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East Sunnyslope Parade a Big Success!

All of us have been forced to adapt to changes due We had an elf that handed out goodie bags and to the pandemic and the East Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association & Block Watch is no exception. It had been obvious for months that our angoing to happen; however, for Project Manager Christina Lowry, that just seemed unacceptable. The thought that our neighborhood's children would miss out on seeing Santa this year just seemed too difficult to take.

Our Board tossed around several ideas, but Christina kept coming back to the same thought. If people can't leave their homes to see Santa, then maybe we should bring Santa to them. After some brainstorming, the East Sunnyslope Holiday Parade was born! Luckily, our group already had 2 trailers that we use during our cleanups and thanks to President, Jeff Tisot, and his construction knowhow; 2 floats were built complete with decorations and lights including a sleigh that would make any Santa proud to ride in. We also had board members and even a member of the HUB, Nadine Alauria, decorate their vehicles to ride along with us.

Our friend and Community Action Officer, Matt Morgan, gave us a police escort and we took to the streets! "I think most folks are so used to having to drive to a parade's route, that is what made ours so special. Our route was right past their homes and you don't really see that often. It was a huge surprise for people to look out their front window and see a fully lit parade with floats driving past!" said, Christina Lowry.

treats for the kids and then of course our Santa who wished everyone a Merry Christmas! "It's events like these that are exactly why I take so nual Christmas on 10th Street Winter Event was not much pride in our group", Christina said, "We were determined and worked together to make it happen. Seeing how happy it made the neighborhood was all the thanks we needed!"









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Annual Message From Our President, Jeff Tisot



What can be said about 2020 other than most of us are glad it is over! I have to say, at the onset of the pandemic I was worried for our group. Like many others, I worried we would lose momentum, especially with the inability to get together. Our meetings, events, and cleanups require us to be in

proximity, and with the new social rules, it makes getting together in-person difficult. Despite this difficulty, our team logged over 1000 volunteer hours in 2020! The East Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association & Block Watch has remained united and even gained new members as well as new Street Captains. We have become closer as a community and as friends regardless of our differences in opinions. We should take pride that with all the negativity and divide in our society, we have proven able to rise above our differences and I am grateful and proud to be a part of our Sunnyslope community and ESSNABW.

We helped save lives by teaming up with Vitalant to host two blood drives: producing over 100 units of blood! We moved our

monthly General Meetings to the outdoors (last Tuesday of each month), allowing us to bring valuable information to our community while still ensuring the safety of our members.



The impact ESSNABW made in the 2020 Census and the numer-



ous hours spent getting the word out was remarkable. With our help, the Census was able to capture a large area of Sunnyslope and bring the percentage of contacts up to over

30%. This will be very important for future funding for our area.

Disappointed that we would not be able to host our annual Christmas on 10th Street Holiday Event, we came up with our own pandemic pivot and decided on a parade. We built a few Christmas floats, covered them in lights, and had Santa in his sleigh to wave to the kids. The head of the parade blasted Christmas music, while further back our drafted Special Elf, Elle, handed out little baggies of treats to the little ones. With a Police escort (thank you Officer Matt Morgan!), we headed off and hit most of the streets in our area. Both kids young and old loved our Elf, our Santa, the music, and all the lights. It was amazing to watch all the neighbors pour out of their homes and

see their happy faces light up with joy!

ESSNABW also set up a community Christmas tree at 10th St and Butler and then encouraged all the neighbors to decorate it. The tree turned out beautifully and we hope it brightened spirits.



ESSNABW planted another 100 pollinator and Milk-



weed plants along the 10th St. Footpath. We also added our new signage that designates the path as an official "Monarch Butterfly Waystation". I must give a big shout out to our Captain on Seldon, Julia Sayre, for promoting this project, along

with the help of Captain Andy Sobczak (Orchid) who helped coordinate the purchase of the plants. Thanks to these two ladies we will get to enjoy our new neighbors, the Monarch butterflies, when we walk the path. ESSNABW hopes we can contribute to help the population of these beauties flourish!

ESSNABW also finished the year by completing one of our longest running programs, the Gated Alley Project (GAP). Meeting all the City of Phoenix requirements allowed us to gate six of our alleys in the neighborhood. The gate construction has already begun and we should see it completed in January. This was a

long-awaited a lot of work whelmingly neighbors. effort, the help Debra Stark, members, we



project that took but was oversupported by our After 2 years of of Councilwoman and other council have finally

achieved our goal! Even more exciting is these council members were able to obtain funding for these gates, so there was no cost to the homeowners. A huge thanks goes to our city Neighborhood Specialist, Krista Roy, for maneuvering us through all the red tape and many other issues that faced our neighborhood.

This is only Round One and we are looking into gating another 14 alleys for Round Two. Just remember, we are not abandoning the alleys since so many utilities run through them. We cannot re-claim them but they will be available for use. We are also still responsible for keeping the alleys clear of debris behind our homes. As for using the space for running your dog (remember

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Annual Message continued

to clean up), or frisbee games, have at it. Get creative and really start to utilize these spaces. Each home will be supplied a code for their gates in case they need access to their alley.

The list of folks that deserve huge thanks is certainly a long one. It takes a lot of members and players to make this stuff happen. First, I want to give my thanks, praise, and respect to all the ESSNABW Board Members and Captains. Without the planning, researching, and coordinating these folks do, none of what we achieve would ever happen. Co-secretary, Christina Lowry, has

done SO much and is my right-hand gal! She puts together this newsletter, attends almost every event, and not to mention all the planning she does for those events. Christina, along with her husband, Billy, are basically our IT department; and Billy has taken on the tough job of creating all our videos as well. These

are two special people! Our other Co-Secretary Andy attends almost every event and has created and managed our fabulous web site (www.EastSunnyslope.com) along with our 'Slope Fest web site (www.SlopeFestAZ.org).

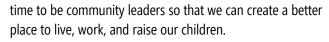
ESSNABW owes a lot to our Treasurer Chelsea Weaver who is responsible for obtaining and managing our grants and funding. Not

to mention, she has to put up with me having the bank card at times! Senator Kate Brophy McGee, Councilwoman Debra Stark, and Krista Roy have all become a big part of our community and

support us in every way. They are always present and available to us. All 3 ladies participate because they want to, not because we asked them to show up.

A big thanks to our Phoenix Police Department: Desert Horizon Community Action Officers, Bike Squad, patrol officers, and command staff who keep our community safe and educated. These folks are the

unsung heroes of our community and we are forever grateful to them! On the top of this list is my wife, Sandra, who I love dearly and appreciate her love and support. To all the spouses, partners, and families of our members, thanks for allowing us the



Lastly, I want to encourage everyone in our community to get involved. ESSNABW is always looking for Block Captains that can give a bit of time each month. You really can make a difference and you will get to meet great neighbors, and even teach the children in your life the importance of giving back. My wife once asked me, why I do this community volunteering? I thought about it and it all goes back to my late parents. For as

long as I remember they both gave back. My mom was a Girl Scout Leader for years. My dad was involved in the Lions Club and a Boy Scout Leader, which helped me obtain Eagle Scout. My dad signed off on many of my merit badges and it drove me crazy. I would have to do at least twice as much as the other

boys for the same badge, and the other kids would still say he gave it to me! He would always tell me if I knew in my heart what I had to do to get the same thing, I would be better off regardless of what the other scouts said. That was him. A true teacher, leader, and seed planter.

When I was in the military for 20 years I always volunteered; whether it was with

the USO, rebuilding an orphanage in Guam, drilling water wells for villages in the Philippines, or making a soccer field in Tinian. Giving back has always been something I just do. I want our

community to be better and I hope to plant those seeds in my own children about the importance of volunteering.

2020 was a hard year for everyone, but we must stay positive and set an example for other communities. Let us show everyone that East Sunnyslope is what a community *should* look like. Neighbors working hard to look past differences and

unite for common goals. 2021 will be a great year, because we will work to make it one! Thank you all and please give back.

Contact me anytime: essbw16@gmail.com, 602.888.1879





We Have a New Captain on Diana Ave, 8th St. to 12th St.



Your East Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association & Block Watch is excited to announce our newest Street Captain, Tricia Hehman - Johnsen! Trisha is the Captain of Diana Avenue, from 8th St. to 12th St. She has lived in Sunnyslope since 1972 and recently downsized to her current home on Orchid Lane.

Trisha was born in Chicago, IL and moved to Phoenix at only 5 years old. She lived at 3rd Street and Vogel throughout her childhood and attended Sunnyslope Elementary, as well as Sunnyslope High School. Go Vikings! Trisha later went on to attend Arizona State University right here in the valley. Go Devils!

Trisha was married for 30 years and has two grown daughters,

Your East Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association as well as a grandson. She retired from Safeway in 2012 and now works part-time at a charter high school. In her spare time, Trisha enjoys painting, quilting, home decorating, and cooking.

When asked why she joined our group, Trisha said, "I heard about ESSNABW through my neighbors & immediately wanted to join so that I could help to revitalize our neighborhood and cultivate community. My hope is to encourage others to get involved and to get out of their homes and get to know their neighbors."

ESSNABW looks forward to working with Trisha and once we can return to event planning and can gather, we will need her help! Please join us in welcoming her to the team! If you are interested in becoming a Street Captain, don't hesitate to contact us today. Email: essbw16@gmail.com, 602.888.1879. or visit our website at www.EastSunnyslope.com.

atures, regular traffic and summer monsoons, there are a lot of

variables that could impact this new pavement. This pilot program

Cool Pavement Pilot Program Keeps Streets Cool in the 'Slope!

If you have been a resident of Phoenix for any length of time, you are probably aware of the urban "heat island" effect. It is a well-known fact that standard asphalt retains heat absorbed during the mostly sunny days here, and then releases it at night. The more asphalt in the area, the greater the impact and the higher the temperatures; compared to areas outside of this urban "heat island". Heat is not the only issue either! There is more use of air conditioning, increased air pollution, and potential health effects from these hot spots.

Thankfully, sustainability technology has presented some solutions, one of which is in the form of cool pavement. This technology reflects sunlight during the day, and so does not retain heat to be released at night. The City of Phoenix's Street Transportation Department recently partnered with the Office of Sustainability and ASU to try out a pilot program with cool pavement on specific streets in every District of the City. Within District 6, Las Palmaritas Drive to Dunlap Avenue, and from Central Avenue to 7th Street, were all covered with the cool pavement in November 2020. See the photo taken at 7th Street and Butler to compare the cool pavement with regular asphalt.

will allow for partnership with researchers to measure sustainability of the product over time and the ability to hold up to all variables. The City of Los Angeles has implemented similar programs with great success, so it is the hope that the City of Phoenix will have similar results.





For more information check out:

<u>www.phoenix.gov/</u> streets/coolpavement.

Given that the City of Phoenix has a lot of sunshine, high temper-

Congratulations Holiday Lighting Winners!

ESSNABW congratulates Dale Hackney & Seandale Poe for their beautiful home and holiday décor at 11th St. & Townley. If you have driven in that area during the holidays, you couldn't help but notice the palm tree that is lit every year! "I decorate the tree myself every year", said Dale, when he found out he won. He chuckled:



"It's difficult, but I have a tall ladder!"

Seandale Poe has lived in the Sunnyslope area for 20+ years. The care and pride they take in their home brightens the neighborhood and helps increase the value of our homes! Thanks to 3A Automotive for providing the grand prize, a \$100 Visa Gift Card!

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CLEANUPS • MEETINGS • VOLUNTEERING







Our October General Meeting was held at Native American Connections. Our new neighbors are sure to be a good fixture for Sunnyslope.









In November and December, our group worked on the footpath to plant new milkweed plants as well as cleaning up our older plants.







Andy Sobczak (Secretary and Captain of Orchid) and Leticia Garcia (Captain of El Camino) organized a Christmas tree to put up at 10th Street & Butler. Residents decorated wooden ornaments we provided or they brought their own ornaments to hang. The tree idea was a great success and many neighbors contributed. By New Years Day, there were hundreds of ornaments on the tree!

ESSNABW Appreciates the Officers that Protect Us!



The main function of the Fast Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association & Block Watch is to actively assist in the reduction of crime, so it has always been necessary that we work closely with our

Desert Horizon Police Precinct. We have been incredibly lucky to have built a strong relationship with the officers in our area and are very grateful for all the help they have given us. From attending events to helping at clean-ups to sharing stats with neighbors at our meetings, the men and women who protect our neighborhood have been very supportive. Since we cannot walk the beat with them daily, we thought it would be good to share some of the work they have done to help keep our neighborhood safe.



The following information was provided to us by the Desert Horizon Precinct. To protect the individuals involved, we cannot crime, they are a very important part of our neighborhood! provide the names of the officers or suspects; however, this information highlights some of the accomplishments the officers have made in our neighborhood in 2020.

The NET (Neighborhood Enforcement Team) Squad served a search warrant in the area of 1200 East Eva Street, referencing drug sales. During the warrant, officers arrested the resident for drug sales and weapons violations charges. Officers recovered quantities of drugs and multiple guns.

In September, NET officers were searching for a wanted felon who was known to hangout near Palma Park. Upon contacting the subject in the park, he and a friend ran from the police and both were detained. Both subjects were found to have outstanding felony warrants, with one wanted for drug sales.

In October, officers responded to a shooting scene at 1200 East Carol Avenue. Officers found one victim with a gunshot wound. Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET) officers worked with Patrol Officers on the scene to gather further information on

the suspect who had fled. Within a 24-hour period, the NET Officers had identified the suspect and the vehicle he was driving. NET and Patrol Officers located the suspect in a neighboring precinct and apprehended the suspect without incident. During the investigation, officers served a search warrant and located the handgun used in the shooting. The suspect was then arrested for numerous felony charges.

In November, the NET officers served a search warrant in the area of 1000 East Dunlap Avenue at a residence which resulted in one arrest for drug sales and the seizure of a large quantity of methamphetamine, and a vehicle.

In recent months, the squad has recovered multiple outstanding stolen vehicles in the area of 700 East Dunlap. On one occasion, the suspect fled from officers in the stolen car; however, he was later located and apprehended.

This is just a small sample of all the important work our Desert Horizon Precinct Police Officers have done to help keep the neighborhood safe. There is so much work done daily it would be impossible to list! Day in and day out our officers deal with homelessness, drug addiction, traffic issues, theft, burglary, violent crimes, and the list goes on and on. With a short staff and limited resources, it is difficult to understand how they do it! The East Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association & Block Watch is thankful for this group of dedicated men and women and all the work they do. From community support to fighting



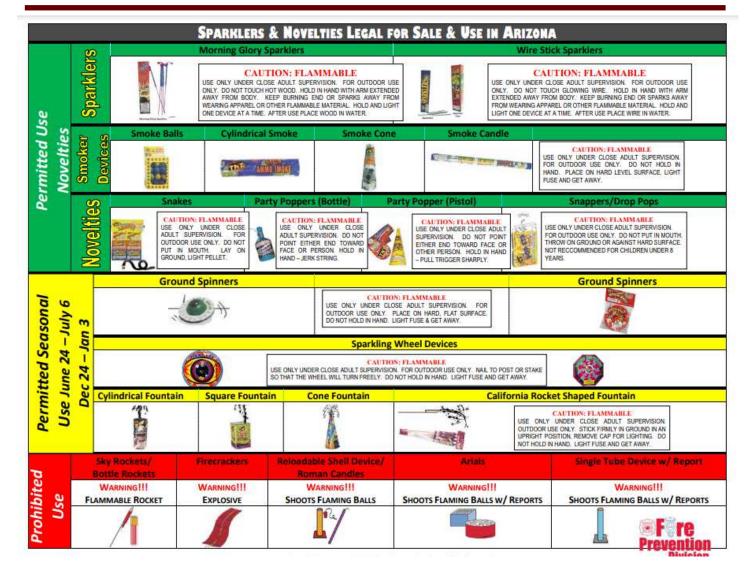


SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

Non-Emergency 602-262-6151 **Emergency: 911**

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Fireworks During the Holiday Season



With all the additional fireworks this year, ESSNABW thought it would be a good idea to share some of the City of Phoenix' rules for them. There are restrictions and it is always a good idea to be sure you are compliant. If any of the fireworks purchased are of the banned variety, they can be taken to any local fire station and turned in.

This past holiday season, it seemed like a lot more illegal fireworks were being used compared to previous years. While ESS-NABW understands that being stuck inside during this pandemic wasn't fun, it may be some of the reason for the increased usage. Being that we live in a neighborhood with homes extremely close together, it is important to be considerate of others.

Aside from the legal side of this, these loud fireworks can effect our pets, some children, and those with PTSD. There is also a real potential of fire danger in these dry times. By being considerate of others, it makes for a safer, happier neighborhood.

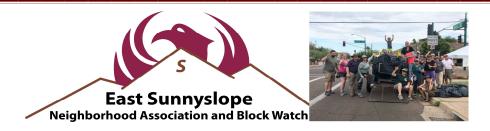
The use of permissible consumer fireworks is allowed:

- May 4 through May 6
- June 24 July 6
- December 24 January 3, and
- The second and third days of Diwali of each year

For more information and to better view the graphic above, please visit: www.phoenix.gov/fire/safety-information/fire-safety/fireworks



CREATING A BRIGHTER TOMORROW



Goodwill Drive at Palma Park! Saturday, February 27th 1pm - 3pm

As I am sure you are aware, all we do for the community necessitates funding. From our events to even printing this newsletter, we have to spend money. One way we bring in some funding is our annual Goodwill Drives. Goodwill pays us per pound for all of the items that we collect on their behalf.

While this has always been a successful to the pandemic we are not able to donate anything bigger or heavier than one person can carry. Due to this restriction, we need your help now more than ever.

Do you have any items in good/used condition you want to get rid of? Some ideas:

small furnishings, books, clothing, houseventure, this year the pressure is on as due hold goods, toys, dishes, etc. We can even come by your home and pick up the items to store for our event.

For pick up or questions, contact:

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We understand not everyone is able to give, especially now in the middle of a pandemic. If you are able and want to help us help make our neighborhood a safer and more informed place to live, please give now. Any amount is helpful and you can even make donations without leaving your home! Just go to our website: www.EastSunnyslope.com and click on our "Donate" button at the bottom of the home page. All major credit cards are accepted. You can also send cash or checks payable to ESSNABW to: Jeff Tisot, 1108 E Ruth Ave, Phoenix AZ 85020.



See your money at work!













Events, meeting space, cleanups,



Sunnyslope Community Development: the HUB has joined forces with Habitat for Humanity, West Sunnyslope Neighborhoods Association, and several others to

form a Sunnyslope Revitalization Coalition. The Coalition's vision is to rehabilitate some of the homes in West Sunnyslope. This effort is part of a larger vision of Sunnyslope Community Development to uplift areas within Sunnyslope and make them whole again. The Coalition needs to raise \$30,000 by April 30th! Please Donate and support the Cause!

Banners on Hatcher: As a part of the branding process, the City

of Phoenix Community and Economic Development Team, and Councilwoman Stark's office, supported the installation of 10 banners on Hatcher. 10 additional branding banners will be installed in the first quarter of 2021 thanks to the funding from the Phoenix Neighborhood Block Watch grant.

Trees on Hatcher: The Hatcher Corridor is scheduled to receive between 30-40 trees that will be relocated from Downtown Phoenix to make room for the Transit Center Redevelopment project.

Interested in learning more about the HUB? Contact: Caroline Lobo (caroline.lobo@suoLL.com, 602.677.3141) or Nadine Alauria (nadine@3Aautomotive.com, 602.315.3388)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Block Watch Captains & Board

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

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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

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

Gabrielle Ingram - Captain: Hilltop Condos (10th St & Butler), 602-620-1575

Marissa Garza - Captain: Continental Plaza Condos (8th St & Townley), 480-410-8190

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

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

General Meeting

SPEAKER: Krista Roy, NSD Tuesday, January 26th, 6:30pm ZOOM Conference Call

East Sunnyslope Neighborhood
Association & Block Watch
Captains/Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 9th, 6:30pm
ZOOM Conference Call

East Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association & Block Watch

General Meeting SPEAKER: TBD

Tuesday, February 23rd, 6:30pm Palma Park 1135 E Dunlap Avenue

GOODWILL DRIVE

Saturday, February 27th 1pm-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, March 9th, 6:30pm
LOCATION TBD: Check email/website

East Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association & Block Watch

General Meeting

SPEAKER: TBD

Tuesday, March 30th, 6:30pm

Palma Park 1135 E Dunlap Avenue

'Slope Fest 2021 April 3, 2021 8am - 2pm Palma Park 1135 E Dunlap Ave.





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