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**The Homing Project Newsletter for February 2026**

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**Here is your February 2026 THP Newsletter.  
Please share it with a friend.**

**Getting the Word Out About the Homing Project!**

**During late February and March, the Homing Project will be participating in two local events to let more people know about the Homing Project and encourage donations. These are great opportunities to volunteer or to bring your friends and family by to learn more about the programs plan to address homelessness in Tucson. See more below...**

Tucson's 42nd Annual

FREE TO ATTEND!

# PEACE FAIR & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 28, 2026  
11am-4pm  
Location: Reid Park

\*LIVE MUSIC

THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE  
IS STRONGER  
THAN THE PEOPLE IN  
**POWER**

\*ENTERTAINMENT

\*FOOD

\*TABLES

\*CHILDREN'S  
ACTIVITIES



\*AND MUCH  
MORE



Arizona's largest gathering of Peace,  
Justice, and Environmental groups.  
For more info go to  
[www.TucsonPeaceCalendar.org](http://www.TucsonPeaceCalendar.org)



The Peace Fair – Saturday, February 28, 11 AM – 4 PM, Reid Park near the bandshell.

We will have a table at this free, community-focused event, Arizona's largest gathering of peace, social justice, and environmental organizations, featuring live music, local food, and kids' activities.

We need 2-3 volunteers to staff the Homing Project table during the second shift (1:30 PM – 4:30 PM). If you are interested please contact Shelley Carton via text (520.247.7070) or email [scar10@comcast.net](mailto:scar10@comcast.net).



living streets alliance

# Cyclovia Tucson

LIVING STREETS ALLIANCE

**Downtown ↔ Amphi**

**Sunday | domingo**  
**April 12th, 2026**  
**9am – 3pm**

**¡Guarda La Fecha!**

**Save the Date!**

-  **ACTIVITY HUB**  
CENTRO DE ACTIVIDAD
-  **CYCLOVIA ROUTE**  
RUTA DE CYCLOVÍA
-  **CAR CROSSING**  
CRUCE DE CARROS



Cyclovia – Saturday, April 12, 9 AM – 3 PM, Downtown to Amphi Neighborhood.

Cyclovia is an *open streets* event which attracts thousands of Tucsonans, to bike, walk and roll a three mile car-free route from Downtown to the Amphi area. ([See the route here](#) ) The Homing Project will have one of our micro-shelters on display for the community to see and learn about. We know from past experience that actually seeing one of the micro-shelters helps people understand the possibilities they offer. We are looking for volunteers to staff our display. If you are available, please contact Shelley Carton via text (520.247.7070) or email [scar10@comcast.net](mailto:scar10@comcast.net). If you are participating in Cyclovia, please bring your friends by to see the house.

**Documentary by University of Arizona students on Esperanza Village!**

The documentary Homes & Hope,

by UA students Gabby Hartman and Ellie Moffet,

about [The Homing Project and Esperanza Village](#), can be viewed here.

**Drone Tour of Esperanza Village**

**courtesy of Gregg Sasse of Southern Arizona Land Trust!**

# Homing Project Aerial Video



**2026 CACTUS and PLANT SALE**



**Potting cactus are (left to right) Lois Mastrangelo, Angie Valenzuela, and Marty Glover**

No doubt many of you will soon be, or have already begun, planning and working in your gardens and yards.

This is a reminder for you to think, *as you garden*, about supporting The Homing Project's upcoming CACTUS & PLANT SALE !!!!

While the sale isn't until October, the Cactus & Plant Sale Committee has been gearing up already. So, is a plea for:

- your cactus/plant cuttings
- your extra plants
- your discarded plants
- anything we can root and nurture into something saleable.

Don't think what you have isn't good enough.

PLEASE Text or email Lois (617) 584-4838

or [cactusmommy@gmail.com](mailto:cactusmommy@gmail.com).

Lois will arrange a pick-up. Just let her know your address and when the plants will be ready for pick-up. *We are also ready and eager to help you dig up the plants.*

Last year's Cactus & Plant Sale, The Homing Project's first, was a great success. We have a high bar to meet and surpass and we need your help to do so.

Of course, we also welcome contributions of lovely and unusual plants -- indoor and outdoor -- with or without spines .

Thank you, on behalf of the Cactus & Plant Sale Committee,  
Angie & Lois

[Volunteer Sign Up Site](#)

## The Homing Project Donation Page

# Announcement: REPORTING VOLUNTEER HOURS

### Volunteer Hours Worked Reporting:

To support our grant applications, it is important to represent the level of volunteer support THP enjoys. To this end, volunteer hours spent working on The Homing Project should be reported to Jody Mallie ([jodymallie@gmail.com](mailto:jodymallie@gmail.com)) by the 10th of the following month. Hours volunteered should be reported by category: 1) Board hours, 2) Volunteer hours, and 3) Professional Services hours. And Thanks!

### Volunteer Needed

### Volunteer Website Programmer needed:

The Homing Project seeks a volunteer website programmer, preferably with experience in WordPress. Their assignment would be working with THP's IT lead, Diego López, and newsletter editors Joe Vaughan and Kiarra Celaya, on website content hosting and occasional updates. A commitment of ~4-6 hrs per week, although usually less, is likely

sufficient. Please contact Yolanda, Volunteer Coordinator, at [volunteer@thehomingproject.org](mailto:volunteer@thehomingproject.org)

## **Important Tax Information**

If you are age 70 1/2 or older and have an IRA, you may be obligated to take a Required Minimum Distribution, or RMD. You may be able to direct your RMD directly from your IRA to The Homing Project, and thereby save on your federal and Arizona taxes. If your custodian sends a payment directly from your IRA to The Homing Project, you may be able to deduct it as a Qualifying Charitable Distribution on your tax return, even if you claim the standard deduction. Consult your tax adviser for more information about how this may apply to you. To explore further, email the board at [Board@thehomingproject.org](mailto:Board@thehomingproject.org).

## **Furnishing the Micro-Shelters!**



**A 'Giftster' registry has been set up to allow supporters to buy furnishings for village residents' micro-shelters. Click on this [link to view the registry.](#)**

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## **The Homing Project Board Meeting and Volunteer Meeting Dates**

### **Board Meetings:**

5:30 PM at [Kris Olson's home](#), or Online, on dates shown below.  
Volunteers welcome!

Wednesday March 25th

Wednesday April 29th

### **Volunteers Meetings:**

9:30 AM for volunteer orientation,  
10-11:30AM for general meeting,  
on last Saturdays, as shown below.

Join us to plan new events and to review past ones.

Saturday February 28th, Quincie Douglas library, 1585 E. 36th.

----- March, Date and Location To Be Determined

Saturday April 25th, Tucson Ward 3 meeting room, 1510 E. Grant Rd.

**The Board and Newsletter Staff of [The Homing Project](#) thank You for choosing to serve our community with us,**

### **The Homing Project Newsletter**

Kiarra Celaya & Joe Vaughan produced this month's newsletter.

Email suggestions of items for inclusion to: [newsletter@thehomingproject.org](mailto:newsletter@thehomingproject.org)



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