



BelAir Neighborhood Communicator

Neighborhood Web Site

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/phoenix/belair/>

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

General Meeting/Elections

Thursday, June 14, 2007 at 7pm

American Evangelical Lutheran Church

1830 W Glenrosa Avenue

Do you want to make an impact on our neighborhood? Run for the BelAir Board! See article inside for details.



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Many thanks to all of the volunteers who make this project possible.

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Account Balances

As of March 31, 2007:

BelAir General Account - \$1,231.56

BelAir 301 Block Grant Account - \$1,518.83

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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

The board meeting on April 6, 2007 was called to order at 7:06 pm. Attended members: Susan Thompson-McHugh, Mark Day, Sherri Gallagher, Aaron Goldman, Jeannie Garcia, Jonathan Massey, Betty Dales, Virginia Anders, and Steve Armenta. Absent members: Jaime Canedo, Boyd Puffer, and Charles Wilfong.

Meeting minutes from Feb 2007 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: see above for account balances. Report was accepted and approved.

Committee Reports

Preservation Committee/Community Report: Graffiti Removal Classes are given monthly. Graffiti—paint to cover graffiti available at Neighborhood Services (contact Lisa Hubbard Higgins at 602-266-7681). Dumpster Clean-up was successful last month. Block Watch Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol—May 19th, 2007.

301 Grant: Notice may be given in April or May about grant funding. Block Watch Summit April 21st.

Newsletter: May Newsletter articles due

April 20th. Articles to include elections, block watch, yard art.

Block Watch: Tagging on cars. Increase in graffiti all over the city.

Old Business

April - Neighborhood Yard Sale Saturday, April 14th at Jeannie Garcia's house 4110 N. 16th Drive. Drop off for donations to neighborhood will be Friday, April 13th from 6-8pm at her house. Aaron will advertise Neighborhood Yard Sale in AZ Republic and on Craig's List.

General Meeting/Elections—Thursday, June 14, 2007 at 7pm in the sanctuary. Lisa Higgins-Hubbard from Neighborhood Services to speak.

New Business

Letter of concern will be written to Circle K corporate office and notification to Tom Simplot's office about concerns. Discussed removal of payphones and moving the bus stop.

Next board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 7:00pm at the Fireside Room in the Church Gym.

Graffiti Busters
602-495-7014

Blight
602-262-7844
blight@phoenix.gov

Neighborhood Services
602-266-7681

Curfew Ordinance - City Code 21-1/22-2

<u>Age</u>	<u>Hours in Effect</u>
15 and under	10:00 pm- 5:00 am
16 and 17	12:00 am -5:00 am

Curfew is in effect 7 days a week.

During these times juveniles are required to stay at home unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other adult having custody or supervision of the juvenile.



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Block Watch By Susan Thompson - McHugh

Hello BelAir Neighbors

I would like to thank all those who took advantage of the dumpsters that were in our neighborhood at the end March. We will do this again. Look for future dates in your newsletter. Also thank you to everyone that contributed to the Annual BelAir Garage Sale or held one of their own. It is a great opportunity to see and speak with your neighbors. The BelAir Neighborhood Garage Sale is traditionally held the week-end after Easter so mark it on your calendar for next year.

On a more serious note, we need to be on the look out for thieves. I know personally of a house break-in and a car break-in that has occurred in the last month. In the recent house burglaries, the burglar entered through a rear door, usually the French Doors. If you know your neighbors are gone and hear anything suspicious please call the Police.

We are trying to form a more organized effort for Block Watch on every street in the BelAir Neighborhood. If you are interested, please call me or contact one of the Board Members.

Block Watch tips from the Phoenix Block Watch Summit:

Be Suspicious of anyone in your neighborhood:

- Going door to door knocking
- Walking down alleys
- Taking particular interest in houses, open garages, vehicles and/or yards.
- Unfamiliar individuals hanging around the neighborhood.
- People returning to neighborhood without visiting any particular address.
- Asking questions about your neighbors' work schedules or when a neighbor on vacation might return.
- Sitting in a parked vehicle watching the neighborhood.

Important numbers:

CRIME STOP 602-262-6151
For non life-threatening emergencies

Bicycle safety programs 495-2462

Water safety Hotline 495-5555

Graffiti Busters 602-495-7014

Watch Your Car Program
1-888-668-4433

- Vehicles parked at the end of streets.
- Unfamiliar vehicles cruising through your neighborhood.

Common Methods of Entry used by burglars:

- **Door Kicks:** A burglar can be in and out of your home in two minutes
- **Window Entries:** a burglar can make a complete sweep of your home and personal property within four or five minutes.
- **Sliding Doors:** A burglar can easily lift an sliding door from its track or break it quickly with a swift hit from an object.
- **Attached Sheds:** Burglars have easy access to the attic. Once over the residence, they use a "ceiling kick" to gain entry.
- **Open Garages:** Burglars can make visual inventory of your valuables.
- **French Doors:** A burglars can easily break a pane of glass in reach inside to open the door.

Contact NSD

Administrative Services Division 602-534-5033
City of Phoenix general information . 602-262-6011
Community Development Division . . 602-534-2393
Coordination Division 602-495-3738
NSD Director's office 602-534-2825
Fight Back Program 602-495-3738
Graffiti Busters hotline 602-495-7014
Graffiti cell phone hotline #4663
Graffiti in progress 9-1-1
Grants Administration 602-262-7158
KEEP IT CLEAN! 602-534-4444
Landlord/Tenant counseling 602-262-7210
Neighborhood Association list 602-495-0113
Neighborhood Economic
Development 602-495-5249
Preservation Division 602-262-7844
Property maintenance violations . . . 602-262-7844
Property maintenance violations
..... blight@phoenix.gov
Revitalization Division 602-262-4808

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New Exhibits Open at Shemer Art Center and Museum

The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department's Shemer Art Center & Museum will be hosting the following workshop and new exhibits in the coming months.

May 24 to June 7 – "Artful Minds" Exhibit

Artists from Gompers Center will present a juried exhibition of fine art that will include paintings, drawings, mosaics and mixed media works. The Gompers Center has assisted thousands of children and adults with debilitating disabilities. A free opening night reception will be held on Thursday, May 24 from 7 to 9 p.m.

May 29 – 6 to 9 p.m. - The Group Mind as Artist Workshop

Join the staff of the Shemer Art Center and Museum and member of the "Group Mind as Artist" for a collaborative evening of art making. Limited space available, please RSVP to the Shemer by email or by phone at 602-262-4727. Free to members, \$5 for public.

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View the collaborative works of trained and novice artists. The process requires each participant to take turns creating lines, colors and forms to create the final composition. A free opening night reception will be held on Thursday, May 24 from 7 – 9 p.m.

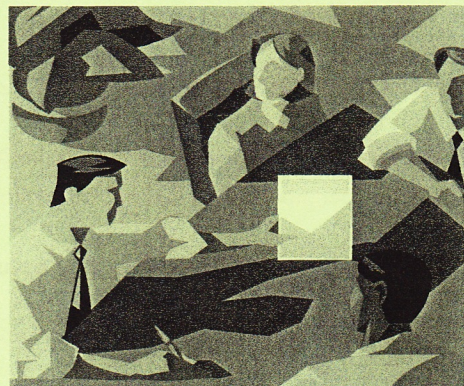
Exhibits can be viewed Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The city of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department operates the Shemer Art Center & Museum, a Phoenix Point of Pride, located at 5005 E. Camelback Rd. All events are co-sponsored by the Shemer Art Center & Museum Association (SACAMA). For additional information, visit phoenix.gov/shemer.html or call 602-262-4727.

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!!!

We need you

To run for the Belair Neighborhood Association Board. Six seats are up for election at the June 14, 2007 General Meeting. Only requirements are that you be a resident and property owner in the BelAir Neighborhood and that you attend Board meetings the first Thursday of every month at 7pm. Any contribution of time or effort beyond that is up to the individual but let me warn you that serving is contagious and satisfying.

This is our neighborhood. This is where we live. This is your opportunity to participate in making our neighborhood a great place to live. Please contact any current Board member for more information or to place your name on the ballot. We do need you!



FOR SITUATIONS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

Crime Stop 262-6151

After the fact report calls such as: burglary reports, theft or stolen vehicles reports, non-urgent traffic problems, complaints of loud parties

WITNESS 948-6377

Reporting information on unsolved felony crimes

YARD ART

By Virginia Clifford Anders

Every April, on the grounds of the Carnegie Library in downtown Phoenix, my sister Linda and I go to the AZ Book Festival. The gathering includes published authors, publishing companies, writers' groups, and organizations such as the Hispanic Institute of Social Issues, Discovery Toys, and various bookstores. We love meeting authors and buying their books from them directly.

This year I bought Cheap and Easy Gardening by Bernice Boughner and Mary Young. Mary, who lives in Prescott, signed my copy and talked with us for awhile. Bernice lives in Michigan, helps people plan their gardens, and landscapes homes for Habitat for Humanity. They wrote their book for people who don't spend most of their free time digging in the dirt, but still want a nice-looking yard.

The chapter titles show their straight-forward style: So what do you want from me?; Is it dirt or is it soil?; Two things every garden must have; yard chemicals 101; Free plants are our favorite; The birds and bees and other critters'; Toolin' around...

About compost, for instance: any salad greens work well; tomato seeds won't sprout in compost but cantaloupe will. The authors tell a complete story of composting, from the complex to the simple approach. For that matter, compost ties in to their instructions about the microclimate of your own yard. Paying attention to the condition of your soil (or dirt) becomes a key to the success of your gardening projects. Either work with the plants your soil likes, or change the composition of it to prepare for something non-native.

How much sun does your planting area get? I learned from the book that six or more hours of direct sun is considered full sun. About four hours a day describes part sun, and two or fewer hours of direct sun a day defines shade.

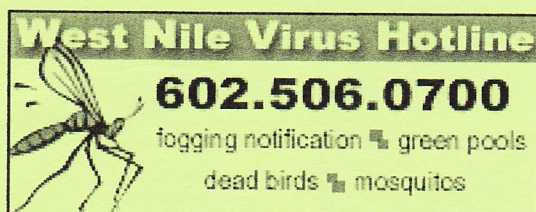
Do you know whether or not your lot contains any slope to it? If it does, make use of it by choosing plants accordingly – those that take more water need to live at the lowest part of the slope.

Chapters on perennials, annuals, and bulbs each include a detailed chart of where best to plant them, how much sun and water each needs, the common and Latin names for each plant, how deep the planting hole needs to be, and the colors of their flowers.

I've always avoided planting roses. I've heard the stories of how much work they take. The authors quote the well-known horticulturist, Felder Rushing about roses: "Roses grow and thrive in graveyards. If the dead can do it, so can you." I don't know about you, but I felt much more confidence in experimenting with growing roses after reading that. Of course, they follow that opening with a wealth of practical guidance on adding that most iconic flower to the plan.

Just this much information gives any gardener a better start than simply planting begonias in the corner of the lot because you want them there. In other words, reading a book such as this one can make the difference between investing time, money, and energy successfully, and simply digging in the dirt.

I have happily added "Cheap and Easy" to my growing list (no pun intended) of gardening books, websites, and other resources at home. Any books or sources you want to share with your neighbors, let me know!



Vector Control

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Announcements: \$7.00 (Births, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Neighborhood Events)

Procedures for Submitting Ads:

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