he received it. Once he did, I was told construction could take upwards of 180 days.

On the morning of the 144th day, a crew showed up. My son and I cheered them on as they worked, and 20 minutes later, our Coronado hump was finished! Not only have cars slowed, but we have deterred traffic from turning down our road altogether. The street is quieter and safer thanks to this cooperative accomplishment. This prime example of neighborliness is why I moved into Willo in the first place.

Our final step is a speed hump party. So, don't be alarmed if you drive by the 500 block of Coronado and see a group of happy residents toasting a speed hump. ■



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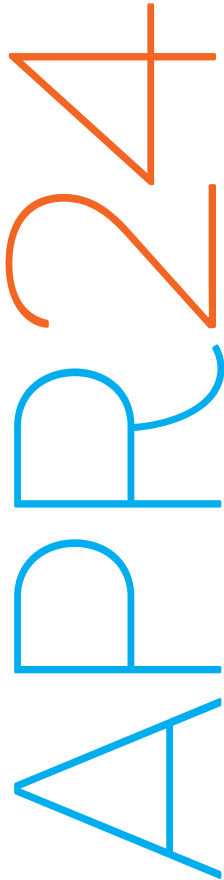
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FRIDAY, APRIL 5th to MONDAY, APRIL 8th
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THURSDAY, APRIL 11th
Willo Neighborhood Association Board Meeting - 6:30pm - 8:00pm;
LOCATION: Oven & Vine - 14 W. Vernon Avenue

FRIDAY, APRIL 12th
Willo Happy Hour - 5:30pm - 7:30pm - Hosts:
THEME: Spain!
HOSTS: Dr. Bob Cannon & Don Vallejo
LOCATION: 533 W. Cypress
Adults over 21, please



SATURDAY, APRIL 13th
Willo Neighborhood Spring Yard Sale - 7:00am - 1:00pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 19th
Willo Home Tour Committee Planning Meeting - 6:00 - 7:00pm
LOCATION: 70 W. Encanto

SUNDAY, APRIL 21st
Urban Nocturnes' spring concert features Karen Sinclair, Christopher McKay, Melita Hunsinger, and Willo resident Erin Finkelstein. Program includes: Quartet in E-flat Major by 19th-century Finnish composer and clarinetist Berhard Crusell, String Trio No. 2 "Dvorak" by German-Dutch

composer Julius Röntgen, Prelude, Allegro and Pastorale by Rebecca Clarke, and Serenade for Clarinet, Violin and Cello by Hans Gál.
Tickets are \$25 - student discount tickets are \$10 (Must present valid student ID at the door); both are available in advance. Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 100 West Roosevelt Street, Phoenix Arizona 85003

LOOKING AHEAD

THURSDAY, MAY 9th
Willo Neighborhood Association Board Meeting - 6:30pm - 8:00pm;
LOCATION: Oven & Vine - 14 W. Vernon Avenue

FRIDAY, MAY 10th
Willo Happy Hour - 5:30 - 7:30 pm
THEME: TBA
HOSTS: Nic & Lawrence Andrews
LOCATION: 90 W. Virginia

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Kids Club Fun

BY AMY JENSBY (CAMBRIDGE)

WE HAD A FANTASTIC TIME at our February snow day event in Lewis Park. Arizona Ice Man delivered snow by the ton and set up a fantastic sledding hill. As the 80-degree day marched on, the sledding hill just got faster and faster! And it was so much fun to watch some of the littlest Willo kids experience snow for the first time.

Hosting this past year of Willo Kids' Club activities has been a

pleasure. Thank you, Willo Kids, for attending in record-setting numbers and for bringing so much joy and energy to our community.

Our interim WKC chair, Valerie Lane, chaired our final WKC event of the academic year: "Safety in the Park Spring Fling" and it was a huge success - Look for photos in the next issue!

Are you interested in chairing the Willo Kids Club this upcoming year? We are looking for vol-

unteers! The position involves coordinating about six events and contributing monthly to the Inside Willo newsletter. It is manageable and fun! Please consider this one-year commitment.

After 20 years in Willo, I have moved to a neighborhood closer to work. Living here was a wonderful chapter in my life, and I'm thankful for the lifelong friendships I will take with me into the next chapter. ■

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