

OCTOBER 2025

PHOENIX HOMESTEADS NEWS



Enjoy the new format of our neighborhood newsletter.
Tell us what you think!



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Tree Canopy Award

Our neighborhood has been selected by the City's Community Canopy Grant for removal of hazardous dead and dying trees and the planting of new varieties - at **no cost** to property owners!

New Board Members Elected

Seven neighborhood residents have been recently elected to serve on the neighborhood Board of Directors.

Breakfast in the Park October 25

Bring your family and neighbors to our annual breakfast event – eggs, sausages, beverages provided.

Community Canopy Tree Grant Award

By **Lynne Storms, Chair
Phoenix Homesteads
Tree Committee**

Nearly two years ago, I approached the Board with an idea to revive Pinchot Avenue, historically known as "Candy Cane Lane", by removing the 90-year-old dead and dying Aleppo Pine Trees and replacing them with young trees better suited to our increasingly warm, dry desert climate. Last fall, with Board support, four local arborists were invited to walk Pinchot Avenue with our newly-formed tree committee and advise us as to how to accomplish this herculean task.

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Tentative Work Plan Phoenix Homesteads Neighborhood Tree Canopy Program

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Cost estimates were in the \$750,000 to \$1 million range, making the project cost prohibitive. I searched online for potential grant money, but most opportunities required non-profit status of recipients, and the timeline for awards was months, if not years, long.

The enthusiastic tree committee members were a bit discouraged until I happened to read about and apply for participation in the City of Phoenix Community Tree Canopy Grant. We hit the jackpot!

The City will remove dead/dying “hazard trees”, grind all existing stumps, offer property owners up to two trees to be planted in their front yard (whether or not a tree is removed), and monitor the young trees for 2 years. All at no cost!

Watch for teams of Tree Committee and Board members who will be canvassing the neighborhood in the next few weeks. They will be prepared with more detailed information and answers to your questions. Our goal is to start planting in January 2026!

For more detailed information:

www.phoenix.gov/administration/departments/heat/tree-shade-programs/tree-grant-programs.html

Sept 22-Oct 6

- Preparation of informational materials to be printed by City of Phoenix for distribution to all Phoenix Homesteads neighbors.
- Tree options and selection process may begin online. More information to follow.

Oct 12-18

- Board and Tree Committee teams will canvass the neighborhood to reach as many neighbors as possible with basic tree canopy information.

Oct 21

- Tree Committee Meeting

Oct 25

- Breakfast in the Park – City of Phoenix representative will attend with information table.
- Sign-up opportunities for new trees will be available.

Nov 5 or 6 (tentative - depends on contractor's availability)

- Neighborhood walk-through with City of Phoenix contractor to determine trees to be removed and existing stumps to be ground.

November (tentative - second or third week)

- Tree removal begins!

Early January 2026

- Tree planting begins!

Feb 14, 2026

- Tree project celebration! A festival in the park (27th St & Flower). Food and fun. Details TBD.

PHOENIX HOMESTEADS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Earlier this year, Jacob Flick was approved to serve as PHA Board President. Thank you to Christine Phillips who served as President for 5+ years and will continue to serve the neighborhood in a reduced role along with her husband, Barry.

During the May neighborhood meeting, Jacob was voted in as President along with six additional Board members to complete our new Board of Directors.

Major topics addressed by the Board in September included

- Tree Canopy Project
- Neighborhood Communications
- Breakfast in the Park

City of Phoenix Bulk Trash Pickup Reminder



Bulk Trash is now collected by appointment only.

Make an appointment **before** setting your bulk item(s).

Place trash curbside, on the edge of your property by 5:30 am on the day of your appointment.

For more information:

[Bulk Trash Pickup | City of Phoenix](#)

Meet our Neighborhood Association Board Members



Left to right: Officers Andy DeKorte, Secretary; Bea Ray, Vice President; Jacob Flick, President; Denny Esford, Treasurer

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**The next Board meeting is scheduled for
November 22, 2025**

9:00 am

**Phoenix Christian Reformed Church
2438 E Earll Drive**

Interested neighbors are encouraged to attend.



Phoenix
Christian
Reformed
Church

Join us in celebrating 80 years of
God's faithfulness!

Saturday, October 25
Sunday, October 26

This year is the 80th anniversary of Phoenix CRC. The people started meeting to worship together in 1945. In 1946, the 10 acres from 24th to 26th Street between Earll and Cheery Lynn were purchased for \$14,000! That's not a typo. Soon thereafter, the 24th Street frontage property was sold to Safeway for \$13,000 (later becoming the property of UA Local 469.) The church building itself was erected in 1949.

On October 25-26, 2025, Phoenix CRC is going to celebrate God's faithfulness over the previous 80 years. There will be an open house with dinner and games from 3-7pm on October 25 along with a special worship service at our regular time of 9:30am on October 26.

We would like to invite people from the neighborhood. Perhaps a few neighbors would like to meet people, enjoy some food, and see some of the history of the church in the neighborhood. There will be a big display through the decades in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday and Sunday.



Phoenix CRC

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80 years of
God's faithfulness!
1945-2025



Saturday, October 25 • 3-7:00 PM
Open House Event with
Food • Fellowship • Games

Sunday, October 26 • 9:30 AM
Special Worship Service
Cake and Coffee Fellowship

Celebrate with us at 2438 East Earll
All are welcome

Set Your Alarm
for 9:00 am!



PHOENIX
HOMESTEADS
ASSOCIATION

The Valley's Oldest Neighborhood Association

Get more information at www.phoenixhomesteads.com  

breakfast
in the
park

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 25 AT 9AM

on the lawn at Flower & 27th Street

Neighborhood Breakfast!

Eggs, sausages, and other fare. Bring a chair and food to share

Come meet your neighbors!



PHOENIX HOMESTEADS

Preserving the Past for the Future