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Joyce and Henry, c.2001

President's Note

Welcome to this issue of **Encanto-Palmcroft Magazine**. Thanks to the success of the 2025 Home Tour, we have the funds to return to our larger, full-size format.

100th Anniversary Home Tour – What You Can Do

Proceeds from our last Home Tour set us up for a historic 100th Anniversary tour in 2027 while funding has already replaced historic signage and restoration of our Triangle Park. Leading up to the tour, our magazine will highlight neighborhood history, past events, and notable neighbors starting with this issue an article by former resident and **Phoenix Suns' Alvan Adams**.

Share Your History: Have vintage photos of Encanto-Palmcroft homes/social events, or know of past notable residents? Contact me: joyceCgrossman@gmail.com. Unused submissions may be featured in our 2027 Centennial Home Tour program.

Become a Sponsor: Neighborhood sponsorships are our financial backbone of our tours. We encourage neighbors to sponsor either through their businesses or directly as a neighborhood sponsor (details below).

Halloween Security & Festivities

Halloween coincides with the State Fair this year; we expect more than 1,000+ trick-or-treaters on our streets. If you can, park all vehicles off the streets and keep sidewalks clear. See pages 16-17 for parade and party details, plus 2026 Halloween trends.

November Board Election

Our Board of Directors election is coming up. If you want a voice in shaping our neighborhood's future, please consider running for a seat and be sure to cast your vote. For more info see page 8.



If you enjoyed this magazine and want to help us publish more than four issues a year, please join our volunteer team. Thank you for making Encanto-Palmcroft our neighborhood of choice.

Joyce Grossman
EPHPA President

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BECOME A NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORTER

Encanto-Palmcroft is a neighborhood of choice. Talk with your neighbors. Many of us lived in neighborhoods not far from EP, waiting for a home to become available. We drove, biked, and walked through it for months, sometimes years until a home became available. Some of us took the first home in EP and then traded up when a larger one was available. Some neighbors have lived in three homes in EP!

Besides the beautiful, unique homes, once we moved in, we stayed because of the small-town values in a big city! Monthly newsletters, Neighborhood Listserv, Halloween parades, Block Parties, Kids Club, Holiday Party, the fabulous home tour and street fair where we open our homes to potentially our next new neighbors, and more!

NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORTERS—\$500/\$300/\$200

Gold, Silver & Bronze Supporters Receive:

- Your Name(s) listed by supporter level in the Home Tour brochure
- Your Name(s) listed for one-year on encantopalmcroft.org website
- You will receive 2027 Home Tour tickets noted by supporter level
- **New this year: Gold & Silver levels receive a custom yard sign featuring your home's architectural details**

Gold—\$500, 4 Tickets Silver—\$300, 2 Tickets Bronze—\$200, 1 Ticket

Any Amount—Surprise Us—You Decide



Click Here to Support: <https://encantopalmcroft.org/neighbor-supporter>

Upcoming Events

10/03	Deadheader Volunteers 7:00-10:00 am – Encanto Rose Garden
10/09	Historic Preservation Rehabilitation Grant Funds 5:00 pm Deadline to Apply. City of Phoenix
10/13	EPHPA Board Meeting 7:00 pm – Valley Garden Center
10/18	Sunday Schmooze 4 - 5:30 pm - 902 W Monte Vista Rd
10/30	Halloween Parade & Party 4:45 - 6:15 pm
11/07	Deadheader Volunteers 8:30-10:30 am – Encanto Rose Garden
11/10	EPHPA Annual Board Meeting (Election of Board/Approval of Annual Budget) 7:00 pm – Valley Garden Center
11/15	Sunday Schmooze 4 - 5:30 pm - 2044 N 11th Ave
12/05	Deadheader Volunteers 9:00 - 11:30 am - Encanto Rose Garden
12/05	Neighborhood Pole Decorating 9:00 - 10:30 am - 1846 Palmcroft Way NE
12/06	Holiday Party, Location TBA 4:00 pm - Happy Hour; 5:30 pm Dinner
12/08	EPHPA Board Meeting (Election of Officers) 7:00 pm – Valley Garden Center
12/10	Bulk Trash Pickup Items out by 5:30 am



Bulk Trash Pickup

12/10
Items at Curb or in Alley
by 5:30 am

Lend a Hand!

Deadheader Volunteers
First Saturday
Encanto Rose Garden

Help Needed!

This newsletter needs your help!
Email

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It's Election Time in Encanto-Palmcroft



It's time to make your voice heard in Encanto-Palmcroft.

Elections for the Encanto-Palmcroft Historic Preservation Association will be held at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, November 10th.

If you like helping your neighbors, planning events or getting to know some great people, now is your chance to serve on the EPHPA Board!

Look for more information in this newsletter or contact Mathis Becker or Kim Mertens for more info. You can reach Mathis at (602) 550-2737 or Kim at (602) 882-0693.

About EP Magazine

Encanto-Palmcroft Magazine is published 4 times each year and is provided free of by the Encanto-Palmcroft Historic Preservation Association.

This publication is available electronically to neighbors of the Encanto-Palmcroft Historic District.

The intention of this newsletter is to share information with neighbors regarding events, important dates, changes impacting our neighborhood, board updates and more.

Neighbors are encouraged to submit by November 1st for the December/ January issue.

To submit articles and advertisements for consideration contact us at EPHPANewsletter@gmail.com

Join the Neighborhood Conversations at: encantopalmcroft.org

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Streetlight Out?

(602) 495-5125



EPHPA Board Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026

7 PM

Valley Garden Center

1809 N 15th Ave



Encanto-Palmcroft Neighbors are invited to the October meeting. If you are interested in running for the board, this is a great opportunity to learn more and meet your neighbors. Click on the QR Code to access the Agenda and Minutes.

Who are We?

What five governors lived in Encanto-Palmcroft either before, during or after their terms?



Governor Sidney Preston Osborn

(1/6/1941- 5/25/48)

EP Home: 1615 N. 9th Avenue)

Governor Paul Fannin

(1/5/1959 – 1/4/1965)

EP Home: 1809 Palmcroft Drive NE

Governor John “Jack” Williams

(1/2/1967 – 1/6/1975)

EP Home: 2111 Encanto Drive SW

Governor Bruce Babbitt

(3/4/1978 – 1/5/1987)

EP Home: 1010 W. Monte Vista

Governor Rose Mofford

(4/4/1988 – 3/6/1991)

EP Home: 1825 Palmcroft Way NE

Do you have a famous person that previously lived in your home? Contact us at EPHPANewsletter@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Meeting of the Membership

Encanto-Palmcroft Historic Preservation Association

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026

7 PM

Valley Garden Center

1809 N 15th Ave

Please note: If you missed the October 15 deadline to be placed on the ballot for the EPHPA Board of Directors, you may attend this meeting to run as a write-in.



ENCANTO-PALMCROFT HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

IMPORTANT

- Our Neighborhood Listserv (EVERYONE Email) Is No Longer Operating - Here's What's Next

We're writing to let you know that our neighborhood listserv (lists.encantopalmcroft.org) is no longer operating. Our hosting provider discontinued the service, and did not provide appropriate notice, so this transition is happening more abruptly than we would have liked. We apologize for any disruption. Because the listserv had not been functioning well for some time, the board has developed a plan for this outcome. Communication will happen via our new website, encantopalmcroft.org.

To keep receiving official board communications and to access the forums we'll be using for communication, please set up your free account:

1. Go to encantopalmcroft.org
2. Scroll to the bottom of the page—See “Resident Access”
3. Enter your Email; click next

If you run into any trouble setting up your account, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're offering individual help to any neighbor who needs it. Just reply to this email and we'll walk you through it. If you have a message you need to circulate to the neighborhood urgently, send that to this email address as well. We'll send additional communication via the new website about how to use forums to share on other topics.

A word on timing: We know this is a change, and change takes some adjustment. We'll be sending a few reminder messages over the coming weeks as we all get settled into the new system, and we'll check in regularly to make sure it's working well for the neighborhood. Thank you for your patience as we make this transition. We believe it will serve our community better in the long run.

A Guide to Our New Communication Tools: <https://encantopalmcroft.org/Neighborhood-Forums>



Don't Let Safety Become a Ghost Story

by Jenny Gendreau, Chair, Encanto Security Corp

October brings ghosts, goblins and things that go bump in the night—but in Encanto-Palmcroft, we want those surprises to stay on Halloween. That's why supporting the Encanto Security Corp. and its partnership with VetSec remains so important to the safety and peace of mind of our neighborhood.

Since our last newsletter, VetSec officers have continued regular patrols throughout Encanto-Palmcroft and have responded to a variety of situations. Their presence has helped address everything from people camping or leaving belongings in neighborhood alleyways to individuals creating disturbances or attempting to remain in the neighborhood after being asked to leave.

In June, officers contacted individuals in and around the neighborhood on several occasions, including three people observed late at night with flashlights and bags looking around the area. Phoenix Police were contacted when the individuals became aggressive. Officers also responded to a late-night incident involving a vehicle with multiple people yelling and creating a disturbance as it entered the neighborhood. VetSec located the vehicle, instructed the occupants to leave and conducted a follow up sweep of the neighborhood.

More recently, officers have continued addressing people camping near the Valley Garden Center and responding when assistance is needed. In July, a VetSec supervisor also assisted during a medical emergency involving a visitor to the neighborhood calling EMTs and remaining on scene until help arrived.

And there is another service that may go unnoticed: out-of-town patrol requests. VetSec continues providing daily reports documenting patrols of homes whose residents have requested coverage while away. The reports now include a quick summary and a photo showing that officers stopped at and checked the homes on the current list.

Security is most effective when we all support it. Our officers can't be everywhere at once, but their regular presence, quick response and relationship with Phoenix Police provide an important layer of protection for Encanto-Palmcroft.

This Halloween, let's make sure the only things haunting Encanto-Palmcroft are decorations—and not the decision to let our neighborhood security program disappear.



Do You Want to Meet Great People and Help Your Neighborhood? The EPHPA Board Needs You!

On November 10th, the Encanto-Palmcroat Historic Preservation Association (EPHPA) will hold our annual election for our Board of Directors.

The Elections are held as part of the EPHPA's Annual Meeting at the Valley Garden Center.

The Board plans all the neighborhood activities, advocates for neighborhood interests and generally helps make our neighborhood such a great place to live.

This year, the election will be for several board positions. Now is your chance to make a difference.

TO RUN:

Fill out the info below and

- Email that information to Kim Mertens at KCantor329@gmail.com by October 15th OR
- Come to the Annual Meeting to run as a write-in.

QUESTIONS? Call / Text Kim at (602) 882-0693 or Mathis at (602) 550-2737



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOW LONG YOU HAVE LIVED IN THE EPHPA NEIGHBORHOOD _____

OCCUPATION _____

WHY YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE _____

NOTE: Please provide a headshot that can be used if you are elected.

following Board Members are up for re-election this year: The following Board Members are up for re-election this year: Carlo Sanchez, Heidi Tort, Lauren Armour, Mona Cridebring, Nina Loughman, Stuart Early, Syleste Knudson and Sean Haspel.

Please, by Oct 15, call/text Kim or Mathis, as to whether or not you wish to run for re-election.

ENCANTO-PALMCROFT HISTORIC PRESERYATION ASSOCIATION			
BUDGET REQUENT 2027			
Income		Expense	
Interest Income	1,200.00	Fees	
Grant Income		Corporation Commission	12.00
Alley Lights	3,000.00	Tax Preparation	200.00
Magazine Income		Transaction Privilege Tax License	14.00
Magazine Income - Advertising	4,000.00	Board	
Home Tour	135,670.00	Offee Supplies	500.00
2025 Enoumbered Funds for 2027	17,000.00	Meetings	
SubTotal Inddme	\$161,370.00	Facility Rental	2,000.00
		Supplies	200.00
		Technology	175.00
		Tax Liability	
		APDOR	50.00
		IRS	-
		Committees	
		Communication Committee	
		Website	1,200.00
		Magasine	
		Bank Fees	100.00
		Printing	3,500.00
		Technolngy	120.00
		Kids Clob	2,100.00
		Community Outreach Committees	
		Pole Wrapping/Unwrapping	500.00
		Block Captains	
		Thank You Gathering	1,200.00
		Welcome Baskets	2,200.00
		Safety & Security Committees	
		Block Watch-Alley Safety Lights	
		APS	3,900.00
		Social Committees	
		Block Party	-
		Halloween Parade & Party	2,100.00
		Holiday Party	8,200.00
		Ice Cream Soolal	800.00
		Sunday SchmooselReception	-
		Home Tour Expense	32,104.00
		Landscaping, Grounds, Streets	
		Street Signs	
		Triangles	7,700.00
		SubTotal Expense	8 67,225.00
		Net Income \$94,145.00	

BE IN THE ROOM WHERE IT HAPPENS

- Have a seat at the table as a community leader.
- Keep Encanto-Palmcroft traditions alive.
- Have a say in the quality-of-life activities that occur in the neighborhood.



Make a difference in this community by joining the Encanto Palmcroft Historic Preservation Association Board.

Deadline to sign up is **October 15, 2026**. See page 8 for details.

100 HOME TOUR & STREET FAIR
March 14, 2027

Become A Neighborhood Supporter

PROUD SUPPORTER
Centennial Home Tour

Gold - \$500 (4 tickets)
Silver - \$300 (2 tickets)
Bronze - \$200 (1 ticket)
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Your name(s) listed by supporter level in the Home Tour brochure

Your name(s) listed for a year on EncantoPalmcroft.org

You will receive 2027 Home Tour tickets as noted by supporter level

Concierge delivery of tour booklet with tickets to your home prior to March 14, 2027

NEW in 2027: Gold & Silver levels receive a custom yard sign featuring your home's architectural details

Support HERE

encantopalmcroft.org/neighbor-supporter

Save the Date

Holiday Party December 6, 2026
4:00 pm, Happy Hour 5:30 pm, Dinner

HOLIDAY LIGHT POLE DECORATING 2026
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026
9:00 AM—10:30 AM
Zivic Home/1846 Palmcroft Way NE

We Need YOU!

- Drive a Truck
- Prep the Bows
- Hang the Bows

It's fun, it's easy and it's a Neighborhood Tradition

BLOCK CAPTAINS by Carlo Sanchez, Welcome Committee Chair



For 25 years, EPHPA Block Captains have been helping keep Encanto-Palmcroft connected by delivering newsletters, flyers, and important neighborhood information right to your doorstep.

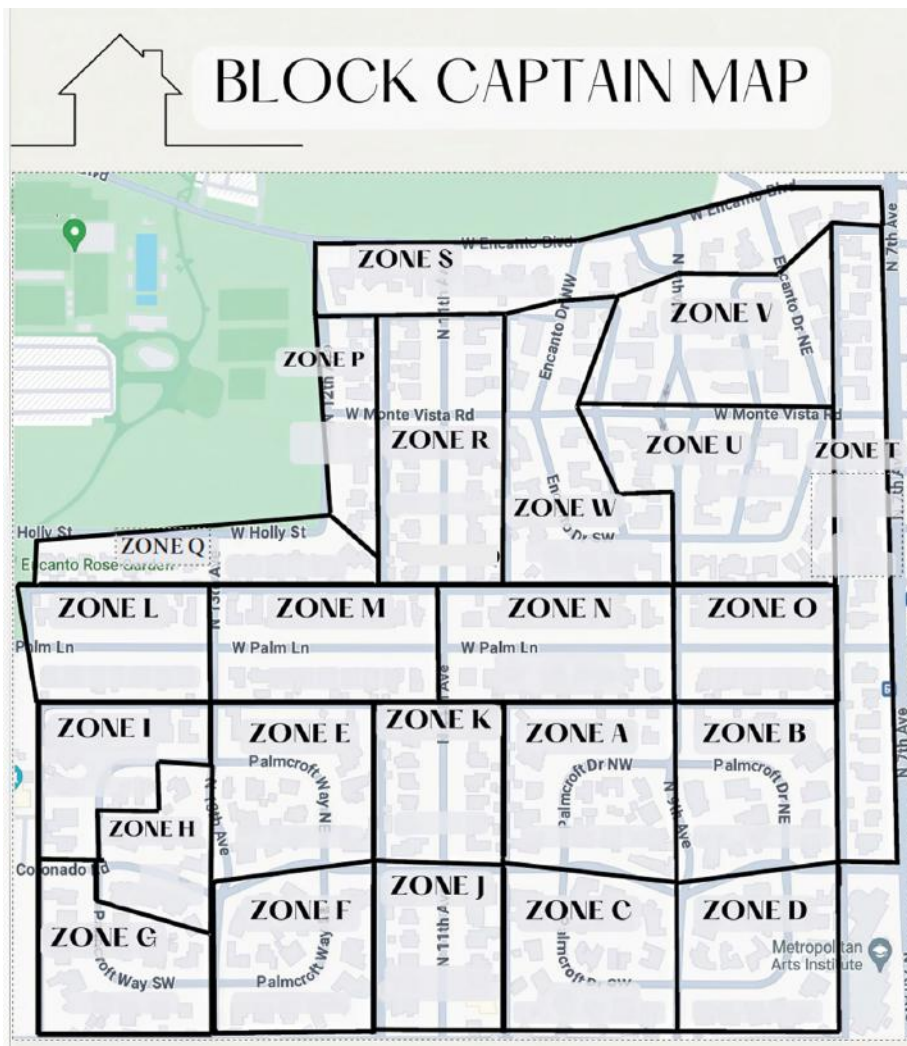
Our Block Captains are your neighbors and volunteers who generously give their time to keep everyone informed. They brave the Phoenix heat, occasional monsoons, and everything in between to make sure important news reaches you.

Get to know your Block Captain! They're a friendly neighborhood resource who can help bring your questions, ideas, or concerns to the EPHPA Board. They also help strengthen the connections that make Encanto-Palmcroft such a special place to live. And if you spot a moving truck or a new face next door, let your Block Captain know! They can alert the Welcome Committee so our newest neighbors receive a proper Encanto-Palmcroft welcome.



Carlo with his favorite Magazine

The Block Captain program began in 2001 under the leadership of Mark Guenther, with Linda Milverstead continuing its development in 2002. Today, Heidi Tort and I, as Board Members, help lead the program and carry on this important neighborhood tradition.



While we'd love to have every neighbor connected electronically, not everyone is signed up. If you aren't receiving EPHPA electronic updates, please sign up today
encantopalmcroft.org,
 Sign Up in the bottom right.

Want to get involved? The Block Captain program is a great way to meet neighbors, stay informed, and help keep our historic neighborhood neighborhood connected. If you are interested in learning about the program, contact:

Carlo Sanchez at
csanchez5018@outlook.com

Download or View the Block Captain Map & Directory here:



CITY NEWS



Celebrating Historic Preservation Public Invited

By Helana Ruter, Historic Preservation Officer
City of Phoenix

The City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Office will be hosting the Preservation at 40 event on Thursday, October 29th at the Monroe Street Abbey at 302 W Monroe Street. The event will recognize 40 years of historic preservation in Phoenix from the first listings in the Phoenix Historic Property Register to the recent adoption of the Preserve Historic PHX 2025 Plan. Please take the opportunity to come see the beautifully rehabilitated Historic First Baptist Church, open for events as the Monroe Street Abbey, a shining example of how historic preservation and adaptive reuse serve to retain and reimagine those places unique to Phoenix's history. Opening remarks will be provided by Mayor Terry Goddard. Doors will open at 5:30 pm with programming concluding at 7:30 pm. Please RSVP to historic@phoenix.gov or 602-261-8699 by October 22nd.



Meet Patrick T. McDaniel, Neighborhood Specialist

Educating Neighbors to Help Themselves & Others

Meet your Neighborhood Specialist, Patrick! A Chicago native who came for Cubs Spring Training in 2001, and stayed for the unbeatable Arizona winter and spring weather. Today, he's here to help neighbors navigate city programs.

Question: When did you step into this position?

Answer: I joined the City of Phoenix as the District 4 Neighborhood Specialist in March. Before this, I worked with the Phoenix Community Alliance, where I focused on strengthening our urban core by tackling neighborhood priorities in downtown.

Q: What excites you about the job?

A: I enjoy that no two days are the same. Every neighborhood is unique, which keeps the job exciting and fresh. I enjoy the independence of figuring out custom solutions for different neighborhoods and getting to the heart of what neighbors actually need.

Q: How can you help neighbors?

A: Coming from a teaching background my approach is all about empowerment. I guide residents to the right resource so they have the knowledge and tools to solve problems, support one another, and build a stronger community. (Patrick taught AP Spanish at the secondary level; and also, was a university faculty associate.)

Q: How can neighbors contact you?

A: Call or text me at (602) 399-3815. I'm always happy to chat – whether that's over coffee or right at your front door!

MARKET DATA




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1601 Palmcroft Way SE
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\$1,010,000 | 7/31/26
Dana Dearien Montebello Properties



1808 N 9th Avenue
\$1,000,000 | 5/26/26
Chad Christian Russ Lyon Sotheby's



1601 Palmcroft Way SE
\$782,000 | 4/29/26
James Judge HomeSmart

Closings February 21st- August 21st 2026



2210 Encanto Drive NW
\$1,167,000 | 4/24/26
Bobby Lieb Composs



2028 N 11th Avenue
\$1,250,000 | 3/20/26
Christine Winlder Retsy



1134 W Palm Lane
\$960,000 | 3/16/26
Brooke Watton W and Partners



1621 N 11th Avenue
\$1,104,000 | 3/10/26
Claire Konkos Composs



2209 N 12th Avenue
\$705,000 | 3/09/26
Kort M Linden HomeSmart

Windows, they say, are the “eyes of the world”

by Douglas Butler, Kirk Development Co

And although this is true one can add that for homes, they are much more than that.

Beyond the functionality of windows that let in natural light and allow us visual access to the world outside, they also give access to fresh air, natural sounds, and provide a feeling of comfort.

But more so for historic homes, windows go beyond just function. They provide aesthetic value. They are a very special visual feature of the property that goes hand and hand with both form and function and defines your home to a specific era. They have real history behind them and are irreplaceable. Of course, new technology and advances in materials can outperform older windows in many ways.

However, aesthetically they cannot be matched. In almost every case, there is nothing on the current market that can adequately duplicate the look and feel of the original.

Windows, just like architectural details, quantify the appeal of your home. From the actual materials and components that were used to the physical hardware that makes them work, nothing really exists like it today.

Should you be so charmed as to live in an historic property, windows form an integral part of the whole. Before you replace them with a newly manufactured product, think twice about the history behind your home, and your windows - the decades they endured, the stories they could tell.

Whether installing modern low e glass as replacements in your existing frames, or keeping the wonderful old imperfect glass, a restoration on the frames is a must. Replacing the old hand glazed putty that keeps the panes secure, finishing with a complete repainting of the frames, and restoring the original hardware to pristine condition can all make a beautiful statement on your property while still keeping that history alive.

Like a valued painting on the wall, your windows make an impression. You can preserve the heritage forward into the next generation with a little loving care of your windows and all the other wonderful features in your historic home from hand troweled plaster, to beautiful inlaid wood floors. Keep your home original in all its imperfect glory because you will never see the likes of the masterful craftsmanship and design of that period again.



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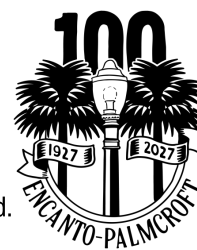
AFTER

Who am I?

Can you name the major league pitcher who lived in Encanto-Palmcroft 1932-1944? He pitched in four consecutive World Series for the NY Giants (1921-1924) with an ERA of 2.16. A MLB player active 1915-29 with Boston Braves, NY Giants, Cincinnati Reds and Chicago Cubs.

The answer is: Art Nehf who lived in the 1929 Spanish Colonial Revival home at 739 W. Coronado Road. This home will be on the 100th Anniversary Home Tour - March 14, 2027.

Do you have someone well know previously living in your home? Contact us at EPHPANewsletter@gmail.com



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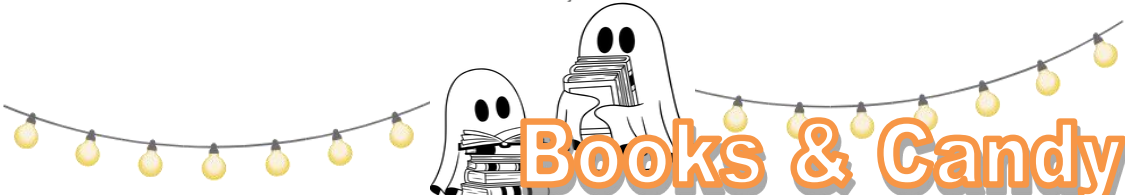


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Books & Candy

Halloween is not all about candy in Encanto-Palmcroft. Join the street party on Palmcroft Dr. SW to see happy children walking away with books, sometimes the first they have ever owned. Once again neighbors Jay Murphy and Frances Hammond lead this annual event held Halloween night in the blocked off street of Palmcroft Dr. SW, just south of Coronado Road. Thanks to donations from neighbors, friends, the Phoenix Rotary 100 Club, and Friends of the Phoenix Public Library. Over 4,000 books are expected to be given away on Halloween!

How can you participate this year?

- If you have books, donate them. Kids, teen and grownup books all accepted. Drop off to Jay Murphy, 1619 Palmcroft Dr. SW or Frances Hammond, 1640 Palmcroft Dr. SW a few days before.



- Money donations for more books are wonderful. Secondhand bookstores give deep discounts; a \$50 gift could possibly buy 50 books! Make checks out to Friends of Phoenix Public Library, a 501(c)(3) tax deduction and drop off to Frances.
- Finally, join them on Halloween night to watch or assist the kids in picking out books of their choice. Wear a costume if you wish. It is a guaranteed heartwarming moment for all.
- If you know a teacher who needs gently used books for their classroom, please let them know about the Halloween night event.

So instead of buying an extra bag of candy, how about a donation to the annual book giveaway.

Boo! Did You Know? Halloween Trivia & Fun Facts

House Décor for Halloween 2026

The last couple of years we have seen the massive Home Depot giants of skeletons and witches. So, what is trending this year?

Urcordiallyinvited.com says to expect the oversized and inflatable outdoor decor to continue with fog and lighting finishing the staging. Luxury Halloween décor of black and gold palettes with elegant gothic styling will sideline the orange and black looks of the past. Budget-friendly is achievable for DIY options. Front porches matter this year. Your home exterior “set the tone before anyone even rings the doorbell.” But in our neighborhood, many of us set up on driveways and our doorbells are never rung...so decorate your driveway!

What to Wear in 2026

According to retailer *Kreepy Halloween (glendalehalloween.com)* they are banking on the following kid's costumes in 2026:

- K-Pop Demon Hunters (Rumi & Zoey)
- Minecraft Movie (Chicken Jockey & Steve)
- Wicked” Glam Duo (Elphaba & Glinda)

The EP Halloween Parade showed us that we have family-themed costumes. *Kreepy Halloween* suggests these and more:

- Inside Out 2 (Anxiety-Orange, Envy-Teal, Ennui-Indigo)
- Beetlejuice Squad (Lydia gothic black dress – Beetlejuice striped suit)
- Shrek’s Swamp Crew (Dragons, donkeys and ...)
- The Incredibles (engage the whole family)

Most Popular Candy?

New Times in 2025 stated that Arizona’s favorite candy had remained the same for two years in a row. Evidently, our state favors Sour Punch Straws! These colorful treats come in a variety of flavors. We aren’t alone, California, Louisiana and Texas also have similar taste buds to ours!

As any good parent is obligated to do so on Halloween, we need to look through their evening stash before the goodies can be consumed. In EP many of us are buying the large Costco variety bags to keep up with the volume of guests on the 31st ! (Yes, you can have that Snicker’s bar you stuffed away in your pocket for later.)

AN EP NEIGHBORHOOD TRADITION

EP Costume Crawl

Grab your best **scary, sparkly, silly, or superhero-strong** costume — it's time to parade, meet neighbors, and make Halloween memories in the Triangles! 🎃



Friday, October 30 | 5:00–6:15 PM

Mark Your Calendar!



Meet at the Park — 4:45 PM

Short parade over to the Triangles, kicking off promptly at 5:00 PM.



Costume Parade

Show off your Halloween best — from scary to silly, we want to see it all!



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Notable Neighbors—Alvan Adams

by Sean Haspel



Did you know that Phoenix Suns legend Alvan Adams was an Encanto-Palmcrot resident?

The Suns selected him in the 1975 draft and he went on to be the Rookie of the Year and an All-Star. His career with the Suns spanned 50 years, as a player for 13 and the rest as an executive. Adams and family called Encanto-Palmcrot home for over 20 years, and graciously shared some favorite neighborhood memories (edited for clarity). *Photos courtesy Phoenix Suns—thank you!*

"It was 1976, my rookie year with the Suns. We were renting an apartment near Thomas Mall. Sara, my bride, would come early with me to our home games at the Coliseum. We would often drive down Palm Lane because we really liked the neighborhood. It wasn't quite 'historic' yet, but it sure was appealing with the mix of Tudor, Spanish Revival, and Monterey architectural styles. And, wow, everyone's yard was well groomed with nice green lawns.



complete with a diving board and a basketball goal, of course.

"Expecting our first child in 1980, we knew we would need a bigger house. Because we knew many of our neighbors, we learned of a downsizing couple and bought their home on Palmcrot Dr.

NW. Major renovations there included adding an upstairs bedroom and bathroom, a large kitchen porch and a pool, all while keeping the detached two-car garage. We spent 17+ years in this home, raising our two kids right through their teenage years.

"That spring, we started seriously hunting for a house. We looked at houses in a number of areas all the way up to Glendale Ave. All the while we kept driving down Palm Lane to the "Madhouse on McDowell." Then one day, we saw a charming Spanish style home on Coronado Road for sale. We fell for this house immediately. Sara could now drop me off and be home in time for the national anthem. An interior designer was the seller, and she had already done some nice upgrades. Sara studied interior design at ASU, so she was ready to put her touches on her first home. I believe we only owned a single bean bag chair as our apartment was furnished.

"Living next to Encanto Park was wonderful—we used the basketball and volleyball courts often. Birthday parties at Kiddieland were memorable. I did cardio-training on the track at Phoenix College and took classes there.

"We hosted a Suns' team Christmas party our second year in the house, but Halloween was the best event. Every fall, I eagerly checked the NBA schedule to see if we would be in town and not playing on October 31 st . Most years we got lucky! Our family went all out, I usually dressed as a tall, decaying skeleton. We have often returned on Halloween just to watch the activity. We still have a good friend who lives there.

"Sara worked with Warner's on furnishing the house. By the fall holiday season, we had the basics plus some extra touches that really complemented the Saltillo tile floors on the main level. We replaced a stairway window's swamp cooler with central AC and heating, filling the space with a custom stained-glass window. The free-standing garage was in BAD shape, so we took it down and added an L-shaped pool

"I recently rode my bike from our North Central home for the neighborhood yard sale. I met Ginny Barnes at the sale and really enjoyed reading her two neighborhood murder mysteries which I passed on to my sister who used to live in the FQ Story neighborhood."





Encanto-Palmercroft Home Tour 2027

Centennial sponsorship & advertising opportunities



SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2027
9 A.M. – 4 P.M.



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The 2027 Encanto-Palmercroft Historic Home Tour & Street Fair is the marquee event of our neighborhood's 100th anniversary year. Your sponsorship reaches an audience of 4,500+ design-curious, civically-engaged attendees on tour day, plus year-round visibility through our centennial campaign.



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Signage display on tour day	✓	✓
Recognition on website	✓	✓
Tour brochure ad	Full page	Full page
EP Magazine ad	1 issue full page	—
Social media features	3 posts (FB + IG)	1 post (FB + IG)
Stage mentions during event	4	2
Premier 10x10 vendor space	✓	✓
Tour tickets	5	3

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Stage Sponsor – \$1,500 (1 slot exclusive)

Day-long verbal sponsorship of the main stage. Stage signage display. Dedicated social media feature post. Brochure recognition. Website listing. 4 tour tickets.

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Triangle Park Picnic Area Sponsor – \$500

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Anchor a beloved tour-day gathering spot at the center of the Street Fair.

Transportation Sponsor – \$200 (3 slots)

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Rolling visibility across the tour route.

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The 2027 Tour Brochure is a full-color, 5.5" x 8.5" program book distributed to every ticket buyer — over 3,000 copies handed out or delivered electronically on tour day.

Ad Size	Rate
Quarter Page	\$200
Half Page	\$300
Full Page	\$600

Ad submission deadline: January 15, 2027.





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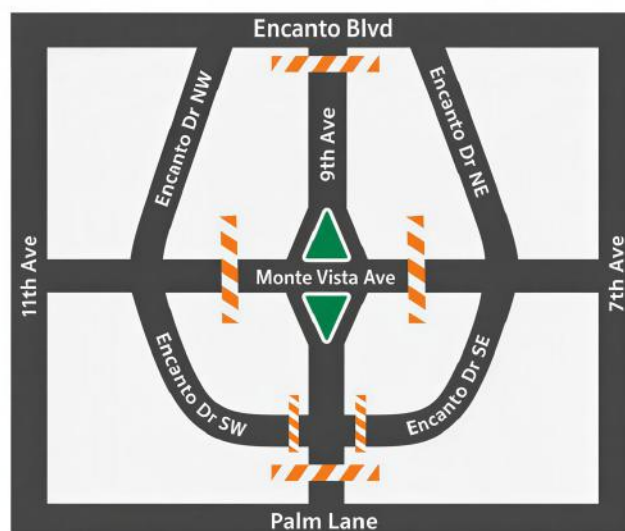
Sunday, March 14, 2027

Join neighbors, friends and visitors for this centennial celebration featuring:

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The Street Fair will take place in the heart of Encanto-Palmcroft around the "Triangles". Neighbors impacted by street closures will receive additional information this fall.

Our last Street Fair welcomed more than 4,000 visitors, and we expect our 100th Anniversary celebration to be our biggest and best yet!



**Vendors
Wanted!**



Are you a local business, maker, community organization, or food truck? We are looking for vendors and sponsors to help make this a memorable celebration!

SCAN TO LEARN MORE & APPLY

*Early bird pricing ends December 31
Application deadline January 15*

Your Neighbor's Hacks



Hard Water Spots on Your Faucets!

By Susan Fleming

You have just cleaned the bathroom sink and the very next day the hard water spots show up. If you have any leftover candles here's what to do:

1. Clean the faucet and dry it.
2. Then light the candle and let the wax drip lightly over all of the faucet. Try to keep it a thin coat.
3. Let it harden then take an old washcloth and rub the wax off.

It will be very shiny and the water will bead up and roll right off leaving a shiny finish for a couple of weeks.



Schmooze & Popsicles—September 13, 2026. Bubbly, Pizza, Popsicles, fun & Games! That's how we roll in Encanto-Palmcroft! *Big Thanks & Round of Applause* to Cindy Crogan, Social Committee Coordinator and Bob & Jane Wisniewski, hosts of the event. (upper left to right: pops & pizza, egg toss, hosts, winners)



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Around the EP Neighborhood



DINNERTIME. AGAIN.

By Mona Raouf Cridebring

Yes, that's often what goes through my mind after a busy day of carting kids around, taking care of the house, running errands, and squeezing in some work. Did I meal plan? No. Did I mean to? Absolutely. But now it's 5:30, everyone is hungry, and it's too late.

Thankfully, I now have a go-to for a yummy meal that everyone in my family enjoys: Lovebite in downtown Phoenix.

Lovebite is a locally owned, mostly takeout spot with a curated menu centered around dumplings. You can build an entrée with a base of rice, noodles, or greens; choose from chicken, pork, veggie, or shrimp dumplings; and top it all off with your choice of sauce.

Depending on my mood, I usually get a mix of noodles and greens—although their pink rice is delicious—with half chicken and half veggie dumplings topped with kewpie sauce. My kids go straight for

the dumplings à la carte, with veggie and chicken as their favorites. And my husband is easygoing and has pretty much worked his way through the entire menu!

So, why Lovebite? The portions are great, the flavors are delicious, and it feels relatively healthy, so I don't feel guilty about skipping the home-cooked meal. It's perfect in a pinch, doesn't break the bank, and my kids are always excited when they hear we're picking up Lovebite.

If you're looking for a new solution to the inevitable "What are we doing for dinner?" dilemma, maybe your family will love it too!

Lovebite

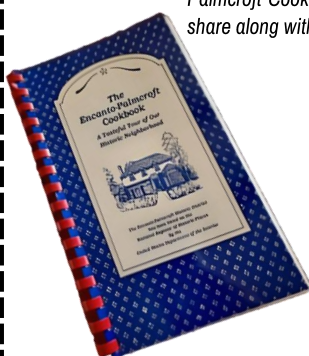
Location: 116 W Roosevelt St, Downtown Phoenix

Hours: 11 AM - 10 PM M-Th, 11 AM - 11 PM Fri-Sun



Neighborhood Recipe by Syleste Knudson

In honor of our 100th Anniversary in our beautiful neighborhood, we are sifting through some wonderful recipes in our Encanto-Palmcroft Cookbook of 1999. We hope to bring you more and hope you enjoy these. If you have a family recipe you'd like to share along with a story on what makes it special, feel free to email syleste.knudson@gmail.com, your neighbor.



Fairmont Spinach Salad

Courtesy of Susan Stowe

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| 1 bunch spinach | 2 tsp. sugar |
| 5 strips crispy bacon | 1 tsp. rosemary, tarragon and oregano |
| 2 Tbsp. olive oil | 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce |
| 3 Tbsp. wine vinegar of your choice, although white wine is best | 1 tsp. Dijon mustard |
| 1 tsp. Dijon mustard | Dash of Pepper |
| Heat olive oil, vinegar and herbs. Pour over spinach. | |
| Sprinkle top with crumbled bacon. Enjoy! | |



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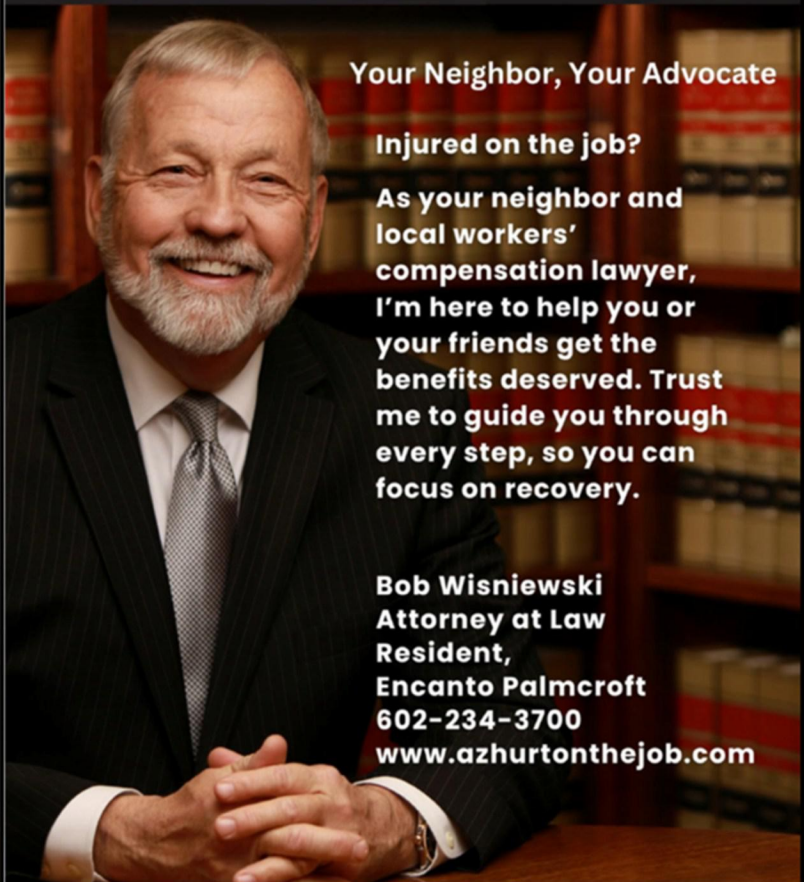
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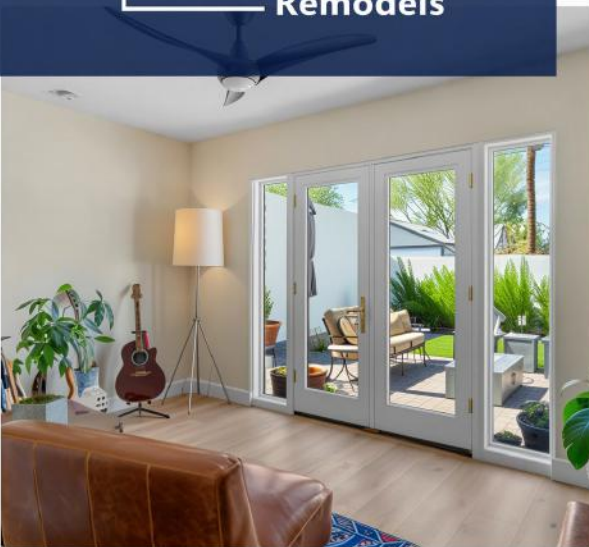
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