



SUNBURST FARMS HOLIDAY HAYRIDES

It's that time of year again to enjoy the Sunburst Farms Community on our annual hayride!

The Sunburst Farms Holiday Hayrides are a terrific experience and a long-standing tradition in the Farms, starting at the host's residence with hot cider, hot cocoa, cookies and other holiday treats and activities, followed by a hayride to view some of the most beautifully decorated homes in our community.

Holiday Hayride Options | Please arrive no later than 5:30PM

- Saturday, December 12, 2026 | Mack Pack Ranch @ 4614 W. Country Gables, Glendale 85306
- Sunday, December 13, 2026 | Even's Residence @ 3932 W. Tierra Buena Ln., Phoenix 85053

Please consider bringing a platter (or three) of cookies or other holiday treats to share with your friends & neighbors as you enjoy the festivities!



Registration Details Coming Soon!

2026 SFCC Member (limit 6 per household) \$0
Non-Members: \$10 per person for ages 18 and above;
\$5 per person for ages 5 to 17



2026 SUNBURST FARMS Co-Op Board

- **Cyndi Black**, *President*
- **Dana Mack**, *Vice President*
- **Emily Berg**, *Secretary*
- **Anne Graber**, *Member*
- **Margaret Miller**, *Member*
- **E.J. Muse**, *Member*
- **Lisa Preston**, *Member*

SUPPORT TEAM

- ♦ **Jacqueline Price**, *SFCC Facebook Admin*
- ♦ **Misty Wickizer-Jernigan**, *SFCC Scholarship Chair and Sunburst Farms News Editor*

See Something, Say Something

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency:
(602) 262-6161

Online portal to report:

- Homeless Encampments
- Graffiti
- Inoperable Vehicles
- Animal Neglect
- And more

www.phoenix.gov/myphx311

Community Action Officer

Tyler Cottrell
Phoenix Police Department
Cactus Park Precinct
Tyler.Cottrell@phoenix.gov
Desk: 602-534-0430
Fax: 602-495-3660

Help Keep Sunburst Farms Safe

If you see suspicious activity, please report it to help ensure our community stays safe for everyone.



SFCC Block Watch

*For questions
about the SFCC Block Watch,
please send your emails to:*
sunburstfarmsbw@gmail.com.

Join SFCC on Facebook!

Visit www.facebook.com to create your free account. From there, search for the "Sunburst Farms Community Cooperative" and follow the prompts to join.

Residents are also encouraged to follow the Sunburst Farms Community Cooperative page.

These two resources are great for staying current on what's happening in Sunburst Farms.

REPORT CITY OF PHOENIX CODE OR ZONING COMPLIANCE ISSUES:

- Online: www.phoenix.gov/myphx311
- Email: blight@phoenix.gov
- Phone: (602) 534-4444

**Neighborhood Specialist: Johnny
Mendoza**

Email: johnny.mendoza@phoenix.gov

Desk: (602) 262-1682

Cell: (602) 463-6776



Sunburst Farms

Community Cooperative

2026

DATE: SAT. NOV. 7TH
TIME: 3-8PM

7TH ANNUAL STREET FAIR

**45th Ave Between Port au Prince
and Country Gables**



SHOPPING • FOOD • FUN • GAMES • CARS • RAFFLES • ANIMALS

**IT IS ELECTION TIME FOR
OUR 2027 SFCC BOARD**

Vote for the next Sunburst Farms Community CO-OP board.

GREAT FOOD AND FUN:

Come join us for dinner and family fun!

- Food Trucks
- Hot Dogs from the Sunburst Farms Hotdogger Booth

Interested in Vendor information click on the link.

<https://sunburstfarmscc.org/events/>
Deadline of October 26th to sign up

**RAFFLES, RAFFLES, AND
MORE RAFFLES!
BRING YOUR DOLLARS**

Proceeds will go to SFCC Scholarship fund.

MUSIC AND FUN:

- Dancing in the Street with our own Honey Badgers Band
- Kids Play Zone with Bouncy House
- Antique Cars on display
- Pet Parade & Costume Contest
- G.A.I.N Event

SHOPPING:

Start your Christmas shopping from our neighborhood artists and crafters.

*Block Watch, Community Action Officer,
Neighborhood Services Representative & Many More.*

COME & ENJOY!

Help Shape City of Phoenix Neighborhood College

Neighborhood College is a program designed to provide information and knowledge to residents about City programs, services and resources, as well as foster skills and ideas with which to build positive, resilient and sustainable communities.

Neighborhood Services is working on revamping this program to add more workshops and interactive presentations about various topics in the near future.



Help shape the curriculum for Neighborhood College with this short [survey](#)! Information will be used to determine what kinds of workshops, discussions and presentations to offer residents for FREE in the near future.

November Planting Calendar

EARLY NOVEMBER:

- Treat current crops for mildew and aphids.
- It's time for cold crop planning – lettuce, broccoli, etc.

MID-NOVEMBER:

- Warm days means there is still time to plant your ryegrass seeds for a great winter lawn.
- It's a great time to plant pansies – winter's hardiest flower!
- Remember to fertilize your ryegrass after the second mowing.

LATE NOVEMBER:

- Looking for festive holiday color? Consider hanging baskets on your porch or patio!

Source: [Summer Winds Nursery](#)

10	Things Children Learn From Watching Adults – Even When Nobody Is “Teaching”	10
1	How to handle big emotions. Children learn by watching how we respond when we're frustrated, stressed, or overwhelmed. They don't need us to be calm every moment. They benefit from seeing that we can pause, collect ourselves, and work through difficult feelings.	
2	How to treat every person with respect. The way we interact with cashiers, waiters, neighbors, and strangers sends a message about the value we place on other people. Small acts of courtesy can teach a lasting lesson about kindness and dignity.	
3	How to speak about other people. The way we talk about friends, colleagues, and people who aren't present helps shape how children understand kindness, fairness, and respect – even when we have differences or disagreements.	
4	How to respond when we make mistakes. Children see what we do when things don't go as planned. A willingness to acknowledge a mistake, apologize, or try a different approach teaches them that getting something wrong is part of being human.	
5	How to handle disappointment. Life doesn't always go our way. When plans change or expectations aren't met, children get to see how we adapt, find perspective, and move forward. We teach resilience not by avoiding disappointment, but by showing how to work through it.	
6	How to disagree with others. Children learn from watching us navigate different opinions. We can show them that it's possible to stand by our beliefs, listen to another perspective, and treat someone respectfully even when we don't agree.	
7	What we choose to prioritize. Our words tell children what's important. Our everyday choices help bring those values to life. When they see us make time for family, keep our commitments, and act with integrity, those lessons become tangible.	
8	How to speak to ourselves. Children notice how we talk about our own abilities, appearance, and mistakes. When they hear us treat ourselves with patience and recognize that we can grow, they learn that they deserve that same kindness.	
9	How to use responsibility and influence. Whether we're leading a team, helping a colleague, or making a decision that affects someone else, children can see how we use the responsibilities we've been given. We can show them that leadership means listening, being fair, and helping others succeed.	
10	What it means to care about others. Children notice the everyday moments when we check on someone, offer help, show patience, or make time for a person who needs us. Those ordinary acts help them understand that compassion is something we practice, not just something we talk about.	

PET PARADE

& COSTUME CONTEST

Sunburst Farms

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NOVEMBER 7TH
AT 4:00 PM

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED
AFTERNOON OF FURRY FRIENDS,
FESTIVE COSTUMES,
AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT!

DIRECTIONS

 All animals must be
40 inches or under.

 All animals must
be on leash, in a
wagon, cage or
somehow contained.

★ PRIZES! ★

Prizes will be awarded for

1ST PLACE

2ND PLACE

3RD PLACE

 **THANK YOU FOR
HELPING KEEP OUR
EVENT SAFE AND
ENJOYABLE FOR ALL!**

 **LET'S CELEBRATE OUR AMAZING ANIMALS TOGETHER!** 

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

★ — **CALL MARGARET AT 602-361-7797** — ★

WHY I BECAME A SUNBURST FARMS CO-OP BOARD MEMBER [BY LORETTA PRICE]

COMMUNITY: is probably the most straightforward, one-word reason for participation in our unique Sunburst Farms Community Cooperative [SFCC]. Before moving to Sunburst Farms over 30 years ago, I lived in a planned development where everyone had identical block walls and long driveways with tall metal gates. A 'bedroom' community if there ever was one!

Quite literally, the one occasion when I met some of my immediate neighbors was when we had a summertime power outage and several people took to the streets. "Oh, so you've lived next door for the past XX years. Nice to meet you."

Imagine the change of moving to the Farms, taking an evening walk around the block with kids/dogs and stopping to talk with five or six neighbors about irrigation, dog breeds, and the cost of eggs all within one block! The Co-Op (aka HOA) is an informal, social organization that takes 'community' a stage further by offering events where neighbors can get together. Has anybody ever told a friend about our Street Fair

who is not envious? Naturally privacy, individual pursuits and a retreat from the mad dash of urban life are also important. Membership in the Co-Op is voluntary and has a *de-minimis* expense.



Participation is encouraged and talented people are needed to become board members so that the Co-Op can be everything that you want it to be. A home within Sunburst Farms is the envy of many and our unique Co-Op is one of the factors that adds to that appeal.

THE 2027 SFCC ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE STREET FAIR ON NOVEMBER 7TH

The Co-op serves the community in promoting our lifestyle and social events for all residents to meet their neighbors.

There are many ways Board Members can contribute to the community:

- Board members are needed to assist with content in our e-Newsletter, website, and Facebook group;
- Host and help organize events;
- Love Our Neighbors social to show appreciation for our volunteers;
 - St Patrick's Day Party
 - Easter Party and Egg Hunt
 - Halloween map for neighbors to sign up and meet neighbors and trick-or-treaters
 - Annual Street Fair and Board Election
 - Holiday Hayrides – from hosting, driving, or decorating trailers, many hands makes these events magical
- Serving as a liaison with the City of Phoenix, Neighborhood Services, local policy and fire departments, and the City Council District 1 and sharing relevant information with the community;
- Raising funds for the SFCC Scholarship Fund, which benefits middle and high school students;
- Serving as the SFCC Blockwatch Captain and assisting with community safety; and
- Organizing street cleanups and future dumpsters brought to the community.



DID YOU KNOW? The Co-op was responsible for the two monuments on 43rd Ave, the green street sign toppers and the blockwatch signs throughout the neighborhood.

Now that you are interested, you may ask about the duties!

- Board members are expected to attend the monthly meeting. This is when the Board usually discuss plans for betterment of the community or any issues a resident brings to the meeting.
- Board members should attend most of the events and help recruit volunteers to assist with the events.
- Recruit neighbors to become members of the Co-op.
- Our board is very active at the events, getting to know our neighbors and spreading the word. Sometimes there might be physical work such as decorating the trailers for the hayrides, or giving out candy at the Easter Egg hunt.

To add your name to the ballot, email SFCC Treasurer Misty Wickizer-Jernigan @ wickizermisty@yahoo.com by 11/1/2026.

SUNBURST FARMS COOPERATIVE NEEDS A NEW BLOCK WATCH CHAIR

Block Watch is a long-standing partnership between the city and citizens. This is a program of neighbors looking out for each other. It is designed to enlist the active participation of citizens to reduce crime by reporting suspicious activity to police and improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.



WHAT IS BLOCK WATCH?

This is a simple program of neighbors watching out for each other. It is designed to enlist the active participation of citizens in cooperation with the police to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

- It is becoming acquainted with your neighbors.
- It is working together to identify and solve problems in your community.
- It is helping the police by being aware of and reporting any unusual activities as they occur.
- It is the implementation of crime prevention techniques to enhance home security.
- It is putting neighbors back into neighborhoods.
- It is NOT apprehending someone ... leave that to the police.

HOW DOES BLOCK WATCH WORK?

Block Watch works when you and your neighbors use simple techniques to deter, delay, and detect crime, and improve the quality of life for the neighborhood.

Being aware of criminal activity can help in keeping your neighborhood safe. Promptly reporting all criminal or suspicious activity to 9-1-1- or Crime Stop at (602) 262-6161 helps the police assist you in promoting a safe and healthy neighborhood.

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR A SFCC BLOCK WATCH REPRESENTATIVE

- Must be available for periodic, medium commitment training opportunities provided by the City of Phoenix; either in person or remotely. (Attend the one-time PNP training). There are several other training opportunities one could take for a volunteer with a more generous time commitment to the role.
- Must be able to participate in group communications via Facebook.
- Must be willing to attend at least three of the six Acoma Park Block Watch regular meetings, promote those meetings within the Sunburst Farms community and lead topics of discussion for the benefit of the community.
- Must be an effective communicator both verbally and in writing so as to communicate issues and ideas in person during meetings and in writing on the group's Facebook pages.
- Must be willing to commit to flexible, periodic patrols of the community either by car or on foot when entering or leaving the community to observe and report suspicious activity.
- Rarely, but potentially, file the occasional police report online or report blight issues as needed via email.
- The ideal representative would also solicit volunteers to undergo training and lead them in the participation of patrols as needed.
- Purposeful patrols should only take a few hours a week and would best be done by a person who is out of the house a lot but not out of the neighborhood. This person is probably a jogger, a regular walker or a person who regularly takes the kids out and about to the park or their favorite play location. A patrol is also the person who sits on their front porch in the morning or afternoon and observes the school buses picking up and dropping off.

Questions? Please contact Loretta Price at (602) 332-6909.

HALLOWEEN IN SUNBURST FARMS TRICK — OR — TREAT



It's time to build our list of
homes preparing for the
many goblins and ghouls
that will be out and about
on Halloween!

To add your address to the list, email your
address to wickizermisty@yahoo.com by
Monday, 10/27/2026, A full list will be
shared by Thursday, 10/29/26.

DON'T ANSWER THE DOOR: HOW COURIER FRAUD IS TARGETING PEOPLE OF EVERY AGE

Imagine receiving a phone call from someone who sounds exactly like a member of your financial institution's fraud team. They tell you your account has been compromised. They sound calm, professional and reassuring. They know your name. They know your address. They know the thought of fraud scares you.

They then ask you to hand over your debit card to a courier or withdraw thousands of dollars in cash and give it to a 'representative'—who often doesn't even realize they're part of a scam—who will come directly to your front door to collect it.

This is courier fraud. And it is happening right now, in neighborhoods across Arizona and the country, to people of all ages and backgrounds.

WHAT IS COURIER FRAUD?

Courier fraud is a type of scam where criminals impersonate trusted organizations, most commonly financial institutions, the police, or government agencies, and manipulate victims into handing over cash, cards or personal financial information.

THE FRAUD TYPICALLY UNFOLDS IN STAGES:

- ♦ The Call: A fraudster poses as a member of your financial institution, a police officer or a fraud investigator claiming your account was compromised.
- ♦ The Trust: They already know your name, where you bank, sometimes even partial account numbers sources from data breaches or social media.
- ♦ The Ask: They instruct you to hand your card to a courier or withdraw cash for "safekeeping" or "evidence."
- ♦ The Loss: Once the card or cash leaves your hands, its gone.

WHO ARE THE FRAUDSTERS TARGETING?

The short answer: everyone. But different groups are being approached in different ways, and it's important that every generation understands the risk.

A MESSAGE TO OLDER ADULTS (BOOMERS AND BEYOND)

If you were born before 1965, you grew up in a time when a call from a financial institution or a police officer meant something. It carried weight. And scammers know that — they use it to their advantage. Criminals targeting older adults often sound formal and authoritative. They may introduce themselves as part of a "Fraud Team" or "Financial Crimes Unit" or claim to be working on an urgent investigation. They will create pressure and secrecy, asking you not to tell family members because it's "sensitive."

A MESSAGE TO GEN X (BORN 1965–1980)

Gen X adults are often pulled in every direction: managing careers, supporting kids and looking out for older parents. And scammers know it. Calls are often short, direct and urgent, built to trigger quick action instead of careful thinking. Some versions of courier fraud target this group by impersonating the IRS, claiming there's a tax issue or penalty that needs immediate attention, then quickly shifting to the same end goal: getting you to withdraw cash or hand over your card.

A MESSAGE TO MILLENNIALS (BORN 1981–1996)

You're likely confident spotting scams online: phishing emails, fake links, suspicious texts. But courier fraud works differently. It moves offline, showing up through phone calls and at your front door, designed to get past the skepticism you apply online. Scammers targeting millennials often play at speed and efficiency. They frame the situation as urgent and solvable, something you can fix quickly if you just follow instructions. They might claim your mobile financial institutions app has been compromised.

A MESSAGE TO GEN Z (BORN 1997-2012)

You've grown up hearing about scams, recognizing sketchy bots and seeing phishing messages in your texts and DMs. But courier fraud doesn't stay on your screen. It starts with a call or message and quickly moves into the real world, where it feels more convincing. Scammers targeting Gen Z often use familiar, digital-first language. They may claim there's suspicious activity on your account, a login issue, or a problem with your payment app. They'll try to create urgency—pushing you to fix it fast before something worse happens. Once you're engaged, they shift tactics—asking you to move money, withdraw cash, or hand something off in-person.

THE GOLDEN RULES: FOR EVERYONE

These rules apply regardless of your age, background, or how trustworthy the caller seems.

Your financial institution will never send a courier to collect your card. Ever. Not for any reason.

- ♦ Your financial institution will never ask you to withdraw cash and hand it to someone. No legitimate financial institution operates this way.
- ♦ The police will not ask for your debit card. No branch of law enforcement will ever request your PIN or ask you to surrender financial assets.
- ♦ Secrecy is a scam tactic. If anyone instructs you not to tell family members or friends, that is a sign something is seriously wrong.
- ♦ Take your time. Fraudsters rely on panic. If you feel rushed, pressured or confused, that is reason enough to stop the conversation entirely.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU RECEIVE ONE OF THESE CALLS

- ♦ Hang up. You do not owe anyone an explanation.
- ♦ Call your financial institution directly using the number printed on the back of your card or on your financial institution's official website.

REPORT IT USING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ♦ Phoenix Police (non-emergency): 602-262-6151. File a report even if you didn't lose money; it creates an official record and helps investigators identify patterns.
- ♦ FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3): gov. The primary federal portal for reporting financial fraud and cybercrime.
- ♦ Federal Trade Commission (FTC): ftc.gov. Reports help the FTC identify criminal networks across state lines.
- ♦ Arizona Attorney General's Office: gov/complaints/consumer or (602) 542-5025. The AG's office investigates consumer fraud and can act against scammers operating in Arizona.
- ♦ Arizona Adult Protective Services: (877) 767-2385. Call if you believe a vulnerable adult is being financially exploited.

IF YOU THINK YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN A VICTIM

First, please don't feel embarrassed. These scams are highly sophisticated and designed to manipulate trust and urgency. Falling for one isn't a reflection of your intelligence as many smart, informed people have been targeted.

If something like this happens to you, act quickly. Contact your financial institution using the number on the back of your card and tell someone like a close family member or trusted friend about what you think happened. The sooner you report it; the more options may be available to help protect you.

HELP PROTECT OTHERS

Courier fraud depends on people not talking about it. The more we share, the harder it becomes for scammers to succeed.

Source: [Desert Financial](#)

SUNBURST FARMS 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[October—December]

OCTOBER

5 SFCC Board Mtg., 6:30pm @ SBFID Office*

6 SBFID Mtg., 7pm @ SBFID Office*

26 Vendor Deadline for SFCC Street Fair

31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

3 SBFID Mtg., 7pm @ SBFID Office*

7 SFCC 7th Annual Street Fair and

General Election

24 Bulk Trash Pick-Up

DECEMBER

7 SFCC Board Mtg., 6:30pm @ SBFID Office*

8 SBFID Mtg., 7pm @ SBFID Office*

12 + 13 SFCC

Holiday Hayrides

**SBFID office is located at 16040 N. 43rd Ave.*



Changes to Bulk Trash Collection for Sunburst Farms

Effective June 1, 2026, homeowners will not be permitted to schedule individual bulk trash pick-ups. Quarterly pick-ups will continue. The remaining community collection dates for 2026 are as follows:

- November 24, 2026



Sunburst Farms Community Cooperative

- ⇒ Vision: Neighbors working together to retain and enjoy the rural lifestyle of the Sunburst Farms Community.
- ⇒ Mission: Promote community spirit as well as a country lifestyle through communication, social events, education, and community involvement.
- ⇒ Values: To achieve our mission: we value honesty, fairness, respect, cooperation, and participation.

For more information, visit www.sunburstfarmscc.org.