



East Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association & Block Watch



A Message from Your Desert Horizon Precinct



I would like to give everyone an update on the Desert Horizon Precinct Resource Team's efforts in your neighborhoods since January 1, 2021.

These results only include work done by Desert Horizon Pre-

cinct Neighborhood Enforcement Team (DHP NET), the BIKE Squad, and our Community Action Officers (CAO).

We are taking a holistic approach to crime suppression by not only focusing on violent and drug related crimes but also concentrating efforts on quality-of-life type crimes, which often plague residents and community stakeholders. This type of success is only possible when we have NET, BIKE, and CAO squads all working together to reach our goals; which is to make your communities safer and improve the quality of life for all.

Total Arrests 1006

Felony arrest	356
Misdemeanor arrest	650
Citations issued	592
Weapons seized	61
Vehicles seized	13
Drug Sales arrests	52

*Drug seizures include thousands of (M30) fentanyl pills, pounds of methamphetamine, and over \$91,000 cash.

Encampments	188
Panhandlers	56
Neighborhood Cleanups	32
Complaints resolved	100+

BIKE/CAO officers routinely partner with City of Phoenix Streets Dept., Neighborhood Services Dept. (NSD), Parks Dept, Park Rangers, ADOT, PHX Cares, and neighborhood leaders. Thank you all! We sincerely appreciate the support we receive from all of you!

Lieutenant Nick Jimenez #6957, Phoenix Police Department, Desert Horizon Precinct, Nicholas.Jimenez@Phoenix.gov

Congrats Chelsey Weaver, City Excellence Award Winner!



Established in 1985 as the result of an "Excellence in Government" seminar, the Employee Excellence Awards recognizes outstanding employees for the work they do.

This year, over 560 employees were nominated for an award, either as part of a team or as an individual. Chelsey Weaver was selected as part of the

Wastewater Collection Division Staff.

As you may recall, Chelsey is also your ESS-NABW Treasurer and has assisted us through the grant process for multiple years now. We are so proud to have Chelsey on our team and are excited to honor her along with the City of Phoenix as a dedicated leader!

Congrats Chelsey!

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Special points of interest:

UMOM Scavenger Hunt.

ESSNABW has a new Vice President.

Dog feces effects water quality.

UMOM Scavenger Hunt, a Great Success!



Founded in 1964, UMOM is located in Phoenix, Arizona, and is an innovative provider of shelter, housing, and services for people experiencing homelessness.

Every night, UMOM provides safe shelter and supportive services for nearly 800 individuals experiencing homelessness – 155 families, 130 single women, and over 60 youth individuals. They also offer over 500 units of affordable housing across the Valley, each with special Program Centers for residents.

This is ESSNABW's 3rd year participating in UMOM's annual fundraiser and as usual it was a blast! Our groups picture made their "Thank You" card which was used to thank all of the UMOM volunteers. With our help, along with many others, UMOM earn 73% of their goal and although we had hoped for more of a turnout, we couldn't

be prouder of our contribution. Stay tuned for next year's event as we will definitely be volunteering again.

If you are interested in finding out more about UMOM or would like to get involved, please check out their website: <https://umom.org/get-involved/>. Donations of household items are always appreciated too. We are also hoping to have them attend and speak about their organization at one of our fall meetings. You can keep updated at our website about future meetings at: www.EastSunnyslope.com.



New Phoenix Police Mobile App!

Phoenix Police Department App

Download in the App Store or Google Play.

The Phoenix Police Department now has a mobile app, bringing a variety of resources and information to one place! Users can use the app to access online reporting, crime statistics, precinct locations, phone numbers, career opportunities, virtual Block Watch, victims' rights information, and much more.

Users can also turn on notifications from the precinct they live in to receive news updates and information on events going on in their area (ESSBW is in the 62 Precinct). The app is free of charge and available via the App Store or Google Play.

The Phoenix Police Department has always expressed a need for folks to report suspicious activity. They can't help us if we don't call it in. Remember: See Something! Say Something! This app will make reporting even easier to do!



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Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health, Now a Reality



In January 2019, SB 1040, aka 'Arianna's Bill', was created for establishing an advisory committee on maternal fatalities and morbidity. The

final bill was introduced in June that year and signed by Governor Ducey. This bill was a labor of love, and loss, for Vicente & Leticia Garcia, ESSNA&BW Captains of East El Camino Drive.

Vicente's daughter, Arianna Dodde, gave birth to a healthy baby boy August 2018. This was her third child. Three days later, the 23-year-old was released from the hospital but had to be readmitted due to an undiagnosed torn uterus that had caused internal bleeding. She went into cardiac arrest and died. "Ariana was completely healthy," her father, Vicente Garcia, said. "The whole family, friends, all of us were 100 percent confident that she was going to go into this and deliver a healthy baby boy."

Thanks to their connection with our Neighborhood Association and our close relationship with Kate Brophy McGee (former State Senator), they were able to have a voice in the legislative process. Brophy McGee enlisted the help of the March of Dimes and within only a year 'Arianna's Bill' came to be.

In Sept. 2019, AZ was 1 of 9 states awarded the Maternal Health Innovation Federal Grant of 2.1 million dollars. This committee has met and reported its findings along with establishing AIM; the 'Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health', which has joined with a national movement to standardize maternal care. Thirty Arizona hospitals have joined this movement, which is exceptional news for future mothers and their families.

"We are thrilled this is finally moving forward and grateful that the news outlets are creating public awareness", said Leticia Garcia, "I would hate for another family to be blindsided by this and it's comforting to know that Arianna's tragic death will help others in the future."

Update from Our Treasurer, Chelsey Weaver



ESSNA & BW has been busy utilizing Block Watch Grant Funds to improve the East Sunnyslope community in so many ways. This grant cycle we used funds to print quar-

terly newsletters for our community, share information about safety and crime prevention, as well as updates about important issues and events. In addition, we have needed to replace our very much loved and worn-out pop-up tents, which have been used for everything over the years!

Last fall/winter during cooler weather, we purchased plants to attract butterflies, especially Monarchs. And because we focused on them, you can now check out the registered 10th Street Monarch Butterfly Way Station while walking the 10th Street Path. We also have t-shirts available to captains and members of our organization to help create a sense of unity and team building. Some of our most recent purchases were reus-

able bags with our logo and a safety message, plus street sign toppers to help create pride in the neighborhood!

Some of the less glamorous ways that these funds have been used are for website maintenance, table & chair rentals for events related to crime prevention, meeting space rental, and social media promotion. Unfortunately,



we are not immune to the same local crimes as everyone else. We had a burglary which cost us our television monitor used for meetings. The Block Watch Board graciously approved our reallocation of funds, and we were able to replace it.

Do not forget that this grant is used to help our community, and that includes you as a resident! If you have any ideas (within the confines of grant purchasing), that can help promote the goals of crime prevention, safety, community pride, and beautification, then we want to hear from you!

Grant ideas or suggestions, contact: essbw16@gmail.com

Sunnyslope Revitalization Coalition + Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona Chapter partnership project in West Sunnyslope

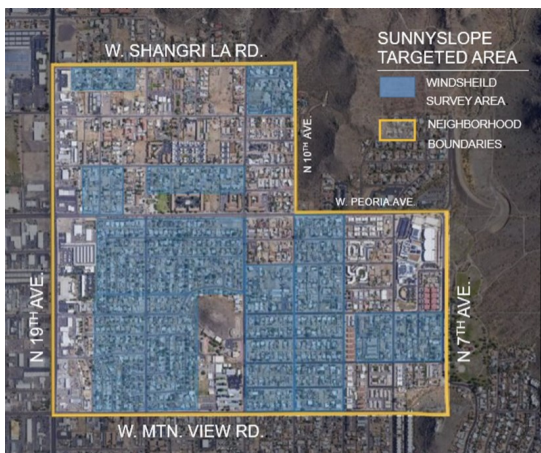


What makes a great community? It's a place called "home", wherein the people feel safe, have a great quality of life, and prosper creating experiences and memories for people of all ages. It's the people that share and care for one another that create those great community experiences. Our Sunnyslope neighborhood is one such great community.

Sunnyslope is known to be a special place as it has heart, along with the spirit of sharing and caring. We are excited about this incredible, once in a life time opportunity, to work together with Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona Chapter to build on the spirit of this great place we call HOME. Several pockets in our Sunnyslope Neighborhoods lack the infrastructure and resources to create a better quality of life. In an effort to regain that spark in a couple of areas of our community, we have formed what is called the Sunnyslope Revitalization Coalition. This Coalition is a collaboration of residents, non-profits, and businesses that are committed to the long term betterment of our Sunnyslope community.

Our first of many projects is focused on the revitalization of the West Sunnyslope Neighborhood. Habitat's preliminary windshield survey indicated the following needs:

- 168 homes needed window replacements.
- 188 homes needed landscape improvements.
- 198 homes needed façade improvements with paint.
- 139 homes needed roof repairs.



An estimate to complete all these revitalization projects would require well over \$2 million. Sunnyslope Coalition partnering with Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona has embarked on a journey of improving between 15 -20 homes. Each home improvement project could cost anywhere between \$10-\$15,000. Every home owner within the West Sunnyslope targeted area is eligible to apply for this home improvement and community pride

building program. The only ask in return is that the eligible home owner and his or her family put in their sweat equity towards their home improvement project. Our goal is to fundraise \$200,000 towards the end of the year. We have already raised \$30,000 with donations from Councilwoman Stark, Honor Health, and several local Sunnyslope businesses and well wishers. We have quite a bit to go!

The Sunnyslope Coalition believes that the first 15-20 home improvements will set the tone to rebuild the entire area. We are seeking YOUR help! There are several ways in which you could be a part of this amazing story. You can contribute through the State of Arizona's Tax Credit program. Did you know that you can specify that your tax dollars (\$400 individual, \$800 couple) could go towards a specific program such as Habitat for Humanity in your Neighborhood? You could also just donate or provide in-kind donations, or better yet, simply sign-up to volunteer. JOIN this MOVEMENT! Together we will BUILD our SUNNYSLOPE COMMUNITY!

For more information on this project, please reach out to: thesunnyslopeHUB@gmail.com or andrea@habitatcaz.org

Sunnyslope targeted area



1. Donate up to:
 - \$400 as an Individual
 - \$800 as a couple
2. Submit the tax receipt
3. Dollar-for-dollar credit

Online: habitatcaz.org
Text: Message "Slope" to 44321

*Add church/company/neighborhood name to donation

Arizona Charitable Tax Credit





ANNOUNCEMENTS • MEETINGS • VOLUNTEERING



Congratulations to long-time Sunnyslope resident Kate Brophy McGee for winning the **ESSNABW Community Spirit Award!** Kate's dedication and support to our neighborhood is immeasurable! She has been a real asset to our group and we wouldn't be here without her helpful guidance!

Welcome to our newly elected Vice President, Christina Lowry (right). Christina has been with ESSNABW from the beginning as a Secretary, as well as our 2019 Volunteer of the year.



Having been born in Sunnyslope and now raising her own family here, she is a dedicated member of our group as well as the community. She is willing to put in the hard work and it shows in this newsletter she creates, in addition to the events she helps organize. "I truly believe that when a community discovers what it cares about, our achievements can be endless. A safe and happy Sunnyslope benefits all of Phoenix and I plan to spend my life ensuring all of our residents have just that!". Congrats Christina!



Congratulations to our President, Jeff Tisot, for winning the **ESSNABW Volunteer of the Year Award!** Jeff's dedicated work coordinating blood drives, a Holiday Parade, and 100's of hours in the heat pushing the Census; made Jeff an easy choice for this award. While others were home waiting out the pandemic, Jeff never wavered. Thanks so much to our fearless leader!



Our monthly General Meetings (Last Tuesday of each month) are always informative. Join us and keep informed!



Dog Poop, Not Just a Pet Peeve



Picking up and properly disposing of your pet's poop is not only a courtesy for others living in your neighborhood, but it is also the healthy and environmentally sound thing to do. When it rains, pet waste on the ground can be washed untreated-washes, and retention basins drain system. Pet source of harmful es. It can also ed into our rivers, neighborhood park through the storm waste can be a bacteria and virus-overload our rivers and washes with extra nitrogen; causing excess weed and algae growth.

Animal waste DOES NOT decompose easily! It gets collected in rain water and washes off properly into the nearest wash or river.

You can help! Remember to bring bags with you when you walk your dog. Many parks and walkways also have pet bag stations. After picking up your dog's poop in the bag, tie the bag closed, and put it in a trash receptacle. Don't leave the bag for someone else to dispose.

Picking up after your pet at home is also important to maintaining water quality. Irrigation water or rain draining from your yard can also carry pet waste with it. You may think that the waste from only one dog does not make a difference to water quality, but an average dog can produce about a half a pound of poop per day.

Maricopa County alone has nearly 300,000 licensed dogs! National studies and surveys have found that 40% of Americans do not pick up their pet's feces. That adds up to a lot of pet waste being transported to our rivers, washes, and retention basins. Keeping your yard free of accumulated pet waste is not only sanitary, it is also required in Chapter 8 of the Phoenix City Code. To report an accumulation of feces, please contact the **City of Phoenix Public Works Solid Waste Department at (602) 262-7251.**



When walking your hound, scoop poop from the ground!

What's Bugging You?

It's a beautiful summer evening, and you decide to fire up the grill. With a cold drink in hand, you are just about to flip those sizzling burgers when that all too familiar buzz blows past your face. Flies! Ugh! It might seem that insects choose to annoy us over the summer but the real reason for their population boom is a complex interaction of winter rainfall, availability of food sources, and increasing temperatures. Insects are ectothermic, or "cold-blooded", meaning their body temperature depends on the external environment. So, in the summer, an increase in temperature typically correlates with an increase in insect activity.

Despite the nuisance that flies are, they are an especially important part of our ecosystem. Flies act as scavengers consuming rotting organic matter so we don't have to deal with it. Flies also turn poop and rotting carcasses into stock feed, and live bird, frog and lizard food; for free! All this being said, these little terrors can turn a fun afternoon in the sun into a swat-fest that have most of us heading back indoors.

There is a way to deal with flies without chemicals or chasing them around with a fly swatter. In fact, there are several plants you can put around your garden or yard that will help move them along for someone else to deal with!



Both fresh and dried, the scent given off by basil, deters flies. Since this is a plant that thrives in patio pots, adding some to your summer flower arrangements or just sprinkling some on your backyard food tables, will help keep these tiny-winged beasts from ruining your appetite.



For centuries, the glossy bay leaves from the bay laurel have been used as an aromatic in cooking and placed within cupboards to keep insects, weevils, and mice away. Its pungent scent is useful when both fresh and dried, and can be bundled to hang near home entryways or around your BBQ or party.



One of the more attractive options, lavender, thrives in well-drained pots and sunny climates. Both the foliage and blooms are fragrant and fend off many types of insects, flies included. Harvesting of the flowers for drying results in bundled, rich smelling sachets that you can place indoors or out!

Whatever you decide to use to deal with these cookout invaders, many times a combination of techniques to repel flies is your best defense. Good luck out there and don't forget to save me a burger and a cold one!

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:
pnp.coordinator@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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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
Sandra Manna - Captain: Orchid 12th St to Mountain 602-469-9996
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	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	District 6 Rep. (Sal DiCicco):	602.262.7491
Report Speeders	602.534.SPED	Animal Abuse (AZHumane):	602.997.7585
			Ext. 2073

Community Action Officer Ashley Heil: ashley.heil@phoenix.gov
Community Action Officer Maria Nosal: maria.delgado@phoenix.gov

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, July 13th, 6:30pm

LOCATION: 1010 E Alice Avenue

East Sunnyslope Neighborhood
Association & Block Watch

General Meeting

SPEAKER: Phoenix Fire Department

Tuesday, July 27th, 6:30pm

**LOCATION: Native American Connections
Community Room
1431 E Dunlap Avenue
(North Side of Building)**

East Sunnyslope Neighborhood
Association & Block Watch
Captains/Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 10th, 6:30pm

LOCATION: Butler's Easy

COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Saturday, August 7th, 7:00am

Meet at: 12th St. & Butler Dr.

Be sure to bring a hat/sunscreen

Continental Plaza Popup Event

Saturday, August 21st

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

East Sunnyslope Neighborhood
Association & Block Watch

General Meeting

SPEAKER: Phoenix PD Command Staff

Tuesday, August 31st, 6:30pm

LOCATION TBD: Check email/website

East Sunnyslope Neighborhood
Association & Block Watch
Captains/Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 14th, 6:30pm

LOCATION: Butler's Easy

East Sunnyslope Neighborhood
Association & Block Watch

General Meeting

SPEAKER: TBD

Tuesday, September 28th, 6:30pm

LOCATION TBD: Check email/website

