



# **BelAir Neighborhood Communicator**

## **Neighborhood Web Site**

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/public/main.html?nneighid=984418676&nsupercity=559970528>

## **UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **General Meeting/Block Watch Meeting**

**Thursday, February 15th, 2007 at 7:00pm**

**American Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**1830 W Glenrosa Avenue**

**Burglary Detectives will discuss prevention techniques  
Come vote for Association By-Law changes or contact a  
board member by Feb. 14th with your vote.**



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The BelAir Neighborhood Association publishes the *Neighborhood Communicator* monthly.

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

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**Account Balances**

As of December 31, 2006:

BelAir General Account - \$1,183.56

BelAir 301 Block Grant Account - \$2,063.79

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## BelAir Board Meeting Minutes

The board meeting on January 4, 2007 was called to order at 7:07 pm. Attended members: Susan Thompson-McHugh, Mark Day, Sherri Gallagher, Aaron Goldman, Jeannie Garcia, Boyd Puffer, Virginia Anders, Aaron Goldman, and Betty Dales. Absent members: Jaime Canedo, Steve Armenta, Charles Wilfong.

**Meeting minutes** from November 2006 were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** see above for account balances. Reports from November and December were approved.

**Committee Reports**

**By-Laws committee:** By-Laws were discussed, changed, and agreed upon by the board members who attended the meeting. By-Laws will be published in the January 2007 Newsletter. Residents are encouraged to read the By-Laws and vote for or against the sections at the February General Meeting. If unable to attend the February General Meeting then residents are encouraged to contact a board member with their vote. Betty will bring the ballots for By-Laws vote to the meeting.

**Preservation Committee:** Virginia will contact Tom Simplot's office about maintaining the plot of land on 16th Avenue owned by the city.

**Community Report:** City of Phoenix will be dredging up the canal and paving it with concrete.

**301 Grant:** Due on 2/2/2007. Susan, Virginia, and Mark will work on the new grant.

**Newsletter:** Information will be generated for Phoenix Neighbors on Patrol. During the 2007-2008, the newsletter will be published every other month (6 issues per year). We are also in need of newsletter couriers.

Contact Boyd or another board member. General Elections for the BelAir Board are coming up in May, so we will need board members!

**Old Business**

**Storage resolution** - the board has awnings, chairs, and tables that we do not use and have no room to store. Mark will determine who to donate the items to. Ideas included donating to the church, neighborhood services, or freecycle.com. Virginia will explore how much it will cost to build a shed to store neighborhood items.

**Calendar for 2007** (some dates are tentative): February 15th General/Block Watch Meeting.

April - Neighborhood Yard Sale Saturday, April 14th. BelAir Clean-Up Days, April May - General Meeting/Board Elections, Saturday, May 12th at 6pm.

October - G.A.I.N. Saturday, October 20th

**Next board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 1 at 7:00pm at the Fireside Room in the Church Gym.**

**Graffiti Busters**  
602-495-7014

**Blight**  
602-262-7844  
blight@phoenix.gov

**NEXT BULK TRASH PICK-UP FOR AREA 10 (areas changed for the 2007 year) is:**

Placement begins: February 3, 2007  
Collection begins: February 12, 2007





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## Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Volunteers Needed

Crime prevention is every citizen's responsibility. Some communities in Phoenix already have conducted citizen patrols with success. Providing these patrols often gives people a stronger sense of ownership in their neighborhood, as well as drawing neighbors together in a common cause. The citizen patrols can be conducted on an 'as available' basis and are by no means mandatory. The Phoenix Police Department will provide the training and tools to volunteers who would like to become more involved in crime prevention around their neighborhood.

After the following qualifications are met, a background check will be completed. This process will include a check for warrants and any criminal record. Persons listed as suspects or investigative leads on police reports will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Final approval for participation in the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol program will be at the discretion of the Patrol Division Assistant Chief of Police.

### Qualifications:

- Reside in the City of Phoenix
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Possess a valid driver license or Arizona identification card
- Complete mandatory Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol training

### 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

[phoenix.gov/NSD](http://phoenix.gov/NSD)

### Disqualifiers:

- Felony convictions within the past 60 months (from time of application)
- Any pending criminal charges
- Conviction for child molestation
- Registered as a sex offender
- Adjudicated by the courts to be mentally incompetent

There are 8 hours of training in the areas of patrol procedures, observation skills, the 9-1-1 system, reporting techniques, confrontation avoidance, safety practices and Block Watch grants. Citizens who complete the training will be provided program identification cards, authorized to use identifying automobile door placards and cellular telephone equipment to conduct crime prevention activities in their neighborhood and to record and report suspicious activity. Block Watch does not promote intervention. Participants will exchange ideas involving crime prevention with patrol officers in their area.

If you need more information or would like to register for an upcoming training event, please contact the police precinct in which you live, or e-mail Officer Jennifer Todd at [jennifer.todd@phoenix.gov](mailto:jennifer.todd@phoenix.gov) or call (602) 495-0440.

**The next Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Training is March 17, 2007 from 7:30 to 3:30pm at Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington**

### 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**



**CITY NEWS****HOUSEHOLD UTILITY HELP AVAILABLE**

Qualified Phoenix residents may be eligible to participate in the city of Phoenix Utility Repair and Replacement Program. The program, coordinated by the city's Human Services Department, provides emergency repair and replacement services to low-income households. Eligible applicants may receive services including water heaters, air conditioners (minor repairs), cooking stoves, refrigerators, evaporative coolers, furnaces and minor plumbing repairs.

Visit <http://phoenix.gov/newsrel/2201utilityhelp.html> for more information.

**PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY KICKS OFF WINTER READING PROGRAM**

Read, earn prizes and have fun this winter at the Phoenix Public Library. The annual family reading program, "Catch Book-Breath @ your Phoenix Public Library," will run through March 17 at all 15 branches. Children up to 18 years old are eligible to participate in the program named after the library's mascot, a dragon. Participants can earn prizes by spending time listening to, or reading, books.

Visit <http://phoenix.gov/newsrel/2201winterread.html> for more information.

**DINE WITH ROYALTY AT IRISH MEDIEVAL CASTLE DINNER**

Join your fellow lords and ladies for an enchanting evening of traditional Irish food, dance, music and revelry beginning at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Irish Cultural Center. Costumed entertainers will perform music, singing and dancing. Live music will be performed by Oceans Apart, and food will be catered by Chef du'Jour.

Visit <http://phoenix.gov/newsrel/1901irishdinner.html> for more information.

**Phoenix Public Library Sponsors Free Jazz Series**

Phoenix Public Library presents "Looking at Jazz: America's Art Form," a series of biweekly programs about the history of jazz at Burton Barr Central Library's Pulliam Auditorium, 1221 N. Central Ave.

The free series includes short documentary films and discussions led by scholars from Arizona State University's Jazz Studies program, plus three free jazz concerts. The series gets under way from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 17 with the program, "New Orleans and the Origins of Jazz."

For more information, call 602-534-0603 or visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org).

The series is sponsored by the American Library Association, the Phoenix Public Library Foundation, ASU's Herberger College of Fine Arts, renew media™, Jazz at Lincoln Center, the National Endowment for the Humanities and We the People.

Here are the remaining programs in the series:

- Feb. 7 – New Orleans Jazz Band concert, 7 - 8 p.m.
- Feb. 21 – "The Swing Era," 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- March 7 – "The Jazz Vocalists," 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- March 21 – Swing Jazz Band concert, 7 - 8 p.m.
- April 4 – "Jazz Innovators: From Bebop to Hard Bop," 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- April 18 – "Latin Jazz and Jazz as an International Music," 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- May 2 – Latin Jazz Band concert, 7 - 8 p.m.

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## YARD ART

By Virginia Anders

From all the wet weather lately, we might think that the drought surely must be over. Wrong. Arizona's drought started about a decade ago. A few rain and snow storms won't fill the reservoirs and lakes so easily. Water availability in a desert needs thoughtful attention in good times. During a drought, water as a sustainable resource becomes the highest priority for any affected community.

A number of years ago, the City of Phoenix surveyed homeowners as they began to convert their yards to xeriscape forms. They found that people tended to use as much water as they had with the more common lawn-centered appearance. Xeric, the source of the word xeriscape, translates as water-wise. The City realized that people needed to understand the point of desert landscaping, beyond simply changing the types of plants, trees, and bushes they included in their landscaping projects. And so they created a series of low-cost, fascinating workshops which they offered around the City of Phoenix. Though these succeeded on a modest scale, the approach remained purely voluntary.

California pursued a more direct approach to their drought woes. Their cities and towns instituted water rationing for home and business owners. Though Arizona's municipalities haven't resorted to such measures, why wait for the City to demand what makes sense in the first place? I suggest we in BelAir start 2007 by resolving to establish some simple water-wise habits in and around our own homes.

A few suggestions: water at night to minimize immediate evaporation. Spread the water at the bottom of the ice chest and leftover water bottles on your favorite plants. Tomato and rose plants, for instance, love leftover pickle juice, coffee, and tea. Many garden specialists recommend a serious soaking rather than several shallow waterings. Arizona's dry soil doesn't absorb water well. When you water your trees, either rake the ground around each tree before watering, or narrow the hose sprayer and aim it at the ground to cut grooves in the dirt. Either technique allows the ground under the surface to receive water which otherwise stays on the surface.

For potted plants, sit each pot in its own saucer to hold the water that drains out of the hole in the bottom of the pot. Watch out for the potential for mosquitoes, however, in that standing water.

Dig a small reservoir around each plant and tree in your yard and border them with a circle of rocks or broken pottery pieces to retain water that normally runs away from the plant. Collect at least a bucket of laundry rinse water to spread on the lawn. You might even ask your favorite nursery or hardware store about how to install a grey water system for more comprehensive water recycling.

Some estimates suggest that approximately 50% of the treated water intended for human consumption around the U.S., and in some other countries, ends up as landscape irrigation. Other analysts say a much higher percentage of treated water goes to such non-essential uses and spills into city streets.

On the other hand, water-wise landscaping can save as much as 50 – 80% of this water. Wasting water won't ever be wise. Do we really need the City Council to tell us this? After all, we may walk along concrete sidewalks, but the concrete was poured over the desert, which will outlast us all, but its life remains fragile. Such simple ideas can make major differences in our everyday world.



### V e c t o r   C o n t r o l

**To Report Mosquitoes or Stagnant Water  
visit:**

<http://www.maricopa.gov/ENVSVC/WATER/VECTOR.ASP>  
OR  
Call 602-506-6616

Maricopa County Environmental Services  
Vector Control  
3343 W. Durango, #3911  
Phoenix, Arizona 85009  
(602) 506-0700 (Office)

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



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