



East Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association & Block Watch



GAIN: Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods



GAIN (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) is a day for Arizona to join forces and promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. GAIN showcases the importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight for a safer Arizona. On GAIN Day (Saturday, October 23rd), the Phoenix Police Department has invited neighborhoods to come together to make their community a safer, better place to live. In Sunnyslope, we plan to do just that.

In 2019, the East Sunnyslope Neighborhood Assn. & Block Watch, (ESSNABW) joined with the other Block Watch groups in the Sunnyslope area to have one large GAIN event and it was such a great success, we are doing it again this year! We will be hosting Sunnyslope GAIN on Saturday, October 23rd alongside the West Sunnyslope Neighbor-

hood Association & Block Watch, Phoenix Luv Neighborhood Association, theHUB (Hatcher Urban Business Alliance), and the Ocotillo Hills Neighborhood Association & Block Watch.

The event will take place at Winifred Green Park, located at 1608 West Peoria Ave., at 10:00am - 2pm. There will be food, games for the kids, and several local politicians on hand to inform and discuss neighborhood issues. Of course, Phoenix Police Officers will be on hand as well as our Neighborhood Services Department.

Come on down, have some lunch, meet your neighbors, and ask your questions!



Sunnyslope Community & Youth Centers Fully Open

The Sunnyslope Community Center, located at 802 E. Vogel, is now open and offering a long list of fun stuff to do! They have adult basketball/softball as well as youth sports available, in addition, to activities for Seniors.

The Sunnyslope Youth Center (1702 W Peoria Ave.), is the result of the Sunnyslope Village Alliance working with the Phoenix Parks Department to create a

fun center for youth 17 and under.

The Sunnyslope Youth Center offers seasonal dance, art, sports, and educational programs. The center adjacent to Winifred Green Park is complete with a full sized basketball court, playground, and sports field.

Get more information at: 602.262.6661

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City of Phoenix: Emergency Rental Assistance Program



Having Trouble Paying Rent/Utilities? The City of Phoenix was allocated \$51.1 million to begin the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program which began on March 8, 2021. The program is being administered through the City's Human Services Department and Wildfire, a local non-profit. This program is available to households regardless of citizenship or immigration status and Social Security Number. This assistance is to be used for rental payments and utility bills incurred between March 13, 2020 and December 31, 2021.

Go to this website for more information and/or to apply: www.phoenix.gov/humanservices/rental-assistance or call 602.534.2433 (AIDE).

What is the eligibility criteria?

- Must be a Phoenix resident
- Income at or below 80% of Area Median Income or \$63,200 for a family of 4
- Qualified for unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in income or experiencing

other financial hardship due to COVID-19

- Demonstrating risk of homelessness or house instability
- Assistance for rent and utility

What can these funds pay for?

- Rent, including late fees
- Utility bills, this includes electric and gas
- City Services bills, this includes water and trash

What are the payment amounts?

- Rental Arrears – up to 12 months of assistance (residents in subsidized housing must have a rental obligation to qualify for rental assistance)
- Forward Rent – residents may qualify for up to 3 months forward rent once past due or arrears are paid in full, and if the household is unstable
- Utility Bills (electric and gas) arrears and credits
- City Services Bill (water) arrears and credits

I am a landlord; can I apply for tenants behind on rent?

- Yes, landlords may apply with the tenant's permission

ERA funds will only be available through December 31, 2021, so get your application in as soon as possible!

Ocotillo Hills Block Watch is Active Once Again!

Ocotillo Hills



ESSNABW is so excited to welcome back our friends to the East, the Ocotillo Hills Block Watch!

After a COVID induced hiatus through 2020; in addition to acquiring 4 new board members in 2021, they are working

hard to reinvigorate their group.

Par, a board member of the Ocotillo Hills BW commented, "We look forward to joining our neighboring Block Watches for the upcoming GAIN Event in October at Winifred Green Park. We are also very excited to have been selected as a grant recipient

for the Love Your Block grant to install large entry signs into our subdivision."

Congratulations to your neighborhood for the grant winning as well as being back in action. ESSNABW is excited to continue our relationship with your neighborhood!

Ocotillo Hills boundaries are Cinnabar to the North, Dunlap to the South, 14th St. to the West, and the Preserve to the East. If you are interested in becoming a member, you can contact them at:

ocotillohillsblockwatch@outlook.com

All info for our Sister Block Watches are also listed on our website at: www.EastSunnyslope.com.

Don't be Fooled by the Newest Utility Scam!



As temperatures continue to heat up and utility bills increase, scammers impersonating utility companies will use phone calls, text messages, emails, and in-person visits to demand payment for "overdue bills." Falling for this type of scam could cost you hundreds of dollars, put your personal and financial information at risk, and require time and effort to be sorted out.

Families aren't the only ones at risk. Small businesses and companies are also targeted with employees wanting to resolve the issue as fast as possible. Last month, 246 commercial and residential customers reported a utility scam totaling a loss of \$3,000, with one customer making a \$350 payment to scammers. The best way to protect yourself from utility scams is to learn about them! Remember these warning signs and prevention tips to avoid becoming a victim.

Warning Signs

- Scammers will create a sense of urgency by threatening to turn off your electricity, water, or gas unless a payment is made immediately. It's difficult to think clearly when you're caught off guard but take your time and ask questions. Actual utility companies will send you various notices in the mail before your service is disconnected.
- Scammers will ask for payment through Zelle, Venmo, PayPal, a prepaid credit card, gift card, or even Bitcoin. Utility companies do not use these payment methods as they are not secure and challenging to record.
- Be wary of anyone claiming to be from a utility company asking to "inspect" your home; they may be scouting out your place for other criminal activities.



There are other types of utility scams and tactics you should also pay attention to, including:

- Getting an offer to have a portion of your utility bill paid. This is most likely a bad check scam, where you will be given a bad check to deposit and then asked to send part of the money back. Then the check never clears, and you lose the money you sent back.

- Phone calls claiming you overpaid your utility bill. A scammer will ask you for financial information to provide a refund, but an actual company representative will not call asking for personal or financial information.
- Text messages or emails from an unknown source

with a link to view an online bill or 'make a payment'. Never click on a link from an unknown source. It could contain malware.

- An in-person visit during an outage offering you an express service restoration. This doesn't exist, and company representatives do not take payments in person.
- A phone call or home visit promoting affordable solar energy or energy-saving programs claiming to be sponsored by a utility company and asking for a deposit.

When in doubt about the legitimacy of something, it's best to hang up the phone, delete the email or text message, or shut the door until you can verify the information directly with a utility company. If you feel you've been the target of a scam, contact your local law enforcement, the Arizona Attorney General's Office, or the Federal Trade Commission. Even if you don't lose money, it's essential to report scams as they happen to help prevent others from falling victim. When scams are reported to the FTC, they are shared with more than 3,000 law enforcement agencies helping them hold scammers accountable.

Acacia Library: Kids Cafe



Kids Café provides free meals for youth under age 18, Monday through Friday after school at several valley libraries. This includes the Acacia Library, right here in Sunnyslope!

Meals are grab and go and parents/caregivers do not need to bring children to receive meals, however they will be asked to provide proof of children and list each child's name and age. Each qualifying child will receive meals while daily supplies last.

On Fridays, customers may request double meals for each child if supplies allow to provide a little extra for the weekends. Meals are provided by St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance. Saturday meals are also available at Burton Barr Central Library located at 1221 N Central Ave. in downtown Phoenix. Acacia Library is located at 750 E Townley Ave.

www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org/kids/programs/kids-cafe

A Message from our New Precinct Commander, Brian Issitt



My name is Brian Issitt and I am the new Commander of the Desert Horizon Precinct. As you all know, we are extremely fortunate to have a very engaged community. I know this to be true as I have lived in this precinct for the past 20 years!

I look forward to future opportunities to engage with all of you. Here is a little about me...

I am a second generation police officer who moved from Michigan to Phoenix 20 years ago after being hired by the Phoenix Police Department. I spent the majority of my youth on a baseball or football field, where I learned the values of hard work, determination, perseverance and teamwork. By the end of my career as a high school student-athlete, I earned a Division I scholarship to play football and baseball while simultaneously being drafted by the Houston Astros in the 1995 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft.

During my time with the Phoenix Police Department, I have worked a variety of different details as a Patrol Officer and Patrol Sergeant in the Mountain View, South Mountain, and Maryvale-Estrella Mountain Precincts. Prior to my tenure in the Tactical Support Bureau, where I served on the Rapid Deployment Unit and Special Assignments Unit, I was a School Resource Officer. I was also assigned to our

Homeland Defense Bureau both as a Detective and a Sergeant. As a Lieutenant, I worked as the night Shift Commander in the Black Mountain Precinct before taking on the Advanced Training Lieutenant position in the Training Bureau. I am coming to Desert Horizon Precinct from my first command over the Traffic Bureau, which houses the Traffic (Motors), Transit, and Vehicular Crimes Units.

In addition to my policing experiences, I am a proud graduate of the FBI National Academy. I have earned two Master's Degrees, and am currently pursuing my doctoral degree in organizational leadership.

Autumn, my wife of almost 20 years, and I have four children; who you might also see out on the courts or athletic fields as well. In my spare time, I am part of the baseball coaching staff at Horizon High School and love being involved in our community.

I am truly excited about being here in the Desert Horizon Precinct and am looking forward to working with all of you!

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theHUB Corner

by Co-Chair, Caroline Lobo



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For more info:
theSunnyslopeHUB@gmail.com

Thanks to the Phoenix PD Block Watch Grant, theHUB has installed banners on light poles all across the Hatcher Corridor from 19th Ave. to Cave Creek Rd. The banners are one of the first steps to making the Hatcher Corridor a destination for small businesses; promoting Sunnyslope as a community for local businesses, arts, and culture.

theHUB is working with the West Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association and Block Watch to revitalize a couple of properties in the neighborhood. Please join our collective mission to shine a light on Sunnyslope. We have partnered with **Habitat for Humanity - Central Arizona** to renovate several homes. Our goal is to fundraise \$100,000 by the end of the year! Please donate your tax dollars towards the revitalization of Sunnyslope. You don't have to pay anything extra; your tax dollars can be allocated to any nonprofit organization; \$400 to save for individuals, and up to \$800 for a joint filing. Please consider donating and put your tax dollars to work benefiting our Sunnyslope community. Go to www.habitatcaz.org and click "Donate", fill out the payment information – under "Designation" and choose "**Sunnyslope Revitalization Coalition**". All you have to do is submit the email receipt with your taxes.



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THE SLOPE

SUNNY
SLOPE

For more info:
andrea@habitatcaz.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS • MEETINGS • VOLUNTEERING



Above: Welcome, New Captain, Gretchen Stetter! Our friends over at the Continental Condos are lucky to have a dedicated leader! Check out her introduction article on page 8!



Above: Our 4th Annual flag planting for the Fourth of July was a lot of fun! We planted 600 flags while singing along to patriotic music! ESSNABW hopes that the flags lining our 10th Street Footpath brightened your holiday weekend!

Thanks to all of those that came out to help!



Above: Sunnyslope Youth Center's Welcome Back event was fun for the whole family. The Park Rangers played with the kids and Garden Gail came out to talk worms!



Below: Our August General Meeting was very informative! Join us at our next meeting, held the last Tuesday of each month!



Our quarterly cleanup was a big success thanks to all of the help from volunteers from CMS, Nature's Medicine, and Native American Connections. Keeping our neighborhood neat and tidy is one of the many things ESSNABW does to improve the neighborhood. Check out:

www.EastSunnyslope.com





The DHP Informant

Get the latest news from our
Desert Horizon Precinct.

A Message from Your DHP Resource Lieutenant

I wanted to take a minute and thank all the neighborhood groups for your continued support, it really is noticed and appreciated by our officers. The Desert Horizon Precinct Resource Teams continue to proactively address criminal activity in your neighborhoods.

Your Bike, Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET), and Community Action Officer squads (CAO) made 67 felony arrests, 73 misdemeanor arrests, while serving 14 search warrants during the month of August. We recovered 27 weapons to include assault rifles and handguns, as well as, 18 drug sale cases were generated. Officers seized over 2 pounds of metham-

phetamine and over 6,200 M30 Fentanyl pills.

The Bike Squad and CAO's continue to work on quality-of-life type issues in the community. These Officers partner daily with City resources such as Phoenix Cares, Streets Department, Graffiti Busters, and Park Rangers; to keep our neighborhoods clean and safe.

Lieutenant Nick Jimenez #6957
Phoenix Police Department
Desert Horizon Precinct
Nicholas.Jimenez@Phoenix.gov
p: 602.534.0346

Our Community Action Officer, Maria Nosal, Recommends that you Register Your Bicycle!



With all the bicycle thefts that happen in our City, it is a good idea to register it today! Complete the fillable form at:

www.maricopa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2974/Phoenix-Police_Department-Bicycle-Registration-Agreement-And-Affidavit-pdf

Submit your completed form to Officer Joe Kapla #7823:
Joseph.Kapla@phoenix.gov or call him at: 602.495.5634



Regarding the reverse lanes on 7th St. & 7th Ave. During the times the center turn lane is in use as a travel lane; can you still make a left turn on small side streets and into a business?

Yes: you can make the turn, but it has to be made from the southbound #1 travel lane. It cannot be made from the 2-way center lane, as this is designated for northbound thru traffic during the hours of 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Felony Arrests	210
Misdemeanor Arrests	223
Weapons Seized	51
Drug Sale Cases	34
Cash Seized	\$39K+
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	7
Complaints Handled	68
Vehicles Towed	21

Statistics

Panhandlers	14
NOV*	24
Community Cleanups	12
Meetings	48

*Notice of Violation

Welcome New Captain, Gretchen Stetter!

My name is Gretchen Stetter, and I am a captain for the Continental Plaza Condos area, located on 8th Street; between Townley and Alice.

I was born and raised at 10th St. and Northern and have had ties to the 'Slope my whole life. Growing up here, I attended the Madison schools for Kindergarten through Eighth grade, and then attended and graduated from the International Baccalaureate Program at North High School.

I have a dual degree in Elementary and Special Education for K-8th grades from NAU and was a teacher for 7 years. In Flagstaff, I taught for five years at a small charter school, and then two years here in Phoenix at a Montessori school. About 5 years ago, I left teaching to work for a tech company as a manager in the Accounts Receivable Department.

My sister moved back to the Sunnyslope area about 5 years ago. Following her lead, I moved back here too. She lived on East Las Palmaritas, until recently when her landlord decided to sell the house. She has been looking

to move back into the neighborhood, so let me know of any leads!

I first heard about the East Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association from my tax accountant this past February. She lives in the area and told me to get involved and check out a meeting. Then, my neighbors in the complex let me know they were headed to a meeting to discuss their concerns in the area and asked me to join. After attending that meeting and seeing the passion for Sunnyslope through the attendees, as well as meeting Jeff Tisot (ESSNABW President), I decided it would be a great idea to get involved!

I love this neighborhood and have known it my entire life. My hope is that we continue to push for progress and that myself and other members provide a constant service to all of our community. I truly believe that it is only in the service of others that we can find happiness in our lives. ESSNABW couldn't agree more. If you live in the Continental Condominiums, reach out to **Gretchen** at: G.E.STETTER@gmail.com.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Block Watch Captains & Board

**QUESTIONS ABOUT
FUTURE EVENTS? ISSUES
IN YOUR AREA?
CONTACT US ANYTIME!**

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Jeff Tisot - **President**; Captain: Diana, Alice/10th St to 12th St 623-759-2881

Christina Lowry - **Vice President**; 480-200-9376

Chelsey Weaver - **Treasurer**; Captain: Ruth & Butler 12th St to Mtn. 602-748-5680

Andy Sobczak - **Secretary**; Captain: Orchid 7th St to 10th St 602-997-2834

Crystal Gonzalez - **Hispanic Outreach Coordinator**; 602-505-2071

Julia Sayre - Captain: Seldon 8th St through cul-de-sac 602-309-9925

Vicente & Leticia Garcia - Captains: El Camino 10th St to 12th St 602-295-3499

Debbie Sosa - Captain: Las Palmaritas, 12th St to Mtn. 602-330-1835

Linda Tkatchov - Captain: Echo, 8th St to cul-de-sac East of 10th St path 602-316-9066

Grace Stuckey - Captain: Loma Ln, 15th St to end of cul de sac 602-908-3236

Cheryl Hallman - Captain: Orchid Ln, 10th St to 12th St 602-413-3333

Tricia Hehman-Johnsen - Captain: Diana Ave, 8th St to 12th St 602-247-0709

Gretchen Stetter - Captain: Continental Plaza Condos 602-481-6459

Billy Lowry - Captain: Ruth Ave, 10th St to 12th St 602-403-6643

Important Phone Numbers

City of Phoenix Police (non emergency): **602.262.6151**
Neighborhood Services Department: **602.534.4444**
District 3 Rep. (Deb Stark): **602.262.7441**
Report Speeders **602.534.SPED**

Phoenix CARES (Homeless Aid):
City Streets (Pot Holes/Road Issues):
District 6 Rep. (Sal DiCicco):
Animal Abuse (AZHumane):

602.262.6251
602.262.6441
602.262.7491
602.997.7585
Ext. 2073

Community Action Officer Maria Nosal: **maria.delgado@phoenix.gov / 602.534.1747**

Traffic Complaint Email for reporting speeders and other traffic issues: **deserthorizontraffic@phoenix.gov**

Mark Your Calendars!

East Sunnyslope Neighborhood
Association & Block Watch
Captains/Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 12th, 6:30pm
LOCATION: Butler's Easy

GAIN EVENT
Saturday, October 23rd
10am - 2pm
Winifred Green Park
1702 W Peoria Avenue

TRUNK OR TREAT
Saturday, October 23rd
4pm–7pm
Sunnyslope Community Center
802 E Vogel

NO OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

East Sunnyslope Neighborhood
Association & Block Watch
Captains/Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 9th, 6:30pm
LOCATION: Butler's Easy

East Sunnyslope Neighborhood
Association & Block Watch
General Meeting
SPEAKER: TBD
Tuesday, November 16th, 6:30pm
Location: 1010 E Alice Avenue

Continental Plaza Popup Event
Saturday, November 13th
10am - 2pm

Join us for a meet and greet to get
to know your neighbors! The
residents of this Condominium
have had some issues so let's
show them our support!

2ND Annual ESSNABW Holiday Parade
Saturday, December 18th
Time/Route: TBD

**Desert Horizon Police Precinct
Blood Drive**
Saturday, December 18th
Time/Location: TBD

NO DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

