



Neighborhood Communicator

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April 2004

Message from the President...

Spring has Sprung! Walk or drive around the neighborhood and you will see so many in their yards, remodeling and general sprucing up. That shows pride and that's what it is all about. Love it!



A nice turn-out for the General Meeting. Tom Simplot did a great job. I want to thank all the old Board members and spouses for their hard work & participation for the terms they served. We were *not* able to elect any new board members. Consider it. We really need your involvement. It's not too much time to donate to your community. We have one Board Meeting a month, a quarterly General Meeting & you would serve a 2-year term. If you have any questions, talk to me at 255-8718 or e-mail me at phoenix01sb@msn.com.

The Board is now also the Planning Committee. We are trying to get a really fun General Meeting in June, so watch your April or May Newsletter for information.

Don't forget the Cities Neighborhood Spring Training event on **April 17** with free workshops & networking in conjunction with APS & the Diamondbacks. Boyd has the information.

The annual Neighborhood Rumage Sale will be on **April 24** so start collecting.

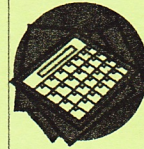
Until next month.....Catch you over the back fence..... **Shar**

The BelAir Neighborhood Needs You Now!!!

Please turn the page and look at the bottom left hand side. Notice that there are four (4) vacant Board Member positions.

It's time for **ALL** BelAir Neighborhood residents to give serious consideration to whether or not they want the BelAir Neighborhood Association to continue. If you'd like to continue to be kept informed of what's happening in the area that might impact BelAir, hear from our elected officials, have the opportunity to attend neighborhood meeting to hear guest speakers (Light Rail system updates,

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Dates To Remember

2nd Saturday of each month
- BelAir Board Meeting
1st Wednesday of each month - BelAir Litter Free Day
April 24, 2004 - BelAir Yard Sale
Bulk Trash Pickup - Placement begins May 8, 2004
Bulk Trash Pickup - Collection begins May 17, 2004

2004 General Meeting Calendar

June 19, 2004 - 10AM, Car seat inspections
September - Fall event
November 13 - Holiday Event and Craft Sale

Top Three Crime Prevention Tips for April

1. Bring in those trash cans and recycle bins. Criminals think that you're not at home if your can is out front!
2. Report any suspicious vehicles to the police!
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 2/29/2004

GENERAL FUND: \$1,602.49

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

Bel Air Board Meeting 3/12/2004

Opened 8:50am

Present: Sharon Bushouse, Roshelle Johnson, Mark Day, Virginia Anders, Boyd Puffer, Pastor Charles Wilfong

Absent: Hugh Lander, Todd Shealy

Minutes from February 14, 2004 meeting tabled – secretary not at meeting

Treasurer's Report – brief because Mark reported at general meeting, but our current balance is \$1602.49

The board decided to become the planning committee until we enlist several new board members. The theme of "the year of the child" is suspended until we know the status of the prior planning committee. Sharon has the boxes of materials from Jim and Judy Mathew. She and Virginia are going to go through the boxes soon.

DISCUSSION: The board talked about the possibility of holding the June General Meeting at Todd Shealey's house, per his suggestion. He wants to host a hot dog/hamburger cook-out at the same time. There would be a need to block off that street at both ends or perhaps at least half the street. Where would we get enough chairs? Would we have speakers? Music? Just fun? What food would we provide? Where would we buy it? The board would prepare and distribute a flyer reminding the neighbors of the upcoming event about a week before the event.

Boyd suggested we hold it in the cul-de-sac of 16th Avenue. There is far less traffic there and it has been used successfully before for a similar event. Traffic would not be as disrupted for the time. Mark is going

to ask Faye if she still has a contact at Fry's or Wal-Mart for a possible gift certificate so we can choose what condiments and meats and so on we would want to buy. Sharon is going to check Costco. Dick has tables to offer. Boyd is going to check tents and provide logistics for the day of the event. Roshelle is going to talk to Ron Washington about Coca-Cola providing some soft drinks for us. There are several musicians in the neighborhood and we might have several different areas for music set up along the block. We also might have a signboard advertising which businesses are providing food that day.

DISCUSSION: Rummage sale April 24 – individual houses will have their own items set out in their yards, but we will ask for \$5.00 per household because the board will provide advertising in the newsletter and the newspaper.

DISCUSSION: Newsletter – It is getting more interesting, but it still needs to be on the doorsteps perhaps a week earlier. Perhaps move the deadline for materials. Jim and Judy have asked that someone on the board help by reviewing the mock-up before it is taken to the printer. Heidi at Alpha-Graphics has suggested several other more printer friendly newsletter publishing programs. Apparently the current one we are using is the least "user friendly" of them all. That is probably slowing the printing process. There are several board members (Mark, Virginia, Todd, and Hugh) who are interested in learning how to put the newsletter together.

Remind neighbors of the opportunity to sell "stuff" in the newsletter at 10 cents a word.

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REVIEW OF ROUTES: 1A Sharon, 1B ?, 2 ?, 3A Boyd, 3B Virginia, 4 Boyd, 5 Todd, 6 ?, 7 Al, 8A Roshelle, 8B ??

Virginia was confused about her route but is straight now and eager to walk it in April.

PROJECT DISCUSSION: Making crafts for sale in the neighborhood meetings as a fundraiser for the treasury seems to be stalled. Too little interest to pursue it at this time.

Preservation Committee: No news

COMMUNITY UPDATE: Judy at Spectrum has information on new stores coming in and will host an 8am continental breakfast soon. Pastor Wilfong will tell us when later.

PAYING ATTENTION: A black Lincoln Continental was seen sitting across the street from Pastor Wilfong's house recently with two men sitting in it. He got the license plate# and will give it to Hugh to report to the police. He said he is very familiar with the normal traffic on that street, and this car looked very much out of place. ALSO: Faye told Virginia that someone took the hinges off their back gate recently.

SIGNS: We need new notice signs. ACI created 10 signs for us at \$20 each last time.

A neighbor at the general meeting suggested using the green and blue trash cans as SLOW DOWN sign posts because they are out at the sidewalks 2 or 3 days a week. Mark is going to ask Tom Simplot whether or not we can do this because it is City property. Other possible signs suggested: a version of Burma Shave signs – which is being done in a nearby neighborhood according to Sharon, CHILDREN AT

PLAY, DUCK CROSSING, WATCH FOR CATTLE, etc (attention grabbers)

YARD OF QUARTER – no suggestions so far

BLOCK WATCH update: Hugh is out of town.

DISCUSSION: possible speakers for upcoming general meetings include Home Depot representative, Baker's Nursery, Lowe's, T.R. Strong (friend of Sharon with amazing stories to tell)

FOR HUGH: We need to see who needs a Welcome Packet. What is the status on the quarterly translation of the newsletter basics

VOLUNTEER HOURS: Sharon 15, Mark 4, Roshelle 0, Pastor Wilfong 12, Boyd 5, Virginia 5, Todd?, Hugh?

MICHAELA and BOYD PUFFER'S NEW BABY: Lauren Elizabeth Puffer

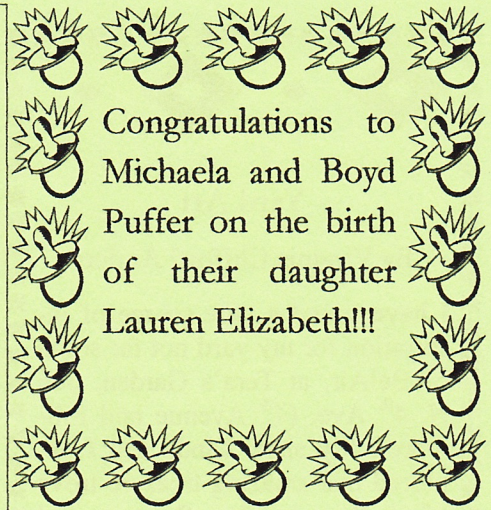
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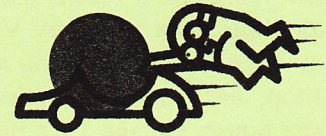
Vote for the

Yard of the Quarter

by calling Roshelle Johnson
at 602-437-0434 before the
15th of June 2004.



Congratulations to
Michaela and Boyd
Puffer on the birth
of their daughter
Lauren Elizabeth!!!



A number of our neighbors have expressed a growing concern about speeding cars through our neighborhood.

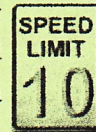


This is a residential neighborhood where the established speed limit is 25 miles per hour.



When you are driving in our neighborhood please slow down and obey the speed limit. If you see a car speeding get their license plate number and give it to a board member. We are working with the Phoenix Police to keep our neighborhood safe.

Help prevent having to
install speed humps
or get a lower posted
speed!! Encourage any-
one driving in our neighborhood to
obey the law!



Yard Art

By Virginia Clifford Anders

I have found a new source of inspiration for my yard not far south of BelAir, at Tera's Garden, 606 N. 4th Ave. (4th Avenue and Fillmore). My sister Linda and I explored this amazing treasure trove of bulbs, bowls, flowers and Dragon Wings on a recent Saturday morning. Tera and Gary Vessels, owners of this gardening and gift shop, have made a National Register house, vintage 1914 blossom into what feels like an English garden. They encourage customers to think beyond lilies and lantana, no matter the dimensions of the space we have. Here is a short list of plants I found as we wandered the narrow spaces between blossoms: Lion's tail, St. John's Creeper, Cast Iron Plant, Senator Mix, Martha Washington, Solenia Begonia and Bountiful Harvest vegetables. They sell hand-made concrete and ceramic mosaic tiles and pots, a wide variety of bird houses (for birds or to use as planters), rusted silhouette yard figures such as dragonflies, butterflies and hummingbirds. We sat under an awning, listening to water trickling behind us into a square concrete "pond" home to tall grasses, cattails and vines. We marveled at the wealth of sunlit reds, yellows, purples and greens living happily all around us.

Inside the house they stock wild bird seed, Renee's Garden packets of planting seeds and Garden Herb Charts. Of course they also sell garden gloves, tools, wide-brimmed hats and a variety of gardening books. There are seasonal items such as toy bunnies and

frogs, but also several lines of greeting cards, jewelry and wind chimes. Actually the variety of gift items for sale may become my first stop for birthdays and Christmas.

Tera, a certified horticulturist, works with her small staff of assistants who are all full of energy and helpful hints. Tera's motto is "creating beauty in the heart of the city." This extraordinary garden center feels like a friend's backyard that happens to sell beautiful, healthy plants. Tera's Garden is open for business every day of the week except Mondays. Tera is truly a gardener's friend!

SQUEAKY WHEELS GET THE GREASE

BY HUGH LANDER

Mar 22nd – Wow...what a great month in BelAir! The grass is green, citrus are blooming and people are out and about. I'm also very excited because my phone has been ringing with calls from concerned residents – residents who are taking action!

If you read the paper or watch the local news on TV, you've surely aware of all the 'drop houses' that have been discovered of late in the Phoenix area. Now, I'm not suggesting that we have a drop house in BelAir. What I do want you to know is almost every single one of the drop houses were discovered after a concerned and involved neighbor called the authorities. It's truly heartening to know that we can make a difference.

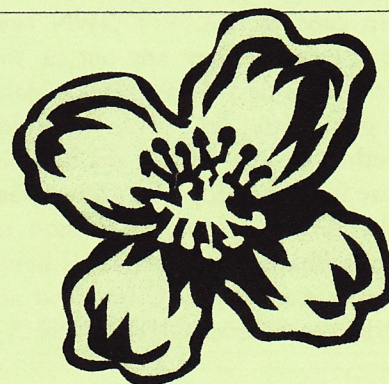
Even though our crimes and is-

sues here are not necessarily newsworthy, I've made it my mission to stay involved. Recently, we had a person living in their car on a side street. With a single well-placed phone call, the car was towed within four hours of notification and this person has not been seen since. Again, a squeaky wheel got greased!

I also know that many of you regularly call Gabe Ramirez at Neighborhood Services to report blighted properties and other issues – please keep it up. We pay good tax money to ensure our neighborhood is looked after. You are not 'bothering' Gabe when you call; and he'll tell you that himself.

I am encouraging each of you to become a squeaky wheel. You don't have to just sit back and accept a dirty yard, loud parties, suspicious activity and the like. You can get involved and make a difference in BelAir, even from the safety and privacy of your own home.

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 or call me at 602.309.2097.



**Please don't continue
breaking the law?**

Parking on the sidewalk is illegal. Phoenix Code of Ordinances, Section 36-134.01, states parking on the sidewalk is illegal. We've noticed a number of vehicles continue to park on the sidewalks of the BelAir Neighborhood. This forces children and adults into the road to get around the vehicle. Please don't break the law!!

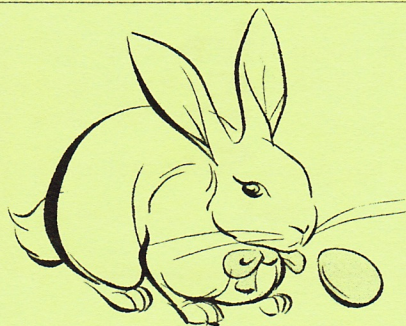
Help us keep BelAir a pleasant place to live!

Are you a

"Trash Can Violator"?

Phoenix Code of Ordinances, Section 27-19 J, states that trash and recycle containers can be placed at the curb after 6 PM the day before the collection date and must be removed by 5:30 AM the day after the collection date.

Please help us keep BelAir a pleasant place to live!



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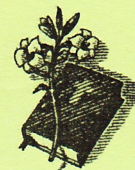
Neighborhood Services, Police Department, City Programs, Block Watch, Fire Department, SRP), have a group that will work towards obtaining Grant money to better BelAir, have someone organize the yearly neighborhood yard sale, have someone to put up Christmas decorations, look into Historic status for BelAir and continue to strive for BelAir Neighborhood Pride; then it's time to call Sharon Bushouse or any Board member and find out what it takes to volunteer a couple of hours a month to better our neighborhood.

Of course, if you aren't interested in seeing this worth while group of concerned neighbors continue to make a difference in BelAir then simply do nothing and we can all look forward to trash in the alleys and streets, houses run down, cars parked illegally in yards, crime, dark alleys and streets, weeds everywhere, va-

grants roaming the neighborhood, home values going down and home owners who care moving to a better neighborhood.

The decision is up to each BelAir resident.

**Please decide
wisely.**



**Everyone
Invited for
Easter Sunday ,
April 12, 2004**

The Evidence Stands, Jesus is King. Now it is up to each of us to decide where we stand.

6:00a.m. Outdoor Sunrise Service

(See our youth perform "Jesus Is King")

7:00a.m. "FREE" Pancake Breakfast (Donations Accepted)

8:15a.m. Traditional Easter Worship Service

9:45a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (Up to Age 12)

11:00a.m. Contemporary Easter Worship Service

Come to 1 Event or participate in them all! Pastor Wilfong

American Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Janna's
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your dinner table

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10am – 2pm

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2. Submit, with your ad, a check or cash to Mark Day, 4238 North 15th Drive on or before the 20th of the month.

(A check or cash MUST be received before the ad will appear in the newsletter.)

Small Ad - \$7.00
(Business Card Size)

Large Ad - \$14.00
(Double Business Card Size)

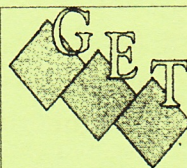
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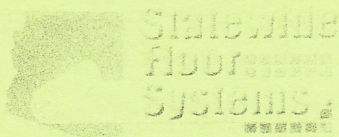
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