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Bel Air Neighborhood Quarterly Meeting

Saturday May 16, 2015 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Redemption Church Alhambra

1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.

by Virginia Anders

This was undoubtedly one of Bel Air's best quarterly meetings. We had 25 neighbors in attendance, four speakers, fresh hot coffee, iced tea, iced water, fresh cookies and pastries! Carrie gave the current treasurer's report, which she will also include in the Bel Air newsletter. We also had handouts on summer heat precautions. Many of the attendees had not come to a meeting before, so it was a pleasure welcoming them to the gathering. Everyone was asked to write on their nametags how long they had lived in Bel Air. **Art** has lived her over 50 years, while **Cyrus** and his wife moved in very recently. We have a wealth of Phoenix memories represented in Bel Air. New neighbors or long-time residents, we hold in common the desire to live in a family-friendly, quiet neighborhood where we can build lives of value. We know we need to work together, in

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SAVE THE DATE!

G.A.I.N. EVENT

Saturday, Oct. 17th
9:00am-10:30am

at Redemption
Church, 1830 W.
Glenrosa Ave.

**DOOR PRIZES
& MORE!**

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many ways, to maintain and strengthen Bel Air, drawing on the wisdom and creative energy of all ages.

One of our newer neighbors, **Cheryl Lambert**, who works for the USDA, brought a variety of brochures, including one on creating a neighborhood habitat plan to attract birds and butterflies and to plant native wildflowers. She spoke for a few minutes on her work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). **Ken Clark** spoke about recent legislative issues he has been involved with as our representative, and answered several questions. **Lisa Huggins-Hubbard**, our City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services representative, tweeted the news of our successful meeting. She talked about the community shed full of gardening tools in the Melrose-Woodleigh Neighborhood. One of their neighbors donated them after his family member died. Lisa noted that she heard Bel Air's April neighborhood clean-up went well. We borrowed tools and other materials from the City of Phoenix through her office, and scheduled the participation

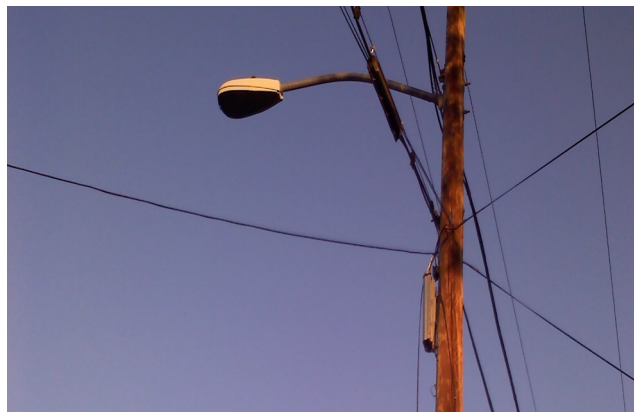
of probationers doing community service hours for that same Saturday. The neighbors who participated this year included: Patrick Broderick, Michael Ramirez, Christopher Keck and his son, Art Hawkins, Charles Wilfong, Carrie Frazer, and Virginia Anders. As a follow up to that event, several neighbors took an hour or so and drove around Saturday morning (May 23rd) to gather up some of the filled trash bags that had been left behind in a couple of alleys during the April event, in anticipation of the bulk trash pick-up.

Sonya Pastor LaSota spoke as a volunteer representative for MovePhx, which is a transportation initiative designed to improve and connect the various mass transit sources across the Valley and to ease automotive congestion. The initiative comes up for consideration on the City ballot on August 25th. **Patricia Tate**, the Superintendent of our Osborn School District, gave an enthusiastic overview of the district's strengths and advantages, their innovative programs, faculty, and formal mentoring for new teachers throughout the district. She commended our neighbor, **Maxine Radtke**, the current Osborn School District Governing Board President, for her leadership. The meeting proved a great opportunity for people to engage with speakers from the State, City, local school district, and even the USDA. There was also a drawing at the end of the meeting for several door prizes, including a Bel Air t-shirt, dinner for four at the Old Spaghetti Factory in downtown Phoenix, and a set of serving trays.

Bel Air Alley Lighting Update

As part of our 2015 Block Watch Grant application, \$2,499 has been approved to cover some of our Bel Air alley lighting costs.

The \$1,330.09 from the Bel Air Neighborhood Association's former general account (2012) has been paid to Arizona Public Service to our alley light accounts. The process for removal of the speed humps was unsuccessful.



Community Garden News



Jeanne Greene would love to have more volunteers join the Community Garden group. The group has planted some Italian vegetables this summer, so you never know unless you are digging in the dirt with them what joys you are missing. To chat with her about the garden project, e-mail Jeanne at:

JeanneGreene9@gmail.com

Your Ideas Are Wanted!



Do you have any suggestions for speakers for future general meetings? Is there a topic for a presentation you would like to see? It might be crime prevention related, quality of life improving, or just simply community related.

Please email them to: carriefraz@aol.com and use the subject line of "My Wish List."

Reprinted from Mountain View Precinct Bird's Eye View April 2015



Hello everyone, and happy spring! I hope that all is going well for you in 2015. For us in the Mountain View Precinct, the first quarter of the year has passed with some real challenges. As we are strained with less than ideal manpower, we have seen a burglary spike in some of our neighborhoods. Despite excellent, and hard working officers combating these problems, we still need your help and participation. Crime prevention at the citizen/resident level will always be an important issue to us as a Department, and I hope that we all stay vigilant for ourselves and each other.

As many of you are aware, our city has seen difficult financial times in recent years. An unfortunate effect has been the reduction in our street uniform presence, and our patrol officer ratio is now approximately 1 officer per 5000 residents. Many of the typical "patrol" activities that we took for granted 5 years ago, are sometimes impossible to accomplish today. Where officers were available to drive through neighborhoods, check alleys, stop suspicious persons, conduct follow up on investigations, there are now many times when officers do not have free time to do this typical patrol work.

As we try to do more with less, I encourage you to stay vigilant and engage in some tenets of crime prevention.

Know your neighbors, next to you, across the street, and behind the alley. Know what vehicles they drive, so that if you see their car or truck in the alley, it will not look strange. When you do see a strange person or vehicle in your alley, please consider watching the behavior for a minute and call Police and request an officer check on it, if the behavior is concerning or criminal.

Get out into your neighborhood! Walk with your dog (s), children, significant other, ride a bike and be seen. Crime thrives on anonymity, opportunity, and apathy. Simply by being out in the neighborhood and watching, this removes an element of perceived apathy in your neighborhood. Calling Police about suspicious persons, vehicles, or incidents leads to removing the anonymity and opportunity.

Lock locks, close doors and windows, set alarms! Things out of sight, are out of mind, and home alarms that are not set will not deter a burglar. Regarding home alarm systems, if you do not have one there are many products on the market that are not the traditional systems that require contracts, or have expensive monitoring agreements. Some of these systems can be purchased online, tailored to you specific needs, and set up and installed by you. There are also video monitoring systems available online and in local retailers that link to your smart phone and give alerts.

Keep a record of your valuables, especially those with serial numbers. We have requirements with pawn shops and other resellers that they record precious metal purchases and serial numbered items, and report them to us. We find stolen property in this way and this results in burglary suspects being identified. If we arrest one burglar, we often prevent 10 more burglaries! Document serial numbers and photograph valuables! This can be done with some of our block watch forms, <http://www.phxblockwatch.org>.

Look for more information at Block Watch meetings.

Ben Harris, Community Action Officer

Phoenix Police Department

Mountain View Precinct

Neighborhood Block Watch Program by Carrie Frazer

The Bel Air Neighborhood Association was recently approved for a 2015 Neighborhood Block Watch Grant in the amount of \$9,996 by the City of Phoenix Police Department. The Association applied for the grant on behalf of the neighborhood in December of last year. The Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program (NBWGP) provides an opportunity to enhance the safety and the quality of life in our neighborhood and it helps the Association to prevent and solve crime-related problems in our neighborhood.

The NBWGP was created to provide funding to neighborhood groups to undertake new and innovative programs and activities aimed at preventing and reducing crime in the community. The aim and purpose of the Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program are to detect, deter, and/or delay crime. This is done by educating individuals to work together to solve problems, encouraging citizens to develop a sense of ownership for their neighborhoods, developing and addressing common neighborhood goals, coordinating pertinent neighborhood/community meetings, and teaching crime prevention and safety techniques. With this funding, we are able to continue the efforts of the residents and the Association board to build a sense of community and prevent and deter crime in our neighborhood. For example, we would be required to have all of the residents pay for the electricity costs for our dusk-to-dawn alley lights. These lights cost over \$4,000 annually. For the grant award period



OF COMMUNITIES

(July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016), funding will be provided to meet the following objectives:

- Hold 3 General/Block Watch neighborhood meetings
- Prepare and distribute 6 newsletters per year
- Organize the annual GAIN event
- Funding for electricity costs for our dusk-to-dawn alley lights in the amount of \$2,499.
- Hold our annual neighborhood yard sale
- Organize neighborhood clean-ups
- Continue on-line version of newsletter
- Participate in the Melrose Street Fair in 2016

**Thank you for your participation
in helping us meet the
goals of the Neighborhood
Block Watch Grant program.**

Phoenix Bicycle Registry Program

When selling/trading a bicycle that is registered in the program, it is important to notify the Phoenix Police Department the bicycle no longer belongs to the registered person and have both parties sign a bill of sale. The Phoenix Police Department will either remove the bicycle registry number from their database and make it inactive (also if you move out of the state) or they will list the new bicycle owner's information if they would like to be included in the program.

When officers contact a subject on a bicycle that is registered in the program and the rider is not the registered participant and they do not know the name of the registered owner, officers will attempt to reach the registered participant utilizing the contact information provided during registration. If the officer contact cannot be made with the registered participant, the officer will impound the bicycle as a possible stolen and the registered participant can recover the bicycle from police property.

What to do if your bicycle is stolen/sticker is damaged?

It is important to remember to contact your local police department (where the bicycle was stolen from) to report your

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Phoenix Bicycle Registration

Black Mountain Precinct 602-495-5002

South Mountain Precinct 602-495-5004

Central City Precinct 602-495-5005

Desert Horizon Precinct 602-495-5006

Mountain View Precinct 602-495-5007

Maryvale Precinct 602-495-5008

Cactus Park Precinct 602-495-5009

If you would like to schedule an event in your neighborhood, contact Officer Mary Roestenberg, 602-495-6896.

Treasurer's Report

BEL AIR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION					
2014 BLOCK WATCH GRANT REPORT					
PERIOD COVERED: 12/31/14 - 05/16/15					
DATE	ACTIVITY		EXPENSES	INCOME	BALANCE
12/31/2014	BEGINNING BALANCE				\$2,862.05
	INTERNET SERVICE 01/15-02/15		\$19.99		\$2,842.06
	NEWSLETTER		\$186.28		\$2,655.78
	INTERNET SERVICE 02/15-03/15		\$19.99		\$2,635.79
	INTERNET SERVICE 03/15-04/15		\$19.99		\$2,615.80
	INTERNET SERVICE 04/15-05/15		\$19.99		\$2,595.81
	GEN MTG POSTCARD PRINTING		\$142.51		\$2,453.30

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bicycle has been stolen. Although your contact information will be included in the database when you register for the program, it is important to report the bicycle stolen with your local police department, so an officer that comes across the bicycle knows it is stolen.

The stickers are tam-

per proof and designed not to come off. If your sticker becomes illegible or destroyed, contact your nearest precinct and they will work on getting you a new sticker for your bicycle.

Here are a few good reasons to register:

Theft deterrence - thieves are less likely to steal a registered bike since its owner can easily be identified.

Identification of rider – registration also aids in the identification of the bike owner in case of a crash, as many bicyclists don't carry identification, which is especially true of children.

Bicycles returned to owners – registering your bike increases the likelihood it will be returned to you if recovered.

Cherry Tree Smokehouse BBQ

1923 E. McDowell Rd Phoenix AZ 85006 * 602-252-2493



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Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND REPORT

PERIOD COVERED: 12/31/14 - 05/16/15

DATE	ACTIVITY	EXPENSES	INCOME	BALANCE
12/31/2014	BEGINNING BALANCE			\$545.46
	FEB GEN MTG SUPPLIES	\$62.70		\$482.76
	7TH AVE ST FAIR SUPPLIES	\$11.09		\$471.67
	MONTHLY BANK FEE	\$5.00		\$466.67
	NEWSPAPER AD - YARD SALE	\$44.04		\$422.63
	INK CARTRIDGES	\$67.14		\$355.49
	MONTHLY BANK FEE	\$5.00		\$350.49
	CLEAN UP DAY SUPPLIES	\$15.28		\$335.21
	MAY GEN. MEETING SUPPLIES	\$37.78		\$297.43
5/16/2015	ENDING BALANCE			\$297.43

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