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President's Note

What Makes Encanto-Palmcroft Special?

There is so much that makes our neighborhood special. Beyond our historic beauty, it is the wonderful spirit of our neighbors. With a calendar full of activities, from seasonal celebrations to our casual Sunday Schmoozes, our neighbors have many opportunities to connect with one another.

These traditions do not happen by accident. They happen when residents step off their porches to help. Volunteerism is the lifeblood of Encanto-Palmcroft, and we have several critical areas where your time can make a lasting impact.

Opportunities to Serve

Newsletter To keep our newsletter running we need a volunteer editor and writers. This publication is 100% volunteer driven. If you value this publication and can help, please contact me today!

Love being outdoors? We always welcome hands to help maintain the beautiful Rose Garden adjoining our neighborhood as well as the Triangle Park, ensuring our neighborhood continues to look its best.

Be a part of history Join the home tour committee as we plan a legendary celebration for our neighborhood's landmark 100th anniversary. We are currently seeking volunteers for the Home Tour Committee as we plan our 100th Anniversary.

A Special Call for Local Artisans

In the spirit of our upcoming 100th in March 2027, a group of neighbors are organizing a showcase of EP talent. They are looking for quilters, painters, woodworkers, potters, and creators of all kinds who might want to have or share a booth during the tour street fair.

Please note that this artisan showcase is a neighbor-led initiative. Participants must provide their own tent, and booth space is \$150. If you are interested in showcasing your craft, please text your name and number to Susan Fleming at 602-377-8403.

Our neighborhood is special because of the people who call it home. Whether you are writing articles, deadheading roses or planning a centennial, your contribution preserves our unique legacy. Let's work together to keep our neighborhood traditions thriving.



Joyce Grossman,
EPHA President
joycecgrossman@gmail.com



Upcoming Events



05/02

Deadheader Volunteers
8:00-10:30am - Encanto Rose Garden

05/12

EPHPA Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Encanto Park Boathouse

05/15

Kids Club Front Yard Friday
5:30-7pm - 2107 N. 9th Ave

05/17

Sunday Schmooze
4:00-5:30pm - 1125 W. Holly

06/06

Deadheader Volunteers
7:30-10:00am - Encanto Rose Garden

06/07

Sunday Schmooze
4:00-5:30pm - 1607 Palmcroft Way SE

06/09

EPHPA Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Encanto Park Boathouse

06/14

Kids Club's 5th Annual Water Play Day
1825 Palmcroft Way NW

09/13

Sunday Schmooze
4:00-5:30pm - 1101 W. Encanto

10/03

Deadheader Volunteers
7:30-10:00am - Encanto Rose Garden

Save the Date!

Schmoozes are booked for Fall!
Mark your calendars for 9/13, 10/18, & 11/15

Reminder

Our newsletter is on hiatus for the summer. It will be back sometime in the Fall!

Help Needed!

This newsletter needs your help!
Email epghanewsletter@gmail.com for more info.



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About EP Magazine

Encanto Palmcroft Magazine is published monthly and free of charge 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 articles by the 10th of the month prior to be reviewed by the editorial committee. To submit articles and advertisements for consideration, contact Lauren Armour, Interim Editor-in-Chief at EPHPANewsletter@gmail.com

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EPHPA Board Meeting - May 12, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

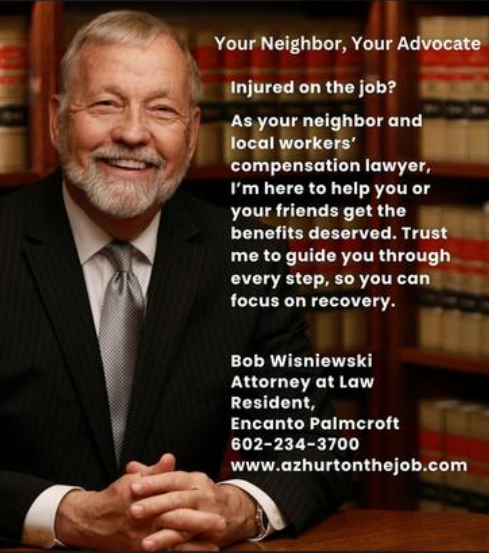
**Encanto Park Boathouse
2605 N. 15th Ave.**

Encanto-Palmcroft neighbors are invited to the October meeting at the historic Encanto Park Boathouse. If you are interested in running for the board, this is a great opportunity to learn more and meet your neighbors.

To access the board agenda and past minutes scan here:



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Historic Preservation:

Does your home have an inventory form?

A message from City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Officer Helana Ruter

The Encanto-Palmcroft Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1987. As part of that effort, 72 homes were documented with handwritten inventory forms that provided information about the home's construction date, architectural style, significance, character defining features and alterations and included a photograph. Over the years there have been some additional forms prepared but never a comprehensive inventory of the 372 homes in the district. The city intends to hire a consultant to carry out such an effort. If in the months ahead, you see folks walking the streets, taking photos and notes in front of houses, fear not! It's part of the city's effort to better document each and every home that makes up the district.



Mediterranean-style house built 1928-29 in Palmcroft Division 1, documented in 1984 in the process of historic designation.



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100th Anniversary

HOME TOUR & STREET FAIR

Sunday, March 14, 2027

Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the Encanto Palmcroft neighborhood, and our Home Tour will be a centerpiece of this historic milestone.

We need YOUR help making this possible!

Call for Featured Homes

To make this special event truly representative of our neighborhood, we are seeking residents who are willing to open their homes for the tour.

Homes of all styles, sizes, and eras help showcase the character and history that make Encanto Palmcroft so unique.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HAVING YOUR HOME INCLUDED IN THIS HISTORIC TOUR, CONTACT JENNY GENDREAU

GENDREAU3@COX.NET OR 602-818-4451



Happy 98th Birthday, EP Palm Trees!

Our lovely palm trees appear in the background of music videos and other filmed productions. The 1984 application, placing Encanto-Palmcroft neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places, highlighted the palms' uniqueness: "There is a systematic and orderly use of ornamental flora to highlight and define the public right of way within Palmcroft. Palms line both sides of every street within Palmcroft, as well as both sides of West Palm Lane and North 11th Avenue. They are planted at regular intervals and maintained at a uniform height."

The palm in abundance in EP is the *Washingtonia filifera*. It is the only palm native to the Western United States. They are highly heat-tolerant, drought-tolerant and can grow up to 75 feet tall. The average lifespan is 150 years, with a maximum potential of 200-250 years!

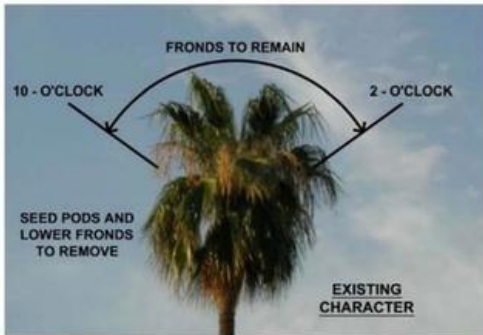


The Palmcroft Division was platted in 1927, the placement of street lined *Washingtonia filifera* were planted in 1928. To the right is an early image of the trees. Growing strong for 98 years, and counting!



Palm Tree Trimming

By Steven Vollmer



Look up at all those palm trees throughout the neighborhood. You will begin to see a bunch of seed pods and overgrown canopy. July and August are the best time of year to trim palm trees.

Palm trees really only need to be maintained once a year. When you trim your palms in early summer, you are able to remove the messy and unsightly seed pods just after they have grown out, but before they start dropping debris and messy seeds. This is also the time to shape the canopy and remove dead or lower palm fronds. Palms should be cut of all branching outside of 10:00 and 2:00 o'clock (see photos above). It is important to maintain enough green fronds for the health of the plant. (Some trimmers strip a palm of too many fronds, endangering the tree)

MARKET DATA

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By Christine Winkler Retsy



Pending, 2210 Encanto DR NW
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By Bobby Lieb Compass

Closed 1621 N 11th AVE
\$1,104,000

By Claire Konkos Compass



AMERICAN COLONIAL REVIVAL ARCHITECTURE

By Joyce Grossman and Billie Jo Harned
Design Assistance by Tamera Zivic

In 1927 Encanto-Palmcroft, a Phoenix planned community, showcased a wide array of architectural styles. These articles explore those various styles. Drawings and Key Features are from the City of Phoenix Publication, *Historic Homes of Phoenix: An Architectural and Preservation Guide*, 1992.



American Colonial Revival

American Colonial Revival architecture, broadly, refers to architectural styles influenced by European styles, particularly British and French. Typically larger than their colonial predecessors, they may have exaggerated architectural details. The style is not a single,

exact replica but rather an artistic interpretation.

Regency, Georgian and Cape Cod styles are part of this revival movement. They vary from elegance (Regency), classical (Georgian) to cottage style (Cape Cod) with differing levels of restraint and ornamentation.



Cape Cod Revival

KEY FEATURES

Symmetry and Rectangularity

Steep Roofs

Central Front Door

Multi-Paned Windows

Central Chimneys

Colonial Architectural Influence

Decorative Shutters



Two differing American Colonial Revivals, Georgian style in Encanto (left) and a Cape Cod in Palmcroft



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Meet the Neighbors

By: Sandi Sybrant

Stuart Early, W Holly Street

When did you move to the neighborhood?

I moved to Phoenix in 2016 from Chicago and then moved to Encanto Palmcroft in 2017.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in St. Louis but moved with work each year. I've lived in Dallas, Austin, Houston, and Minneapolis. I then moved to Chicago where I lived for 17 years.

What is your career background?

I have always been in Human Resources. I taught at DePaul University Part Time as an adjunct professor in the College of Business Graduate Program. I currently lead the Human Resource team at a large distribution center in the west valley.



How are you involved in the neighborhood?

Il joined the Encanto Palmcroft board in 2018 and have served since then. I am involved with the deadheaders in the Encanto Park Rose Garden with other neighbors.

What are your hobbies and interests?

My hobbies include: Art and I am a docent at the Phoenix Art Museum. Gardening and I am on the Board of our Local American Iris Society Chapter. And in my free time I love to cook for myself, friends and neighbors.

State Historic Property Tax Program

How to reduce property taxes on your historic home



The State Historic Property Tax (SPT) program offers a substantial reduction in the state property tax assessment (between 35-45%) for eligible owners. Property owner will need to sign a 15-year agreement which requires maintenance of the property according to federal and Arizona State Parks Board standards and limited to property used for non-income producing activities. You will be automatically sent a renewal reminder in your 14th year. If you are new

to the neighborhood you will need to change the ownership of the property with this office.

In order to qualify for the SPT program, the property must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places (must be at least 50 years old). The program is managed by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in conjunction with Arizona's county assessor's offices. The SHPO determines program eligibility and monitors property

maintenance, and the county assessor enacts tax classification changes, manages issues of property value, and tax calculation. Properties must meet the minimum maintenance standards established by the Arizona State Parks Board.

Links to key information below. If you have questions regarding the SPT Program, contact SHPO at (602) 542-4009.

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