



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

**COMMUNICATOR**

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December 2018

## Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Training



**January 26, 2019**

Mountain View Precinct at 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](mailto:brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov) or 602-256-4303

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 combi-  
nation of approximately 150  
rental units and business loca-  
tions. **See our web site @**  
[www.belairneighborhood.com](http://www.belairneighborhood.com)

## SAVE THESE DATES!

### **FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING**

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

at Redemption Church  
1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.

### **7TH AVE STREET FAIR BOOTH**

Saturday, March 2nd  
11:00am-6:00pm

on 7th Avenue north of  
Indian School Rd.

**Volunteers needed to  
man our booth.**

Various shifts available.

### **ANNUAL BEL AIR NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE**

Saturday, March 9th  
7:00am-1:00pm

**Participate by having a  
sale in your yard!**

Meet neighbors and  
make some money!

# Bel Air General Meeting September 15th, 2018

By Karen Broderick

September 15, 2018, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

On Saturday thirteen neighbors met at Redemption Church Learning Commons for a General Meeting and Ice Cream Social with the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association. Carrie Frazer distributed today's Agenda and the Calendar of Events for the upcoming months.

Aaron Stevens was unable to attend our meeting this month so the discussion began with our next GAIN EVENT which will take place on **Saturday, October 13, 2018, at 5:00 PM**. Carrie will contact Chick-Fil-A for dinner donations from them. We thought it would be nice to offer pizza but funds are not available at this time so several neighbors gave \$10 donations. We collected a total of \$60. If anyone is interested in giving to the pizza cause, monies can be given to either Virginia Anders (602.265.8498) or Karen Broderick (602.279.6152).

Please mark your calendars for the Gain Event and enjoy dinner with your neighbors!

Virginia discussed the benefits of neighbors meeting more often than every several months. She suggested we meet on a monthly basis somewhere other than the church. Virginia set up our casual gatherings for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at My Mother's Restaurant at 7:00 PM. Our first community get-together will be this **Thursday, September 20, 2018**. Come and get to know your neighbors a little better, have dinner, a glass of wine or some delicious dessert, and just relax! Feel free to bring the kids too! If you know you will be attending, please let Virginia know at 602.265.8498 in case we have enough people to schedule the back dining room.

Virginia then began a discussion regarding the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP) in our neighborhood. We really need more people to take the class and be involved. If we had only ten (10) people involved two could go out once a month and we would have each week covered. The class is four (4) hours long and you will receive a badge that day and be able to start patrolling the neighborhood. Virginia also has magnetic signs to put on your car when patrolling.

Patrick gave some good information about the PNP. When patrolling, wear your t-shirt and badge to show that you are with PNP and are on patrol. If driving,

pick up the signs from Virginia for your vehicle. The neighborhood can be walked or driven, but always with two people and never after dark for the sake of safety. The main duty is to observe. When you are familiar with your neighborhood you will recognize who should and should not be in the area as well as any suspicious behavior. Patrick also emphasized that patrollers are the eyes and ears and never confront anyone, but call the police and let them deal with any situations that may be noticed. The patroller will inform the police and supply valuable information to them.

Remember too that even if you don't intend to be involved in patrolling the neighborhood, it is a good idea to take the class so you can become aware of how things work in your neighborhood. If you would like to attend a class, Bel-Air is in the Mountain View Precinct. The class coming up will be on **Saturday, September 22, 2018**. You must pre-register for the class online at [www.PNPMembers.com](http://www.PNPMembers.com) which is limited to 45 people. The next class will not be until Saturday, November 3, 2018.

Although David Ford was unable to attend our meeting, he has offered to head up the committee for the booth at the annual street fair in March as well as our annual yard sale which will take place in February this time because it will be much cooler. If anyone is interested in getting involved in either of these events please contact David Ford or Virginia Anders. Thanks David for your much needed help!!!

Michael Radtke suggested we change our mailers to "current resident" due to a sometimes high turnover in our neighborhood. This way the new occupant will actually receive the notice instead of it being forwarded to the previous neighbor no longer living in our neighborhood. Carrie will keep the name on mailers but include "current resident" so that it will not be forwarded.

We all enjoyed the many delicious flavors of ice cream and communing with our neighbors before adjourning at noon.

Thanks everyone for coming! Hope to see you next month for the Gain Event and even sooner, this Thursday, at My Mothers Restaurant!

# In Case Of Emergency ...

by Virginia Anders

I don't know about you, but I don't always remember details when I am stressed. If I need help, I need to know who to call and what I need to say. So, here are tips for three kinds of calls.

## A 911 call is for:

- A serious crime
- A fire
- A heart attack
- Any serious medical condition
- Any situation requiring immediate response or police, fire, or emergency medical personnel

## The operator needs:

- The address of the emergency
- The phone # you are calling from
- The nature of the emergency
- Your calm, clear voice and attention until you are told to hang up

## A Crime Stop call [602-262-6151]:

- After the fact reports, not immediate help for burglary, theft, stolen vehicles, loud parties, non-urgent traffic reports

## A Silent Witness call

[480-948-6377 or 1-800-343-TIPS]:

- Report information on unsolved felony crimes
- Rewards are offered for information resulting in an arrest in an indictment
- All callers to Silent Witness are guaranteed anonymity



TO THE FOLLOWING  
BUSINESSES THAT DONATED  
ITEMS FOR

BEL AIR'S G.A.I.N. EVENT:

**Dominoes Pizza**

(19th Ave/Indian School Road )

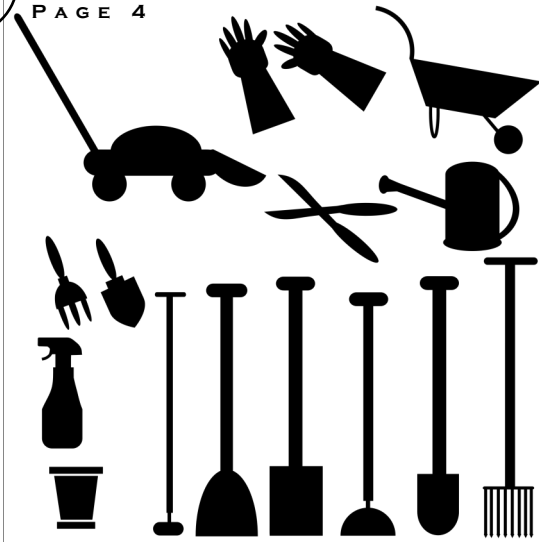
**Phoenix Wholesale Printing**

(4133 N. 19th Ave)

**Southwest Gardener®**

(The Newton at 3rd Ave/Camelback)

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



## Neighborhood Clean Up

Saturday, January 12th

Please help to clean our irrigation ditch that parallels the Grand Canal! We will meet at the Redemption Church parking lot at 8:00am. A trailer with tools and supplies will be there thanks to the City of Phoenix Tool Lending Program. Then, we will start near 18th Avenue and head towards 15th Avenue. Water will be supplied as well. Come out and help to show pride in our neighborhood!

## Neighbors and Neighborhoods

By Karen Broderick

Neighbors are like families. We don't choose them. Sometimes we don't like them too much. Other times we want to disown them. And, on occasion, we have completely washed our hands of them.

And then they do something nice...

And we begin again. Just like with family.

Not too long ago, our neighborhood had some intense issues that were disrupting the general accord of the entire neighborhood. People were being robbed, properties destroyed. It seemed that we couldn't get any help from anyone. But we persevered. We communicated, nonstop, with every organization we could think of who might be able to assist us in our quest. But we were being ignored.

Then we had a neighborhood meeting. Surprisingly, the meeting was attended by more neighbors than I remember having seen in many years. And guess what? The Police Department, Neighborhood Services, City of Phoenix, and a Mayoral Representative showed up, because as it turns out, they really do want Phoenix to be a better place for everyone. Not to mention they were certainly tired of this "squeaky wheel" neighborhood!

It wasn't long after that we began to see issues resolved and our neighborhood restored. Instead of using the quote "It takes a village" I think a more appropriate

quote would be "It takes a neighborhood" because I have personally seen the results of a determined group of neighbors working with each other to make something happen for the betterment of everyone.

As Bel-Air residents, we joined together to fight and protect what is ours. And we won!

I think we are stronger because of our challenges and I believe there is a bond that has formed between us because of it.

So even while our neighbors sometimes irritate us and we might not have chosen them if indeed we had a choice, we must admit that we all want the same thing. To live in peace and harmony with each other, bolstering each other in hard times, helping when and where we can, and joyfully celebrating each other's accomplishments as we go through this life. Which really sounds a lot like family.

Because, in the end, we truly are family.

So let's have a few "porch beers" (as one of my neighbors delightfully called it), or porch wines or porch sodas, and have a good time!

That is, until it becomes irritating..... 😊

# Our Community Action Officer, Officer Aaron Stevens

By Carrie Frazer



Having been involved in our neighborhood for many years has allowed me to have the pleasure of working with some amazing people! Right at the top of that list is our Community Action Officer, Officer Aaron Stevens. We are lucky to have him! He has been attending (and speaking at) our neighborhood meetings and events for as long as I can remember. I mention the speaking he has done at the meetings because it always proves to be quite valuable! He has helped many of our neighbors with various concerns over the years. He answers questions and addresses concerns from all of our neighbors in a courteous, factual, and intelligent fashion. He was very highly involved last year with the serious issues we faced due to a specific property in our neighborhood and the criminal activity surrounding it. He continues to

deal with the recurring issues related to that property as needed. We owe him much gratitude for his service to this community!

*Crime prevention through  
environmental design  
(CPTED) is a multi-  
disciplinary approach to  
detering criminal behavior*

Officer Stevens has specialized training in CPTED Assessments. Crime prevention through environmental design (**CPTED**) is a multi-disciplinary approach to deterring criminal behavior through environmental design. This allows him to do Security Surveys - he will come to your house for FREE to do a walk through and provide you with inexpensive suggestions on how to beef up your personal security. He will educate you about these proven tactics that deter thieves.

Find out for yourself and request a Security Survey of your home! To schedule a survey, call or email Officer Aaron Stevens. He may be reached at [aaron.stevens@phoenix.gov](mailto:aaron.stevens@phoenix.gov) or by phone at 602-361-0043. If you happen to text him, please know that he is not permitted to text back. A Security Survey is a great way to "Be Aware" for you and your family in Bel Air!



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# Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program by Carrie Frazer

The Bel Air Neighborhood Association was recently approved for a 2018 Neighborhood Block Watch Grant in the amount of \$7,244 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 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019), 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 \$3,000.
- Hold our annual neighborhood yard sale
- Organize neighborhood clean-ups
- Continue on-line version of newsletter
- Participate in the Melrose Street Fair in 2019

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



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D**SWEET POTATO PECAN CRUMBLE**

5 lg yams - peeled/cut into cubes  
 1/2 t salt  
 1/2 T cinnamon  
 1/2 t nutmeg  
 1 t coconut extract

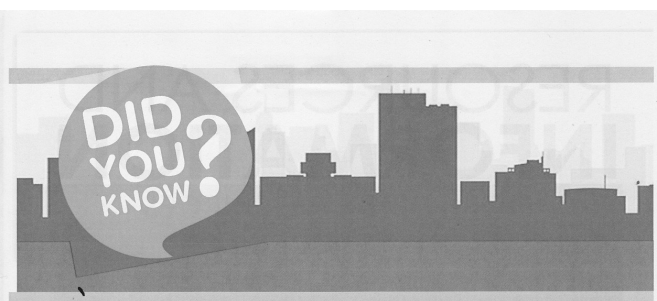
**Pecan Crumble**

1 3/4 C pecans  
 1 3/4 C shredded coconut  
 3/4 C br sugar, 1/2 C flour  
 1/4 t salt, 1 t cinnamon  
 1/2 t nutmeg  
 1/2 C butter (softened, dice)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease a 13-inch x 9-inch casserole dish. Bring large pot of water to a boil. Add yams, sea salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and coconut extract and cook until yams are tender but still firm, about 15 minutes.

For the Pecan Crumble: in a medium bowl add the pecans, shredded coconut, brown sugar, rice flour, sea salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and vegan butter. Mix with hands until butter is incorporated and small crumbles form and set aside.

Drain yams and add casserole dish. Top with coconut pecan topping and bake uncovered for 20 minutes or until golden brown.



WITH ONE  
NUMBER...



*Help people experiencing  
homelessness and strengthen  
your community.*

**602-262-6251**

IF YOU SEE CRIME HAPPENING CALL 9-1-1

Learn more about PHX C.A.R.E.S. at [phoenix.gov/PHXCares](http://phoenix.gov/PHXCares)

## RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

### CITY OF PHOENIX RESOURCES

**What do I do when I see people living/congregating in areas not meant for long-term occupation?**

Call PHX C.A.R.E.S. at 602-262-6251.

If there is suspicion of illegal activity, call CRIME STOP at 602-262-6151.

If you see a crime happening, call 9-1-1.

**How do I report graffiti, junk, debris, blight or weeds in my neighborhood?**

Call Neighborhood Services Department at 602-534-4444.

**Who can I call to help me organize a community clean-up?**

Call Neighborhood Services Department at 602-534-4444.

### COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES

#### INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS:

*Homeless Services Campus Welcome Center*, 230 S. 12th Ave., 602-229-1241  
*Phoenix Rescue Mission*, 1801 S. 35th Ave., 602-233-3000

#### FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS:

*Family Housing Hub*, 3307 E. Van Buren St., #108, 602-595-8700

#### VETERANS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS:

*Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRRC)*, 1500 E. Thomas Rd., 602-249-6040

#### MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE:

*Crisis Response Network*, 602-222-9444

*EMPACT Suicide Prevention Center*, 24 hour crisis mobile response, 602-784-1500

#### MEAL/FOOD ASSISTANCE:

*Andre House*, 213 S. 11th Ave., 602-222-9444

*St. Vincent de Paul Dining*, 1075 W. Jackson St., 602-850-6476

#### SENIOR ASSISTANCE (55 OR OLDER):

*Justa Center Day Services*, 1001 W. Jefferson St., 602-254-6524

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

## Fight Blight

by Virginia Anders

What is blight? Why does it matter? Blight includes overgrown weeds and bushes, litter, outside storage, inoperable vehicles that can be seen beyond the property line, and fences in disrepair. Such conditions in a neighborhood encourage crime because it shows that owners are not paying attention to their property. Living next to someone who regularly cares for his or her yard and home inspires us to take care of our own place. In the same way, a sloppy yard can provide an excuse to a neighbor to let their yard go. Business owners and potential home buyers see these signs as they look around neighborhoods.

Outside storage in a residential zone that can be seen beyond the property line is against the law. Fences in residential zones cannot be higher than 40 inches across the front yard or higher than 6 feet in the rear or back yard. The fencing must be in good repair and structurally sound also. An inoperable vehicle is described by the City of Phoenix as "one that is not equipped with all parts that are required to legally and safely operate on public streets and/or cannot be driven under its own power. Car covers, tarps, bamboo, shades and other similar types of materials are not acceptable screening." Citizens are not allowed to leave trash, litter, tree limbs or other waste on a property. Any such items must be disposed of properly. Dead or dried weeds, tall grass, shrubs, trees, palm fronds are not allowed to be on a homeowner's property or the adjacent rights-of-way. Even living vegetation cannot be taller than six inches.

## Practicing the Better

by KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25®

Be Aware! Drive With Care® is about every behavior behind the wheel that contributes to the safety of all on and around roadways, including pedestrians, children at play, cyclists, and passengers. As drivers we must always **"Practice the Better!"**

Practicing the better is remembering the ones we love and the ones who love us. What we all want is for everyone to arrive home and at every destination safely. Use the steps below to begin *practicing the better* yourself.

### *How to Practice the Better*

**Walk** around your vehicle before every trip to make sure children (of any age) are not in harms way.

**Set aside the cell phone** and any other distracting objects so that our sole focus is on driving (using a cellular device, even hands-free, causes tunnel vision where-in the driver focuses on what's ahead while being oblivious to what is going on around him/her. The brain is not wired to multi-task, so hang up and drive, help keep everyone alive.)

**Buckle** up everyone, every trip, no matter the distance.

**Stop! Take 3 To See®** at all Stop signs. Make sure the coast really is clear before driving on.

**Observe all speed limits**, and slow down accordingly when children, pedestrians, cyclists are present or when the weather turns nasty.

**Observe** all traffic signs and signals.

**It's Not A Race! Create Space®** Practice safe space management - allow 4 seconds distance between you and the vehicle in front of you. This is the space needed in order to react to unexpected events on the road.

**Be a thinker, use your blinker.** This is a basic means of communicating on the road.

**Don't drink and drive.** This cannot be reiterated enough!

### W H Y P R A C T I C E T H E B E T T E R ?

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