



East Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association & Block Watch



Gov. Ducey Proclaims, *Hope in the Slope Week!*

Thanks to the hard work of the East Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association & Block Watch as well as Sunnyslope's other neighborhood groups; including our founding of 'Slope Fest, Governor Ducey declared the first week of April as *Hope in the Slope Week*. Proclamations are provided by the Governor's Office of Constituent Services for noteworthy state or local events that deserve special recognition as a courtesy to Arizona residents. It was very exciting that the Governor would recognize our neighborhood after all the hard work we have put in these past 5 years.

Typically, we would have hosted our annual 'Slope Fest event during this special week; however, the pandemic has put that on hold until **April 2, 2022**. In the meantime, we have come up with a few micro-events in April around the neighborhood. Come out and meet our Board and gather useful information regarding City and Neighborhood Services. We would love to chat with you and hear about your experiences as one of our neighbors.

The following events will take place during *Hope in the Slope Week*.

Saturday, April 3: ESSNABW will team up with the Sunnyslope Historical Society: Visit/Shop/Tour the Antique Outpost-10012 N Cave Creek Rd. They will be closing their doors soon. **Contact Renee Blain at 602-684-1607 for tour information.**
10am - 1pm

Saturday, April 10: Pop-up event **Meet and Greet**

with our Neighbors: Palma Park, 1138 E Dunlap Ave. 4pm - 8pm

Tuesday, April 13: Pop-up event **Meet and Greet with our Neighbors:** 10th Street Footpath, Butler & 10th St. 4pm - 8pm

Monday, April 19: **Blood Drive with Vitalant** at the North Village Baptist Church, 1010 E Alice Ave. 4pm - 8pm. To sign up, go to **Bloodhero.com** and enter **Sponsor Code: EastSunnyslope**. Any questions or concerns, contact Jeff Tisot at: **essbw16@gmail.com or 623-759-2881/ 480-216-6661.**



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Special points of interest:

Join us for **UMOM Scavenger Hunt!**
Get the rental/utility assistance you need!
Virtual PNP Courses Available!

Join Us in the UMOM Scavenger Hunt to End Homelessness



For the past few years, some of the ESSNABW Board and Captains have participated in the UMOM annual fundraiser. For 11 years, UMOM hosted a walk through the Phoenix Zoo, but due to Covid-19, they have shifted to a super fun scavenger hunt your entire family will enjoy!

UMOM or *United Methodist Outreach Ministries* was founded in 1964, and is located here in Phoenix, Arizona. They are an innovative provider of shelter, housing, and services for people experiencing homelessness. Every night, they provide safe shelter and supportive services for nearly 800 individuals experiencing homelessness – 155 families, 130 single women, and 60 youth. They also offer over 500 units of affordable housing across the Valley (including units right here in Sunnyslope), each with spe-

cial Program Centers for residents. UMOM has helped 1200 people find employment through their employment services.

Join your East Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association & Block Watch in the 2021 UMOM Scavenger Hunt. Just go to: **UMOM.org/sh2021** and register today! When you click on **Join a Team**, you will find our group under **East Sunnyslope NA & BW**. You can join us the day of the event or you can complete the items of the hunt on your own. This can be done from the comfort of your own home, or you can walk and drive the city. Last year, ESSNABW won the designation of "Most Likely to be in a Band". Join us and let's win this thing!

If you do not wish to do the Scavenger Hunt, but wish to support the cause, donations of funds and items are appreciated. Check out their website: <https://umom.org>.

Event Date:	Saturday, May 1, 2021
Hunt:	9am – 1pm
Prizes:	1pm – 1:30pm

The HUB Corner

by HUB Co-Chair Caroline Lobo

If you are already planning to redirect your taxes to help a local charity, why not do that to help with the West Sunnyslope Revitalization Project? Check out the ad to the right for details on how you can help!

In past years, theHUB (a group of business owners between 19th Avenue and 12th Street) have organized monthly meetings, street cleanings, and "meet and greets"; among business neighbors as well as area stakeholders. This also includes local elementary schools and neighborhood groups.

Our continued support of each other as neighbors is vital to the continued improvements throughout Sunnyslope. ESSNABW is aware of the importance of this and has always supported theHUB as well as other neighborhood groups!

For more information about how to donate:

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602.677.3141 or

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**donate now!
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to 44321**

Questions?
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The Sunnyslope Revitalization Coalition is bringing residents together to uplift and revitalize the community through their partnership with Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona. The coalition's goal is to raise \$200,000, with the first target being \$30,000 by April 30th. Donations will go directly towards helping repair families' homes | other community projects,



Redirect your tax dollars to support West Sunnyslope families. Arizona tax credits (up to \$800 joint return and \$400 single return). Your donations to Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona come directly back into Sunnyslope. <https://habitatcaz.org/donate-online/>

Introducing Captain, Cheryl Hallman



Cheryl & her husband,
Mark, at Ithaca Falls

In each issue of our newsletters, ESSNABW likes to highlight one of our many Street Captains. Without the help of these special folks, it would be nearly impossible to have a Block Watch as large, active, and long lasting as ours. One of our newer Captains is Cheryl Hallman, living on East Orchid between 10th and 12th Street.

Cheryl was born near Chicago, IL, and her family moved to Phoenix when she was only 8 years old. She attended Madison No.1 for the second half of third grade and then moved to the west side of Phoenix. Cheryl attended Palo Verde Elementary School and Cortez High School. She received an associate degree from Phoenix College and worked as a legal secretary for about eight years until having children of her own. Cheryl went to ASU to become a teacher and taught at Madison Park and Madison Camelview for 18 years before retiring. While teaching, Cheryl became a real estate agent and is currently a realtor with Century 21 Arizona Foothills.

Although Cheryl purchased her home in Sunnyslope in 2012, she only recently moved into the house in October of 2019. Cheryl loves to take walks and one of the main draws to this neighborhood was that she could walk to the Mountain Preserves, or along the 10th Street footpath. "I appreciate all the work ESSNABW has done to make the walkway so beautiful and relaxing and also to support the Monarch butterflies," Cheryl said.

Cheryl continued, "I joined ESSNABW because I like being involved in my neighborhood. I lived at my last house for 34 years and knew many of my neighbors. I wanted to meet and get to know my new neighbors. I love how active ESSNABW is. I don't know another neighborhood association that is as actively engaged in working towards making a better neighborhood community."

A topic that comes up a lot at meetings and in conversation with our neighbors is that despite our differences, our Block Watch members come together for Sunnyslope time and time again. As Cheryl said, "The great thing about ESSNABW is that we all have the same goal, to have a nice and safe neighborhood. My focus in achieving that goal is to be informed about matters affecting the neighborhood and communicating that information and helping my neighborhood and the board in whatever way I can. It takes a lot of people to make a great neighborhood association because everyone has their own abilities and talents. Using everyone's abilities and talents, we can get so much more accomplished!"

East Sunnyslope NA & BW could not agree more, and we are so delighted that Cheryl has joined the team! We look forward to working with her and hearing her great ideas. If you are interested in becoming a Street Captain, please contact us at essbw16@gmail.com or attend one of our monthly General Meetings on the last Tuesday of every month. You can find our calendar of future events on the back of this newsletter, or at www.EastSunnyslope.com.

The Old Eye Opener Café Building Will Finally Be in Use!

Many of you remember the Eye Opener Café, a Sunnyslope staple, that closed several years ago. Unfortunately, the building had been empty, until just recently; when Joe McCallum and his brother, Adam, purchased the building at 524 W. Hatcher Road. The pair's business partners, Frank Malefors of Malefors Vintage Imports, along with Ryan Mapes of Fine Line Modern, will be transforming the building into a vintage furniture store.

Customers can expect to find vintage items, such as sofas, chairs, tables, and bedroom furniture, as well as art and lighting. Prices for the merchandise will be priced from "affordable" to more at the "collector's level". There will also be other items sold by various vendors who rent space.

According to an article in the North Central News, "they hope the store will open in May, but it might be later this year. The goal is to also eventually offer a pop-up retail market with vin-

tage clothing or art on the site and perhaps even a farmers market." The group had to obtain a change-of-use permit as part of the process utilizing the city's Adaptive Reuse Program. This program provides guidance, financial savings, and a reduced timeframe to assist those who want to alter older buildings for newer businesses.

It is so exciting to have this new business come into the neighborhood and take over one of our beloved architectural landmarks!



Prepare your Home for a Hot Arizona Summer



Although it can feel like winter is over in a blink of an eye here in Arizona, we do still need to prepare our homes for the upcoming summer heat. The following are some recommendations

that can not only help keep the heat out, but also save you some money.

Check attic insulation: Most homes are built with insufficient insulation in the attic. You can greatly reduce your summer heating bills by adding attic insulation, and right now with the cooler weather is a great time to do it! For the Phoenix area, ENERGY STAR recommends an insulation rating of R38 to R60, or a minimum of 10-14 inches. Adding insulation can save you hundreds of dollars a year on your cooling costs.

Seal air leaks: Another very effective way to cut your cooling costs this summer is to seal air leaks in your home. Some ways of doing this are by caulking around doors and windows, replacing worn weather stripping, and/or sealing around exterior electrical outlets and fixtures. You yourself can create a more efficient home.

Check/change your filter: Before turning on your air conditioner or heat pump this summer, check your air filter. Our warm, dry winter coupled with a desert environment is a perfect recipe for dirty air. Dirty air filters restrict airflow, causing your air conditioner to operate less efficiently. Most filters should be checked at least once a month and replaced when visibly dirty.

Clear the area around your air conditioner: Is your air conditioner unit located on the ground floor? It is a good idea to look around the unit and clear the area of any debris, including

leaves, dead grass, or weeds, and trim back any shrubs or bushes near the unit. These steps will ensure adequate airflow to your air conditioner.

Check the drain line: Your cooling system needs to be able to drain moisture to operate properly. If the drain line is clogged, it can create a mess in your home that can lead to mold and mildew. To check the drain line, look for water running out of your outside drain while your air conditioner is running. If you do not see any water, it may be a sign of a clogged drain line.

Turn your thermostat to "cool": This may seem like a no-brainer, but many homeowners forget this simple step. Lowering the temperature on your thermostat will not turn on your air conditioner or heat pump unless it is moved from "heat" to "cool".

Get a tune-up from an air conditioning professional: Regular maintenance on your air conditioner will keep your system running efficiently all summer. A tune-up professional will check your refrigerant level and make sure your electrical and mechanical components are operating properly.

For additional useful tips, you can visit: www.energystar.gov. Energy Star is a partner of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that helps to deliver cost-saving energy efficiency solutions, that improve air quality and protect the climate. Since 1992, ENERGY STAR and its partners have helped American families and businesses save more than 4 trillion kilowatt-hours of electricity, and have achieved over 3.5 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas reductions; equivalent to the annual emissions of more than 750 million cars. In 2018 alone, ENERGY STAR and its partners helped Americans avoid \$35 billion in energy costs.

Phoenix Approves \$51 Million in Emergency Rental/Utility Assistance

The Mayor and members of the Phoenix City Council have approved distribution of \$51 million in new federal Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) dollars to Phoenix residents who need help making their rent payments and covering the cost of home utilities.

The new ERA Program is structured differently than the prior CARES Act Program. Under the ERA, eligible residents may receive up to 15 months of help with past due rent. There is no cap on the dollar amount of assistance, but participants must be recertified every three months. Utility assistance includes help with current and past due amounts for residential water, gas, and electricity. The new program will be administered by the city's Human Services Department and the non-profit Wildfire. Applications can be submitted by phone or online, beginning in early March.

For more information go to: Phoenix.gov/renthelp or call 602-534-AIDE

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	CAN PAY FOR	PAYMENT AMOUNTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be a Phoenix resident• Able to show financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic• Income at or below 80% of Area Median Income or \$62,250 for a family of 4• Unemployed and/or receiving unemployment benefits• Assistance for rent and utility obligations incurred after March 13, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rent (including late fees)• Utility bills (electric and gas)• City Services Bill (water and trash)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 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 and trash) arrears and credits



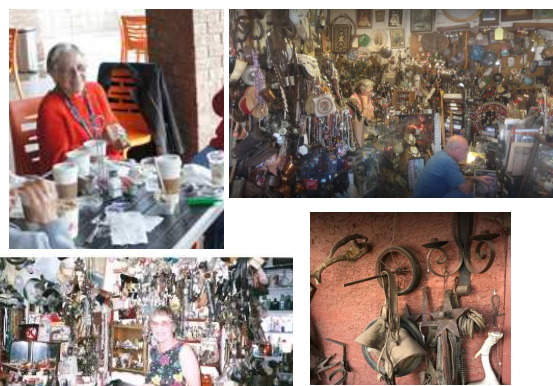
CLEANUPS • MEETINGS • VOLUNTEERING



ESSNABW set up at Palma Park to collect items from neighbors for our Goodwill Drive. Next Drive is Saturday, May 15th, see the details on our calendar page (pg. 8)!



We hosted our February General Meeting on the Canal. It was a beautiful night! Join us at all of our monthly General Meetings on the last Tuesday of the month.



Join ESSNABW and The Sunnyslope Historical Society on Saturday, April 3rd as we pay tribute to a neighborhood legend, Winifred Green. Winifred will soon be closing her longtime shop, the Antique Outpost. Green and her husband Frank first opened the Outpost in 1967, which boasts a large amount of antiques, collectibles, and post cards. Come on down and purchase some items and help Winifred earn some final income before retirement. Winifred has always supported Sunnyslope and has been a longtime activist in our area. Let's show our appreciation and help out! Space is very limited inside, if you want to ensure you can enter safely: contact Renee Blain at 602-684-1607 for an appointment. Masks required to enter.

**Saturday, April 3, 2021 drop by the Antique Outpost from 10am - 1pm
at 10012 N Cave Creek Road - and bring your pocket book!**

A Revolutionary Answer for the Budding Restaurateur!



Even before the pandemic many of us used apps like GrubHub, Postmates & DoorDash, to order in food. In fact, according to the website, *Growing Hunger*, "these apps have

ushered in a kind of golden age of delivery in America: growing 300% faster than dine-in eating over the last 5 years. Well over half of U.S. consumers now grab delivery at least once a week." This surge translates into big money for businesses willing to keep up.

This new "delivery revolution" has brought about an entirely new food business model that is hoping to capitalize this trend, the Ghost Kitchen. This uniquely 21st-century innovation promises to optimize & expand delivery service at seemingly minimal cost to both the business owner as well as the consumer. Ghost kitchens are essentially restaurants without the dining space. These large commissary style kitchens are used by those needing space from vendors as small as those who sell foods at farmers markets to large companies looking to provide takeout food while keeping costs down. These kitchens give chefs and business owners the flexibility to offer their food on delivery apps only. These kitchens started pre-COVID in 2019, but really took off once people were eating at home more.

In researching more about this topic, it was a happy surprise to find we have one of these businesses right here in Sunnyslope! BLT Kitchens located at 739 E. Dunlap Avenue is owned by local entrepreneur Kyle Hollenbeck who is also the Director of Operations. ESSNABW sat down with Kyle to find out more about his business and the types of small business owners they support.

"We opened 15 months ago", Kyle said. "The building has actually been a kitchen for decades and we have done some major improvements with more to come! I grew up in the Shadow Mountain area and with my father at 12th St. and Northern (where he still resides today). We know this area is in a major redevelopment phase and just like our first restaurant opening on 32nd Street and Shea (before the big 32 new initiative took off) four and 1/2 years ago, we wanted to be ahead of the curve. We enjoy being a part of this community."

BLT has over 25 active renters and the majority of those are small business owners. Aioli Burger, Modern Tortilla, Oakwood Fire Pizza, Iconic cocktails, AZ Lemonade Stand, Los Compa-

dres, SOOOOO Hummus, and the Breakfast Burrito Company; are just a few of their awesome renters! BLT offers these small businesses an opportunity they might not have had in the past: a professional kitchen to prepare their food or product and sell at farmers markets. Also, a place to develop a brand and see what works, without paying for the high rent and overhead that a full restaurant requires.

Despite the innovation involved in this idea, even BLT had to figure out a way to survive during the pandemic. "We closed on this building in January 2020 and at that time we had only a few renters and had just begun to gain momentum and then, as you know, the world came to a screeching halt.", Kyle said. "We had one choice: "Adapt to Survive", and we started going after different renters and even offering ghost brands such as Super Mac Bros and Protein and Poke. We knew we needed to change our business model and continue to work on how we will operate."



Kyle and his crew are currently working on a website that allows customers to find their tenants and they also are planning a new location! When asked about his feelings towards Sunnyslope, Kyle said, "We love this area! We understand Sunnyslope has some parts that need to be cleaned up, but we

grew up over here and bring our kids to work with us every day (they even turned an office into a playroom and the nanny takes them to local parks). We have a 20-year mortgage on this space and plan on being here for longer than that!"

It is so exciting to have BLT Kitchens here in our area! ESSNABW supports all of the business owners, especially a company that is helping the smaller businesses build their organizations to a success.



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PNP Courses Available Virtually

Despite the difficulties of getting together for trainings, the City of Phoenix has continued their Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP) Courses. PNP is a partnership between the Phoenix Police and neighborhood groups like ours. We will be the extra eyes for the police and notify them when we see something suspicious.

Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol participants are citizens, not police officers or police department volunteers. They have no powers of arrest beyond that of any private citizen. They are trained for observation purposes only and participate for the benefit of the neighborhood.

For more information, contact Jeff Tisot: essbw16@gmail.com or 602-888-1879.

2021 TRAINING CALENDAR
PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL CLASSES

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to hold in-person classes until further notice

Virtual
Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Classes

These virtual classes are approximately 4-hours long and are held on two consecutive days

The listed classes are from
5:00 p.m. until 7: p.m.
Check-in begins at 4:30 p.m.

Class Dates for 2021:

January 20 & 21	March 17 & 18	May 19 & 20
July 21 & 22	September 22 & 23	November 17 & 18

To sign up for the class please contact:
pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov or call 602-256-4303

These classes are presented using the Cisco Webex Platform, attendees do not need to have a Webex account and can sign in as a guest. If joining from a mobile device like a smart phone or tablet you will need to install the free app available at the app store compatible for your device. If joining from a computer you normally do not need to install anything. Visit www.webex.com for details.

Required Documents

Because these are virtual class students must submit the following either by email or mail:

- ◆ Completed Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Application form
- ◆ Digital passport style photograph to be used on the PNP ID card
- ◆ Completed PNP Rules Agreement form

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Block Watch Captains & Board

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

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

Important Phone Numbers

City of Phoenix Police Department: 602.262.6151 (non emergency)	Phoenix CARES (Homeless Aid): 602.262.6251
Neighborhood Services Department: 602.534.4444	City Streets (Pot Holes/Road Issues): 602.262.6441
District 3 Rep. (Deb Stark): 602.262.7441	Community Action Officer Matt Morgan: 602-495-5006
District 6 Rep. (Sal Diccicio): 602.262.7491	Report Speeders 602.534.SPEED

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, April 13th, 6:30pm

LOCATION TBD: Check email/website

BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, April 19th, 4:00pm - 8:00pm

North Village Baptist Church,
ABC Room, 1010 E Alice Avenue

BloodHero.com (Code: EastSunnyslope)

East Sunnyslope Neighborhood
Association & Block Watch

General Meeting

SPEAKER: TBD

Tuesday, April 27th, 6:30pm

Palma Park
1135 E Dunlap Avenue

GOODWILL DRIVE

Saturday, May 15th 10am-3pm

Palma Park

1135 E Dunlap Avenue

We can only accept items that can be
carried by one person. Items such as:
books, dishes, small furnishings, clothes, etc.
would be greatly appreciated.

East Sunnyslope Neighborhood
Association & Block Watch
Captains/Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 11th, 6:30pm

LOCATION TBD: Check email/website

East Sunnyslope Neighborhood
Association & Block Watch

General Meeting

SPEAKER: TBD

Tuesday, May 25th, 6:30pm

Palma Park
1135 E Dunlap Avenue

East Sunnyslope Neighborhood
Association & Block Watch
Captains/Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 8th, 6:30pm

LOCATION TBD: Check email/website

East Sunnyslope Neighborhood
Association & Block Watch

General Meeting

SPEAKER: TBD

Tuesday, June 29th, 6:30pm

Palma Park
1135 E Dunlap Avenue

