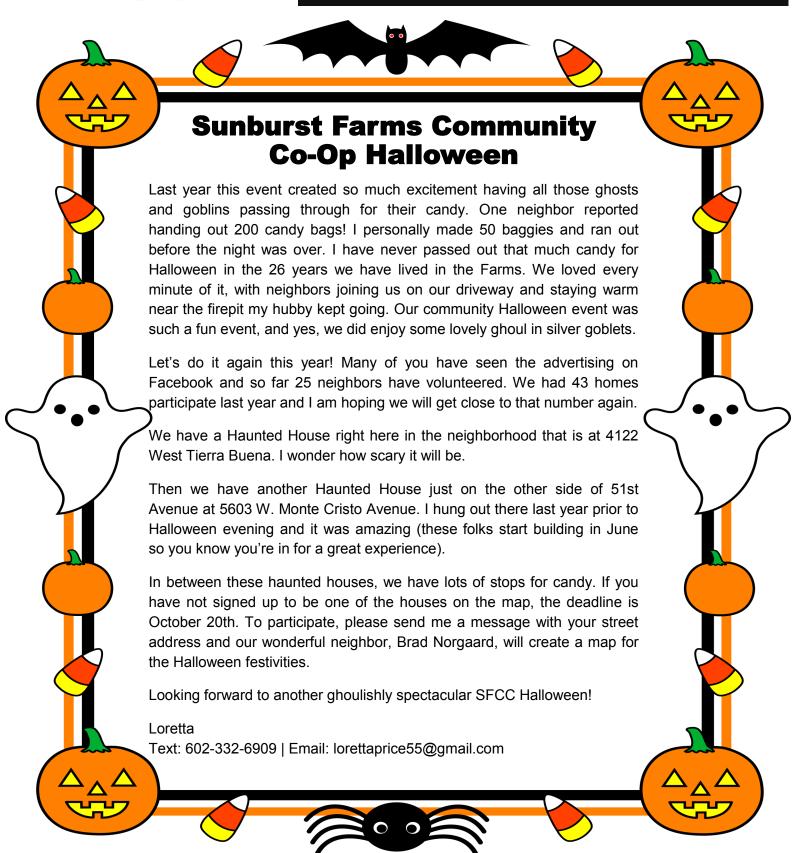


# SUNBURST FARMS NEWS

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#### **IRRIGATION CHANGES?**

Please contact the office via email at manager@sbfidphx.com or sign up at the boards on the lines before 10am on Wednesday's before your irrigation week for any changes. You can also call the office at (602) 938-8760, M-F between 8am and 4pm.

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Cactus Park Precinct
Community Action Officer

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## Sunburst Farms Holiday Hayrides Raffle

It's that time of year when planning begins for the annual Sunburst Farms holiday hayrides. Scheduled for December 18th and 19th, don't miss this amazing opportunity to join friends, family, and neighbors on a guided tour of holiday lights with tasty treats!

This year, make your hayride even more special with a private trailer that will pick you and your guests up at your front door!

The Sunburst Farms Co-Op is raffling off one private trailer for the 2021 Holiday Hayrides. All proceeds will go to the Sunburst Farms Co-Op Scholarship Fund to help cover awards for future scholarship recipients.

Raffle tickets for this private trailer will be available for purchase beginning Friday, October 1st, 2021 through Saturday, November 6th, 2021 at the SFCC Street Fair. The winner will be announced Monday, November 8th, 2021. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 (cash only).

To purchase tickets, contact SFCC Scholarship Chair Misty Wickizer-Jernigan at <a href="wickizermisty@yahoo.com">wickizermisty@yahoo.com</a>.

### VOLUNTEER @ THE 2021 SFCC STREET FAIR

The Sunburst Farms Co-Op Street Fair will soon be here! To make the event a success, volunteers are needed to help set up, monitor the children's area, sell raffle tickets, clean up, and more.

For youth ages 11 to 18, volunteering at the SFCC Street Fair is a great way to earn hours that can be used to apply for our annual scholarship program.

The SFCC Street Fair is Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> along 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Country Gables and Port Au Prince Lane.

# Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Assist vendors unload their vehicles, set up their tables at 1pm [10 volunteers]
- Work at the membership/information/ raffle table [4 volunteers]
- Monitor the children's play area [4 volunteers]
- Walk around the event and sell raffle tickets [4 volunteers]
- Post-event clean up [6 volunteers]

#### To volunteer, contact:

- Loretta Price: 602-332-6909 or <u>lorettaprice55@gmail.com</u> or Facebook
- Andrea Bradbury: <u>abradbury56@gmail.com</u>
- Pam Stevenson: psteve4919@aol.com









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DATE: NOV. 6TH

IME: 3-9PM

# 3RD ANNUAL STREET FAIL

45th Avenue between Port au Prince & Country Gables







- FOOD - FUN - GAMES - CARS - RAFFLES - ANIMALS

## MUSIC AND FUN:

- Games in the pasture for the kiddos. Bouncy house, cotton candy and popcorn.
- Music by Dave Snyder and the Honey Badgers band
- · Parade of goats, Minnie horses and other exotic animals
- Unique vehicles on display, (Airstream Travel Trailler, Sheppard's truck and more)

## **GREAT FOOD AND FUN:**

Variety of Food vendors, chicken, tacos, burgers, and more, join us for dinner and dessert \*B.Y.O.B. Welcome

- Arrandale Coffee Truck
- Airstream Travel Trailer and they will be giving out Yogurtini samples

## SHOPPING:

Shopping from local crafters and artisans

WITH GREAT **PRIZES** 

Block Watch, Community action office Cactus park precinct A special trailer will be raffled for the Holiday Hayrides with a Santa Raffle will support the SFCC Scholarship fund

Flyer Designed by Electronic Ink Graphic Design - www.ElectronicInkAZ.com Flyer Printed by Ambient Printing - www.AmbientPrintingAZ.com

#### **BE A VENDOR**

Apply to be a vendor by completing this form and emailing it to lorettaprice55@gmail.com. You can also print and drop the form and payment off at the address listed on the form. Note: payment must be received prior to the event.

#### **BE A VOLUNTEER**

If you'd like to help out the neighborhood and volunteer at this year's street fair, send an email to lorettaprice55@gmail.com expressing your interest! Volunteers are needed for the following: set up, break down, event supervision, raffle ticket sales, and more.

#### **Sunburst Farms Community Co-Op 2022 Board Election**

A reminder to all, the Sunburst Farms Co-Op is a separate entity from the Irrigation district. The Co-Op promotes the lifestyle we all enjoy in the farms, offering various social events for neighbors to meet and get to know each other, and in turn, we look out for one another. We communicate when there are issues or something unusual happening via the various communications tools available to us.

This year we are doing things a little differently for the upcoming election on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm during the opening of our Street Fair.

Current board members Andrea Bradbury, Pam Stevenson, and I contacted Co-Op members and invited those who were interested in serving on the 2022 board. The results are great, and we have a diverse group of Farm residents' names on the ballot for 2022.

Please take a moment to review the ballot. If you are interested in serving on the board, please use the Write-In option on the ballot. Simply add your name and bring your signed ballot to the SFCC Election table at the Street Fair. Note to serve on the SFCC Board, you must live in Sunburst Farms, which has the following borders, east of 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue, west of 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between Paradise Lane and Acoma, including the section of Gelding that is part of the Farms.

Nancy Doll will be our contact person and will collect your ballots. You may also drop them off in advance of the November 6<sup>th</sup> election at 4722 W Port au Prince Lane.

Thank you for voting in the 2022 Sunburst Farms Board election!

## Stay Safe: How to Handle Bulling and Social Media

All of us, including kids – seem to be spending more time online these days. No matter your age, an online presence comes with the risk of cyberbullying and other online crimes. That's why it's important to teach your kids to be smart about social media.

When teens post photos of themselves, use their real names and birthdates, and share their school name or town, it can make them easy targets for online predators.

It can also be harmful for kids to spend too much time on social media. Too much screen time can lead to kids unfairly comparing themselves to others. That may trigger feels that make kids feel bad about themselves.

#### Three Tips For A Safe Online Presence:

#### 1. Think about your post.

- Don't share anything you wouldn't want your teacher or grandma to see.
- Be nice to others online. Don't say things that embarrass or hurt other people's feelings.

Don't post your location, phone number, or event details.

#### 2. Passwords and privacy settings.

- Review privacy setting with kids to make sure they understand them.
- It's important to keep passwords secret. Remind kids not to share passwords with friends.
- Only "friend" people you actually know.

#### 3. Set limits on media use.

- Establish a reasonable amount of screen time per day.
- Keep computers in the office, living room, or kitchen
   where everyone can see them.

Parents, always ask your kids to tell you if anyone is harassing or bullying them online or in person.



Source: Kids Health, "Teaching Kids to Be Smart About Social Media"

# SUNBURST FARMS COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE BALLOT FOR 2022 ELECTIONS

Members: Please place a check next to the name of the candidate you would like to vote for. Select all or any combination of names.

Candidates	Candidates
Cyndi Black	Emily Harrison
Cameron Chandler	Marsha Jones
Anthony Chase	Roger McCannon
Dawn Deford	Dawn Marie Peabody
Julie Evan	Loretta Price
Dawn Gallager	Pam Stevenson

Write-In & Floor Nominations:	
If voting by proxy this allows: directed above in the Sunburst Farms Community Cod	(name) to cast my vote as
to be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 3pm.	operative dicotion for the 2022 board of Birectors
My Name:	(Please Print)
Signature:	
Note: Members that own their property in joint ten	ancy, each owner may vote.
Address:	
Date:	

Note: A limited quantity of printed ballots will be available at the SFCC Street Fair

# SUNBURST FARMS IRRIGATION DISTRICT DIRECTOR CANDIDATE PROFILE: VICTOR ARMENDARIZ

My name is Victor Armendariz and I am a current board member of Sunburst Farms irrigation district. I am running for another three-year term. In my current term with the board, we have reduced rates two out of three years. When I am re-elected, I have a solid fiscal plan to reduce rates by \$12 dollars per acre, per month. The district is currently in a very strong financial position which allows me the ability to propose such a large decrease for our next fiscal year budget. This means next July your monthly bill will be reduced by \$12.00 per acre per month!

When I began my first year in office in January of 2019 the district was nearly broke. There was only \$18,853.47 in the operating account. We did not have enough money in the account to cover payroll during the months of January and February of 2019. Our average electric bill to run the wells is \$16,000 per month. Under my watchful eye, as of August 31, 2021, the operating account of the district has \$250,176.83 in it. In two years and ten months, through careful fiscal oversight the operating capital was increased by \$231,323.36.

Sunburst Farms has nearly 17 miles of irrigation pipe, over 60 slide gates and nearly 1400 valves needed to deliver water to each parcel. We hired a new Irrigation Manager July 1st with the intent of improving the infrastructure of the district. That plan is firmly in progress. We currently have a contract to repair another quarter mile section of main irrigation pipe. This winter when time allows, and we move to a three-week irrigation schedule, you will see even more repairs underway.

A couple of things about me. I have lived in Sunburst farms since 1998 and was previously a board member from 2012 through 2014. I have had a 35-year career with the Phoenix Fire Department, mostly as a Captain. I am responsible for planning and implementing large-scale operations. In addition, I operated a tree nursery for nearly four decades. As a tree nursery owner and operator, I understand irrigation, water delivery systems and well management.

In addition to my responsibilities with the irrigation district I am very involved with the Sunburst Farms Community CO-OP. For the street fair I donate the trailer the band plays on and bring a fire truck so the children can spray water. For the Christmas hayride I donate two large trailers so big groups can be together and provide I provide traffic safety for the participants.

The current Irrigation Board President and several past board members are supporting my bid for re-election.

The election date for the irrigation board is Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup>. As the owner of a parcel (an acre) of land within the boundaries of Sunburst Farms Irrigation District, you are eligible to vote. Each parcel of land is entitled to one full vote if each person listed on the deed votes their proportionate share. If a husband and a wife are listed on the deed of a parcel and they both vote, each vote would count as one half of a vote for a total of one full vote for the parcel. If you want to vote early by mail you must go to the district office and register for an early ballot.

#### AS A CURRENT BOARD MEMBER HERE ARE SOME OF MY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- I worked tirelessly to settle two lawsuits filed against the district prior to the start of my term with no additional District funds spent. When my term began in January of 2019, there was a lawsuit pending. It had been filed against Sunburst Farms Irrigation District by our former office manager claiming sexual harassment and a hostile work environment. Additionally, the civil rights division of the Attorney General's office also had a lawsuit filed against us. The district had accumulated nearly \$27,000.00 in legal expenses in defending the lawsuits. A claim was filed in January with our insurance company for coverage of our legal expenses. On February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, we received a letter declining coverage. Through persistency and an unwillingness to accept no for an answer I was able to secure coverage and on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the insurance company accepted the claim. The result, not one single district dollar was spent in the defense of the two lawsuits. On January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, after over two years legal maneuvering, both lawsuits were settled at NO COST to the district.
- Through dedicated effort I was able to recover nearly \$7000.00 by challenging workman's compensation audits for three prior years, 2017, 2018 and 2019. A review of prior years' claims may only be challenged to the previous three years. I now personally review all audits prior to filing.
- As a strategic planner I recommended that we keep a spare well motor as an emergency backup. For forty years we always traded in our old well motors. The result, when we had a motor which was under warranty fail earlier this year, the spare motor was installed and fourteen hours later water was being pumped. If we had not had the spare, residents who receive water from the 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue pump would have gone weeks without water.
- Replaced many of the galvanized slides with stainless steel on our standpipe gates. The
  galvanized was lasting around two to three years. The stainless steel is not showing any signs
  of wear after two years. Several more are going to be replaced this winter. The stainless steel
  parts are cut to order by Industrial Metals and then taken to a shop to be welded up. The cost is
  just slightly more than purchasing galvanized slides off the shelf.
- Under my direction the district created a Facebook page to serve as another manner of informing our residents of District information.
- Recommended that all board meetings be available on Zoom so the residents who cannot attend are well informed. Beginning with our board meeting October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, all meetings will be available on Zoom. An e-mail will be sent with a link to our account.
- Instituted a new scheduling/billing system now owned by the district. It is web based so
  residents are now conveniently able to manage their irrigation times through a website. This
  will be available by the end of the month. Zelle payments will also be an option once the buyout
  of BBVA by PNC Bank is complete. Much more than this was achieved but this is a highlight of
  some of the accomplishments of the last three years.

# SUNBURST FARMS IRRIGATION DISTRICT DIRECTOR CANDIDATE PROFILE: THELDA WILLIAMS

Thelda Williams completed her latest term last March as Council District 1 Councilwoman in northwest Phoenix. She also served as mayor in 1994, 2011, 2018-2019 and is the only person in Phoenix history to hold the mayoral title three times. Clearly she is respected by her peers and the voters.

Williams has served on the Phoenix City Council since 2008 and previously from 1989 to 1996. She was re-elected in 2015 for a third four-year term. Public service has been her passion for more than three decades and she has been active in community affairs, working on topics including **water**, infrastructure, transportation, public safety, economic development, aviation, women's issues, animal abuse and city planning.

- Married to husband Mel Williams (deceased in 2017), three children, three grandchildren
- Sunburst Farms resident since 1981
- Three generations of law enforcement in her family
- Leading the effort to combat domestic violence
- Creating safe neighborhoods by investing in public safety and promoting community involvement
- Continuing her fight on behalf of abused and neglected animals

Thelda decided to run for the Board of Directors of Sunburst Farms Irrigation District. She has done so much for the City of Phoenix, and she has many great ideas on how she can help the District. From the moment she made the decision to run for this position, she has been studying District operations, learning about the irrigation system, attending meetings, educating herself about the budget, elections, and the history of the District. She is ready to hit the ground running.

A knowledge of and willingness to follow the Arizona Revised Statutes, Open Meeting Law and Public Records Law, under which the District operates, is vital and Thelda is familiar with these statutes and laws. She believes in ethics, transparency and effective communication and is interested in establishing more structure in the District. She has concerns about the future water needs of the City, as they pertain to the aquifer and the water requirements of the homeowners of Sunburst Farms. In addition she believes the District needs new blood and that she can bring fresh ideas and methods.

Thelda is supported and endorsed by four previous Irrigation District Presidents: Peggy Schwend, Karen Mills, Kay Lorenzen and Richard Mitten. These four people have dedicated years of service to the District and recognize the potential of Thelda's presence on the Board.

# ACREAGE SYSTEM ELECTION OF NEW SBFID DIRECTOR ON NOVEMBER 9, 2021

As a homeowner in Sunburst Farms Irrigation District, you have right to vote for the director who will serve on the board and make decisions for the next 3 years. Need to elect someone who will be representing ALL the 647 homeowners and 828 acres in our district.

In the Acreage system of voting (one vote for each acre), homeowners are qualified to vote if they are: residents of the state of Arizona, are at least 18 years old and have owned the property in the Sunburst Farms District for at least 90 days before the election.

**INDIVIDUAL – JOINT – COMMUNITY PROPERTY, ETC.** All homeowners who own their property as individuals, (such as, individual, joint tenants, community property, etc.), do not need to register to be qualified to vote in the next election. You are already qualified and can vote in the next election. If more than one person is listed on the title, then each person can vote based on the fraction of ownership.

**TRUST** | All properties that are owned by a Trust requires that ALL trustee(s) fill out a form to declare which individual has the authority to cast the vote(s) for those properties. One person will have the authority to cast all the votes.

**CORPORATIONS** | All properties in SBFID that are owned by a Corporation requires that the board members of that corporation pass a resolution appointing an authorized person to cast the votes for the properties. That resolution must be submitted to SBFID no later than 30 days prior to the election. (30 days prior to the election is the LAST day that corporate resolutions can be submitted to SBFID).

**EARLY BALLOT** | You have the right to ask that an early ballot be sent to you at your residence. (93 days before the election is the earliest and 15 days prior to election is the latest date you can request an Early/Absentee ballot).

A. Call of Election per A.R.S. 16-227 A.

- 1. Purpose of the Election: Acreage System Election of one Board Member
- 2. Date of Election: November 9, 2021
- 3. The last date for filing nomination petitions:
  - a. To have Candidate's name on the ballot: The last date to file nomination petition is July 12, 2021
  - b. To have a qualified candidate be a valid write-in candidate for an election that may be canceled: August 25, 2021.
  - c. To submit petition to have a qualified candidate be a valid write-in candidate is 10 days prior to election: October 29, 2021.
- 4. The last date for corporations to submit an authorized resolution designating the person to vote in the Election is October 8, 2021.
- 5. Sunburst Farms Irrigation District will conduct the Election at the District Office located at 16040 N. 43rd Ave., Glendale, AZ 85306 Polls will be open: 8AM to 6PM.

Voter Qualifications: Holder of evidence of title for at least 90 days prior to election. Must have resided continuously for six (6) months immediately preceding the Election in the County in which the District or a part thereof is located. Must be at least 18 years of age.

## SUNBURST FARMS 2021 CALENDAR OF **EVENTS**

[October—December]

#### OCTOBER

5 Irrigation District Mtg, 7PM, **Irrigation District Office** 9 Community Yard Sale 27 SFCC Board Meeting, 6PM, Denny's @ 51st and Thunderbird 31 Halloween

#### **DECEMBER**

7 Irrigation District Mtg, 7PM, **Irrigation District Office** 18 SFCC Havrides 19 SFCC Hayrides

#### November

2 Irrigation District Mtg, 7PM, **Irrigation District Office** 6 SFCC Annual Elections @3PM at SFCC Street Fair 6 SFCC Street Fair [details here]





## **BULK PICK UP** SCHEDULE FOR AREA 2 PLACEMENT BEGINS

November 20, 2021

#### **COLLECTION BEGINS**

November 29, 2021

#### **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.com.