



BelAir Neighborhood Communicator

UPCOMING COMMUNITY
EVENTS

Block Watch Summit

Saturday, June 3 - 7:30am to 1:30pm

North Phoenix Baptist Church,
5757 N. Central Avenue

This summit brings together Block Watch veterans and residents who want to learn more about Block Watch. Breakfast and lunch are included.

To register for the Block Watch Summit please visit
<http://phoenix.gov/email/appsummit.html>

Moonlight Movies in the Park

Saturday, June 24 - Sunset

Steele Indian School Park Amphitheater
3rd Street and Indian School Road

Featuring "The Sandlot" - a summer family favorite. Enjoy an evening under the stars watching an outdoor movie.

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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 May 4, 2006:

BelAir General Account - \$1,221.34

BelAir 301 Block Grant Account - \$1,973.33

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Minute by Minute BelAir Board Minutes

Meeting began at 7:17 pm on 5/4/2006

In Attendance: Susan Thompson-McHugh, Steve Armenta, Sherri Gallagher, Mark Day, Boyd Puffer, Jonathan Massey, Betty Dales, Charles Wilfong, Virginia Anders

Grant Projects Status Update: security doors are installed, Spanish translation inserts written, general meetings held, the fees for the safety alley lighting are paid, but the costs from APS are going to rise sharply next year.

Committee Reports: *BlockWatch* – Officer Rosenberg will send information for the general meeting display. We are still working on setting up the street by street *BlockWatch* meetings. The coordinators need to be trained. There has been some graffiti defacing property along Monterosa lately. If anyone sees such activity in progress, they can call 911. The indi-

vidual will be arrested as a mandatory arrest due to the cost to the City of Phoenix for the clean up. There was a tree set on fire at Martin Luther Church last month, which was very dangerous due to its proximity to one of the church buildings. The person or persons can be picked up on trespassing charges. There was a fire in a garbage can along Monterosa last month and a fire in the oleanders along the canal. Anyone can call Crime Stop to make a criminal damage report. To make a suspicious person or suspicious vehicle report be consistent about the information on a repeated report, such as the address and specific details about the autos or people. Curfew times for adolescents, which are enforced 7 days a week in Phoenix: 15yrs & Under: 10:00 PM 16-17yrs: 12 Midnight The City has scheduled a Crime Summit for

June 3 at 7:30 a.m. at North Phoenix Baptist Church. Several members of the BelAir board will attend. Call D.E.B. to report suspected drug activity:

(602) 426-1231

Call Neighborhood Services for blight issues: (602) 534-3629

Newsletter: Articles are due to Jonathan Massey by May 20th for the June newsletter.

Old Business: The BelAir yard sale netted \$120.00. The board says THANK YOU to Wayne and Virginia and all the other great neighbors who donated items to the sale!

New Business: Mary Reynoso will be the featured speaker from the American Red Cross at the General Meeting on May 11th on disaster preparedness.

The board elections will be held at this meeting also. We need 6 new members due to current members' terms ending.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm



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Block Watch

By Jaime Canedo

Hello BelAir,

I hope that everyone is staying hydrated as our triple digit weather has arrived. I've spoken to some of you around the neighborhood and things seem to be going well. There were a few blight concerns with some of the homes in the neighborhood and I am looking into it to see if we can address these issues. As I have said, block watch is not just about crime prevention, it's about all around safety in our community. That being said the monsoons are approaching before the blink of an eye. So I hope that we can all be ready for any unexpected disaster such as the one we had last year that took out most of the lights in the neighborhood as well as taking down quite a few trees. Have things prepared such as a first aid kit, neighbors phone numbers, and look out after our senior citizens who live by themselves. This is what good neighbors and friends do right! I hope we all agree.

Some of the alleys have gotten a little out of control as far as weeds and things to that nature. May be there might be a few of you out there who can help out and

organize a little alley clean up. I will be happy to join in. Let's see what we can do. There is one issue that definitely needs to be worked on and that is the speeding through our streets. On Tuesday May 23 between 7-7:30pm a gray Dodge truck came speeding off of 19th ave heading east on Heatherbrae it was a hispanic male between the ages of 20-30. He turned right on 18th and Heatherbrae and lost control and flew into the yard of the home that is for sale on 18th and Heatherbrae southeast corner. He then tried to speed off of the lawn and skid across the street almost going into the driveway of the home on the southwest corner of 18th and Heatherbrae. If you see this individual in this vehicle and speeding recklessly as he did before call the police immediately. We won't tolerate that in this neighborhood! The police were called in this incident but unfortunately I don't believe he was caught. But at least he sees that the neighbors on these streets won't put up with that kind of behavior.

Central Phoenix continues to be upgraded with

lofts, condos, the ASU campus downtown and many other upgrades. It takes time may be even still a couple of years. But the city is spending a lot of money to try to catch up with many other cities here in Arizona and other states that have gone up in value and been revamped. Our area is headed that way but it still won't happen over night. But when it does, homes with serious blight and other problems as well won't fly I can guarantee you it will be shape up or move out. Because most of us know what a home means to us. It is a place of shelter, a place we can feel safe in and raise our families, and it is our INVESTMENT! And I will be darned if I'm going to let someone who doesn't care about their home bring the value of mine down or the neighborhood down. Do you all agree? I should hope so! Well that's all for now neighbors, remember to keep dry brush trimmed. All it takes is one lit cigarette or match to set that stuff off in this heat. To those of you new to the neighborhood, WELCOME! Help us keep Bel Air a beautiful and safe place to live.

BelAir General Meeting

May 11th, 2006

The general meeting began at 7 p.m., and included three main components this quarter. The BelAir Association board gave a brief summary of recent activities and the Treasurer's report. The election of new officers was held for the year beginning June 1st. We had a guest speaker from the American Red Cross.

Treasurer's Report:

BlockWatch Grant for 2005-2006: Current Balance 1,973.33.

This amount must be spent by June 30 or returned to the City of Phoenix.

General Account:

Current Balance 1,221.44

This account is not part of the BlockWatch Grant. It belongs to the BelAir Association.

Board Election:

The paper ballots filled out by the neighbors in attendance at the meeting elected the following 6 people to the BelAir Association board. Four people were elected for another term on the board: Sherri Gallagher, Jona-

than Massey, Susan Thompson-McHugh, and Charles Wilfong. Two people were elected as write-ins: Aaron Goldman and Jeannie Garcia.

Guest Speaker:

Mary Reynoso from the Arizona Chapter of the American Red Cross told us about the response time to the call for help following Hurricane Katrina last fall. In less than 24 hours, the shelter at the Arizona Coliseum was set up with 600 trained volunteers on hand. After providing other statistics and general information on the Red Cross, Mary described the kinds of items and actions we need to prepare for our families in anticipation of emergencies.

Make a plan and post it in a prominent location such as the refrigerator door. Include escape routes, where to meet, who to check in with, such as a neighbor or a family member living outside the disaster zone.

Build a disaster kit which may include:

packaged food, water, batteries, flashlights, a radio, dust masks, gloves, a whistle, first aid items (band-aids, medicated salves, aspirin or other pain relievers, a list of daily medications any family member needs, at least one change of clothes, shoes, blankets, insurance cards, glasses, diapers, formula, a favorite toy

Special needs: some cities have begun identifying houses with a red notice of some sort that tells emergency responders that a resident uses a wheelchair. Though the City of Phoenix doesn't do this currently, any citizen with such an issue ought to contact their local fire and police departments to share this information with them for future reference. Providing information on pets or helper animals such as a guide dog would be important for emergency services to know as well.

Meeting ended at 8:00 PM

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When to use 911?

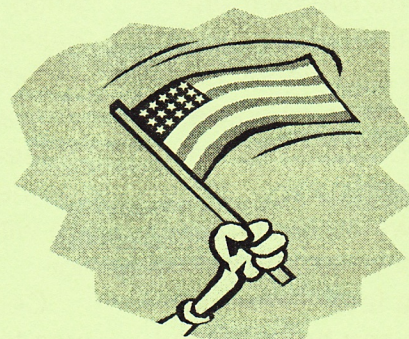
A serious crime

A Fire

A heart attack

Any serious medical condition

Any situation requiring IMMEDIATE response of
POLICE, FIRE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL



Yard Art

By Virginia Anders

Dick and Helen Keicer and their toddlers, Karen and Janice, moved in to their brand new BelAir house in June 1949. Georgia and Nick would be born in Phoenix a few years later. The first time Helen walked into her Phoenix home she told Dick, "Oh my, it's so big!" She said that while the house was being finished the family had rented a house in Sunnyslope, which was tiny by comparison.

Helen told me that BelAir began with only dirt roads and desert, but the City buses ran near by and the school bus came into the neighborhood, so the Keicers did not feel isolated at all. Helen didn't learn to drive until she was fifty because everything she needed was close by. When the children were small, Helen and Janis or Karen enjoyed riding the City bus downtown for 25 cents to shop at Woolworth's and have a sundae or a soda before coming home again.

Dick had accepted a position as the office manager for Domestic Finance, which is what brought them here from California. Their office was across the street from the Orpheum Theatre. Later he worked in a similar capacity for Goettl Brothers for many years.

Both Dick and Helen

felt it was important to participate in their community.

Though Helen didn't need to take a job, she worked in the office for a steel mill in California as her contribution to the war effort. She found that there were certain benefits for her family in the bargain, including better food stamps. When they moved to Phoenix, Dick became involved in the service work and social life of the Masons, the Shriners, and the Jaycees. He was very proud of the many community projects these groups took on.

From the arrival of the first homeowners, our BelAir has been a safe, healthy place for children to grow up. Helen said it was common for the mothers to visit one another's homes often, sharing stories and helping take care of the children. Helen and her neighbor Bonnie Turnquist became Brownie troop leaders for the neighborhood eight-year-old girls. Eventually the Brownies grew up to become Girl Scouts, and Helen Bonnie continued on as their troop leaders.

The Keicers' son Nick was housebound with rheumatic fever for a year as a child. Because the Brownie troop meetings were at the Keicer home, every week the little girls gathered in Nick's

doorway to say hello and goodbye to him.

Nick and Georgia went to kindergarten at Asbury United Methodist Church on Indian School. All four of the children went to grade school at Encanto School and then to West High School. Later, Janis worked for the American Evangelical Lutheran Church as a young adult.

Helen still likes living here in BelAir. Nick and Georgia, who still live in the valley, visit their mother often, taking her to dinner weekly, helping her with errands, and on frequent trips to favorite antique stores. Nick is a structural engineer who has designed a Victorian-style home for himself and his wife, Terry, in the north valley, which seems a logical extension of his love for antiques.

When Dick was alive, he and Helen flew to the Hawaiian Islands for vacation every November. This summer, Helen and her extended family will gather to celebrate her ninetieth birthday on Maui. I look forward to sitting down with her with a cup of coffee when she gets back to hear the details and see the pictures of that wonderful event.

FOR SITUATIONS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE
IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

Crime Stop 262-6151

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Neighborhood Estate Sale

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- 1 - Glass dining room table with 4 black captain chairs—\$85
 - 2 - Entertainment Centers - \$35 each
 - 1 - Computer Desk - \$35
 - 1 - Sanyo 19" TV - \$45
 - 1 - Bedroom Suite (2 night stands, chest of drawers, dresser with mirror) - \$100
- Also, misc. items for sale (lamps, wall mirror, etc.)
Please contact Brigitte at (602) 277-5101

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2. Contact Sherri or Jonathan about how to submit your payment.