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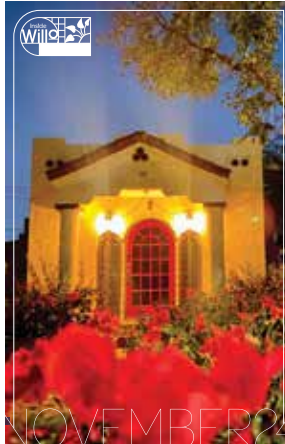




Welcome to Fall

WELCOME TO PHOENIX FALL

Neighbors. I am so glad to be in temperatures below 100 degrees. It's been a rough summer for us, our pets, and our vegetation. It's been tough on our trees in particular, and we've seen some loss of branches, including, in some cases, the entire tree. If you'd like some suggestions from neighbors on great arborists and tree removal, reach out on our Facebook page, and your neighbors can suggest the right company for you. We do not make recommendations,



with our state legislators and Phoenix Planning Department director Josh Bednarek to protect our neighborhood and property values from two bills passed through the legislature last term, HB2720, and HB2721. Either has detrimental potential and will hopefully be revisited by the AZ House and Senate to protect neighborhoods and property owners. We're also attending city council meetings to work directly with our council and Mayor to push their associates in the legislature to make positive changes. Please

ON THE COVER:

THE LIGHTS AT 77 W. VERNON TWINKLE AT DUSK – STORY ON PAGE 13

COVER PHOTOS BY LARA CERRI (VERNON)

however if a company starts offering a discount to Willo neighbors, we'll share that information.

I am currently working with Street Transportation on a number of projects, and I ask for your patience. Mainly, our 3rd and 5th Avenues Committee Chairman, Bob Cannon, has asked the board to write a letter to the city manager regarding the length of time in this process, the safety measures we're having, the lack of a consistent contact person,

and the general turnover in that city department. The board voted to send it, which will be done by the time you read this. We are also working with them on the repair and replacement of missing parts of gates at Virginia and Cambridge at 1st Avenue. If you live on the eastern side of our neighborhood and see a problem with the gates or walls, please contact me immediately. These are the responsibility of the city to maintain and repair.

We are currently meeting

contact me with any questions.

I hope you enjoyed the G.A.I.N event on October 19th, orchestrated by our Blockwatch Chair, Bobbi Ryals. The holidays will be coming soon, including Outdoor Movie Night at Broadmoor Park and, before we know it, the Willo Home Tour and President's Day weekend. Cooler weather and the busier holiday season are upon us, and I hope you enjoy all our activities. Until next time, see you 'round the 'hood and Happy Thanksgiving! ■



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INSIDE WILLO MAGAZINE

Inside Willo magazine is a communication instrument of the Willo Neighborhood Association (WNA) to share and highlight Home Tour, Block Watch, Kids Club, Zoning, Historic Preservation, WNA Board business and elections, internal committee news, and any City of Phoenix business affecting Willo.

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Happy Hours and Neighbors Nights are a Huge Success!

BY JON ROBERTS (GRANADA)

"GATHER, SHARE, AND CONNECT: WILLO HAPPY HOUR AND NEIGHBORS NIGHT!"

OUR MOST RECENT HAPPY hour, hosted by Robynn Longenbaugh, was a huge success! Robynn was an amazing host, and her home was the perfect setting for the evening.

She treated us to delicious brats and pretzels, and neighbors brought various sides, including salads, fruits, desserts, and drinks to share. The highlight of the night came when the lights unexpectedly went out—but the party carried on without missing a beat! Everyone enjoyed the spontaneous twist, and it made the evening even more memorable.

Thanks to all who attended and helped make it such a fun night!



Join us for a Willo Neighbor Night at the home of Julie Whelihan on Friday, November 8th, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM! This all-ages event is a perfect opportunity to come together as a community, meet new neighbors, and reconnect with familiar faces. With the weather (hopefully) much cooler by then, it will be a great evening to enjoy the outdoors. Please bring a dish, dessert, or drink to share—

whether it's your signature recipe or a favorite treat. Let's make it a night full of laughter, good conversation, and delicious food. Everyone is welcome, so come along and help make this gathering one to remember!

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Hospitality History – St. Joe's

BY TRICIA AMATO (LEWIS)

THE HOSPITAL ON OUR northern border grows and grows, with the newest portion almost obscuring what is left of the “original” hospital building. Now owned by Dignity Health, the hospital was founded by a group of nuns from the Sisters of Mercy.

The Sisters came to the US from Ireland in order to build a parish school. However, once they saw the suffering of tuberculosis patients, they knew they had to build a hospital. They raised money and rented a small cottage on 4th St. and Polk, which they outfitted with 12 patient beds and accommodations for the nuns. The year was 1895. In a matter of months, it became apparent that a larger, more well-equipped facility was needed. With the financial support of Phoenix residents, they built a 24-bed hospital. This new hospital (the true original hospital) expanded over time and survived a devastating fire in 1917. The hospital was rebuilt in 3 months and served the city for the next 30 years.

As the population of Phoenix exploded, it was clear that St. Joseph's needed more beds. In the 1940s, the Sisters bought part of an old dairy farm north of Thomas Road between 3rd



(a) The bungalow the Sisters rented; (b) The OG St. Joe's Hospital; (c) The Sisters moving out of the original facility; (d) The “new” hospital under construction; (e) A 1960s postcard of the hospital

and 5th Avenue. At the time, this was considered very far from the city core, and the Sisters were criticized for their purchase. But they knew what they were doing.

They paid only \$25,000 for 10 acres of land. They set about building a new facility, with room to spare for future expansion. I wonder what the original Sisters would think of their hospital today! ■

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Block Watch News

BY BOBBI RYALS (LEWIS)

IF WE THOUGHT THE summer was busy for Block Watch (BW), September and October have shown themselves to be rivals. Below are the following BW incidents since the last issue of Inside Willo.

9-17-24 around 6:13 p.m., a man was caught peering into the windows of homes on the 500 block of Lewis.

9-19-24, a man was caught trying to enter gates on the 500 block of Vernon.

9-19-24, report of a man peering into a front kitchen window. He was chased off by the owner.

9-21-24, a male and female broke into a commercial building in Willo at 7th Ave & Windsor. After the break-in, they fled and entered a home on the 500 block of Windsor through an unlocked back door. The owner was in the shower at the time and was unaware of the entry until the police notified them and they looked at their camera footage. Food and drinks were stolen from the refrigerator, which was caught on camera. Shortly after, the suspects were arrested by police.

9-26-24, around 10 a.m., an unhoused man was found overheated and in distress on the 100 block of Almeria. A resident called Community Services (Phoenix Cares), and they arrived within 5 minutes. They were able to cool him down and refer him to services.

9-28-24, a man was caught peering into the windows of a home

on the 500 block of Palm. He was caught on camera while the owners were gone. Police were notified.

9-29-24 a white van with people sleeping in it was seen in the south alley of the 100 block of Almeria. Residents called Crime Stop, but police said they could not do anything because the commercial building where the van was parked had no "No Trespassing" signs. I called and spoke to the business owner, and by the time he called me back, there were signs and a security camera around the building. Within a few days, the business owner caught police arresting the folks in the van on his camera system.

10-2-24, a spool of copper was stolen from the backyard of a home on the 100 block of Almeria. The house is under construction, and the copper was to be used to install an air conditioner. Entry was gained via a temporary alley construction fence.

10-6-24, on the 500 block of Palm, a woman was seen hysterically crying as she made her way down the street. When approached by a resident, she said that her boyfriend had dropped her off and that his friends had physically threatened her. The resident called 911.

10-7-24, 9:12 a.m., a suspicious white male, tall, thin, navy backpack, black pants, yellow shirt, and black and white beanie, was seen to be casing homes on the 100 block of Lewis. A couple of

residents stared him down on the block, and he left.

10-7-24, 9 a.m., an attempted car entry on the 500 block of Wilshire. Crime Stop was called.

10-7-24, a woman was seen and heard yelling obscenities while acting very odd (measuring trash cans and talking gibberish) on the 100 block of Almeria. When she spotted a resident on her porch, the woman became aggressive and verbally threatened to harm the resident. Police were called, and a report was filed.

10-9-24, report of illegal dumping in the south alley of the 500 block of Almeria.

10-9-24, an encampment was found in the south alley of the 500 block of Virginia. Police were called, and the man left the encampment. The neighbor and BW captain cleaned up the encampment the following day.

In the above incidents, if no time or description of the suspect is given, we do not have that information. This is also the case with incidents that do not specifically say they were reported to authorities.

Remember, folks, it's so important to keep your windows, doors, car doors, gates, and alley gates locked! Many of these criminals are looking for unlocked doors and easy targets. Also, with the number of reports this month of peepers, you may want to consider closing your curtains, especially after dark.

Let's keep Willo safe! ■

Beautiful Homes and Great Music

BY HOME TOUR COMMITTEE

GIVING THANKS FOR HISTORY AS THE SWELTERING DAYS OF OCTOBER FINALLY

give way to November, we're excited about the progress in planning our annual tour. In this section, you'll find a sneak peek into one of our featured homes and hear from a previous docent about what he enjoyed. Don't forget to scan the QR code and give us feedback about the music. And finally, be sure to mark your calendar with our upcoming important dates. We'd love to set a record with early ticket sales and have our forthcoming events packed.

As with every tour, we invite you to explore our community's homes' unique charm and creativity. We're showcasing everything from stunning renovations to cozy, personalized spaces, so whether you're an architecture enthusiast or simply looking for inspiration for your abode, there's something for everyone. We can't wait to share the warmth and creativity of our community with you. Let's make this a memorable experience together!

Warmly, Courtney Sutherland (Palm Ln.) & Crawford Breedlove (Encanto Blvd.), Co-Chairs ■



TWILIGHT TOUR TICKETS

WILLO RESIDENTS ONLY

Please join us at the 2025 Willo Twilight Tour, a fun and exciting event for Willo residents, taking place on Saturday, February 15, 2025, from 4:00 -7:00 pm at 3rd Avenue and W. Monte Vista Road, Phoenix, AZ 85003.

Prepare to embark on a delightful journey through the beautiful streets of the Willo neighborhood as the sun sets and the twinkling lights come alive. Following the Twilight Tour, complete your evening with some liquid refreshments, a food truck or two, and entertainment at the Beer/Wine Garden. [Please note that you must show ID to enter the beer/wine area -- no exceptions.]

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A PEEK INTO WILLO: 77 W. VERNON

WHEN JEFF BRANDLI MOVED to Phoenix in 2018, he fell in love with the Spanish Mission Revival house at 77 W. Vernon—AKA the Elias Abraham House. The house features an exterior with two arched doors and windows that open to a beautiful courtyard, which Jeff has surrounded with flowering bougainvillea.

The formal rooms feature original chandeliers, wood floors, a tile fireplace, and built-

in cabinets. A recent bath and kitchen remodel uncovered the original 1928 hexagon tile, while the now second-story loft was previously used as a sleeping porch.

In addition to the preserved interior, the house has a storied history of the Abraham family, who emigrated from Lebanon and raised three girls. Jeff met the oldest daughter, and she shared stories of a home where

Arabic was spoken, native foods were served, and Middle Eastern music played in the background. Pictures of the Abraham family are displayed in the house, and if you're lucky, you'll meet some of the family during the Home Tour! ■

A HUGE thanks to Jeff for participating in the Willo Home Tour! This tour is only possible with the help of neighbors like you!

(A) Recent bath and kitchen remodels uncovered the original hexagonal porcelain tile from the 1920s; (B) The current owner holds a photo of the original owners Elias and Victoria Abraham (circa 1950s) taken from the same spot in the front courtyard; (C) This view from the living room to the dining room highlights original floors, built-in cabinets, and lighting.

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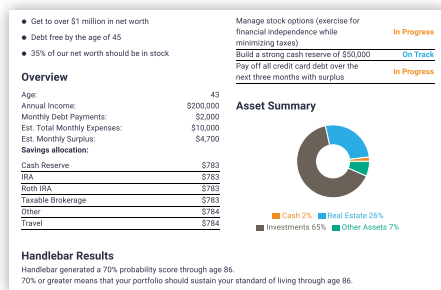
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THANKFUL FOR THE PAST

Q & A with a 2024 Docent

IN OUR SECOND INSTALLMENT with previous Home Tour participants, we interviewed James Judge. As a realtor who's sold many homes in the neighborhood and owner of the historic Baker House - affectionately known as the Rabbi's House - he knows Willo.

What did you most enjoy about participating in the home tour?

It was very rewarding to have so many people interested in and appreciate the architecture and design of the home. Willo

is such a special neighborhood, and I think if more people can appreciate the design of the past while also seeing ways it can be enhanced for our lives today, hopefully, historic preservation will be embraced more.

What is something that you wish you had known before your participation?

A better timeline of events/meetings/parties/etc. We're on it! See our Upcoming Events section.

What was your most memorable

part of the overall experience?

Watching the line grow around the block filled with genuinely excited people to see the home!

What are the top two to three reasons someone should consider participating in the next Willo home tour?

It's actually fun! It's a great way to get to know the neighbors. And it helps our neighborhood in so many ways! ■



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Willo Neighbor Night - 5:30pm - 7:30 pm (all ages)
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HOST: Julie Whelihan

THURSDAY, NOV. 14th

Willo Neighborhood Association Board Meeting - 6:30pm - 8:00pm
NEW LOCATION: Arizona Opera - 1636 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004. Please check WILLOPHX.COM and

The Official Willo Historic Neighborhood Facebook Page for more details

THURSDAY, NOV. 21st

7:00 p.m. - Urban Nocturnes Fall Concert. Tickets \$25/Students \$10 - Concerts at Trinity Cathedral, 100 W. Roosevelt Street in

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FRIDAY, NOV. 22nd

2025 Willo Home Tour Meeting - Neighborhood Share-out - 6:00pm - 7:00pm
LOCATION: 70 W. Encanto



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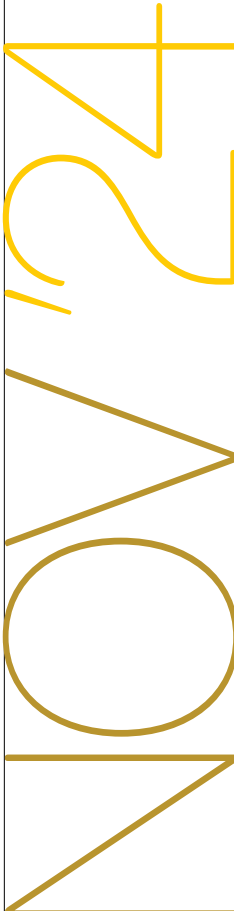
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Willo Neighborhood Association Board Meeting - 6:30pm - 8:00pm
NEW LOCATION:

Arizona Opera - 1636 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004. Please check WILLOPHX.COM and *The Official Willo Historic Neighborhood Facebook Page for more details*

FRIDAY, DEC. 13th

Willo Happy Hour 5:30 - 7:30 pm (ages 21+ please)
LOCATION: 97 W. Lewis
HOSTS: Bobbi Ryals and Tricia Amato



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Lights. Camera. Action! Willo's Theater Star Shines.

BY LONDON CAIRNEY (HOLLY)

HI, I'M LONDON CAIRNEY;

I am 13 and have lived in Willo all my life.

I am thrilled to announce that I have been cast as Susan Walker in the upcoming production of *A Miracle on 34th Street: A Live Musical Radio Show* at The Phoenix Theatre Company! This role means so much to me, and I can't wait to bring this beloved character to life on stage.

From the moment I heard I had gotten a callback, I felt a mix of excitement and nerves. I practiced my lines and worked hard to capture Susan's spirit. When I learned I got the part, I was overjoyed! Susan is a special character who embodies the magic of believing in Santa Claus. Her journey teaches us the importance of hope, love, and the joy of believing in something greater than ourselves.

This production is a heartwarming story that reminds us of the true spirit of the holiday season. I encourage everyone in our neighborhood to come and see the show. Whether you're a fan of the original movie or new to the story, I promise it will be a delightful experience for all.

Thank you for supporting local theater and my journey within it.



I'm excited about the adventure ahead and look forward to sharing this wonderful story with all of you. Your encouragement means the world to me, and I hope to see you in the audience!

A Miracle on 34th Street: A Live Musical Radio Show runs

from November 20th to December 28th at the Phoenix Theatre. The role of Susan is double cast so check with the box office for London's performance dates. More information can be found on their website at <https://phoenixtheatre.com/> ■



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Willo Kids Club



Willo Kids Club Thanks You

BY VALERIE LANE (LEWIS)

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED with the Willo Kids Halloween Parade. Your efforts made the event a memorable and enjoyable experience for both kids and adults. Marie Hullander did a lot to help with the prizes. Crawford and Ashley Breedlove donated lots of candy and bags. Heidi Tancredi with Exclusive Brands donated fun candy packages for the kids. ■ We will help support Phoenix Spokes People for our next event and join the Willo Luminaria bike ride, usually around December 23rd. We hope to see you there! ■ If you're interested in helping with WKC, we'd love to have you on board. Please reach out to valerielane@hotmail.com to get involved. ■

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