

### COMMUNICATOR

www.belairneighborhood.com

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We are located in the City of Phoenix's Encanto Village. Our neighborhood covers the area from Indian School Road north to the Grand Canal between 15th and 19th Avenues. This area is comprised of over 300 single family residences and a combination of approximately 150 rental units and business locations. See our web site @ www.belairneighborhood.com!

### Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Training



January 20, 2018

Mountain View Precinct

2075 E. Maryland Ave (between Glendale Ave & Bethany Home Rd)

Registration begins at 7:30am / Class 8:00am - Noon

Sign up for a Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP) class now!

It is just a few hours long but will change the way you think.

Register for a class at: brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov or 602-256-4303



DATE!

### **General Meeting**

Saturday, Dec. 16th 10:00am-11:30am

Holiday Safety
Tips/Discussion!
Cookie Exchange
& More!

# Curb Painting of Bel Air House #s

Arizona Curbs Services is the company that previously painted all the curb house numbers throughout the Bel Air Neighborhood. They will be re-painting them again soon! They will send out notices in advance with further details. This re-painting is possible thanks to The City of Phoenix Police Department's 2017 Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program (NBWGP).



# Bel Air G.A.I.N. Event October 21st, 2017

I believe a GAIN Event should be when the neighborhood goes to a meeting and a party breaks out! One neighborhood called their evening GAIN Event a Block Party! Bel-Air has had evening GAIN Events in the past where all the children dressed up in their Halloween costumes and, of course, got lots of candy! There have been spaghetti dinners and pot lucks throughout the years, but the theme remains the same. Let's all get together to talk about our neighborhood and how we can jointly make it better.

At times, we might have a minor dispute with a neighbor and I always recommend simply knocking on their door and kindly communicating our concerns. And who can resist the smell of warm triple chocolate cookies filling their senses? I can assure you it will help your case if you bring this peace offering along with you!

Other times, the neighborhood might collectively have issues. This is when it is important for all of us to have a discussion to determine how we might solve the problem(s). This is why I was pleased to see so many neighbors on Saturday and lots of peace offerings disguised as cookies, brownies and cakes! And, thank you Carrie, for the Chick-Fil-A sandwiches!

Several items were discussed that have been of concern in Bel-Air over many months and even years in some cases. Among these items were 1710 W Montecito, Redemption Church, and the Medical Clinic. Chief of Staff for Laura Pastor, David Longoria, stated that there have been fewer police patrolling neighborhoods due to a lack of city funds, but that is now changing as the city recoups from the economic downturn. Community Action Officer, Aaron Stephens informed us that processes are in the works for 1710 and should come to fruition quickly. Neighborhood Services Representative, Lisa Huggins-Hubbard stated

that she had just been made aware of the clinic situation and assured us that she would be looking into that immediately. Although church Pastor Wayne Wynter arrived later, he was adamant about his desire to work with Bel-Air, affirming that Sunday was the last day they would be handing out food bags. Also, he has personally been randomly showing up at the church during the night to ensure no one is sleeping on the grounds. In addition he stated he would be willing to look into exactly what an Authority to Arrest form would mean and if it would behoove the church to institute that system.

I say thank you to Aaron and Lisa who have been diligent in attending our meetings and to David Longoria and others for being there Saturday. Although, at this point, none of our issues has been eliminated, it appears that there are processes in place to end or remedy these matters.

It was great to see familiar faces as well as meeting new neighbors at the GAIN Event. Some of us have recently moved into the Bel-Air Neighborhood, others have lived here for fifty years and still others fall somewhere in between. Hopefully our goals are the same, which is to make our neighborhood a healthy, happy and safe place for everyone to live.

And if a party breaks out...

Karen Broderick

It's easy to join our mailing list! Get neighborhood news in your e-mail inbox! Text BELAIR to 22828 to get started.

R E C I P E C A R D

From the kitchen of Karen Broderick

This is an easy fall favorite that is light and full of flavor. Serve with an onion and pineapple cabbage salad and simple citrus dressing. Delicious!

#### **BUTTERNUT SQUASH PASTA**

1 ½ C milk3 C cubed butternut squash2 cloves garlic, salt/pepper1 ¼ C chicken or veggie broth1 tablespoon butter½ C seasoned breadcrumbs1 Lb. pasta cooked al dente2 tablespoons chopped parsley

In a medium saucepan on medium-high heat bring to a boil the squash, broth and garlic. Reduce heat and simmer until the squash is tender, about 20 minutes. Remove from heat and mash. Add in the milk, salt and pepper to taste and keep warm. In a small sauté pan melt the butter, add the breadcrumbs and cook until golden brown.

Add the cooked pasta to the squash mixture and serve with the breadcrumbs and parsley sprinkled on top. Enjoy!



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



Phoenix Wholesale Printing (4133 N. 19th Ave)

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

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

## Neighborhood Block Watch Program by Carrie Frazer

The Bel Air Neighborhood Association was recently approved for a 2017 Neighborhood Block Watch Grant in the amount of \$9,991 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 crimerelated 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 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018), funding will be



OF COMMUNITIES

provided to meet the following objectives:

- Organize the annual GAIN event
- Hold 3 General/Block Watch neighborhood meetings
- Funding for electricity costs for our dusk-to-dawn alley lights in the amount of \$3,000.
- Funding for curb painting of Bel Air house numbers in the amount of \$3,574.
- Hold our annual neighborhood yard sale
- Organize a neighborhood clean-up
- Prepare and distribute 6 newsletters per year
- Continue on-line version of newsletter
- Participate in the Melrose Street Fair in 2018

Thank you for your participation
in helping us meet the
goals of the Neighborhood