May/June 2009

# We are a Fight Back Neighborhood!

Neighborhood Web Site http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/ phoenix/belair/

# NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

# CALENDAR

Placement Begins for Bulk Trash Pickup	5/2
National Safe Kids Week	May 2-9
Board Meeting	5/4
Teacher Appreciation Day	5/5
Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive	5/9
Mother's Day	5/10
Bulk Trash Collection Begins	5/11
General Meeting Fight Back/Elections	5/16
<b>Memorial Day</b> Holiday Collection Schedule Recycle - Tuesday's collection moves to Wednesday 5/27	5/25
Squaw Peak Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Training 7:30am-3:00pm at the FOP Lodge #2, 12851 N. 19th Avenue, Phoenix. PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY. Please reg- ister to attend by e-mailing jill.fowler@phoenix.gov or deborah.iodice@phoenix.gov or call 602-495-0440 or 602- 495-0597.	6/6

You are invited to a

# GENERAL MEETING &

# FAMILY DAY

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 11:00am

American Evangelical Lutheran Church Gymnasium (NW corner of 18<sup>th</sup> Ave/Glenrosa)

# Breakfast will be served.

# KIDS CRAFT TABLE ELECT NEW BOARD MEMBERS special guest speakers **FREE CHILD ID KITS**

**MEET OUR COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER RAFFLE & GIVEAWAYS** 

 \*\* All Bel Air businessowners welcome to bring cards/brochures for networking table \*\* Any questions, contact Roshelle Johnson, Bel Air Neighborhood Association President at 602-377-7304.

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# BEL AIR BOARD

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General Fund Account:

Balance 01/31/09	\$1,149.50
- Feb. Gen. Mtg. Food	\$13.98
- Feb. Gen. Mtg.	\$81.49
Decorations End Balance 02/28/09 - Adopt-A-Family	\$1,054.03
Donation	\$100.00
End Balance 03/31/09	\$954.03

#### Balance 2/2/09 \$1.349.64 - Feb. Board Mtg. Rental - Feb. Gen. Mtg. Rental - March/April Newsletter \$160.83 End Balance 2/2/09 \$1,133.81

Block Watch Grant Account:

\$15.00

\$40.00

#### BelAir Board Meeting Minutes

# Date: February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

Location: Martin Luther School, Fireside Room

The meeting began at 8:05 pm.

In Attendance: Roshelle Johnson, Theresa Martinez, Charles Wilfong, Don Hilton, Beverly Brown, Wayne Harmon, and Carrie Frazer.

Roshelle Johnson presided over the meeting.

# **Meeting Minutes**

The December 1<sup>st</sup>, January 12<sup>th</sup> and January 26<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Minutes were review and approved.

# Treasurer's Report - Don

General Fund Account - Report tabled. Mark Day had not been contacted for this information.

Block Watch Grant Account - Beginning Balance on 12/31/08 of \$1,595.47. January expenditures of \$160.83 for Jan./ Feb. Newsletter, \$40 for GAIN Event in December Hall Rental, and \$45 for Nov./ Dec./Jan. Board Mtg. Rental fees. Ending Balance on 2/2/09 of \$1,349.64.

# Plan General Meeting for Thursday, Feb. 12th – Roshelle

The theme will be "We Love Bel Air!" The board members will speak at the event. They will provide updates on various topics. Food will be ordered for the event. Don Hilton will pick up some decorations. The board approved spending \$60 or less on the decorations.

# **Fight Back**

**Community Enhancement - Theresa** A color version of the Bel Air logo has been created. Theresa will bring a copy of the neighborhood sign toppers to the general meeting. The April neighborhood vard sale will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup>, which is the first

# **Crime Prevention – Marney**

week after Easter.

Marney has received contact information regarding riding along with other Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol members.

# **Traffic Committee – Roshelle**

Charles will check with Lisa with Neighborhood Services about having missing house numbers painted on street curbs. The speed hump petition for Glenrosa Ave. has been submitted. A resident on 15<sup>th</sup> Drive has requested a speed hump petition be circulated on that street. Due to safety concerns, the committee will look further into the possibility of replacing the alley trash bins between Monterosa and Indian School Rd. with curbside trash collection.

# **Community Preservation – Don**

Sidewalk weeds are beginning to make an unwelcome comeback. A reminder to please take care of the weeds growing in the cracks in the sidewalk in front of your home will be included in an upcoming newsletter. Blight-related Ride rounds have occurred twice in the past year. Many violations have been corrected. Violations are things such as: broken fences, trash, weeds, etc.

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# BelAir Board Meeting Minutes (cont.)

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# **Community Reports – Charles**

Charles attended Councilman Simplot's Breakfast in January. He spoke at the meeting and thanked Tom Simplot for his part in helping to keep the park at 23<sup>rd</sup> & Coolidge from closing. Tom Simplot noted that private funds (not public funds) were raised to keep the park open. Funds for senior centers and afterschool programs were also popular topics during Simplot's Breakfast. Charles also attempted to attend the Westwood Neighborhood meeting for January. However, no one was there so the meeting did not occur.

## The next BelAir Board Meeting will be on:

MONDAY, MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8 P.M. at the Fireside Room at Martin Luther School.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



# Date: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

This meeting was cancelled.

**The next BelAir Board Meeting will be on:** MONDAY, APRIL 6th at 7 P.M. at the Fireside Room at Martin Luther School.



Date: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Location: Martin Luther School, Fireside Room

The meeting began at 7:07 pm.

**In Attendance:** Beverly Brown, Carolyn McBane, Don Hilton, Wayne Harmon, Roshelle Johnson, Charles Wilfong, Virginia Anders, Lisa Hubbard (Neighborhood Services, City of Phoenix), and Carrie Frazer.

Roshelle Johnson presided over the meeting.

**Meeting Minutes – Carrie** The February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes were re-*(Continued on page 5)* 

# FIGHT BACK UPDATES

- <u>Crime Prevention Committee</u> If you have a street light petition, please return it to Lisa Huggins-Hubbard of Neighborhood Services as soon as possible.
- **Community Enhancement** Bel Air Neighborhood street sign toppers will be installed soon on the streets leading into our neighborhood (Indian School Road, 15th Avenue, and 19th Avenue). Due to the new larger street signs on Indian School Road, the Bel Air signs will be installed on extension poles below the street signs. Plans are also underway for Bel Air Neighborhood alley fences. The locations where the twelve fences will be installed are: (1) along the south side of the Grand Canal at 18th Avenue (2) along the south side of the Grand Canal at 17th Avenue (3) at the alley entrance located between Glenrosa Ave. and Heatherbrae Dr. off 19th Ave. (4 & 5) at the alley entrances on both sides of 18th Ave. located between Glenrosa Ave. and Heatherbrae Dr. (6) at the alley entrance located between Glenrosa Ave. and Heatherbrae Dr. off of 17th Ave. (7) at the alley entrance located south of Heatherbrae Dr. off 19th Ave. (8 & 9) at the alley entrances on both sides of 18th Ave. located just south of Heatherbrae Dr. on the west and between Heatherbrae Dr. and MacKenzie Dr. on the east (10) at the alley entrance located between Heatherbrae Dr.and MacKenzie Dr. off of 17th Ave. (11) at the south alley entrance between 15th Ave. and 15th Dr. off Glendale Ave. (12) at the alley entrance off 15th Ave. just north of 16th Dr.

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# Bel Air Announcements



Mrs. Jeanne Greene is starting a women's book club. If interested, please call Jeanne at 602-265-5664 after 4 pm.



# Looking To Purchase A Bel Air Style Metal Chair?

Check the following web-sites:

www.retrometallawnfurniture.com

www.torransmfgco.com

www.target.com

www.backyardcity.com

www.stacksandstacks.com

www.adirondack.net

www.patiostore.com

www.4seasongreenhouse.com

Help our neighborhood establish a unique identity by placing the Bel Air style metal lawn chair on your front porch!



# Keep Bel Air Beautiful!

Please pull those pesky weeds in the sidewalks in front of your home!

# Calling All Volunteers

The City of Phoenix launched a Web site in response to calls from residents wanting to volunteer their time in the wake of the city's budget crisis, which resulted in a \$156 million reduction in services. Find out how you can lend a helping hand to city parks, libraries, public safety and neighborhood programs. Neighborhood Services needs assistance with the Graffiti Busters program.

To find out more about this volunteer opportunity, call 602-495-0323 or visit phoenix.gov/residents/community/volunteer/ index.html for other opportunities.

# Solutions for Your Business.



# BelAir Board Meeting Minutes (cont.)

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# **Treasurer's Report - Don**

**General Fund Account –** Don passed out copies of an e-mail Mark Day had sent him regarding the General Fund. The beginning balance was \$1149.50 on 2/1/2009. Expenditures were: \$13.98 for food for the Feb. general meeting, \$81.49 for decorations for the Feb. general meeting, and \$100 for the Adopt-A-Family donation. Ending balance was \$954.03 on 3/31/2009.

**Block Watch Grant Account –** Beginning Balance on 2/2/09 of \$1,349.64. February expenditures were: \$55 for the Feb. Board Mtg. rental fee and the Feb. Gen. Mtg. hall rental fee, and \$160.83 for the March/April Newsletter. Ending Balance on 4/6/09 of \$1,133.81.

# Block Watch Grant – Don

Don and Mark Day will be working together on the third portion of the Block Watch Grant Report.

# **Fight Back**

# **Community Enhancement - Don**

The committee has signs and ads planned for the neighborhood yard sale. A tent (booth) will be placed between on Monterosa St. near 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Flyers with a map of neighborhood addresses that sales are planned will be distributed from this location. Water, soda, coffee, and cookies will also be sold. Don has only received one completed "Yard of the Quarter" nomination form. Roshelle indicated she received two nominations for the "Yard of the Quarter." The goal will be to announce the winning "Yard of the Quarter" on the same day as the neighborhood yard sale.

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# **ADVERTISE IN THE BELAIR NEWSLETTER**

Small Ad: \$7.00 (Business Card Size) Large Ad: \$14.00 (Double Business Card Size) Announcements: \$7.00 (Births, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Neighborhood Events)

Procedures for Submitting Ads:

 Submit the ad by email, diskette, or printed form to the Communicator editor at carriefraz@aol.com. It must be exactly as you want it to appear in the newsletter.

2. Contact the editor about how to submit payment.



Salt River Valley Water Users' Association (Association) Shareholders, SRP Shareholder Compensation Program Applications are due July 6th, 2009.

SRP Shareholder Compensation can be reached at: P.O. Box 29077 Phoenix, AZ 85038-9077 (602) 236-2692

# Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
Crime Stop	602-262-6151
Community Action Officer, Aaron Stephens	602-361-0043
Abandoned Vehicles Private Property Streets, Alleys	262-7844 262-6151
Child Safety Seat Info.	602-495-5007
Gang Hotline	602-534-4264
Graffiti Busters	602-495-7014
Graffiti Reward Hotline	602-262-7327
Impounded Property	602-261-8371
Silent Witness	602-948-6377
Traffic Complaint Hotline	602-534-7733
Water Safety Hotline	602-534-7665
Zoning Enforcement	602-262-7344

# BelAir Board Meeting Minutes (cont.)

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#### May General Meeting/Elections - Roshelle

Two potential dates for the May General Meeting/ Elections were discussed. The dates are: May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am (Continental Breakfast style) and May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm (Dinner/My Mother's lasagna). Roshelle will check with the American Lutheran Church to see which of these dates the gym might be available. Roshelle or Lisa may invite our councilman to be the speaker for the evening. The topic for the evening might be the economic recovery. The Police Department might be asked to have an informational table at the event. Roshelle may contact Crisis Nursery to see if they will have a face painting booth at the event. Phone Tree giveaways will also be part of the event.

### Fight Back – Lisa Hubbard

Street light petitions were distributed at the February General Meeting. These need to be returned to Lisa with Neighborhood Services. A notice to this effect needs to be placed in the May/June newsletter. A second safety audit needs to be organized. Virginia will work with Lisa Hubbard on the second safety audit.

There has been a lot of planning for the Bel Air Neighborhood Yard Sale. Lisa has ordered many neighborhood yard sale signs, a table with a very nice table cover. A 10'x10' pop up tent was ordered with a color Bel Air logo on it. The logo is green. Some of these items can also be used for a Bel Air Neighborhood Association booth at various future events (such as: 7<sup>th</sup> Ave/Melrose events).

Street sign toppers have been ordered and are coming. Work is still progressing for gates on specific alley entrances in Bel Air. Various bids have been received and are being reviewed. Lisa brought a map to this meeting depicting the locations of the proposed gates. Adult probation will be coming by to clean alleys and easements.

The new owner of the apartments at 1517 W. Indian School Rd. would like to be involved in the surrounding community. The apartments are now gated and remodeled.

A licensed contractor must be hired to paint missing/ faded house numbers on street curbs in Bel Air. Erik Carpenter is currently the one licensed curb painter. The estimate he gave for painting all of the house numbers in Bel Air is \$3,000. This expense can be paid for with Fight Back funds. Virginia made a motion for Erik Carpenter to be hired for this project. Don seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## Traffic Committee – Roshelle

The proposed speed hump for Glenrosa Ave. is now being opposed due to the exact location where the speed hump would have had to be installed due to various distance guidelines/restrictions. The exact location would have seriously interfered with a property owner's driveway. The proposed speed hump on 15<sup>th</sup> Drive is also being opposed.

### Crime Committee – Virginia

The Bel Air Neighborhood Books are complete. The will be 3"x5" 80-sheet notebooks with safety related info included. The cost to order 150 of these books is \$1 each. Virginia would like to distribute them at general meetings. It was decided that 500 will be ordered to possibly reduce the cost per book while acquiring enough books for Bel Air residents/property owners and distribution at future events.

#### **Community Reports – Roshelle**

Roshelle attended a meeting titled, "Forward Thinking, Surviving Hard Times."

#### **Community Reports – Charles**

Charles attended Councilman Simplot's Breakfast in March. Bob Khan from the Phoenix Fire Department was the guest speaker. The Phoenix Fire Department is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest in the country. It handles 15,000 calls a year for our area. A commander of the uniformed non-sworn officers that patrol the light rail also spoke at the meeting.

## **Community Reports – Lisa**

Lisa attended a recent crime summit of approximately 35 people from the community. Many new ideas come from these crime summits.

## **Board Elections – Roshelle**

Jeannie Garcia has resigned from the Bel Air Neighborhood Association Board.

#### The next BelAir Board Meeting will be on:

MONDAY, MAY 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. at the Fireside Room at Martin Luther School.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.