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EPHPA Board Meeting - February 10, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Encanto Park Boathouse
2605 N. 15th Ave.

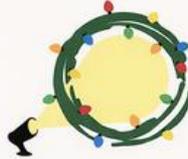
Encanto-Palmcroft neighbors are invited to our monthly meeting at the historic Encanto Park Boathouse. If you are interested in running for the board, this is a great opportunity to learn more and meet your neighbors.

To access the board agenda and past minutes scan here:



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President's Note

Can You Help EP?

Create Traditions

On January 10th over 40 neighbors volunteer between the holiday ribbon take down and the kick off day for annual pruning of the Encanto Park Rose Garden. Even children joined the pruning in the garden. Volunteering can create a family tradition while participating in neighborhood activities.



Help Your Neighborhood

Help is needed for the layout and design of the EP Magazine. If you have an interest call me immediately. Neighbors want this publication to continue. We need your help. 602-418-9886



Neighborhood Maintenance

Public works reminder -- please bag garden clippings in trash cans. Bulk trash may not go in the alley's or out on the street until 7 days before the next automatic pick up on March 26, 2026. Reminder we returned to automatic pick up in June 2025.



Neighbors Lending a Hand

Pictures to the right are neighbors aiding the Phoenix Rose Society with the annual pruning of the Encanto Park Rose Garden. Consider lending a hand to keep this treasured garden going, as its prior generation of stewards begin to step away.

Joyce Grossman,
EPHA President
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Upcoming Events



02/06

Kids Club Front Yard Friday
5:30-7pm – 946 W Palm Lane

02/10

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

02/15

Sunday Schmooze
3:00-5:00pm – 1806 Palmcroft Dr. NW

03/07

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

03/10

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

03/20

Kids Club Front Yard Friday
5:30-7pm – 1604 Palmcroft Way SE

03/22

Sunday Schmooze
3:00-5:00pm – 1804 Palmcroft Way NW

04/04

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

04/14

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

04/17

Kids Club Front Yard Friday
5:30-7pm – 1615 N. 9th Ave.

Save the Date!

Sunday Schmoozes are back! See you at the Buttons' house on 2/15!

Lend a Hand!

Volunteer to host a Sunday Schmooze!
Email cindy@ncplawyers.com

Help Needed!

Find more information on page 7 about how to help with our newsletter



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If you are interested in participating with a board committee, please reach out to a member of our executive team, or join us for our monthly board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

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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

Join the Neighborhood Email List!

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Your Neighbor's Hacks: Get Rid of a Curled Up Rug Corner

By: Susan Fleming

Tired of tripping over a rug with a pesky curled up corner? An item you have hiding in your freezer can fix that!

Put a towel under the curled carpet corner. Add a few ice cubes on top of the curled carpet corner and wait. As the ice melts it will uncurl. The thicker the rug the more ice you might need to add.

Add a little bit of patience and the corner will flatten out.



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From the Desk of the Editor

By: Lauren Armour

**This magazine
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**Did you know this
magazine is
entirely built by
volunteers?**

Our neighborhood magazine is an important tool for communication among our neighbors and from our board. But did you know that a few diligent neighbors work each month to compile it as volunteers? Many neighbors contribute written content, and now I am filling in as interim editor while we look for someone to serve in that role on a more permanent basis.

I don't have any special skills or particular expertise, so if I can make it go you likely can, too! While I fill the seat, I am working to develop systems that will make it as simple as possible to assemble the content each month: building content blocks that just require adding words; standardizing our formatting; developing concise contributor and advertiser guides; and more. My goal is to hand this off in simple workable condition that keeps



our same high quality without a large time commitment to execute each month. I've used that system to compile this month's edition, and putting it all together took me less than 90 minutes! Not a bad monthly time contribution for something so impactful.

If you think you might be interested, or even just have questions, please reach out to me via email at lauren.e.armour@gmail.com.

Can't Take on Editor but Still Want to Help?

Amazing! We have lots of ways you can contribute to making the newsletter come to life each month.

Consider volunteering to:

- Write an article! Whether one-off or recurring, we'd love to add your voice.
- Help us reach out to and find more advertisers.
- Send 2-5 photos a month of things around the neighborhood we can use as cover art or stock images.
- Compile our monthly events calendar.
- Create a local business spotlight and shout out your favorite businesses nearby.
- Collect our ads by the deadline each month.
- Proofread the final version monthly.

Or propose an idea that's exciting to you! I'm looking forward to working with you.

Kids Club Corner

By: Lauren Armour

Join Kids Club one Friday a month for Front Yard Friday!

This past Fall, Kids Club started a new monthly event: Front Yard Fridays! One Friday a month, a neighbor lends us their front yard, we order pizza so no one has to worry about dinner, and families gather and kids play! We hope that even neighbors without kids will join us when out on their evening walks, even if it's just for a moment to chat.

Front Yard Friday Schedule:

February 6

946 W Palm Lane

March 20

1604 Palmcroft Way SE

April 17

1615 N. 9th Ave.

May 15

2107 N 9th Ave



Spring Planting Plans

By: Katie Coates

Ah, the lure of spring! As days get longer and temps start to warm, it's usual for us to start thinking about planting new landscape plants and/or renovating our current landscapes. Early spring is a great time to get new plants in the ground (although fall is the optimal time for planting in AZ), but not before the last frost date. The earlier we can plant in spring the better for root establishment before the real "OMG heat" sets in.

As I encourage all my clients, it's best to have a plan and do your research before heading to the nursery and being wowed by all the new beautiful plants calling you to buy them. A nursery trip in spring is like

sending a kid to a candy shop; it's tempting to want it all! It's all appealing and before we know it, we come home with choices that may or may not be the best plants for us.

Looking to transition to a more water-wise landscape but still want color, butterflies and hummingbirds? Or is a truly native, desert landscape what you have in mind? More and more clients are wanting to cut back on water use and remove partial or all lawn, but still want a beautiful outdoor environment: one to be enjoyed visually and serve our functional goals (shade, patios, privacy, etc.). Take some time to do the following:

- Walk the neighborhoods and identify design styles and

plants you like/don't like.

- Visit websites that provide good inspiration (Pinterest, Houzz, Instagram) for our unique environment.

- Visit the Desert Botanical Garden to view thousands of desert plants that may work perfectly for you, too.

- Go to a nursery to look and learn about plants that appeal to you. Talk to the staff about plant characteristics

- Know the space size you have available for certain plants/trees. Think "right plant, right place".

- Research plants online learning about their characteristics and requirements (a great resource is www.amwua.org/what-you-can-do/landscape-and-garden).





Bulk Trash is Back to Quarterly Pick Up

As a reminder, our neighbors voted to return to a quarterly bulk trash pick up schedule, rather than the self-scheduling option the city proposed. There was consensus that four days a year of large trash piles was preferable to the possibility that trash could be out year round. The pick-up schedule is below. You can place items out up to seven days in advance, but make sure they're out no later than 6 a.m. on pick up day.



2026 Bulk Trash Schedule

Thursday - March 26, 2026

Thursday - June 25, 2026

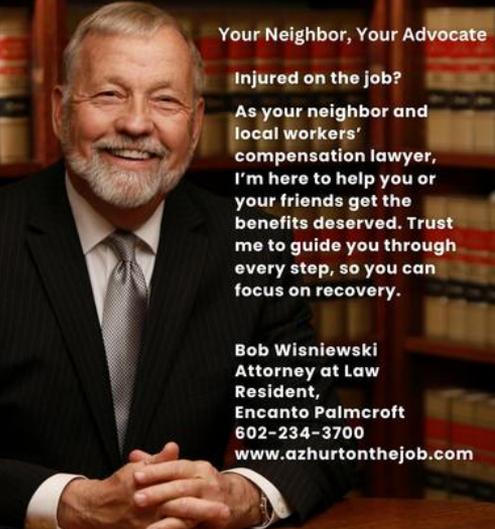
Thursday - September 24, 2026

Thursday - December 10, 2026





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| 1301 W Holly Se | Active | \$810,000 |
| 1820 N 7 th Ave | Active | \$865,000 |
| 2209 N 12 th Ave | Active | \$850,000 |
| 1625 Palmcroft Way SW | Active | \$2,395,000 |
| 2038 N 11 th Ave | Active | \$1,350,000 |
| 1615 Palmcroft Way SE | Active | \$1,650,000 |
| 1134 W Palm Lane | Active | \$950,000 |
| 1614 Palmcroft Dr SW | Closed | \$1,500,000 |
| 2111 Encanto Dr SW | Closed | \$1,400,000 |
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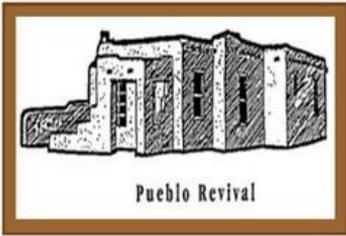
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PUEBLO REVIVAL and SOUTHWEST STYLE ARCHITECTURE

By Joyce Grossman and Billie Jo Harned

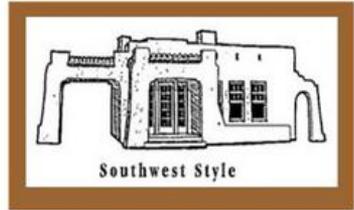
In 1927 Encanto-Palmcroft, a Phoenix planned community, showcased a wide array of architectural styles. These articles explore those various styles. Drawings and Key Features are from the City of Phoenix Publication, *Historic Homes of Phoenix: An Architectural and Preservation Guide*, 1992.



Pueblo Revival

Pueblo Revival architecture is an architectural style characterized by its influence from traditional Pueblo Indian, Spanish Colonial, and Mission styles, particularly in the Southwest. It is often associated with the "Santa Fe Style," and was particularly popular in New Mexico.

Southwest Style architecture is a regional style characterized by architectural features inspired by indigenous and Spanish colonial influences, particularly in the American Southwest. It emphasizes a connection with the desert environment.



Southwest Style

KEY FEATURES

Simple Forms & Clean Lines

Natural Materials

White Stucco Walls

Dark Wood

Red-Tile Roofs

Courtyards/Solar Arcades

Arched Openings

Wrought Iron Details

Wide Overhanging Eaves

Decorative Tiles

Dormers/Parapets

Inward-Oriented Design



Features of two homes in Encanto were inspired by indigenous design.

Simple lines and wrought iron details in Palmcroft.

Updates from the Security Corporation

By: Brent Kleinman

Love Your Neighborhood, Celebrate Our State

Dear Neighbors,

Happy February! This month is a special one for us here in the desert. Not only are we celebrating Valentine's Day, but we are also marking Arizona's 114th birthday on February 14th. It is a time to reflect on the history of our beautiful Encanto-Palmcroft neighborhood and the "love" we put into keeping it one of the safest and most vibrant places to live in Phoenix.

A Message from VetSec: Keeping Our Streets Safe

At our January EPHPA meeting, Matt Rice from VetSec provided an insightful update on our neighborhood patrols. On average, our VetSec officers "thwart" 5 to 6 incidents per week. These aren't just statistics; they represent real moments where a potential crime or safety hazard was prevented before

it could affect you or your home.

To illustrate the vital work being done, we want to share a recent incident from the field. While conducting a routine patrol, a VetSec officer observed an unauthorized individual walking through an alleyway on the property. When the officer professionally asked the individual to leave, the situation escalated. The individual became verbally aggressive and unfortunately struck both the officer and the patrol vehicle with a stick.

Our officer maintained composure, kept a safe distance to ensure the individual eventually exited the property, and coordinated with the Phoenix Police Department for support. This incident serves as a stark reminder of why professional patrol is so necessary—our officers

handle the confrontations so that you don't have to.

Show Your Love: Join or Renew Your Membership

The security and peace of mind we enjoy are not guaranteed; they are funded directly by residents like you. To keep Matt Rice and his team on our streets, we need your continued support. If you haven't joined the Encanto-Palmcroft Security Corporation (EPSC) yet, or if your membership has lapsed, now is the perfect time to "show some love" for your community.



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Meet the Neighbors

By: Sandi Sybrant

Lauren and Jake Armour, Palmcroft Way NW

Lauren and Jake have called Encanto Palmcroft home for about six years. Lauren is a born-and-raised Phoenician and grew up less than a mile from the neighborhood. Jake grew up in an old home in Indianapolis, with parents who owned an antique store, so his love of all things historic runs deep. On Jake's first trip to Phoenix with Lauren, she took him on a jog through EP and they knew they'd make it home if they got the chance.



From NYC to EP: The two met during law school while working as summer associates at a law firm in New York City. They lived together in NYC for a couple years before deciding to move to Phoenix. They rented in Del Norte before they found their EP home.

Day Jobs: Lauren works in public policy as the Government Relations Director for Maricopa Community Colleges. Jake is counsel at a private investment firm.

Tiny Humans + Tiny Bulldogs: They have two children, Theo (4) and Hattie (2), plus two French Bulldogs, Tilly and

Sonny. You'll often spot Tilly and Sonny keeping watch from the big front window of their home.

Neighborhood Helpers: Lauren started the neighborhood Kids Club in 2022 (with a major helping hand from Jake) when Theo was just six months old. That role gradually grew into joining the board and eventually serving as Vice President, a position she has held for two years. Most recently, Lauren has helped develop the new neighborhood website and is serving as interim editor of the newsletter while we look for long-term support. If you've

been thinking about volunteering in a small way, please consider lending a hand!

Fun and Hobbies: Lauren is an avid reader (ask for her recent faves), and Jake is a major sports fan. If you want to become Jake's buddy quickly, just mention the Hoosiers' championship run this year! To win Theo over, bring up Star Wars or Godzilla. And for Hattie, all things Paw Patrol will bring a smile!

The whole family loves going on daily walks, so please say hi if you see them on your next stroll!

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