



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

COMMUNICATOR



Volume 2 Issue 4

www.belairneighborhood.com

November/December 2014

IN THIS ISSUE

- Dec. General Meeting (12/6)
- G.A.I.N. Event
- Recipe Card
- Bel Air BE AWARE Yard Signs
- Candy Corn Guessing Contest & G.A.I.N. Door Prizes
- Thank you
- Holiday Season Safety
- Thanks to Joel and Melinda
- Are You New To Bel Air?
- Treasurer's Report



Thanks to the Phoenix Fire Department! Children at the GAIN event were allowed to talk to Phoenix firemen, go inside this fire truck, and wear a fireman's helmet.

You are invited to the



GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, Dec. 6th 9:00am-10:30am

at the church at 1830 W. Glenrosa Avenue

Bel Air G.A.I.N. Event (Getting Arizona Involved In Neighborhoods)

G.A.I.N. is a celebration of crime prevention successes. Boy, did we celebrate! A Phoenix Fire Dept. crew stopped by with their fire truck to kick off the G.A.I.N. event. The children had fun getting to sit in a real fire truck, wear a fireman's helmet, and interact with the firemen. Phoenix Police Dept.'s Mountain View Precinct's Commander Marcel Spaulding and Community Action Officer Aaron Stevens were in attendance and visited with residents. Officer Stevens was also one of the speakers and kindly assisted in the evening's drawings.



The "Safety Patrol" band volunteered their time and talents by returning again this year to play acoustical pieces to the delight of attendees!

The *Chick-fil-A* at Camelback and 16th Street was happy to be a part of our event again! They graciously donated seventy five chicken sandwiches for our event! Their catering included a wonderful variety of sauces and butter cream mints.

While dining on *Chick-fil-A* chicken sandwiches and pizza with various toppings (along with the many delicious desserts neighbors brought), over 70 attendees visited with each other. Use of the gymnasium & facilities was donated by Redemption Church in a true community spirit!

Christopher Keck, our neighbor, was another one of the speakers. Some other members of our community also had tables with a variety of information (& treats) to share.

We had a 50/50 raffle too! At the end of the night, Robin R. (who was dressed as a witch) won. When she heard the news, she let loose with a very loud cackle, jumped up, and swirled around delightfully surprising everyone!



RECIPE CARD

CHOCOLATE SHEET CAKE

2 C. flour
2 C. sugar
1 tsp. soda
2 sticks margarine
4 T. cocoa

1 C. water
½ C. buttermilk
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla



Rosie Davis

Combine the flour, sugar and soda. Melt the margarine, adding cocoa and water. Bring to a boil and pour over dry ingredients. Add buttermilk, eggs and vanilla. Bake in large greased cookie sheet with 1" sides for 20 minutes in 350° oven.

ICING:

1 stick margarine
4 T. cocoa

6 T. buttermilk
1 box powdered sugar

Combine all ingredients and bring to a boil. Remove from heat and add powdered sugar. Prepare this while cake is still warm and spread on cake while both are warm. Nuts and marshmallows can be added to the frosting.

Bel Air G.A.I.N. Event (cont.)



In the center of the dining area, one long table was covered with paper. Paint and markers were available. Children and adults creatively worked side-by-side to fill the paper with great pictures and designs.

In another area of the gym, children could create their own masks as well as receive a bag of goodies and sign up for the costume contest. The goody bags were comprised of many fun and educational items (coloring/activity books, pencils, crayons, magnets, stickers, etc.) that were donated

by various organizations and government departments. Target donated bags of toys and treats for the kids. The Attorney General's Office donated the reusable bags that were used to hold all of the goodies. Costume contest winners won various prizes too! The Kelly Paper Store located on Indian School Road near 15th Avenue donated some of the toys for the children. Bottled water was donated by Target. SRP donated trash and recycling containers.



CHICKEN WILD RICE CASSEROLE

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup half & half
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1 tsp. salt
- dash black pepper to taste
- 1 box UNCLE BEN'S® Long Grain & Wild Rice Original Recipe
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds chopped
- 1/3 cup fresh parsley chopped
- 2 cups cooked chicken cubed
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/3 cups chopped onion
- 1/3 cup pimentos diced



R
E
C
I
P
E

C
A
R
D

INSTRUCTIONS

1. cook the rice with its seasonings packet according to package directions.
2. While rice is cooking, melt butter in a large saucepan. Add onion and cook over low heat until tender.
3. Stir in flour, salt and pepper. Gradually whisk in half & half and chicken broth. Continue cooking and stirring constantly, until broth thickens.
4. Stir in chicken, pimento, parsley, almonds and cooked rice.
5. Transfer to a greased 2-quart casserole. Bake uncovered in preheated 425 degree F oven for 30 minutes

Bel Air BE AWARE! Yard Signs



Would you like a Bel Air BE AWARE! yard sign? Having been designed to discourage and hopefully prevent crimes, these yard signs are now available for those that would like to place them prominently in their Bel Air Neighborhood yards. Neighborhood block watch grant funds were used to purchase twenty of these yard signs. Crime Stop's phone number is highly visible for easy reference. There are some color yard signs (red, black and white) and some plain black and white signs.

To submit your request for a Bel Air BE AWARE yard sign, please email carriefraz@aol.com and include your name, address, and sign preference (color or black & white).

Questions? Carrie 602.647.2832

Candy Corn Guessing Contest & G.A.I.N. Door Prizes

Guessing the number of candy corns in a container was one of the activities at the G.A.I.N. event. There were even more candy corns this year! Elizabeth won with her guess of 1,200 (the actual number was 1,210) to receive a Bel Air Neighborhood t-shirt and all 1,210 candy corns! Door prize drawings added to the evening. Southwest Gardener® (now located at The Newton at 3rd Ave and Camelback) donated a \$25 gift certificate, which was won by Walter. David won a nice gift bag that was donated by Copper Star Coffee at 7th Ave and Heatherbrae Drive. Dale won a 4-pack of passes that was donated by the Hall of Flames Fire Museum. SUBWAY® at 7th Ave and Osborn Road donated four 3' Giant Sub certificates and eleven 6" sub certificates! The four 3' Giant Subs were won by: Linda, Christopher, Walter, and Gary. The 6" subs were won by: Pat, Candy, Michael, Melanie, Corrine, Roshelle, Spencer, Tammy, Art, Abby, and Kimberly. The pairs of free lunches donated by the Ladybug House of Sandwiches at McDowell & 11th Street were won by Aaron & Melanie and Don & Tom. Marilyn won a family 4-pack of passes to the Children's Museum of Phoenix, while Catherine won a 3-pack of passes. Bel Air Neighborhood t-shirts were graciously donated by Phoenix Wholesale Printing, which is located in the Bel Air Neighborhood at 4133 N. 19th Avenue. The t-shirt winners were: Tom, Aaron, Sherilyn, Spencer, Robin, Michelle, Monica, Maxine, Carolyn, and Judah. Thank you to all the businesses for your donations for our Bel Air neighborhood G.A.I.N. event!



TO THE FOLLOWING
BUSINESSES THAT DONATED ITEMS
FOR BEL AIR'S G.A.I.N. EVENT:



(16th Street/Camelback Road)

Phoenix Wholesale Printing (4133 N. 19th Ave)

Southwest Gardener® (The Newton at 3rd Ave/Camelback)

House of Flame Fire Museum (6101 E. Van Buren St)

SUBWAY® (7th Ave/Osborn)

Copper Star Coffee (7th Ave/Heatherbrae)

Ladybug House of Sandwiches (11th St/McDowell Rd)

Please thank these owners/managers if you visit their businesses!

Holiday Season Safety

Please be extra vigilant around your homes. And, keep an eye out for your neighbors as well. When we are shopping, the criminals are out shopping too. Bicycles and other items have been stolen in broad daylight right off front porches and back yards (chained to something or not). Please keep your properties and vehicles locked at all times. It only takes a few minutes for a criminal to grab something.



The Arizona Automobile Theft Authority has a Watch Your Car Program, which is quick, easy & free* (*postage stamp required).

Apply On-Line at:

www.azwatchyourcar.com

(Arizona Automobile Theft Authority * 1-888-668-4433 * 602-364-2886)

When out shopping, lock your gifts and other items in the trunk of your car. This will help reduce the temptation of others to break into your vehicle.

Thanks and be safe!

Treasurer's Report

BEL AIR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION					
2014 BLOCK WATCH GRANT REPORT					
PERIOD COVERED: 07/01/14 - 10/31/14					
DATE	ACTIVITY		EXPENSES	INCOME	BALANCE
7/1/2014	BEGINNING BALANCE				\$8,044.00
	WEB SITE HOSTING/LIST SERVE		\$220.92		\$7,823.08
	BW MISC PRINTING/YARD SIGNS		\$150.00		\$7,673.08
	INTERNET SERVICE 7/14-8/14		\$19.99		\$7,653.09
	INTERNET SERVICE 8/14-9/14		\$19.99		\$7,633.10
	4 REAMS OF COLORED PAPER		\$34.14		\$7,598.96
	3 INK CARTRIDGES		\$46.56		\$7,552.40
	LIABILITY INSURANCE		\$300.00		\$7,252.40
	GAIN EVENT POSTCARD MAILING		\$240.00		\$7,012.40
	INTERNET SERVICE 9/14-10/14		\$19.99		\$6,992.41
10/31/2014	ENDING BALANCE				\$6,992.41

Thanks to Joel and Melinda by Charles Wilfong

Earlier this summer, vandals nearly destroyed an iron grating in the main irrigation ditch that kept debris from clogging underground pipes. When Joel and Melinda heard about it, they immediately got it and took it home. Joel, who is a professional welder, rebuilt the grating and returned it to the ditch, where, hopefully it will remain for years to come. Helpful neighbors are precious.

Are You New to Bel Air?

Sign up for e-mail newsletters
& e-Alerts at

www.belairneighborhood.com.

You may also request a free Bel Air
Bag (includes a L or XL t-shirt,
"Be Aware" notepad, reference card,
etc.) by sending a note to
carriefraz@aol.com.

Who are you going to call?

City Council-District 4
602.262.7447
Bus route & schedules
602.253.5000
Light rail information
602.254.7245
Discount fares
602.261.8506
Dial-a-ride
602.253.4000

Barking dogs
602.262.646
Abandoned vehicles
602.262.7844
Trash in alley
602.262.6151

**Community Action Officer,
Aaron Stevens 602-361-0043
aaron.stevens@phoenix.gov**

Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND REPORT					
PERIOD COVERED: 06/30/14 - 10/31/14					
DATE	ACTIVITY		EXPENSES	INCOME	BALANCE
6/30/2014	BEGINNING BALANCE				\$877.41
	GAIN POSTCARD		\$54.58		\$822.83
	GAIN POSTAGE		\$95.98		\$726.85
	GAIN CANDY CORN		\$8.12		\$718.73
	GAIN CRAFT SUPPLIES		\$36.57		\$682.16
	GAIN PIZZA		\$128.96		\$553.20
	GAIN 50/50 PROCEEDS			\$27.50	\$580.70
10/31/2014	ENDING BALANCE				\$580.70

PHOENIX TEE SHIRTS

\$99 MELROSE

SPECIAL

12 CUSTOM HEAVYWEIGHT TEES (WHITE, ASH, SAND)

ONE COLOR PRINTING (ANY COLOR INK)

(FRONT AND BACK) SM-XL

Golf, Polo Sport Shirts Silkscreen

Ladies Shirts Printing

Business Cards Embroidery

4133 N. 19th Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85015

www.phoenixteeshirts.com

www.phoenixwholesaleprinting.com

602.636.5886



AMERICAN LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL & DAYCARE CENTER

**1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85015
(602) 275-9978**

Monday - Friday,
6:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.

- Nutritious food program for each child
- Ages - 6 weeks to pre-K
- Christian-based program
- Creative curriculum
- DES Approved / DHS LICENSED

Murals of all kinds!

15 years experience

I work with varied budgets

928-420-9980 Phoenix

Melanie Thomson LeGendre

See my craigslist ad for more samples

<http://phoenix.craigslist.org/evl/art/3112725329.html>



Cathy Gumm
602-459-6490

Independent Consultant
cathygumm@yahoo.com

www.cathygumm.scentsy.us

Scentsy

Wickless...Flameless...Safe Candles

Scentsy

Wickless...Flameless...Safe Candles

Call me for a catalogue, home or basket party.

I cherish my clients and hostesses!

602-459-6490