



# **BelAir Neighborhood Communicator**

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

**We are a Fight Back Neighborhood!**

## ***Upcoming Events***

***Bulk Trash Pickup—Placement Can Begin on August 2nd.***

***Collection begins August 11th.***

***October 18th—Annual Gain Event***

***We are planning a pancake breakfast— more details to come!***

## ***CONGRATULATIONS***

***To Our New BelAir Board***

***Members***

***(check out their bio's on page 4)***

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**General fund:** \$1249.20

No activity 0.00

Ending balance 6/30/08  
\$1249.20

**Block Watch Grant:** \$ 464.76

Office Supplies 32.48

Board Mtg room rental 15.00

Ending balance 6/30/08 **\$ 417.28**

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## B e l A i r B o a r d M e e t i n g M i n u t e s

Meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

**In Attendance:** Susan Thompson-McHugh, Charles Wilfong, Virginia Anders

Approval of minutes for

**Treasurer's Report:** Since Mark Day wasn't able to attend tonight's meeting, we will have the report at the General Meeting

**Fight Back Project:**

**Grant Projects Status Update:**

**Committee Reports:** Community Enhancement – A possible competition for neighbors to change the BelAir logo to use for the sign-toppers. Teresa will meet with the City of Phoenix regarding the kinds of art work we can use.

Preservation – the committee will forward repeat offender issues on blight to the City.

Crime – the Safe House designation may have unacceptable liability issues, according to a recent community meeting. . We still don't have a date for the night safety audit.

Traffic – For the speed humps to be

installed, unanimous support indicated must be documented on a lift for the neighbors on the streets involved, which include Glenrosa, Monterosa, Heatherbrae, Westview, and 16<sup>th</sup> Drive. They are working on getting gates to close off major alleys in the neighborhood, which does not mean the easements. They are considering door hangers educating people on the 25 mph speed limit, with short sayings such as "no need to speed" or "check your speed." They are interested in creating one mile walking paths along areas that now have unwanted traffic behind their houses. The intention is to encourage neighbors to be out and about, and to increase the number of people paying attention to the neighborhood.

### COMING IN THE SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER NEWSLETTER:

- Block Watch Grant Funding Update for July 2008—June 2009
- Fight Back Committee Updates

**EFFECTIVE JULY 14, 2008**

**BLUE** recycling containers will be collected on **TUESDAYS**.

**GREEN** garbage containers will be collected on **FRIDAYS**.

**Reminder!**

## General Meeting Minutes

The BelAir neighborhood General Meeting was held Thursday, May 15, 2008 at American Evangelical Church. The guest speaker for the evening was Rhonda Baxter from the City of Phoenix Fire Department. She provided valuable information on fire hazards, water safety, and other related safety issues. The following is a summary of the information presented:

- Street addresses need to be on street-facing side of the house, in four inch letters - Numbers painted on the curbs too often are obscured by parked cars.
- If you are cooking something and need to leave the kitchen, take something – even a potholder - with you to remind you to return as soon as possible.
- Cooking oil burn 8 times hotter than lard. Always have a lid out with the frying pan. If a fire starts on the stove you can put the lid on quickly. Remember to leave the lid on until the pot or pan is cool enough not to re-ignite itself.
- If you need to call 911, STAY ON THE LINE until the operator tells you to hang up.
- Keep medical information handy: hospitals provide storage devices, such as an easily identifiable envelope, that you can then store on top of the refrigerator.

### Electrical

- Use only appliances with UL stickers on them.
- Use UL listed, surge-protected power strips only.
- Extension cords are not intended as permanent wiring – they get really hot.
- Install photo-electric smoke detectors. You can obtain dual-sensing alarms at Home Depot and Lowe's, which detect both kinds of smoke. The detectors are called FirstAlert and Kidd's.
- Ultra-life battery: A lithium power cell is a new product which lasts up to 10 years.
- The 9-volt version lasts up to 9 months on average, for regular smoke alarms.
- When you push the button on the alarm to test it you are only testing the horn, not the alarm itself
- Buy a new detector every 8 – 10 years
- Clean a smoke detector with pressurized air, such as a computer keyboard cleaner.
- Don't put an alarm in the garage (you won't hear it), the kitchen (it will go off too often when it isn't needed, so you will end up disconnecting it), the laundry room (lint from the dryer may clog it), the bathroom (steam will set it off), nor near the TV (too much heat). Best placement: by the bedroom door
- Position the detector 4 – 8 inches away from the corner; 12 inches away from the wall.
- Keep your bedroom door closed. If there is fire on the other side of a closed door, it will give you about a 20-minute barrier between you and the fire.
- After crawling to the door, feel the door with the back of your hand, as high as you can reach without standing up.
- If smoke enters the bedroom, you can become unconscious without ever waking up.
- Keep a phone by your bed.

### ESCAPE PLAN

- Practice your escape route
- Know who is to out which door
- Have a meeting place
- Count the people and pets that have arrived there
- Humans are the only creatures who deliberately go into a fire
- If there are bars on your windows, you must have a permit, and you must have emergency release latches on them.
- If you have double key locks on your security doors, change to a thumb turn lock because in an emergency you won't remember where the house keys are.
- If you are remodeling your house, install residential sprinklers
- Glass bulb versions are heat-activated and localized – only one will burst at a time. Each one has 10 – 25 gallons of water.
- Keep electric panels clean
- Make sure ashes in ashtrays are cold before dumping them in the garbage
- Remove lint from the dryer from every load - lint is very combustible
- Keep floors clear of any and all items that might trip someone

## Meet Our New Board Members

The following residents have volunteered to serve on the BelAir Neighborhood Association Board. Board members were elected via elections held at the May 15th general meeting or appointed by the board at the July 10, 2008 board meeting. Please welcome the following new board members for terms starting July 2008.

### *Carolyn McBane*

My name is Carolyn McBane. Bob and I have lived in the neighborhood for 40 years. We raised our 5 daughters here and have 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Now our home is shared with Liz, a 10-year-old lab/shepherd "pound puppy." We both enjoy traveling and I am active in the Valley Interfaith Project in which our church is a member. VIP works on social justice issues.

### *Carrie Frazer*

Hello neighbors! My name is Carrie Frazer. My husband and I are both native to Arizona. We bought our first home over 15 years ago. We chose our home in Bel Air because of its design, appeal, and large irrigated lot. We have been lucky to have come to know quite a few of our great neighbors, many of whom are original owners or descendants of original owners. Our house has been a great place for raising our children.

### *Theresa Martinez*

I moved to the neighborhood in April, 2007 with my husband, Daniel, and son, Everett. We have spent the last year getting to know the area on bike and foot and recently completed our front and backyard landscaping. I used to teach high school in Miami, Florida and now work for a local nonprofit, although education is still my passion. My husband and I are native

Phoenicians and hike and enjoy the outdoors as often as we can in good weather. We have one cat, Astra, who also loves roaming the neighborhood.

### *Donald Hilton*

I have lived in Arizona as a house and business owner for twenty years. I am originally from the Washington DC area, where I worked as top management for various retail firms for thirty six years. I am now retired from retail, and owner of my own interior design company for ten years called DLH Design Exc. Inc. I have own a home in the BelAir community for two years that I have rebuilt.

I am involved with three organizations where I am the treasurer of two and part owner of one. I was also vice present of a 501C3 charity origination.

### *Chris Saxton*

The Saxtons moved to Arizona four years ago from England to work at Community Church of Joy in Glendale. Having just moved back to the state after completing ordination training in Minnesota they are looking forward to moving closer to be a part of the community. Chris, the new pastor at American Lutheran, is married to Joannah who writes, speaks and is a life coach. They have two cute little girls Tia (nearly 3) and Zoe (18 months). Chris enjoys mountain biking, golf and football (soccer to you), Joannah enjoys reading, running and all forms of shopping.

(General Meeting Minutes Continued)

### **Water safety:**

- Children under the age of 6 drown silently
- All pools must be gated
- Learn CPR
- Keep a phone by the pool
- If you are preparing to sell your house and you have a pool, you must fence it first.
- Move away from a fence anything that can be used to climb over the fence.
- If you are the designated pool guardian while children are in or near the pool, don't get in the pool yourself, don't read a book, don't take a nap, don't eat and don't drink there

Board elections for board terms starting July 2008 were held. Newly elected members were: Teresa Martinez, Marney Redmond, Carolyn McBane, Carrie Frazer and Chris Saxton. A big thank you to Susan Thompson McHugh, Sherri Gallagher, Aaron Goldman and Mark Day for serving on the board and all their hard work.

## SEASONAL SAFETY

### Hot Weather and Vehicles can be a Deadly Combination for Kids

*Information Provided by Safe Kids USA*

#### Never Leave Your Child Alone

How does a hot car put kids in danger?

From 1998 to 2007, approximately 365 children, most of them aged three and younger, died from heat stroke after being trapped in a car.

Leaving a child in a vehicle for a "quickie" errand is a huge mistake. Unfortunately, a delay of just a few minutes on a warm day can lead to tragedy.

Heat is much more dangerous to children than it is to adults. When left in a hot vehicle, a young child's core body temperature may increase three to five times faster than that of an adult. This could cause permanent injury or even death.

According to research conducted by San Francisco State University, even with relatively cool temperatures outside, 70 degrees, the inside of a car can reach a dangerous temperature in just minutes.

The research also revealed that more than half of these children were accidentally left behind in a closed, parked car by parents or caregivers while nearly a third of these children were trapped while playing in a vehicle unattended. Sadly, one in five children who died was intentionally left in the vehicle by an adult.

Safe Kids USA in partnership with General Motors wants to end these needless deaths and injuries by reminding parents and caregivers about the dangers of allowing children to play in or around cars. Vehicles are not toys and children of all ages should never be alone around them.

Parents and caregivers should:

- Teach children not to play on or around vehicles.
- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, even for one minute or with the window slightly open.
- Always lock a vehicle's doors and trunk especially at home. Keep keys and remote entry devices out of children's reach.
- Watch your children closely around vehicles, particularly when loading and unloading. Check to ensure all children leave the vehicle when you reach your destination. Don't overlook sleeping infants.
- Be especially careful if you're dropping off infants or children at day care and that's not part of your normal routine. Have your day care

provider contact you if your child does not show up on a day they are expected.

- Place something that you'll need at your next stop. For example, a purse, your lunch, gym bag or briefcase on the floor of the backseat where your child is sitting. This simple act could help prevent you from accidentally forgetting your child.

### Important Phone Numbers

Emergency 911

Crime Stop 602-262-6151

Abandoned Vehicles  
Private Property 262-7844  
Streets, Alleys 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

### 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:

1. Submit the ad by email, diskette, or printed form to Virginia Anders. It must be exactly as you want it to appear in the newsletter.
2. Contact Virginia about how to submit your payment.

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