



BelAir Neighborhood Communicator

Neighborhood Web Site

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

**Burglaries have been on the
rise in BelAir. We need your
help!!! Come to the
General Meeting on
Crime, Safety, & Awareness**

General Meeting and 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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Account Balances

As of April 30, 2007:

BelAir General Account - \$1,216.56

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 May 3, 2007 was called to order at 7:10 pm. Attended members: Susan Thompson-McHugh, Mark Day, Sherri Gallagher, Boyd Puffer, Charles Wilfong, Jonathan Massey, Betty Dales, Virginia Anders, Jaime Canedo and Andrew Tuttle (Tom Simplot's office). Absent members: Aaron Goldman, Steve Armenta, Jeannie Garcia.

Meeting minutes from April 2007 were reviewed and approved. One member in opposition because information was not included.

Treasurer's Report: see above for account balances.

Committee Reports

Preservation Committee: Blight issues—Houses with high grass. One house for sale on 16th Drive had squatters in it which was reported to the police. Circle K on 15th Ave and Thomas has applied for a liquor license. Circle K on 15th Ave. and Indian School—we are waiting for a report back from the Community Action Officer about beer runs and theft. There appears to be a lack of staff and management.

Community Report: No trespassing signs on access roads & off-ramps from Indian School to Dunlap. Food City & CVS stopped selling single cans of beer/alcohol, QT may join in also. City is buying property behind church for building the bridge. Glenrosa & Access Road Townhomes for sale. Builders are trying to have police and firemen buy the affordable homes. Glenrosa & 19th Ave. SE corner-graffiti. People stealing objects off front porches—look out for a person on a bike with a baby buggy. We are looking in to speeding and putting up additional stop signs. Someone exposed himself to

children at recess at the church school.

Newsletter: June Newsletter articles due May 20th. Articles to include crime free multi-housing, graffiti, yard art. Need couriers on corner lots.

Block Watch: Block Watch Summit was attended by Susan and she went to graffiti and crime meetings. Monterosa, 15th Drive and 16th Drive have had several home burglaries and car break-ins. Look out for the following suspects—white male over 200 lbs. with a red goatee carrying a black backpack. Hispanic male in his 30's on a BMX bike; Black male in 40's on a bike; Two Hispanic males in a white car. Burglars have broken out windows in French doors and crank windows. Tagging vs. gang graffiti—if removing graffiti, let police know about gang graffiti. Take pictures of graffiti before removing it. Graffiti violators receive restitution for destruction of property. Need to have Block Watch meetings out on the streets.

Old Business

Neighborhood Yard Sale made \$1.60 after paying for ad in AZ Republic. Unsold items were donated to Halo on 7th Ave.

General Meeting/Elections—Thursday, June 14, 2007 at 7pm in the sanctuary. Sgt. Coffman to Phx. Police to speak. Six seats on Board up for re-election. Five individuals running.

New Business

GAIN October 20th. When speakers are at Board meetings, official minutes will go to members and abbreviated minutes will be in newsletter. **Next board meeting Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 7:00pm Fireside Room Church Gym.**

Graffiti Busters
602-495-7014

Blight
602-262-7844
blight@phoenix.gov

Neighborhood Services
602-266-7681



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Block Watch**By Susan Thompson - McHugh****Mission Statement**

The Phoenix Crime Free Multi-Housing Program provides an opportunity for rental property owners and residents to share responsibility with police for creating and maintaining a safe housing environment.

What is Crime Free Multi-Housing?

The Phoenix Crime Free Multi-Housing Program was designed to help residents, owners, and the managers of rental property keep drugs and other illegal activity off their property. This program is honest and direct. It is solution oriented. It is designed to be easy, yet very effective in reducing the incident of crime in rental properties. The program utilizes a unique three-part approach, which ensures the crime prevention goal, while maintaining a very resident friendly approach. Phase One involves a free eight-hour seminar presented by the police department. Phase Two will certify that the rental property has met minimum-security requirements for the residents' safety. In Phase Three, a resident crime prevention meeting will be conducted for full certification, and the managers will be granted the use of large metal logo signs for the property. The management will also be granted the use of the program logo in all advertisements.

Why Crime Free

When criminals and other destructive residents operate out of rental property, neighborhoods suffer and landlords pay a high price.

That price may include:

- Decline in property values--particularly when the activity begins affecting the reputation of the neighborhood.
- Property damage arising from police raids, abuse, retaliation, or neglect.
- Fire and pollution resulting from drug manufacturing or growing operations.
- Civil and criminal abatement of nuisance properties, civil penalties, (small claims court), sanctions including temporary closure of the property or even property seizure.
- Loss of rent during the eviction and repair periods.
- Fear and frustration when dealing with dangerous and threatening residents.

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**

- Increased resentment and anger between neighbors and property managers which may lead to civil remedies/abatement.
- The loss of other valued residents.

Who Benefits**When crime is decreased EVERYONE benefits.****Other Benefits:**

- A stable satisfied resident base.
 - Increased demand for rental units with a reputation for active management.
 - Lower maintenance and repair costs.
 - Increased property values.
 - Improved personal safety for residents, landlords, and managers.
 - Peace of mind that comes from spending more time on routine management and less on crisis control.
- More appreciative neighbors.

How To Understand & Implement Crime Free Multi-Housing Strategies**I. Prevention and Applicant Screening**

- Credit and criminal background checks.
 - The redesign of the property to lower the incident of crime
 - "New" community rules.
 - Benefits of applicant screening.
 - Tips to strengthen rental agreements.
 - Proactive property management.
 - The importance of sign age: *How curb appeal repels criminals.*
- Maintaining the physical environment.

II. Criminal Activity

- The maintaining of a "paper trail."
 - Warning signs of criminal activity.
 - Actions you must take if you discover your resident or resident's guests are conducting illegal activities at your property.
 - Working with the police.
- Crisis resolution and the eviction process.

III. Resource Materials

- Handouts and forms of community resources for residents, landlords, and property managers.
- Suggestions for maintaining inspection and repair logs



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Vigilancia en su Vecindario

By Susan Thompson - McHugh

Hola BelAir Colinda,

Querría dar gracias todo lo que se aprovecharon de los contenedores que estaban en nuestro vecindario al fin marzo. Haremos este otra vez. Busque las fechas futuras en su boletín. También gracias a todos que contribuyeron a la Venta en garaje Anual de BelAir o tuvieron uno de su propio. Es una gran oportunidad de ver y hablar con sus vecinos. La Venta en garaje del Vecindario de BelAir se tiene tradicionalmente el fin de semana después que Pascua tan lo marca en su calendario para el año próximo.

En una nota más grave, nosotros necesitamos estar en la mirada fuera para ladrones. Sé personalmente de un interrupción en de casa y un interrupción en de coche que he ocurrido en el el mes pasado. En los robos con fractura recientes de la casa, el ladrón entró por una puerta trasera, generalmente las puertaventanas. Si usted sabe que sus vecinos son idos y oyen algo sospechoso llama por favor a la Policía. Tratamos de formar un esfuerzo más organizado para el Reloj del Bloque en cada calle en el Vecindario de BelAir. Si usted es interesado, por favor me llama o contacta uno de los Miembros de Tabla.

Bloquee puntas de Reloj de la Cumbre del Reloj del Bloque de Phoenix:

Sea Sospechoso de cualquiera en su vecindario:

- Yendo puerta a golpear de puerta
- Andando abajo callejones
- Tomando el interés particular en casas, abre garajes, los vehículos y/o las yardas. • Individuos no Familiarizados

que cuelgan alrededor del vecindario.

- Personas que vuelven al vecindario sin visitar alguna dirección particular.
- Haciendo preguntas acerca de sus vecinos' los horarios del trabajo o cuando un vecino en vacaciones quizás vuelva.
- Sentándose en un vehículo estacionado que mira el vecindario. Vehículos estacionaron a fines de calles.
- Vehículos no Familiarizados que van por su vecindario.

Los Métodos comunes de la Entrada utilizada por ladrones:

- Puerta Patea: Un ladrón puede estar en y fuera de su hogar en dos minutos
- las Entradas de Ventana: un ladrón puede hacer un completo barre de su hogar y bienes muebles dentro de cuatro o cinco minutos.
- Deslizando Puertas: Un ladrón puede levantar fácilmente una puerta que desliza de su vestigio o lo rompe rápidamente con un golpe rápido de un objeto.
- Barracas Conectadas: Los ladrones tienen el acceso fácil al ático. Una vez que sobre la residencia, ellos utilizan una "patada de techo" para ganar la entrada.
- Abre Garajes: Los ladrones pueden hacer el inventario visual de sus objetos de valor.
- Puertaventanas: Un ladrones pueden romper fácilmente un cristal en el alcance dentro de abrir la puerta.

Números importantes:

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Usted y sus vecinos pueden ayudar a la policía a atrapar ladrones, o mejor aún, a prevenir que los robos sucedan de antemano. Llame al Departamento de la Policía para más información. La dirección de Internet es www.phoenixpolice.gov. Si ha sido víctima de un robo, llame a la unidad contra el crimen "Crime Stop" al 602 262 6151

Teche Ratat

Cuando el tiempo tibio recuerda por favor a la prueba de la rata su casa. Un punto favorito de la entrada para estos bichos astutos se desatranca gateras.

Qué más usted debe saber acerca de ratas de techo

- Excremento de rata de Techo es largo y cilíndrico.
 - Ratas de Techo son nocturnas.
 - Ratas de Techo pueden transmitir las enfermedades como la peste y el tifus bubónicos. En este momento, ninguna de las ratas de techo capturó y probó en el Condado de Maricopa ha estado enfermo.
 - Ratas de Techo entrarán hogares y edificios. Ellos sólo necesitan un hoyo el tamaño de un cuarto para ganar la entrada.
 - Ratas de Techo son trepadoras buenas. Ellos pueden subir paredes y líneas de utilidad de uso y las cercas para viajar de la estructura para estructurar.
 - Afuera, ratas de techo anidarán en árboles, en los montones de leña, en la basura, y en las plantas. En nuestra área, las adelfas parecen ser una ubicación popular que anida.
 - Adentro, los lugares altos, quieren áticos, son su preferencia.
 - Ratas de Techo no hacen una madriguera en el suelo ni nadan.
 - Ratas de Techo comen fruta, las verduras, las nueces, la comida para animales y los invertebrados (arañas y gusanos, por ejemplo). Ellos comerán también papel.
 - Ratas Femeninas de techo pueden cada tiene hasta cuatro basuras al año, cada contener cinco a ocho joyen. En áreas urbanas donde ellos no tienen los animales de rapiña naturales, la tasa de sobrevivencia de los bebés es altas.
 - Si usted tiene los artículos siguientes alrededor de su hogar, usted puede estar más prono a atraer techo ratas: palmera, plantas de yucca, césped de Pampa, la madreSelva, cipreses italianos, algún matorrales pesado, los montones de madera, y cajas de almacenamiento.
- Qué usted puede hacer para prevenir ratas de techo de mover en
- Repare alguna pantalla rota o rota.
 - Mantenga sus árboles recortados, y sus arbustos y las vides afinaron.
 - Cerciórese árboles se recortan atrás de la casa por lo menos 4 pies.
 - Mantenga las tapas en la basura pueden. Limpie escombros en las áreas de yarda y almacenamiento.
 - Selle alrededor de su ático.
 - No salga comida para animales afuera, especialmente de noche.
 - Escoja su fruta cítrica tan pronto como es maduro. Quite alguna fruta cítrica caída del suelo.
 - Almacene madera por lo menos 18 pulgadas encima del suelo y 12 pulgadas lejos de las paredes.
 - Elimine parándose agua y fija grifos que hace agua.

**¡ Los MIEMBROS de
la TABLA
NECESITARON!!!**

Nosotros le necesitamos

Para correr para la Tabla de la Asociación de Vecindario de Belair. Seis asientos están arriba para elección en la Reunión el 14 de junio de 2007 General. Sólo requisitos son que usted es un dueño de residente y propiedad en el Vecindario de BelAir y que usted asiste las reuniones de la Tabla el primer el jueves de todos los meses a las 7 de la tarde. Cualquier contribución de tiempo o esfuerzo más allá de que está hasta el individuo pero permitió que mí advertir que usted esa porción sea contagiosa y satisfacer.

Esto es nuestro vecindario. Esto es donde vivimos. Esto es su oportunidad de tomar parte en haciendo nuestro vecindario que un gran lugar para vivir. Contacte por favor a miembro actual de la Tabla para más información o para colocar su nombre en la votación. ¡Nosotros le necesitamos!

Tips for Citizens when reporting/dealing with Graffiti issues

Dial 911 for all graffiti in progress (if possible, keep an eye on the suspects, relaying all information to the 911 operator) **Never** place yourself in a dangerous position! Be willing to be a good witness.

If you are a victim of graffiti and there are no suspects:

1. Call Crime Stop and make a police report **602-262-6151**/ request a Callback Officer
2. In all arrest situations, the detective will need a damage estimate from the victim.
3. If you have digital camera, take photos of the damage and send it to the detective assigned to your area so they can attach them to the report. (To identify that detective, call the Graffiti Hotline at **602-262-7327**)
4. If you require assistance removing the graffiti, Call **Graffiti Busters 602-495-7014**. This is a free service.

If you see graffiti in your area:

1. Get the location or address if possible
2. Make a note of what type of structure it's on, i.e. block wall, wood fence, power pole, utility box, etc.
3. Call Graffiti Busters 602-495-7014, give them the information and they will place it on their list for removal (keep in mind, Graffiti Busters must obtain permission from the property owner which may delay removal)

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!

WE NEED COURIERS TO DELIVER NEWSLETTERS. CONTACT BOYD PUFFER IF INTERESTED. REQUIRES 30 minutes to 1 hour of time per month.

2007 Calendar of Events for the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Program

Date	Times	Location
City Wide New Member Training July 21, 2007	0730 AM to 1:30	Phoenix City Hall 200 West Washington
City Wide New Member Training September 15, 2007	7:30 AM to 3:30 PM	Phoenix City Hall 200 West Washington
City Wide New Member Training November 17, 2007	7:30 AM to 3:30 PM	Phoenix City Hall 200 West Washington

Please RSVP to attend training at 602-495-0440. For questions reference this calendar, please contact Officer Jennifer Todd at 602-495-0440 or your local precinct coordinator.

YARD ART

By Virginia Clifford Anders

Your potted plant may have begun its long road to your dining room table as much as 3,000 years ago: archeologists have found decorated pots with holes in the bottom, dating from 1,000 B.C.E. Were they used for growing plants indoors? That certainly seems a logical conclusion.

During the 1800's, growing "room plants" became very popular in America and in Europe. During the Victorian era, greenhouses became common because people wanted to grow some of the exotic plants imported from around the world, such as citrus trees, Egyptian fig, water-lily-leaved Indian fig, American aloe, Hawaiian croton, yucca, and palms.

The thick coal fumes of the industrial revolution, sickened the human population living and working in factories, and killed off many varieties of plants too. What remained as the most common indoor plants included aspidistra, ferns, ivy, palms, begonias, small-leaf philodendrons, fiddle-leaf figs, and busy-lizzies (I included that one because I love the name).

Why grow indoor plants? Consider a few reasons: No one needs to walk a fern twice a day. Leave it alone for a three-day weekend and it will look fine when you walk in the door. Plants consume carbon dioxide we exhale and breathe out oxygen which we need. You don't have to be out in the heat nor get on your knees in the dirt to care for them. You can also move the pots around the yard or the house if you have a wheeled platform under them.

Fortunately, choosing an already-established plant is no more about luck than choosing a healthy tomato or zucchini. Here are some basic guidelines.

A pot of fully-open blooms may fade soon. A tight budded plant may not open once you take it home. A plant with brown edges may be on its way to the compost box.

Pay attention to the leaves – does the shape of the plant look balanced? Are the leaves of comparable sizes? If leaves seem too small for the type of plant or appear spaced too far apart, don't buy it. If the stalk is too skinny, avoid it. Both sparse leaves and a skinny stalk suggest a plant given inadequate light. On the other hand, plant leaves that vary too much in size suggest the poor guy has probably been over-watered. Look closely for pests. Beware of curling or drooping foliage. These are signs of unhealthy plants.

What you do want to see is foliage that starts close to the base of the plant, and if it is a flowering plant, buds about to open. These suggest a well-tended, healthy fellow, waiting to brighten your day.

A word of caution: If you have pets, ask your vet or gardener ahead of time whether or not the plant leaves or blooms might make them sick if they chew on them.

Place your new friend(s) neither too close to a window nor in a dark corner. The inside of houses are too dry, unless you run a swamp cooler, so mist your plants daily. Dust the plants once a week to keep them from falling prey to bugs that can sicken them. Plants do not like cold water, by the way, so use room temperature water. Don't plant them too close together – even plants need 'elbow room.' When subject to carelessness and neglect, plants fail to thrive, just as people do. However, they thrive on gentle, consistent care and

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