



**NEIGHBORHOOD**

**COMMUNICATOR**

*May – June  
2005*



*Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day  
Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day  
Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Flag Day  
Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day*





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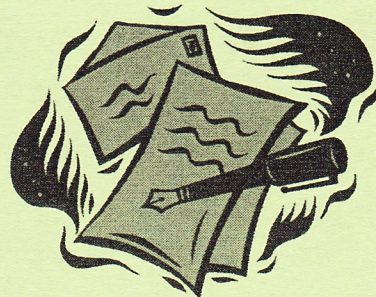
The BelAir Neighborhood Association publishes the *Neighborhood Communicator* monthly. Many thanks to all of the volunteers in BelAir who make this project possible.

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Balances as of 5/1/05:  
BelAir General Acct - \$  
BelAir & Am. Ev. Lutheran Church  
Grant #62 - \$175.46  
BelAir Grant #50 - \$560.41

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### **Message From the President...**



Well, this is my last column as your Association President. As you know, I am stepping down so my family and I can prepare for our upcoming move to California. And I am happy to say that I know I am leaving the Association in very capable hands.

At our General Meeting and Election on April 14<sup>th</sup>, six wonderful BelAir residents raised their hands to serve on the Association Board. This group includes some long-time residents and former board members, as well as others who have lived in the neighborhood only a short time. Another grew up here, moved away, and has since returned to live in the house in which he was raised. They join the six continuing members of the Board who

have agreed to stay on for another term.

Firstly, I would like to thank Todd Shealy for his years of service to BelAir. Due to term limits, Todd was ineligible to run again. I'd also like to thank Roshelle Johnson for her faithful service, and for her commitment to continue to prepare the *BelAir Communicator*. Thanks as well to Marney Redmond for her interim service to the board as well.

Our six returning members are Virginia Anders, Mark Day, Jonathan Massey, Boyd Puffer, Susan Thompson-McHugh and Pastor Charles Wilfong. Our new members are Jaime Cañedo, Chris Sheedy, Steve Armenta, Sherri Gallagher, Betty Dales and Anna Blevins.

Officers will be elected at the next Board Meeting and announced in the next newsletter.

I'd especially like to thank all the residents who came out to the General Meeting, and a special thanks to Beverly Brown for the wonderful carrot cake, and to Georgia for minding the sign-in table. If you missed the meeting, I reviewed the current issues and solutions the board has been pursuing. You can see that listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

I look forward to "keeping up" with BelAir, even from California, and of course paying a visit now and then to see all of the wonderful friends that Karen, Matilda and I have made. I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to have served you and the BelAir



neighborhood for the past two years.

Yours in commitment,

Hugh Lander

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Mon 5/16**  
**Bulk Trash Pickup**

**Tue 5/17**  
**Maricopa County**  
**Recorder Elections**



If you missed the General Meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>, here is a recap of the presentation:

### **What are the goals of the BelAir Neighborhood Association?**

- Making BelAir safer for our children
- Renewing a sense of pride & community
- Encouraging neighbors to work together
- Increasing property values
- Increasing the number of owner-occupied homes

### **State of the Neighborhood Safety Issues:**

- Children playing in the street on Glenrosa & 17<sup>th</sup> Avenues
  - Speeding cars
  - SRP canal
- Safety Solutions:**
- Meet with Encanto School principal and teachers? Enlist a Spanish-speaker to translate.
  - Use the Speeding Car Hotline 602-534-SPEED
  - Complete fence slat project
  - Long-term planning with city council&SRP to improve canal

### **Crime Issues:**

- Auto theft
- Prostitution along Indian School & 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Vagrancy
- Drug or drop houses

### **Crime Solutions:**

- Watch Your Car program; Use of a theft-deterrent like a Club
- Block Watch to combat prostitution; Use CrimeStop to report activity – get detailed description if possible
- Elimination of “camping spots”; trimming back oleanders in spring and fall
- Report suspicious activity to CrimeStop

### **Beautification Issues:**

- Bulk trash in alleys that have no pick up (S. of Glenrosa/ E. of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue)
- Wildcat dumping
- Run down rental properties
- Trash & litter in alleys and canal
- Graffiti
- Neighbors unable to keep up with yards

### **Beautification Solutions:**

- Possible closing of alleys by City
- Report wildcat dumpers to City; get license plate & vehicle

description; clean up as soon as possible

- Contact owner directly and ask nicely; then go to City if no improvement
- Need more participation in bulk trash pickups
- Call graffiti hotline immediately
- Need some one-day volunteers to help out

### **Neighborhood Impact Issues:**

- Light Rail Project
- Businesses not partnering
- Violence Impact Program (VIP) in Black Canyon corridor
- City Council elections
- City budget issues; splitting Preservation Specialist with another area

### **Neighborhood Impact Solutions:**

- Valley Metro to speak at next general meeting
- Spend your money with businesses who care; identify yourself as a BelAir resident and ask how they support us
- Crime rate appears to be declining
- Know your candidates and what they stand for
- Voice your concern to the City about budget cuts affecting our way of life and the value of our homes

### **Board Activity:**

- Produces & publishes monthly *Communicator* newsletter
- Organizes general meetings, clean-ups, yard sales, etc.
- Kept the alley lights on for over five years with residents having to pay themselves
- Block Watch grants brought almost \$16,000 in

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improvements to BelAir this year.

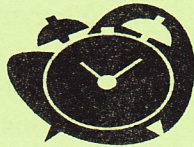
**Board Activity Issues:**

- Numbers declining
- Need new energy
- Too few people taking on too many things
- Block Watch needs a leader

**Board Activity Solutions:**

- We need people to raise their hand tonight
- We need people who want to make a difference in BelAir
- One person = one project
- Block Watch needs someone truly dedicated to reducing crime

## MINUTE BY MINUTE



BelAir Board Minutes  
April 7, 2005

The meeting began at 7:00 pm.

**In Attendance:**

Roshelle Johnson, Susan McHugh, Boyd Puffer, Jonathan Massey, Charles Wilfong, and Mark Day

Approval of the March 3, 2005 and BelAir Board Meeting Minutes were tabled under the next Board Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's Report for the Association's General Fund, Grant #50 and Grant #62 as of 3/31/05 was provided and approved.

**Grant Projects Status Update:**

Grant #50 – still in process of obtaining approval from

property owners to install Block Watch signs with installation to be complete by 6/30/05; monthly Block Watch meetings and regular patrols will continue; and the newsletter has run out of funding from the Grant and will be funded from the general fund.

Grant #62 – the two dusk-to-dawn lights have been installed and electricity paid for 3 years; additional privacy slats were installed on the fence on 3/19/05. Another service day will to install the remaining slats will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-10:30AM at the park.

**Newsletter:**

The May and June newsletter will be combined into one newsletter due to the fact that the grant funding has been exhausted and the printing costs are now being funded from the general fund.

**Old Business:**

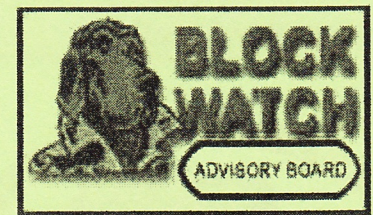
All board members are requested to submit volunteer hours to the Secretary for recording. Assignments for the General Meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup> were discussed. Also, the terms of all board members were reviewed to determine who would be eligible for re-election. The community service day on March 19<sup>th</sup> was discussed as well as the neighborhood rummage sale on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. A total of \$160.25 in proceeds was generated from the sale. Thank you to everyone that donated and volunteered hours to make the sale a success.

**New Business:**

The board is obtaining rental prices for a storage locker for the Association materials. The Association has several items that need a safe, secure home. The next neighborhood clean up on May 5<sup>th</sup> was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The next BelAir Board Neighborhood Association meeting will be Thursday, May 12th, 2005.



In Partnership With

**Phoenix Police Department**

by Hugh Lander

All stats come from the Phoenix Police Crime Statistics website at [www.faxnet1.org](http://www.faxnet1.org). Our grid is "BH25". "BH25" covers 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Indian School up to Campbell north of the canal, which means it covers all of BelAir and the area just north of the canal.

We had an April Block Watch meeting, even with just three of us!! We're moving forward with the BelAir Phone Tree, which we are going to try to "activate" in May. Our next meeting is still to be scheduled for May or June as we are working to find a new "boss" for Block Watch here in BelAir. Look for the newsletter or on the BelAir website for more info.

There were no crimes reported to me last month,

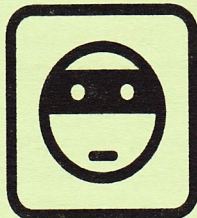


although I did note that someone had vandalized one of the vehicle gates along the canal and had tagged some street signs. I reported the tagging and the signs were cleaned up the next week, and SRP has installed a new gate at the 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. end of the canal. Looking at the statistics for January and February combined, there was one violent crime, an assault (I think this occurred north of the canal); plus 13 burglaries, 9 thefts and 3 auto thefts for a total of 25 property crimes. This compares with a total of 33 property crimes just for November and December – a good decrease.

If you have any questions, please contact Block Watch at [belairblockwatch@hotmail.com](mailto:belairblockwatch@hotmail.com). Someone will be monitoring the email weekly.

**Remember to report any suspicious activity. Call 911 for emergencies, or call Crime-Stop at 262-6151 for all other police matters.**

**WHAT  
CAN YOU  
DO TO  
STOP  
IDENTITY  
THEFT?**



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Atlanta, GA 30374-0241  
1-800-685-1111

Trans Union LLC  
Consumer Relations Center  
2 Baldwin Place  
P.O. Box 1000  
Chester, PA 19022  
1-800-888-4213

## 8 Most Common

### Blight Violations

by City of Phoenix

1. Overgrown Vegetation
2. Inoperable Vehicles
3. Junk, Litter and Debris
4. Open and Vacant Buildings
5. Outside Storage

6. Fences in Disrepair
7. Parking in the Yard
8. Graffiti

If you notice a neighbor who is in violation, please talk with them to first. If that does not work, please call **Neighborhood Services** at **602-262-7844** for further action.

### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

APS  
602-371-7171  
(power outages)

CrimeStop  
602-262-6151

Graffiti Busters  
602-495-7014

Neighborhood Services  
602-262-7844  
(zoning violations)

Speeding Car Hotline  
602-534-SPEED (7733)

Poison Control  
602-253-3334

Voter Registration  
602-261-VOTE (8683)

City Councilman, Dist. 4  
Tom Simplot  
602-262-7447

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## FREE IN THIS NEWSLETTER!

Inside this issue of the *BelAir Communicator* you'll find a blank "BelAir Resident Sheet" for your household. Use it to collect key information about your neighbors so you can contact them if you see something suspicious or out of the ordinary.

If we all work together and not only learn our neighbors' names but their contact information as well, we can make BelAir a safer place to live.

If you bring your completed resident list to the next General Meeting in July, you'll be eligible for a door prize drawing courtesy of the BelAir Block Watch group.