



# Neighborhood Communicator

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## May 2004

### Message from the President...

We are still working on our June General Meeting. Trying to get all the loose ends tied up. We are planning on having a Neighborhood mixer/cookout for all of the neighbors in the cul de sac where Virginia and Hugh live. We are encouraging any that play musical instruments (that are transportable) to bring them. We can set up some Jam Sessions or Sing a Longs. First of all, according to City Code, we need to have all the neighbors in that area sign that they are willing to have it. We will be going around with a list for you to sign if you agree. We certainly hope that you do, cause it's your party too!

Still working on trying to get some new Board Members. Hear thru the grapevine that we may have a couple that are interested.

Hugh is still working the Block Watch and is serving us well. He also *has* made up new Welcome Packets and if any of you would like one, see one of the Board members, or call. We have them both in English and Spanish.

Will let you know how the Neighborhood Rummage Sale came out in the next newsletter. Neighbors are calling for information for various things & I

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### WE ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY HUGH LANDER

April 12th - I was thinking this weekend after going through my notes from our board meeting. My thoughts were about how the quality of life has definitely improved here in BelAir. To verify that my feelings were actually grounded in reality, I decided to check out crime statistics on [www.faxnet1.org](http://www.faxnet1.org).

FaxNet1 provides up to date crime statistics online and is a great resource. I pulled up the stats for our area, which is "bh25". Now just so you know, "bh25" covers 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. Indian School up to Campbell north of the canal. Some of you might know that neighborhood north of the canal is not organized, has more crimes and therefore skews the numbers a bit higher. My friends at the Police Department estimate almost 50% of the calls in "bh25" come from north of the canal.

When comparing the numbers from 1997 to 2003, some very interesting trends appear:

Burglary was down 36%

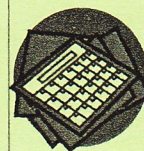
Property Crimes were down 23%

Auto theft was down 14%

Total crime was down 20%

I don't for a minute think that

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### Dates To Remember

2nd Saturday of each month  
- BelAir Board Meeting  
1st Wednesday of each month - BelAir Litter Free Day  
Bulk Trash Pickup - Placement begins May 8, 2004  
Bulk Trash Pickup - Collection begins May 17, 2004

### 2004 General Meeting Calendar

June 19, 2004 - 10AM  
September - Fall event  
November 13 - Holiday Event

### Top Three Crime Prevention Tips for April

1. Buy a shredder and use it! Phoenix leads the nation in identity theft.
2. Keep your garage door closed.
3. And as always, leave your porch lights on at night to deter crime!

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## BelAir Neighborhood Association

### Financial Status

Balance as of 3/31/2004

GENERAL FUND: \$1,541.66

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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# Minute by Minute

The April 10, 2004 BelAir Neighborhood Association Board Meeting was called to order at 8:45 am, at Dick and Sharon Bushouse's house, 1739 West Montecito.

The March 2004 Minutes were approved as presented. The March 2004 Treasurers Report was approved as presented, there is \$1,541.66 in the BelAir Neighborhood Association General Fund.

Our next BelAir Neighborhood Association General Meeting is Saturday, June 19, 2004, from 6:00 pm to ?. It will be a BelAir Mixer, tentatively scheduled for the north end of the 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue cul de sac (We are still getting permission from the City of Phoenix, we also have to contact the neighbors on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue). We will be providing hot dogs and hamburgers and sodas. Feel free to bring a side to share. Bring lawn chairs too. Mark your calendars. All BelAir Neighbors are welcome.

The next BelAir Neighborhood Preservation Meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup> at Rochelle Johnson's House at 7:00 pm. You can email or call Roshelle for more information about the Preservation Committee or to vote for the BelAir Neighborhood Yard of the Quarter.

The new Krispy Kreme is open at Spectrum Mall. There is also a new Beauty Salon and a New Video/Comedy/Magic Shop next to the Chinese Mexican Buffet on Indian School just west of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Please call our Block Watch Chairman Hugh Lander at 602

309 2097 if you see anything suspicious in the neighborhood. You can also email him at [belairblockwatch@hotmail.com](mailto:belairblockwatch@hotmail.com).

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual BelAir Neighborhood Association Rummage Sale is Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 am at Dick And Sharon Bushouse's house. Every BelAir Neighbor is welcome to have a rummage sale of there own or help out on ours. Please drop your \$5 donation to Sharon's house.

There will be a May Alley Clean up May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Please meet at Dick and Sharon Bushouse's house. Bring gloves, we will supply the trash bags.

Thank you to Hugh Lander for creating a Spanish BelAir Neighborhood Welcome Packet. Look for a Spanish insert to the Neighborhood Communicator too.

Volunteer Hours: Sharon 12, Hugh 16, Mark 3, Todd 10, Roshelle 3, Boyd 4, Pastor Wilfong 4, Virginia 9. Please call or email a Board Member if you have Volunteer hours to report. It is important to keep track.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am. The next BelAir Neighborhood Association Board Meeting will be Saturday, May 8, 2004 at 8:30 am. It will be at Dick and Sharon Bushouse's house, 1739 West Montecito.

### Let us Remember!





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these trends are a coincidence. The BelAir Neighborhood Association started in 1995, Block Watch started shortly thereafter. It just goes to show that if we work together, we are vigilant, and we all report suspicious activity, we can make a difference.

We have had two break-ins of note over the last several months. One of our neighbors, whose property adjoins the canal, had their BBQ grill stolen from their backyard. And in an apparently unrelated crime, Pastor Wilfong reports that someone broke into the school kitchen and stole several dozen pounds of meat. This break-in occurred from the canal side as well, so please, be vigilant of suspicious activity there.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM in the morning, as we will have an alley clean-up. Please bring gloves, a shovel or rake and lots of water to drink. We'll plan on meeting at the church parking lot and split up from there.

Friends, as always, please know you are not alone in your care and concern about BelAir. If you would like to anonymously report something, you should always call the Police Department and feel free to email me at [belairblockwatch@hotmail.com](mailto:belairblockwatch@hotmail.com) or call me at 602.309.2097.

### Board Member Bio

I've determined that dealing with money and finances must be my destiny in life. My name is Mark

Day and I currently serve as Treasurer for the BelAir Neighborhood Association. In my spare time I am also employed with the City of Tempe as a tax auditor. I just can't seem to get away from the numbers! All kidding aside, it has been a pleasure serving as Treasurer for the past year and I look forward to participating on the Board for many more years.

I moved into BelAir in June of 2002 after living in the Saint Gregory neighborhood (located just south of BelAir) for several years. I share my home with two dogs, Kodi and Bailey. Contrary to what you may have heard they are actually dogs and not cattle. They are large mixed breed dogs that offer great companionship and security. I've slowly been working on painting the inside of my home as well as putting in new landscaping. At first I thought someone would call the city to complain about the weeds growing out of control in my front yard but thankfully they turned out to be wildflowers.

I frequently walk around the neighborhood with my dogs in the evening. During my walks I observe many of the positive things about living here in BelAir – large lots, unique homes, residents that take pride in their homes and yards and great neighbors! Of course, an added bonus is that we can brag to our friends that we live in "BelAir". Please feel free to stop me and say hello.

We have a lot to look forward to over the next several months. The Board has planned a block party in June for the whole neighborhood. I hope to meet



## Announcing Our Yard of the Month



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4133 15th Dr.



### COMMUNITY UPDATE

**What:** Meet Your Legislative District State Representative (Ken Clark)

Learn About the Clean Elections Campaign

**When:** Monday, May 10, 2004, 6:30pm

**Where:** 4322 N. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**RSVP:** Liz & Jon Bernreuter  
(602) 266-3406  
[lizandjon@cox.net](mailto:lizandjon@cox.net)

Beer, wine, soda & light hors d'oeuvres will be served.



## Yard Art

By Virginia Clifford Anders

Some days on my walks I seem to interact mostly with barking dogs and silently staring house cats. Today was a treat, first because it was a singularly beautiful afternoon. I hadn't walked much in the last two weeks, so I missed Frank and Stephanie's blooming cactus plants. Frank and his brother Steve and I stood chatting for awhile about the additions they've been making to the new red granite landscaping. There is a lovely variety of young cactus and three areas of wildflowers. The stream of river rock that runs diagonally across the front yard has been "spiced" with pieces of quartz gathered by Frank and Stephanie's youngest daughter. The key to desert landscaping is the determination to kill off the weeds and grass that appears from under the gravel. Frank said he figures about two years of vigilance ought to work. This is truly a family project.

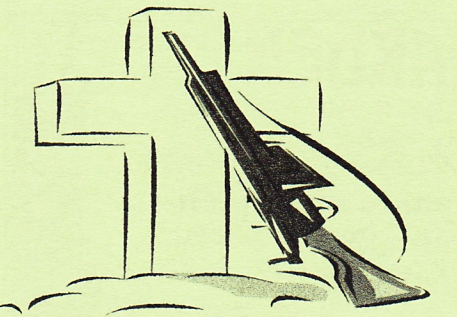
I know a lot of people are watching the evolution of the front yard at 15th Drive and Glenrosa. What will they plant? flowers? bushes? another tree? It's exciting to see a family create a vision for their property.

I met a young man named Chris who obviously loves older cars. He was in his driveway, tuning and tinkering with his

1955 copper and white sedan. Once the engine has its purr back he will reupholster the interior. This is a labor of love, clearly.

I was hardly alone on my walk. A young girl on in-line skates glided by, pulled along by her boxer. Both were grinning. Two little adventurers on tricycles proudly showed off the streamers on their handlebars. A couple ambled by pushing their baby boy in his very comfortable-looking stroller. I stopped to smell the dark red roses curving over the black metal fence at the dobermans' house. I don't stop when the dobermans are out in their yard.

Rocks and cactus, yards in progress, so many more in bloom, my what a lovely neighborhood we create and then all get to enjoy!



Let us not forget those who have fought and those that are still fighting for the freedoms we so enjoy today. Have a safe and happy Memorial Day Holiday!

many of you at this event. In addition, we have applied for a Block Watch Grant through the City of Phoenix Police Department. The funding from this grant will help to pay for alley lighting, newsletter, block watch supplies and other needed items in the neighborhood. I'll keep you posted on the progress of this funding.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the neighborhood association finances or any other questions or concerns that you may have.

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love the communication that is taking place.

We have lost a few longtime neighbors this last month or so and our condolences go out to their families.

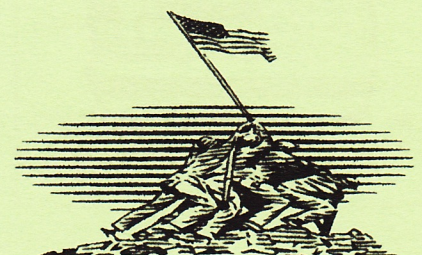
Until next month.....Catch you over the back fence.....

**Shar**

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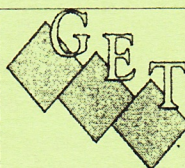
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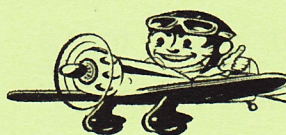
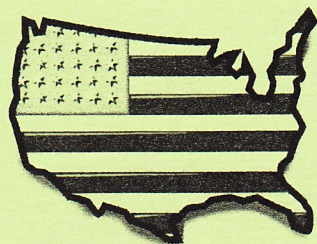
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