



## G.A.I.N. Kick Off Event

### What is G.A.I.N.?

G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) is a day for Arizonans to join forces and promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. G.A.I.N. showcases the importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight for a safer Arizona. On G.A.I.N. Day, we invite neighborhoods to come together, make their community a safer, better place to live by educating everyone on what tools are available.



This year we have nine Block Watch groups coming together, supporting one another and sharing with our neighbors all that we have learned.

### G.A.I.N. Kick Off Event—City

Christown Mall  
Main Entrance  
Saturday, Oct 1st  
10AM—1PM

### Sunnyslope G.A.I.N. Event

Norton Park / 12th St  
&Hatcher  
Saturday, Oct 15  
10—2PM

Come on down for some family fun, giveaways, raffles, and information on how to keep you, your family and your neighbors safe.

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## E-Downsizing, E-Upsizing & E-Recycling

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Do you have an old computer, laptop, tablet, cell phone or TV lying around? Do you know it should never be tossed into the trash or your recycling due to the toxic chemicals that are part of its make up? And that much of it can be reused and / or recycled to make new, just as usable, other electronics?

There are a number of reputable companies that will take these pieces of ‘junk’ off your hands. It will be wiped clean and what can be used, recycled into new equipment, or be properly recycled, usually for free. Below is a short list of local options. It is encouraged that you call first to confirm hours and product acceptance.



**Westech Recyclers**, whose drop off and store, with ever changing up-cycled computers, laptops and more, all for fantastic prices, are located at:

220 S 9th St #400, Phoenix, AZ 85034 / <https://www.westechrecyclers.com/> (602) 256-7626

**City of Phoenix** residents can bring computers, laptops, TVs, monitors, or anything else with a power cord in any condition to:

1526 E Washington St. in Phoenix / <http://phoenixelectronicsrecycling.com/> (623) 500-7768

This is a free service for Phoenix residents, but a small fee is charged for disposal of CRT monitors and televisions.

**R3eWaste** is an R2-certified, zero-landfill company with a processing facility in Phoenix. They provide free pick-up for businesses, and their facility is open for residential drop-offs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. R3 recycles most electronics — including computers, servers, laptops, tablets, notebooks, iPads, keyboards, cords, wires, cables, computer mice, cell phones and telephones, printers, scanners, fax machines, ink and toner cartridges, stereos and speakers, flat-panel televisions, cameras, video cameras, CDs, DVDs and fluorescent light bulbs. Kitchen appliances are NOT accepted. See the full list of accepted items on their website or call 602-314-6061 / <https://www.r3ewaste.com/>

### **R3e Phoenix Recycling Center**

4202 E Elwood St, Suite 12  
Phoenix, AZ 85040

**Staples** recycles laptops, wireless routers and other hardware — plus ink and toner.

**AZ StRUT** (Students Recycling Used Technology) teaches students to refurbish useable equipment, and Westech Recyclers will recycle the rest. <https://azstrut.org/>

### **Metro Tech High School,**

1900 W Thomas Rd,  
Phoenix, AZ 85015 / (602) 764-8000



## Building Permits...when is one needed?

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Many houses in our area are being flipped and, for the sake of our new neighbors, we want it done safely and properly. If no building permits are displayed, it is easy to check if the construction company has one. All it takes is a little research or a phone call.

Phoenix Planning & Development states: *Residential construction permits are needed when existing homes are remodeled or additions are made. A few examples are: garage/carport construction or conversion, porch enclosure, demolition, patio cover and a fence or wall.*

To search online:

<https://apps-secure.phoenix.gov/PDD/Search/Permits>

If no permit is listed, you can report it to:

<https://www.phoenix.gov/pdd/non-permitted-construction>



Or call the Planning & Development office to report non-permitted construction at **602-262-7884**

## Check Your Water Bill

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On average, each Arizona resident uses about **146 gallons per day**. About 20 percent of the State's water supply is for municipal use, and most of this is residential. Up to 70 percent of that water is used outdoors (watering plants, swimming pools, washing cars, etc.) especially during the summer months, with the remaining used indoors (bathing, cooking, cleaning, etc.). Residents that incorporate water efficiency into everyday life help to preserve water for future generations.



<https://new.azwater.gov/conservation/public-resources>

## Southwest Gas Bill Assistance, LIRA

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Southwest Gas offers a residential energy assistance program for qualified households called LIRA. The acronym stands for **Low Income Ratepayer Assistance**.

The LIRA Program can provide a yearly reduction in the monthly basic service charge and a "per therm" 30% discount on the first 150 therms used during the colder months, November 1 through April 30.



For more information, contact Southwest Gas at **877.860.6020**. // [www.swgas.com/azassist](http://www.swgas.com/azassist)

Requirements change annually, however, starting July 1, 2022 the following "Total Combined Monthly Incomes" qualifications are:

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Persons in household:	Income:	Persons in household:	Income:
1	\$2,264	3	\$3,838
2	\$3,050	4	\$4,624

## Meet our New Captains

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My name is **Scott Sinon**, and I am a proud father of 5 children and 3 grandchildren. My wife and I own a condo in Villa Alicia Condos, 8th St. and Alice. I work for Native American Connections and recently obtained my real estate license. My family loves to be outdoors, hiking, camping, and fishing. I am excited to be a part of East Sunnyslope Block Watch. We enjoyed several of the community events before moving into the area thanks to some friends who live here. It helped us choose where to find our next home.



Hey neighbors! I'm your block captain, **Kyle Anderson**, for Alice-Eleanor/11th St.-11th Place. I grew up in Chicago and moved to Arizona in 2016. After bouncing around the valley, I settled in Sunnyslope in October 2020. I work from home as a CPA for a private company and enjoy making music, martial arts, and fostering cats. I take a lot of pride in my home, so you'll frequently see me outside doing yardwork or picking up trash around the block. I'm really excited to have this opportunity to protect and enrich the community!



My name is **Robert (Bob) Anderson**. I am a true Phoenician and Arizonian. I graduated from Desert View Elementary School (1972) and Sunnyslope High School (1976). I have lived my whole life in the Sunnyslope area, except for the three years at NAU and 2 1/2 years in the Peace Corps. Also, I have lived on the same street, 815 and 901 E. El Caminito Dr., for the majority of my life. I look forward to working with my neighborhood representatives and the community as a whole.

Welcome!!! And thank you for “getting off the couch” and becoming involved in making our neighborhood a better place to live!

## May 31, 2022 Proclaimed “Jeff Tisot Day”

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City of Phoenix Proclamations are issued by the Office of the Mayor. They may recognize a day, week or month. The goal of a proclamation is to honor, celebrate, or create awareness of an organization, event or significant issue that contributes to the betterment of the Phoenix community.

Our Block Watch President, Jeff Tisot, was awarded, by Mayor Kate Gallego, an entire day of recognition, May 31, 2022. It was presented by Senator Kate Brophy McGee, Councilwoman Debra Stark, Neighborhood Services Specialist Krista Roy, Secretary Andy Sobczak and Commander Brian Issitt. Another reason to note the day...Jeff was speechless. Congratulations, Jeff!!

## Treasurer wins Volunteer of the Year Award

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Chelsey Weaver, our Treasurer, does an amazing job behind the scenes which keeps this Block Watch rolling like a finely oiled machine. Between writing grants, keeping track of our donations and grant funds, chasing down receipts and writing checks for all our purchases, plus being the liaison between us and the City...we often wonder how she keeps it together.

Chelsey was awarded our coveted Volunteer of the Year Award presented by our District 3 Representative, Councilwoman Deb Stark and our Neighborhood Services Specialist Krista Roy. This award was a rock solid vote by our Captains, and should have been awarded some time ago. But between Covid and schedules, we weren't able to present it until the May 31st General Meeting.



We could not do what we do without the dedication and skills of this young lady. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, Chelsey, for all that you do!!

## Time to Vote

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The information put out during these pre-election times can be overwhelming. To help sift through the onslaught and get facts, here are a list of sites to check out:

- ◆ [Aarp.org/electionguides](https://www.aarp.org/electionguides)—Covers all states, voting process, registration, poll hours
- ◆ [Ballotpedia.org](https://www.ballotpedia.org)—enter address to view national and statewide races
- ◆ [OpenSecrets.org](https://www.opensecrets.org)—where the money comes from, how it is raised and spent
- ◆ [Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org)—enter address for info on upcoming elections, voting process and registration
- ◆ [VoteSmart.org](https://www.votesmart.org)— enter politician's name for voting record, funding sources, interest group ratings



## NET Squad Recognition

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Our Neighborhood Enforcement Team, otherwise known as the NET Squad, was just awarded the **Community Impact Award for 2022**

from the Arizona Narcotics Officers Association. The ANCA is an organization which supports and trains those officers who work specifically with illegal drug activity. The factors for this award taken into account were the large quantities of drugs and weapons seized and the impact it made to the community they serve.

***THANK YOU! & CONGRATULATIONS!***

## Kindness Reminder

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With so many opportunities to react and speak one's mind today, without much consideration, like on Facebook, Nextdoor and Twitter, we thought a nice etiquette reminder or two may be helpful. This basic advice is fairly universal, even if there are slight variations of the same classic rules. The one below is from Shirdi Sai Baba, an East Indian Spiritual Leader:

Before you speak, ask yourself,

- Is it kind?
- Is it true?
- Is it necessary?
- Does it improve upon the silence?



If that does not get you thinking, how about the classic quote from Mom:

“If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all.”

We all have been through stressful times of late, and with holidays coming, there maybe more. So, let us choose to be kinder and more supportive of one another, in-person and from behind our screens. As the new bumper sticker/ motto / saying simply states: **Be Kind**

## Concerned about Car Theft?

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Do you own a car? If so, you can have an account with the Arizona Motor Vehicle Division, and sign up for a free program called *Watch Your Car*. It can give you a good night's sleep knowing you have extra eyes on your vehicle. It is easy to create an account, if you haven't already done so, both the account and the *Watch Your Car* program are free.

The *Watch Your Car* decal program is a free, voluntary program whereby Arizona vehicle owners enroll their vehicles with the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority. The vehicle is then entered into the Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) database; participants receive decals for their front and rear windows. By displaying the decals, vehicle owners convey to law enforcement officials that their vehicle is not usually driven between 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM when the majority of auto thefts occur.

In addition, by enrolling in the *Watch Your Car* Program, vehicle owners also authorize law enforcement officials to stop their vehicle at any time during the day or night within one mile of the border if there is a suspicion that the vehicle is being illegally operated.

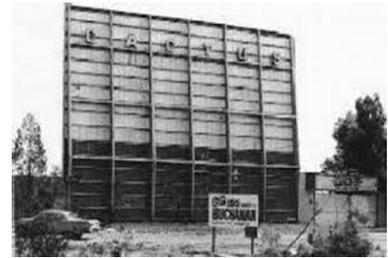
It also gives a police officer who witnesses the vehicle in operation between these hours, the right to stop the vehicle and verify it is being legally operated by the rightful owner.

<https://azmvdnow.gov>

# Sunnyslope History

## Cactus Drive-In Theater

Do you remember when it was great to go to a drive-in movie theater? There were many around the valley in the fifties and sixties. There was one on the northern edge of Sunnyslope called Cactus Drive-In Theater. It was located near Cave Creek and Cactus. In 1956, owner Jerome Lightfoot, opened the drive-in. He planned the screen to be 50 feet high, 64 feet long and 34 feet wide. The theater was located on 8.9 acres on the west side of Cave Creek, north of where Home Depot is today.



There was room for 450 cars with additional space available at a later date. There was an allowance of ten feet between cars and forty feet between ramps. Double features were presented on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights with the most current movies running for the era. The admission was \$1 per car. To entice patrons, two makes of cars (such as Fords or Chevys) were admitted free each night.

At the refreshment stand you could enjoy soft drinks, popcorn, and hotdogs. Spanish food was added at a later date. *Sunnyslope Historical Society*

## For Your information

### Block Watch Captains & Board

Jeff Tisot—**President** / Captain: Diana, Alice \* 10th —12th St /602.545.2472  
Chelsey Weaver—**Treasurer** / Captain: Ruth & Butler \* 12th St to Mtn. 602.748.5680  
Andy Sobczak—**Secretary** / Captain: Orchid \* 8th—10th St / 602.826.5596

Julia Sayre—Captain: Seldon \* 8th St to cul-de-sac / 602.309.9925  
Vicente & Leticia Garcia—Captains: El Camino \* 10th—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 / 602.316.9066  
Grace Stuckey—Captain: Loma Ln \* 15th St to cul-de-sac / 602.908.3236  
Cheryl Hallman—Captain: Orchid Ln \*10th—12th St / 602.413.3333  
Gretchen Stetter—Captain: Continental Plaza Condos / 8th St 602.403.6643  
Robert Anderson - Captain \* 8th—10th St El Caminito / 602-321-4360  
Kyle Anderson—Captain \* 11th St & Alice St / 608-333-9067  
Scott Sinon –Captain \* Villa Alicia Condos / 8th St & Alice 602-615-6596

### QUESTIONS?

Ideas? Problems?

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## Important Phone Numbers

City of Phoenix Police (non-emergency):	<b>602.262.6151</b>	Phoenix CARES (Homeless Aid):	<b>602.262.6251</b>
Neighborhood Services Dept:	<b>602.534.4444</b>	City Streets (Pot holes/ Road Issues):	<b>602.534.6440</b>
District 3 (Deb Stark):	<b>602.262.7441</b>	District 6 (Sal DiCicco):	<b>602.262.7491</b>
Report Speeders:	<b>602.534.SPED</b>	Animal Abuse:	<b>602.997.7585 ext. 2073</b>

**Community Action Officers** CAO Off. Savannah Knipp, Desk (602)-534-0339 , [Savannah.Knipp@phoenix.gov](mailto:Savannah.Knipp@phoenix.gov)

CAO Off. Caleb Zimmerman, Cell: 602-684-0947, Desk: 602-534-1747, [Caleb.Zimmerman@phoenix.gov](mailto:Caleb.Zimmerman@phoenix.gov)

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## GENERAL Meetings:

Typically the Last Tuesday of the Month @  
the North Village Baptist Church  
1010 E. Alice

- Oct 25 @ 6:30P
- Nov 29 @ 6:30P
- Dec—No Mtg—*Happy, Healthy Holidays!*

## CAPTAIN & BOARD Meetings

**Open to the Curious**

Locations vary, so please let us know  
of your intent to attend.

2nd Tuesday of the month:

- Oct 11 @ 6:30P
- Nov 8 @ 6:30P
- Dec 13 @ 6:30P

## ESSBW G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizonans Involved in Neighborhoods) Events



### G.A.I.N. Kick Off

**Oct 1st**  
10A to 1P  
Christown Mall

### Sunnyslope's G.A.I.N. Event

**Oct 15**  
Norton Park (12th St & Hatcher)  
10AM to 2PM

## Freebies ~ Fun ~ Family Event!



### Pop-Up on Hatcher Holiday Event

**Sat. Dec 10 / 5:30-10PM**

Holiday gift sales, treats, local food, live music,  
entertainment, classic car parade, floats  
and much more!

Contact us: [thesunnyslopehub@gmail.com](mailto:thesunnyslopehub@gmail.com)  
Updates: [sunnyslopehub.com](http://sunnyslopehub.com)

### ESSBW WINTER EVENT

**Sat. Dec 17 / Evening**

10th St & Butler

Come decorate a tree,  
a cookie and see the lights!



*Want to help organize, set-up, man a booth,  
be an Elf? Contact ESSNA & BW!*

## Official Fun Dates:

### October

- 1: Financial Planning Month
- 11: National Face Your Fears Day
- 17: Clean Your Virtual Desktop Day

### November

- 1: National Calzone Day & Men Make Dinner Day
- 13: National Hug a Musician Day
- 25: Buy Nothing Day

### December

- 2: National Mutt Day
- 17: National Ugly Sweater Day
- 31: No Interruptions Day



**East Sunnyslope**

Neighborhood Association and Block Watch

**Food for thought:** There are more public libraries in the U.S  
than there are McDonald's restaurants.