



BelAir Neighborhood Communicator

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, MAY 11, 2006 at 7pm

Topics: Elections, Light Rail, Disaster Response

American Evangelical Church

1830 W Glenrosa Ave

Anyone interested in serving on the BelAir Board?

We are having Elections at the General Meeting,

Contact Betty Dales if interested.

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

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Account Balances

As of April 1, 2006:

BelAir General Account - \$1,221.44

BelAir 301 Block Grant Account - \$2,209.48

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Minute by Minute BelAir Board Minutes

Meeting began at 7:10 pm on 4/6/2006

In Attendance: Sherri Gallagher, Chris Sheedy, Mark Day, Steve Armenta, Jaime Canedo, Boyd Puffer, Jonathan Massey, Charles Wilfong, and Virginia Anders

Grant Projects Status Update: All but one of the security doors have been installed. The newsletter is being published monthly.

Committee Reports:
BlockWatch – Jamie said he got an e-mail from a neighbor who is worried about the possible presence of a drug dealer in the neighborhood. Mark's Jeep was stolen from in front of his house but he got it back. We are interested in securing more street lighting and possible speed humps due to

an increase in the number of drivers traveling far too fast through the neighborhood.

There has been a concern about a house in the neighborhood that has cars parked in the yard, not just the driveway, and far too many cars arriving at all hours of the day and night.

Community Update: Circle K is remodeling.

There is a weekly auction on Friday nights at the Furniture Store on Indian School at 23rd Avenue.

Newsletter: Articles need to be in by the 20th of the month. Neighbors seem to continue to like and read the newsletter.

Old Business: The annual neighborhood yard sale is set for April 21st, starting at 7am. There will be a pricing party at

Sherri Gallagher's home on April 20th, starting at 6pm.

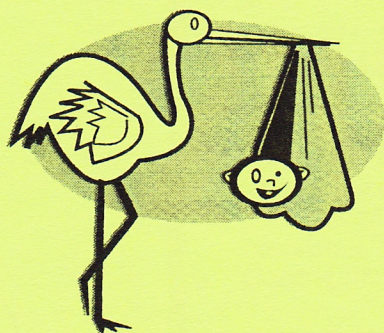
Susan and Mark attended the Neighborhood Services meeting: any neighbor reporting a blight issue needs to be described as specifically as possible. If the City is called on a tall weeds issue and there are old tires or a broken fence on the same property, the City will not address those issues – unless they too are described in the report.

If there is a business being run out of a house that attracts traffic in a residential area, the City can be called. Again, specifics are needed for the report by the neighbor.

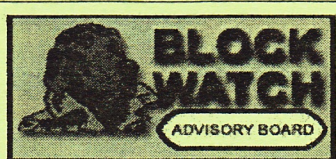
The canal is being redeveloped between Central and 7th Avenue, but is not expected to continue to the BelAir area. The board will research what is involved in getting the City to consider a similar plan for our portion of the canal.

Loud Party Ordinance: a neighbor can call the police to address a disruptive or noisy party in the neighborhood. (cont. pg.4)

Graffiti Busters
602-495-7014

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Susan and Max McHugh are the proud parents of a new baby girl! Hilary Reese McHugh was born Wed. March 29th, 2006. Weighing in at 9lbs, 3 oz and 21 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well.



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Block Watch

By Jaime Canedo

Happy spring time BelAir!

I hope to find all of you in good spirits. I am happy to have seen that the neighborhood yard sale turned out well. There were many of homes who had sales and it was nice to see everyone out and about enjoying some yard shopping. It's events like this that help bring us together as a community and to meet each other. Well, on with a quick block watch report. As a neighborhood, we have been picked on a little bit lately. One of our own board members had his vehicle stolen in front of his home. It has also been brought to my attention that there may be some other suspicious activity going on in our neighborhood. For safety reasons, I will not disclose any further details until these reports are completely proven by the proper authorities. All I can say is we must continue to keep a watchful eye out there and if you no-

tice any illegal activity that does not pose an immediate life threat to anyone call CRIME STOP AT 602-262-6151. We will discuss this more at our next general meeting on May 11, 2006. In case some of you don't know who our new community action officer is, it is officer Caroline Heaps of the Squaw Peak Precinct. She will be able to assist us with any specific problems in our community or help us with the proper channels we need to go through for help. Her number is 602-495-5007. I know there are some neighbors who believe our neighborhood is not as safe as it used to be. And to some degree you might be right. I have only lived in the neighborhood for over a year so I can't say what it was like ten or twenty years ago. What I can say is that we are experiencing some problems around us. But believe me, in my line of work, I see many other neighborhoods

in this city that are encountering far worse problems than we are. From constant shootings, robberies and unfortunately even murders, crime happens everywhere even in the nicest parts of town. It doesn't have to be a robbery or a shooting, even domestic violence and fights between neighbors that can cause serious problems. Just a reminder, the summer heat is approaching make sure dry weeds, debris, and other dry vegetation are removed and trimmed, especially if you have an alley behind you. They can cause fires really quick! A special welcome to any new neighbors and I hope to see all of you at the meeting this May. I will give a brief summary on issues discussed in this article as well as crime statistics and we will be passing out block watch material as well. Have a safe month of May! Contact me at jcanedo01@cox.net

Animal Care & Control

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602-506-7387 - Main line
www.Maricopa.gov/pets

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President's Message

By Steve Armenta

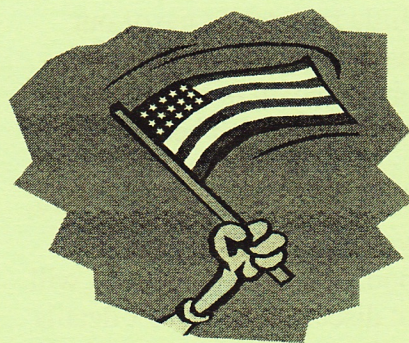
BelAir residents, Spring is in full swing, Summer is on the horizon and the neighborhood is looking good. April 22nd was the neighborhood yard sale where residents donated to either the BelAir sale or held a yard sale of their own. There was a lot of participation and the day was a great success. Lots of people were outside, talking to their neighbors, and walking peacefully throughout the neighborhood giving BelAir a small town feel with a strong spirit of community. I even saw a "lemon stand on wheels," two neighborhood girls hauling refreshments in a radio flyer wagon, up and down the block. Despite being located in the center of Phoenix, BelAir has maintained its neighborhood appeal as a result of prideful homeowners, residents who care about their neighborhood, as well as volunteers among us who contribute their time to Block Watch, com-

munity preservation and neighborhood clean-ups. As a result BelAir has become a desirable place to live and recent increases in home values are a direct reflection of that.

The City of Phoenix has also been a strong partner with our neighborhood organization. Every year BelAir has qualified for a neighborhood block watch grant which is used to fund the majority of the association's community efforts, meetings, newsletters, and dusk to dawn lighting. Qualification for the grant money is not automatic, our Block Watch must be active and the association must meet annual criteria to be eligible, again this is a result of hard work and time volunteered by our residents. If you are interested in being a part of the association please attend the May 11th general meeting where 5 board po-

sitions are up for re-election. If you are not interested in being a board member please attend and show your support by voting for our board candidates. The neighborhood association has several committees' such as Block Watch, Preservation, 301 Grant, Newsletter and more. If you have been thinking about getting involved this is a great opportunity.

Please remember, our neighborhood is only as good as we keep it. Thank you to everyone for supporting your neighborhood and if you haven't done so yet, don't forget to say "Hello" the next time we meet. BelAir Vice President



NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

By Sherri Gallagher

The Neighborhood Yard Sale was a great success. The neighborhood raised over \$100 at the sale. Thanks to everyone who donated their time and items to support our neighborhood association! We had at least 10 other yard sales in the neighborhood. Thanks to everyone who stopped by to help support the neighborhood association.

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MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

Caroline Heaps is our Community Action Officer:
602.495.5006

New Business: Susan and Max's baby was born on March 29th! Congratulations from the Board! The board is considering initiating a "Stay at home clean up day" in the neighborhood instead of a neighborhood clean-up day. The City will bring dumpsters and would provide some tools and garbage bags. Betty and Charles will act as the by-laws review committee and make a report to the board at the next meeting. Betty will collect names for potential board members.

Next General Meeting May 4 at 7pm. - Red Cross will provide a speaker on disaster preparedness. Light Rail may provide a speaker also. *Elections of new BelAir Association Board.* Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.



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Block Watch

By Jaime Caneado

¡Tiempo feliz de primavera
BelAir!

Espero encontrar todo usted en espíritus buenos. Soy feliz de haber visto que la venta de garaje de vecindario resultó bien. Había muchos de hogares que tuvieron las ventas y eran agradable ver todos fuera y acerca de gozar algunas compras de yarda. Es los acontecimientos como este ese ayuda a traernos juntos como una comunidad y para encontrar uno al otro. Bien, en con un informe rápido del reloj del bloque. Cuando un vecindario, nosotros hemos sido escogidos en un poco recientemente. Uno de nuestros propios miembros de tabla tuvo su vehículo robado delante de su hogar. Ha sido traído también a mi atención que es posible que haya alguna otra actividad sospechosa que pase en nuestro vecindario. Para razones de seguridad, yo no revelaré ninguna más información hasta que estos informes sean completamente probados por la autoridad competente. Todo puedo decir es debemos continuar mantener un ojo atento fuera allí y si usted advierte

ninguna actividad ilegal que no coloca una amenaza inmediata de la vida a nadie llama el CRIMEN la PARADA EN 602-262-6151. Discutiremos esto más en nuestro próximo general que encuentra el 11 de mayo.

En caso de que algunos de ustedes no sepa quién nuestro oficial nuevo de acción de comunidad es es los Montones de oficial Caroline de la Zona del Pico de Squaw. Ella será capaz de ayudarnos con algún problema específico en nuestra comunidad o nos ayuda con los canales apropiados que necesitamos atravesar para la ayuda. Su número es 602-495-5007. Sé hay algunos colindan quién cree que nuestro vecindario no es tan seguro como lo utilizó para ser. Y hasta cierto punto usted quizás tenga razón. Tengo sólo vivido en el vecindario para sobre un año tan yo no puedo decir lo que estaba como diez ni hace veinte años. Qué yo puedo decir es que nosotros nuestro experimentar algunos problemas alrededor de nosotros. Pero me cree, en mi línea del trabajo, yo veo muchos otros vecin-

darios en esta ciudad que encuentran los problemas peores distantes que somos. De renuevos constantes, los robos y desgraciadamente aún los asesinatos, el crimen sucede por todas partes aún en las partes más agradables del pueblo. No tiene que ser un robo ni un disparando, la violencia y las peleas aún domésticas entre vecinos que puede causar los problemas graves.

Apenas un recordatorio, el calor del verano se acerca la marca hierbas secas seguras, los escombros, y otra vegetación seca se quitan y son recortados, especialmente si usted tiene un callejón detrás de usted. ¡Ellos pueden causar los fuegos realmente rápido! Un especial bienvenido a cualquier vecino nuevo y yo esperan ver todo usted en la reunión este mayo. Daré un resumen breve en asuntos discutidos en esta estadística de artículo así como crimen y nosotros estaremos desmayándonos el bloque la materia del reloj también. ¡Tenga un mes seguro de mayo! Contácteme en jcaneado01@cox.net

**En cooperación de Departamento
de Policía**

BLOCK WATCH

**Llame al 602-262-6151 e informe sobre
cualquier actividad sospechosa**

EMERGENCIAS 9-1-1

Si no llamo yo...

Lo hará mi vecino

M e s s a g e d e P r e s i d e n t e

B y S t e v e A r m e n t a

Los residentes de Belair, la Primavera es en plena actividad, el Verano está en el horizonte y el vecindario parece bueno. 22 de abril era la venta de garaje de vecindario donde residentes donaron a o la venta de Belair o tuvieron una venta de garaje de su propio. Había mucha participación y el día era un gran éxito. Muchas personas eran afuera, hablando a sus vecinos, y andando pacíficamente a través del vecindario que da Belair que un pueblo pequeño se siente con un espíritu fuerte de la comunidad. Vi aún un "el soporte de limón en ruedas," dos chicas de vecindario que acarrear refrescos en un vagón de aviador de radio, arriba y abajo el bloque. A pesar de siendo localizado en el centro de Phoenix, Belair ha mantenido su apelación de vecindario como resultado de propietarios orgullosos, los residentes que tienen interés en su vecindario, así como voluntarios entre nosotros que contribuimos su tiempo de Bloquear el

Reloj, la conservación de la comunidad y limpiezas de vecindario. Cuando un resultado Belair ha llegado a ser un lugar deseable vivir y los aumentos recientes en en casa valores son una reflejo directa de eso.

La Ciudad de Phoenix ha sido también un socio fuerte con nuestra organización de vecindario. Todos los años Belair ha calificado para una beca del reloj del bloque de vecindario que se utiliza para financiar la mayoría de los esfuerzos de la comunidad de la asociación, las reuniones, los boletines, y el crepúsculo para amanecer la iluminación. El requisito para el dinero de la beca no es automático, nuestro Reloj del Bloque debe ser activo y la asociación debe encontrar los criterios anuales tener derecho a, otra vez esto es un resultado del trabajo dedicado y el tiempo ofrecidos por nuestros residentes. Si usted es

interesado en es una parte de la asociación asiste por favor el mayo la reunión undécima de general donde 5 posiciones de tabla están arriba para la reelección. Si usted no es interesado en es un miembro de la tabla asiste por favor y muestra su apoyo votando para nuestros candidatos de la tabla. La asociación del vecindario tiene varios comités tales como el Reloj del Bloque, la Conservación, 301 Beca, el Boletín y más. Si usted ha estado pensando acerca de meterse esto es una gran oportunidad.

Recuerde por favor, nuestro vecindario es sólo tan bueno como nosotros lo mantiene. Gracias a todos para sostener su vecindario y si usted no ha hecho así todavía, no se olvida de decir "Hola" la próxima vez nosotros encontramos.

Vicepresidente de Belair

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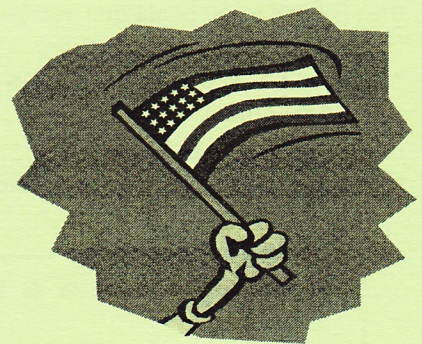
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WITNESS 948-6377

Reporting information on unsolved felony crimes

Yard Art

By Virginia Anders

Do you remember the comments I made in the April newsletter about trying to give away a bumper crop of zucchini or squash? Well, I got an e-mail from a friend in Texas a couple of weeks ago. Sandy is an active, community-spirited woman who loves nothing better than a quiet afternoon spent digging in her garden. She has moved all over the United States, which would be tough on most gardeners who become rather attached to their plant friends. But Sandy figures she is making the world a better place, garden by garden as her tomatoes, snapdragons, roses, and radishes rise from the earth in great abundance each season. No matter where she lands, she eagerly studies the local gardening clubs and plant nurseries for information on the best choices for her new project. She tells me that doing this makes her feel right at home because she is always digging and planting, watering and worrying over her little corner of joy.

Sometimes she isn't in a house but an apartment, so

she gardens inside, in richly glazed pots she buys from local artisans. She says this way she gets to know some of the local artists and to support their artwork. Often this means driving off the main roads into the countryside, which gives her an easy excuse to carry her single-lens Cannon camera with her. I've seen pictures she's taken of covered bridges in New England, a private beach outside Monterey, an old growth forest along Oregon's coast, and a family farm or two in Illinois. This is her way of remembering where she has been and keeping those experiences close and present.

She tells me her most memorable experience was in Connecticut, where she lived for several years. Sandy's second passion is reading. Because she moves around so much, she spends more time in the local library than the bookstore – anyone who has tried to move a box of favorite books knows how heavy they can be. The other advantage of a library is finding books that focus on the towns and

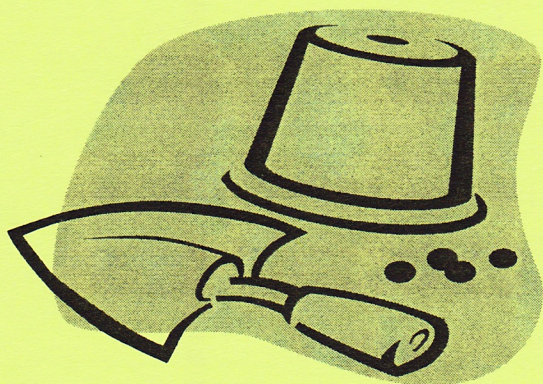
cities, people and history of the area.

Sandy's first visit to the library in that Connecticut town was a bit of a surprise. The librarian had watched her walk up the steps, noticing her because she was a newcomer. She greeted Sandy with a worried smile and asked, "Did you lock your car?" My friend stopped, looked back toward her car at the curb, and said, "Sure, but why?" The last thing she expected was to have to worry about the safety of her car in this small town.

"Oh, don't worry," the librarian reassured her. "It's only a problem in the summer."

"Do you get a lot of tourists here?" Sandy wondered.

"No," the librarian laughed. "If you leave your car open, Trinity will cram as many tomatoes and zucchini she can into your back seat! She's our best gardener and always runs out of friends before she runs out of vegetables!"



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