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The Homing Project Newsletter for July 2026

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This is your July 2026 Newsletter. Please share it with a friend.

*Inside this newsletter you can find exciting recent progress
and volunteer opportunities.*

Editors note:

***The Board has decided to drop the name Esperanza for the village.
The village's name going forward is "The Homing Project Village 1".***

A note from Kris Olson-Garewal, co-founder and CEO of The Homing Project

Tucson is experiencing extreme heat these days. And with this weather comes more horrific conditions for our homeless population.

Ways you can help:

- 1) Post a list of Tucson cooling centers somewhere with good public visibility. <https://www.pima.gov/2307/Cooling-Centers>
- 2) Carry bottles of cold water in your car and offer them to people who appear to be at risk.
- 3) Put a sign to “help yourself” in your front yard with a cooler stocked with bottles of cold water.
- 4) Volunteer to help us complete our village of air-conditioned micro-cabins. The following projects are coming up in August and September:
 - Building the laundry room.
 - Anchoring the micro-cabins with helical screws (12”-18”.)
 - Installing the window air conditioners in the micro-cabins.

The shade canopy should be up, and we will have outdoor air conditioning to help us keep cool. You may volunteer for weekdays or weekends or both. We will welcome you with donuts, fruit and bagels. Be sure to let us know your favorite carb as well.

If you can volunteer for any of these projects, please email our volunteer coordinator at yolanda.sethi@thehomingproject.org.

Join Us for "Monsoon and Moonlight": A Night of Art, Vintage Treasures, and a Micro-Cabin!

As the summer temperatures sizzle, the Tucson community is invited to cool off for a cause. On July 25, the Monsoon and Moonlight Arts & Vintage Market and Silent Auction will take over the Historic Fourth Avenue Coalition space to benefit The Homing Project, a local nonprofit dedicated to building micro-cabin communities for the unsheltered.

Event Details:

- **When:** Saturday, July 25, 2026 | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Silent Auction closes at 8:00 p.m.)
- **Where:** Historic Fourth Avenue Coalition space, [311 E. 7th St, Tucson, AZ](#) (Near Corbetts)
- **Admission: Free to the public**
- **Parking:** CORBETT'S is providing FREE PARKING in their parking lot behind the restaurant for 2 hours for patrons of our Monsoon and Moonlight Art event between 6 and 9 p.m. on the day of the event. Bring your parking ticket to the event and you will receive a COUPON to turn into CORBETT'S staff. And if you want to get some dinner, CORBETT'S will validate your parking for 4 hours if you eat a meal there.

A Market with a Mission

This isn't your typical fundraiser. Attendees will have the unique opportunity to tour a model micro-cabin and learn the how *The Homing Project Village 1* is taking shape for its community launch.

In addition to a **Silent Auction** for artwork donated by members of Tucson's amazing arts community, the evening features a **"Pay As You Wish" Market**, where local artists and vintage dealers have donated handmade jewelry, framed art, windchimes, and unique gifts.

All proceeds benefit The Homing Project.

Music, Food, and Community Spirit Beyond the Shopping,

"Monsoon and Moonlight" offers a full evening of entertainment:

- **Live Music:** by Elisabeth Blin (French guitarist) 6-7 p.m.
Denise Lane and Tammy West duo from 7-8 p.m.
- **Local Eats:** Empanadas for purchase by Bombolé.

- **Card Making Station:** run by Rachel Ann Johnson of RagtimeDesigners.com : Professional paper crafter, designer, and instructor.
 - **SaVannaH -"Beamz D'Light"** will be offering 10-minute wellbeing sessions focusing on mind, body, and spirit connections. Donations welcome.
 - **Special guests:** SAAG (Southern Arizona Arts Guild), and The Arizona Diaper Bank.
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One Step Closer to Completion of the Village: Accessible pathways now connect micro-cabins and communal spaces

Paul Moser led a dedicated team of volunteers, and several workers from the Josefina Ahumada Work Center, in constructing beautiful granite pathways to connect the cabins, dining area, and restrooms. Getting the job done was no walk in the park. It was a rigorous, multi-step process that required:

- Breaking ground: jackhammering and excavating the hard-packed earth for the pathways
- Structuring: installing sturdy borders to define the pathways
- Finishing: laying down and compacting decomposed granite

Why decomposed granite? Unlike loose gravel, decomposed granite creates a dense, highly stable, smooth surface—making these vital connections fully ADA-compliant.

Thank Yous!

This project would not have been possible without a concerted team effort. A shout out to:

- Paul Moser for his stellar leadership throughout the project
- Our amazing volunteers, including Katy Brown, Angela Flatland and Mike Stammen
- Luis Cruz and his hardworking crew from the Josefina Ahumada Work Center, who brought the project across the finish line.



Left: Plans for the village guide the work. A machine for excavating the pathways is in the background.



Right: Rigel Grigsby excavates the pathways.



Left: Julie Gunther and Paul Mosher



Right: Mark Gunther check out how Paul Mosher uses his favorite rake.

Left: Paul Mosher runs a plate compactor to pack



the decomposed granite.

Right: Completed pathway connects micro-cabins and shared facilities.



[Volunteer Sign Up Site](#)

[The Homing Project Donation Page](#)

[The Homing Project Board Meeting and Volunteer Meeting Dates](#)

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Board Meetings are now being held on the last Monday of the month.

Volunteers are welcome!

5:30 P.M. at Kris Olson's home, or Online.

Meeting Dates: 7/27 and 8/24.

The Volunteer Meetings are held on the last Saturday of the month.

Tucson Ward 3 meeting room, [1510 E. Grant Rd.](#)

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

9:30 A.M. for volunteer orientation

10-11:30 A.M. for general meeting.

Meeting Dates: (None in July), 8/29.

THE HOMING PROJECT is hiring a village site manager.
Learn more about that position here:
[Site manager position description](#)

Village Tours: Come see The Homing Project Village 1!

We are scheduling the next tours. To join a tour, just you or with your group, email Elizabeth Day at elizabeth.day@thehomingproject.org

The Homing Project Newsletter

Joe Vaughan produced this month's newsletter with assistance from Selena Barlow and Judy Manelis.

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