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Our Spring has Sprung

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in Willo. Just off another successful Home Tour, special thanks to all the involvement from the homeowners who opened their homes to a few thousand guests and our Home Tour committee organized by Willo residents Crawford Breedlove and Courtney Sutherland for their second year of chairing this committee. The homes, the street fair, the music, the vendors, a lot of fun, and a classic Willo environment. I was able to spend time with the Mayor, Kate Gallego, and tour a few of our homes as her time allowed. I thoroughly appreciate our elected officials who not only support our neighborhood but show up to hear what we need from our city leaders. There's nothing better than having the Mayor's ear for an hour and a half annually to discuss neighborhoods.

I want to clarify some misinformation printed in the January issue about how the Willo Neighborhood Association spends the profits from the Home Tour and how they are allocated. All profits go back into the neighborhood. We do not now, and have

never used money to “lobby” our politicians or city staff. The city of Phoenix budgeted all of the work on our streets in 2022 and 2023, but no Willo funds were ever used for any part of that process. Everything we get from our city and state officials is due to our ongoing work with them. We also “show up” by volunteering our time for Willo, protecting the Willo Conservation Plan, our neighborhood, and all that protects our home values. Everything that I do, that the WNA Board of Directors does, and that Bob Cannon has done has been at the expense of our own time and our own families, ensuring our neighborhood is always at its best.

That said, it's March, and it's time for a new election for our WNA Board of Directors. To all neighbors who have worked for the benefit of Willo in the last two years, thank you. To all neighbors returning or running for the first time, thank you.

As we attempt to get our legislature (AZ) to protect Willo, the next few months (and potentially longer) are a heavy-weight item that we will be working on. If you wanted to vote, I hope you opted in by the cutoff date and will vote in person at our board meeting, by mail, by ballot in this issue of *Inside Willo*, or electronically.

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



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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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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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From the Editor

WELCOME TO MARCH!

February was a whirlwind month for Willo, culminating with the 36th Annual Home Tour. My sweetie V and I volunteered as docents at a historic 1939 home on Lewis. As we welcomed the visitors, we chatted with many of them, some from faraway lands like New Jersey, Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, and Maine! They were all here to enjoy Willo's historic character, architecture, and charm.

We also encouraged these visitors to stop by our Save Historic Willo booth at the Street Fair. Our committee, led by Opal Wagner (Coronado), Eric Gilmore (Coronado), and Tom Doescher (Cambridge), collected several hundred signatures on our petition to support the preservation of the Willo Historic District per the Willo Conservation Plan.

Recent legislative changes (**HB2721**) will directly impact Willo, threatening our Historic District designation. A new law - dubbed the 'Missing Middle Housing Law' will take effect on January 1, 2026. It will rescind single-family zoning in neigh-

It is our responsibility to preserve the unique character and history of our neighborhood.

borhoods close to downtown Phoenix, including Willo and other historic districts. Developers will be able to purchase and demolish existing homes to build townhomes, duplexes, triplexes, and even fourplexes on small lots designed for one home.

I leave it to you to imagine what the potential increase in density and traffic alone would

do to our community. It is our responsibility to preserve our neighborhood's unique character and history. Willo has thrived due to thoughtful stewardship over decades and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We want that legacy to continue

far into the future.

Please visit Willophx.com to sign the petition to protect and Save Historic Willo.

On that note, next month, I will be taking a break! Our former WNA Treasurer and good friend Linda Doescher (Cambridge) will take over as guest editor for the April issue.

See you again in May! ■

Willo Kids Club

Willo Kids Club

BY VALERIE LANE (LEWIS)

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR THE WKC HOME tour booth. We had a great time making crafts and giving a little something back to the kiddos who attended. ♦ We are in the process of planning our Spring Event on April 12th at Encanto Park at 4:00. There will be fun, games, an egg-hunt, and an appearance by the Easter Bunny! ♦ Please keep an eye out for an Evite and social media post. Each child will need to bring 10 pre-filled eggs for the egg hunt. This event is being planned with the FQ Story Mother's Group. The other downtown neighborhoods usually have a very strong presence and volunteer turnout. ♦ I hope we will have at least three volunteers besides Marie Hullander and myself. It was a blast last year. ♦ Please contact me via email for volunteering opportunities: valerielane@hotmail.com. ■



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Block Watch News

BY BOBBI RYALS (LEWIS)

1-11-25 100 block of Almeria, home break-in around 3 a.m. The home was vacant as the owners live out of town. Police were contacted when the home security system went off. They arrived and arrested the intruder.

1-15-25 100 block of Almeria, a \$300 Amazon package stolen from porch.

1-16-25 500 block of Almeria, north alley, two graffiti cases. Reported.

1-16-25 300 block of Monte Vista, car entered overnight; nothing stolen.

1-17-25 500 blocks from Palm Ln. to Lewis Ave., multiple incidents reported of a guy seen trying car doors and looking over fences. Police were called and arrived in 20 minutes but were unable to find the suspect.

1-22-25 100 block of Cypress, report of illegally parked, abandoned car with expired tags. Reported to police and cited appropriately; it belonged to someone living nearby.

1-27-25 500 block of Vernon, block captain witnessed two men on bikes stealing from a workman's truck. Police called, it's not clear if they found and apprehended the thieves.

1-27-25 500 block of Wilshire, overnight garage break-in. The locks were broken. A police report was filed.

1-28-25 100 block of Granada, report of a man dumpster diving.

1-29-25 100 block of Coronado, graffiti found on the wall of a home. Reported.

1-29-25 300 block of Windsor, couch illegally dumped in the alley. Blight@phoenix.org contacted.

1-29-25 300 block of Palm, graffiti found in the north alley. Reported.

2-4-25 100 block of Lewis, strange man was encountered at 5 a.m. in the locked backyard of a home. Police called-it is believed that because the ground was disturbed under a bathroom window, he was a Peeping Tom.

2-9-25 500 block of Cypress, used mattress was dumped in the alley. Block captain found the mattress behind his house with a tent and a fire set up. Reported.

2-10-25 500 block of Almeria, Amazon truck traveling west-bound collided with a speeding car on 5th Ave. around 3 p.m.

2-10-25 500 block of Almeria, woman seen on camera sleeping on the porch. Was asked to leave and complied.

2-10-25 500 block of Almeria, graffiti found on south alley wall. Reported.

2-10-25 500 block of Virginia, 11:50 p.m., back driver's side window of the resident's truck was smashed, and a box of tools was

stolen from the back seat. Police were called.

2-11-25 300 block of Cambridge, illegal alley dumping. Reported to the City of Phoenix.

2-12-25 500 block of Vernon, at 10:30 a.m., a man appearing to be unhoused, was seen dumpster diving. He had two gas canisters, a bike, and a backpack. Police were called, but he was gone when they arrived.

2-12-25 500 block of Encanto, neighbor saw a man pull up in the alley on a motorcycle, get out, grab a backpack out of the oleanders, and drive off. He parked on 5th Ave. The resident approached him and asked what he was up to. The suspect said, "don't worry about it," and sped off. Police were called.

Remember to lock your doors, windows, cars, alley gates, and garages. Also, remember not to leave items of value within sight. We live in the heart of the city, and although it feels nice and safe, crooks prey on this false sense of security.

Please, if you are putting beds or couches in the alley for bulk trash pickup, remember to call and schedule that appointment 602-262-6251 before setting them in the alley. These items are often used for homeless encampments, which we do not want to encourage. ■



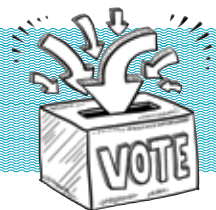
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IT'S TIME TO ELECT THE next Willo board. The candidates for the office of President, Vice President, and Treasurer are running unopposed. No candidate is running for the office of Secretary. Eleven candidates are

running for the nine at-large Director positions.

Candidate bios and photos are included in this month's issue.

All Willo residents, including tenants, who are at least 18 years of age and who have opted in to membership in the Association may vote.

Voting will take place by written ballot — **included in this issue**. Members may vote electronically or by mail on a paper ballot. Visit our website for details on how to vote electronically or by mail. To be counted, ballots cast electronically or by

mail must be received no later than 5 PM on March 12th, the day before the annual meeting of the membership. Ballots may be cast in person at the annual meeting of the membership.

Election results will be announced at the annual meeting of the membership on March 13th, and will be posted on our website. ■

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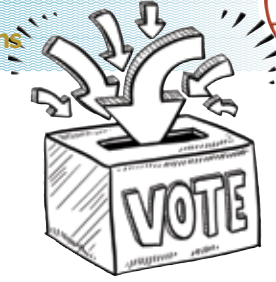
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WNA 2025 Elections



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The Candidates

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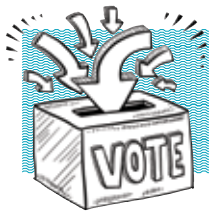
PRESIDENT
Bradley Brauer
(Monte Vista)

Hello neighbors! I have lived in Willo for almost 21 years. During that time I have served as a Board Member, Vice President and President. I'm honored to have the opportunity to run for the position of President for another term. Our jobs in serving Willo are pretty much constant, working with neighbors, city staff and elected officials. We will have our hands full in the next year as we push our state legislature to protect our neighborhood as they attempt to create a miracle solution to the lack of housing in and around Phoenix. We are working in partnership with our two state representatives and our state senator to help protect established and historic neighborhoods. I look forward to this upcoming term and thank you for your support.



VICE PRESIDENT
W. Aaron Montaña Searles
(Edgemont)

I was raised in Willo and bought a home here in 2012. I have worked for three City Council members and formed a consulting business. I have served on the Willo Board for the past four years; two of those have been as Vice President and I was appointed to the Phoenix Encanto Village Planning Committee in 2016 of which I am now the Committee Chair. I am running for Board Vice President reelection because I believe my knowledge about the City and community connections will continue to help navigate Willo projects and ensure the neighborhoods priorities.



Willo Neighborhood Association
Election Ballot
2025-2027

The Candidates



TREASURER
Scott Ferreira
(Edgemont)

Scott is an experienced entrepreneur and business leader with a proven track record of managing budgets and finances across a wide range of industries and organizations. With over 15 years of experience in running businesses with global teams, Scott has developed a keen ability to oversee and manage financial operations. He has successfully managed budgets of varying sizes for businesses and nonprofits alike. Scott previously served on the financial subcommittee for Willo Neighborhood Association before becoming Treasurer in September 2024. He was also on the financial and audit committees of his former HOA community. His work in these roles has equipped him with a deep understanding of the fiscal responsibilities and strategic decision-making needed to support the financial health of the Willo PHX Neighborhood Association.



BOARD MEMBERS
Ed Buckel
(Granada)

For over a decade, my husband, James Smith, and I have been proud residents of Willo. During this time, we've witnessed the community evolve in exciting and meaningful ways. As an active participant in neighborhood activities over the past few years, I'm eager to give back by offering my time and services to the community that has become an integral part of our lives. I've had the privilege of organizing the holiday Luminarias on the 100 block of Granada. Additionally, we've hosted block-wide build parties on our front porch. I am excited about the opportunity to serve as a board member of the Willo Neighborhood Association and to continue contributing to the growth and strength of our amazing community.



BOARD MEMBERS
Jennifer Cannon
(Cypress)

Jennifer Cannon has made Phoenix her home for the past 30 years, with the last year and a half spent in our amazing Willo neighborhood. Embracing the community spirit, Jennifer has served as the block captain for the Luminaria event for the past two seasons. Alongside her wife Kelly, she was drawn to Willo by its beauty and overwhelming sense of friendship and community. Actively involved in the broader Phoenix area, Jennifer is a member of the Fiesta Bowl committee and the Phoenix Community Alliance board. With a desire to contribute further, Jennifer aims to join the Willo Neighborhood Association Board to ensure neighborhood consultation and involvement in future Phoenix developments, as well as in planning Willo events. Jennifer and Kelly have two adult sons who eagerly visit during the holidays to join in the neighborhood festivities, and a wonderful mastiff named Stella who completes their family.



BOARD MEMBERS
Robert Cannon
 (Cypress)

I have lived in Willo 26 years and served 16 years on the Willo board, holding the positions of President and Vice President. As a Willo leader, I worked on several key initiatives, including the Light Rail negotiations, street closures to Central Avenue, and access restrictions on 1st Avenue. I secured limited access from Tapestry on Central, aided in redeveloping the McDowell/7th Ave area, and achieved a legal victory with the FAA. I also coordinated the website launch and initiated our Block Watch grant, all while managing the eight-year journey of the 3rd/5th Avenue project. I want to return to the Willo board because recent housing laws passed by the state could eliminate the Willo Conservation Plan. We must prioritize this issue. Do you want your taxes to increase? Would you like a 4-unit condo next to you without parking restrictions? As a community, we must act now to protect Willo from developers and dense housing projects and maintain our Historic Neighborhood status.



BOARD MEMBERS
Dan Childers
 (Cypress)

Hello neighbors, I'm Dan! I have lived in Willo with my husband and our dogs for more than 16 years. As an ecologist, I study cities and am on the faculty of ASU's School of Sustainability. Our home has been on the Willo Home Tour, and I've served on the Home Tour Committee for several years. As a returning Willo Board member, I will continue to blend this experience and my expertise with a real passion for the beauty and sense of community of our neighborhood. Thanks for your vote!



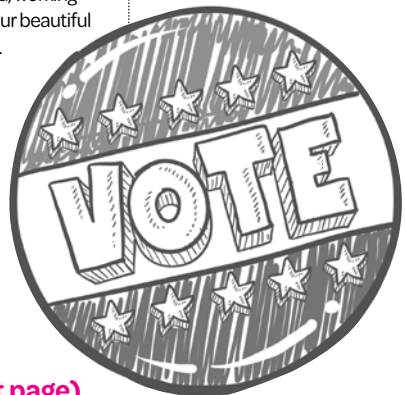
BOARD MEMBERS
Eric Gilmore
 (Coronado)

I love our neighborhood, and I am passionate about preserving the historical integrity of it. In the past two years on the board, I have spoken at City Hall and attended numerous meetings to represent Willo held by our Councilwoman Laura Pastor and the Encanto Village Planning Committee to help preserve the Willo Conservation Plan. I have also worked with City of Phoenix employees from the Flood and Streets Transportation departments, pushing for help to resolve the flooding issues and improvements on 3rd/5th Avenue. It would be an honor to serve again on the board, working to care for our beautiful community.



BOARD MEMBERS
Sandra Lefcovich
 (Coronado)

I have lived in Willo for nine years and have been a member of the WNA Board for seven years. I am seeking re-election. Currently, I serve as the Editor of *Inside Willo* Magazine. Additionally, I chair the WNA Communications Committee, which includes managing our website, Willophx.com, and coordinating with Social Media. Previously, I co-chaired the Home Tour Committee and was the co-editor of *The Willo Architectural Book*. I hold degrees in Literature and International Relations from Vassar and NYU, and speak several languages.



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Reid Mertens
(Palm)

I grew up in the Valley and graduated from ASU with degrees in Business and Sustainability, a Master's in Environmental Engineering, and a beautiful wife named Courtney. We moved to Willo in 2022 and showcased our home in the 2023 Home Tour. I have served on the 2024 and 2025 Home Tour Committees, first supporting Street Fair activities and now leading permitting, licensing, and event logistics. As an advocate for both historic preservation and building a unified community, I'd be honored to help shape the future of our beloved Willo neighborhood by serving on the board.



BOARD MEMBERS
Chris Norton
(Lewis)

Chris Norton, a 12-year Willo resident, has spent the last 8 years spearheading Luminaria for the neighborhood including drafting budgets, working with the board and multiple vendors, and coordinating a small army of volunteers each year. During this time, he has also been a member of the Phoenix Community Alliance where he sat on three committees: Central City Planning & Development, McDowell Road Revitalization, and Social & Housing Advancement. He is an apartment broker and a housing provider (investor). In short, he cares about finding consensus and building stronger communities where everyone is given the opportunity to voice their input.



BOARD MEMBERS
Bobbi Ryals
(Lewis)

I'm Bobbi Ryals, a 32-year Willo resident who's passionate about preserving our historic neighborhood. I've spent 13 years as a Realtor specializing in historic homes, and my wife serves as a Historic Preservation Commissioner. For 17 years, I've been a Block Watch Captain on the 100 block of Lewis, and this past year, as Block Watch Chair, I relaunched the program, added 19 new captains, and organized events like our ice cream social, scavenger hunt, and G.A.I.N. event. I'm running for the board to strengthen our community and continue making Willo a safe, clean, and thriving neighborhood for all.



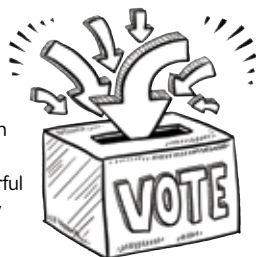
BOARD MEMBERS
Jeremy Schachter
(Palm)

A native New Yorker, Jeremy traveled to Arizona to attend the U of A and received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing. Jeremy moved to Willo in 2009 and has been married to his husband Nick for over 12 years. He has served on the board for several years as the Social Media Committee Chair. He has over 23 years' experience in the mortgage industry. He spends his time assisting clients and working with a variety of volunteer organizations and was recognized as one of Phoenix Business Journal's 40 under 40.



BOARD MEMBERS
Patrice Wappel
(Windsor)

I have served on the Willo board and it would be my pleasure to continue in volunteer capacities for Willo's various needs. I have been the Block Watch Captain for the 100 block of Windsor, and I chair the Kleanstreets and Yard Sale Committees. I love living in such a wonderful close-knit neighborhood, and I have been in the same home for forty years. I enjoy doing what I can to help with Willo board needs.



Wow! Time Flies by When Having Home Tour Fun!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS

And just like that, the 36th 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 and the 36th Annual Home Tour.

As we move forward into the new year, let's 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



PRIVATE VIEWING

OUR HOME TOUR HOMEOWNERS HAD A BUSY YEAR!

- ◆ Our Home Tour Homeowners had a private viewing of each other's homes and experienced a mock home tour!
- ◆ We planned and organized the Winter Willo Movie Night! We had popcorn, hot chocolate and watched Home Alone. It was a blast and we hope to see you at the next one!
- ◆ Our Annual Volunteer and Docent Happy Hour was a blast! Taco Bar + Crafted Cocktails + Neighbors + Home Tour. What could be better?! Thanks to Lisa and Gregg Carrington for hosting! ■



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

#COMMUNITYCONNECTION - our INSTAGRAM is such an amazing platform to highlight our neighborhood and spotlight neighbors and local businesses! Instagram: @Willophxhistoric Do you know a neighbor who needs a shoutout? Want to be involved? How about meeting new neighbors who become friends? Email Willohometours@gmail.com and we'll get you started! ■



Scan me

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

THANK YOU FOR MAKING the 36th Willo Home Tour and Street Fair an unforgettable experience! Your feedback is invaluable in preserving our community's heritage. Share your thoughts on the historic homes, street fair vendors, and overall event.

Please scan the QR code above.

We will utilize this feedback to further enhance neighborhood events, leveraging our strengths while addressing areas for improvement to ensure that each event and The 37th Annual Willo Home Tour + Street Fair continues to exceed expectations and deliver exceptional value to our attendees.

Email us if you have any questions: Willohometours@gmail.com ■

Encanto Palmcroft Philanthropy Virtual Auction



THIS YEAR THE EPHPA Philanthropy Committee is hosting an online fundraiser and auction to raise funds for WHEAT Clothes Silo. The auction begins on March 1, 2025 and ends at the close of our

Home Tour on March 16, 2025.

REGISTER NOW! Just click the QR code or text HOMETOUR to 53555 to connect to the EPHPA fundraising page. Then click the Auction tab at the top of the page and register to bid on any item you would like to win!

You can win any of the fun and exciting items listed here by becoming a bidder in the virtual auction!

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Phoenix Masonic Temple

BY TRICIA AMATO (LEWIS)

I RECENTLY HAD THE opportunity to attend the rededication of the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple here in Phoenix. I really had no idea what to expect or even where said temple was located. I was surprised to see that the temple is the stately Neoclassical building right next to the parking garage where I park for my Historic Preservation Commission meetings.

For those who, like me, know little or nothing about Freemasonry, here is a little context.

Freemasons (aka Masons) were organized in the 14th Century as a guild whose members — stone cutters and brick masons — abided by strict standards of professionalism in their craft. Over time, the organization became less about protecting actual masons and more about personal development, charity, and fraternity. The first meeting of Masons in Arizona was held in 1879, and the organization was housed in three different buildings before it voted to buy land and build.

This celebration commemorated the 100th anniversary of the building at 345 Monroe, which was designed by distinguished architects Lescher and Mahoney and built for the Masons in 1926. The event attracted many locals and Masons from all over the Southwest. In addition to rededicating the cornerstone, the Masons celebrated the building's in-



Dedicating the new plaque. L to R: Vic Olson, Mason; Michelle Dodds, City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Officer, Retired; Steve Schumacher, City of Phoenix Historian; Helana Ruter, City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Officer, me, and City of Phoenix Vice Mayor Ann O'Brien; Vic Olson giving us a tour of the Blue Room. All the murals and wall decorations were hand-painted. There are three large meeting rooms in the building, the Gold, Red, and Blue rooms.

clusion on the Phoenix Historic Register with a new plaque.

After the ceremony, we had the opportunity to tour the building. Now, I have no connection with the Masons. My father was not a member of any fraternal organization, so I was completely ignorant about what they were or how they worked. I learned, for instance, that members of the Shriners, Scottish Rite, etc. have to be Third Degree Masons before joining other groups. I also learned that many of our founding fathers were Masons, including George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, and Paul Revere. Famous local Masons include George N.H. Luhrs, Vic Hanny, and Barry Goldwater.

Numbers hold important symbolism for the Masons. The

address of the Temple building, 345, is symbolic of the sides of a right triangle and the Pythagorean theorem: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$, so $3^2 + 4^2 = 5^2$ results in $9 + 16 = 25$. The building's width, length, and diagonal measurements also follow this theorem. Of course, there was a lot of symbolism I didn't understand, along with more Christian imagery than I thought there would be. A final fun fact I learned is that this building has the oldest working elevator in the state, which is cool! ■

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

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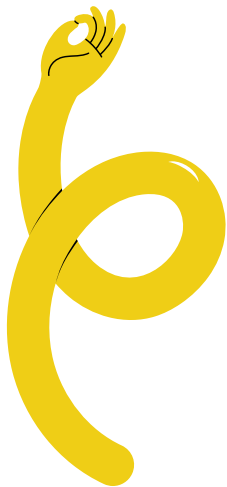
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CALENDAR



**MARCH 6th,
13th, 18th &
26th from 9
am to 10 am**

**■ Hooray Namaste
Yoga with Lara Cerri,
RYT-200**

LOCATION: Tapestry
on Central, 17 West
Vernon Avenue.

NOTE: On east
end of pool in center
courtyard; enter from
east side glass doors.
Donations accepted.

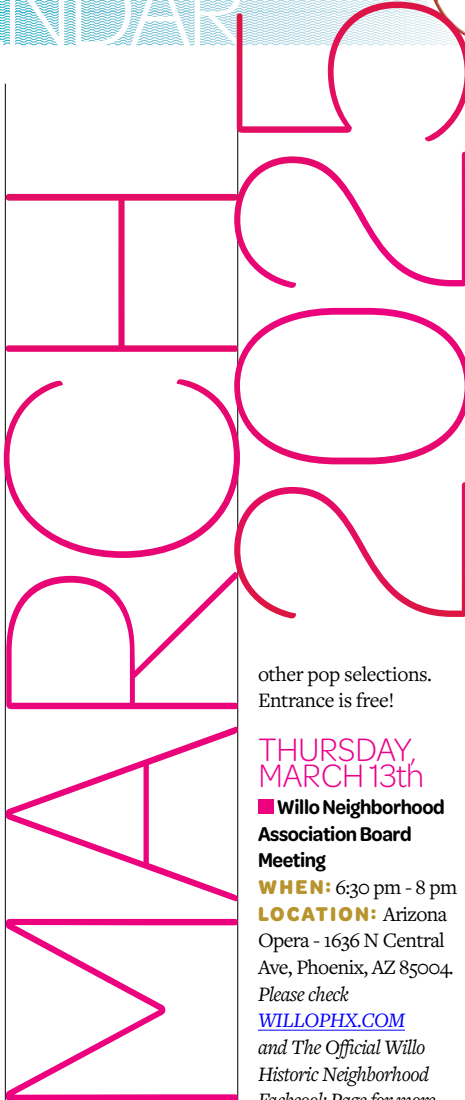
**SUNDAY
MARCH 9th**

**■ DESERT OVERTURE
FREE CONCERT**

WHEN: 3:00 pm

LOCATION: Hance
Park.

WHAT: Desert Over-
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mier LGBTQ Orchestra
and is partnering with
the City of Phoenix
Parks and Recreation
Department to host



Hance Park POPS!
The Pops concert
spans a wide range of
styles and genres, with
plenty of recognizable
songs. Music includes
melodies from Wicked,
Moana, and the Marvel
Universe, among

other pop selections.
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**THURSDAY,
MARCH 13th**

**■ Willo Neighborhood
Association Board
Meeting**

WHEN: 6:30 pm - 8 pm

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,
MARCH 14th**

**■ Willo Neighborhood
Happy Hour - Ages 21+
please**

THEME: St. Patrick's
Day!

LOCATION: 111 W.

Almeria.

HOSTS: Diane &
Tom Connors
*Please bring a dish,
dessert, or drink to
share—whether it's your
signature recipe or a
favorite treat.*

**LOOKING
AHEAD TO
APRIL**

**THURSDAY,
APRIL 10th**

**■ Willo Neighborhood
Association Board
Meeting**

WHEN: 6:30 pm - 8 pm

LOCATION: Arizona
Opera - 1636 N Central
Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004.

**FRIDAY,
APRIL 11th**

**■ Willo Neighborhood
Happy Hour - Ages 21+
please**

LOCATION: 533 W.
Cypress.

HOSTS: Bob Cannon
& Don Vallejo

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 12th**

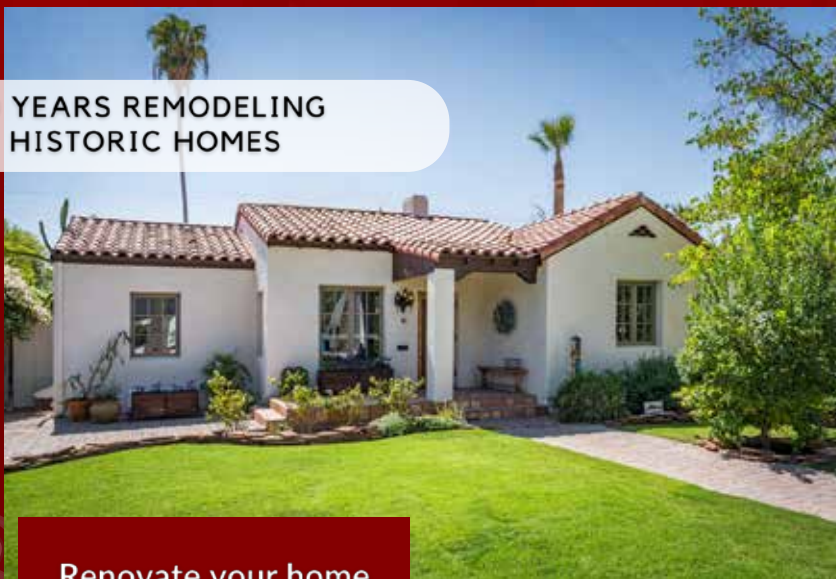
**■ Willo Kids Club
Spring Event**

WHEN: 4 pm

LOCATION: Encanto
Park

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542 W Vernon	ACTIVE	\$824,850
530 W Vernon	ACTIVE	\$839,900
320 W Cypress	ACTIVE	\$975,000
525 W Cypress	ACTIVE	\$975,000
56 W Windsor	ACTIVE	\$1,175,000
118 W Palm	ACTIVE	\$1,249,000
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Social Committee

Willo Neighborhood Happy Hour – St. Patrick's Day Celebration!

BY JONATHAN ROBERTS (GRANADA)

GET READY TO CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY WITH YOUR WILLO neighbors at a festive Happy Hour hosted by Diane and Tom Connors! Mark your calendars for Friday, March 14th, and join us for a lively evening of fun, food, and community spirit ♦ The theme is all things Irish, so be sure to wear green—or risk getting pinched! Whether it's a shamrock-covered shirt, a splash of emerald, or your best leprechaun-inspired look, let's embrace the spirit of the holiday together. ♦ This ages 21+ event is a great way to mingle with old friends and make new ones in the neighborhood. To keep the festivities going, please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, along with your favorite beverage. Whether you whip up a batch of Irish soda bread, bring a tray of shamrock cookies, or share your go-to party dip, every contribution makes the night even better. ♦ Don't miss out on this chance to connect with your neighbors in a fun, relaxed setting. We can't wait to see you there! Sláinte! ■

DATE:
Friday,
March 14th
HOSTS:
Diane & Tom
Connors
LOCATION:
111 W. Almeria
BRING: An
appetizer
or dessert &
beverage to
share
Ages: 21+

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