



Neighborhood Communicator

November 2003

Message from the President...

Hello BelAir
Neighbors!



We had a fun filled busy month. We had a team effort with Pastor Wilfong and his Church/School with our Rummage Sale and his Carnival. What Fun! Our donations were down a little because of the short notice but considering that, we did very well bringing in around \$400.00. My thanks to all who supported us and put in many hours manning the sale, supplying baked goods & fudge, tents, tables, etc. Got to know some new neighbors and found some that were willing to help out in much needed areas. The children had lots of fun at the Carnival.

The board has been very active and the Planning Committee met and is getting things rolling for the next year as far as themes, speakers and other items.

The 301 Grant is a priority for us. We are still in need for volunteers for our Fund Raising Committee.

We are going to start a Classified Column in our newsletter. This will be for ads that neighbors want to run for

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2004 Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program

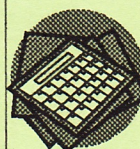
We are forming the committee for the 2004, Neighborhood Block Watch Grant and would love for you to join us.

What is the Block Watch Grant? According to the City of Phoenix Neighborhood Resource Guide "The purpose of the 301 Block Watch Grant Program, also called Phoenix Block Watch Grant Program, is to detect, deter or prevent crime. This is done by educating individuals on working together to solve problems, encouraging citizens to develop a sense of ownership for their neighborhoods developing and addressing common neighborhood goals, coordinating pertinent neighbor-

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Join us December 6th,
7PM for the BelAir
Holiday Event. There
will be a pot luck dinner,
cookie exchange
and Holiday crafts for
sale. Mark your calendars
today.



Dates To Remember

- 2nd Saturday of each month -
BelAir Board Meeting
- 1st Wednesday of each month -
BelAir Litter Free Day
- 2nd Tuesday each month
Planning Committee Mtg
- Nov 8 - Neighborhood Patrol
Training
- Nov 8 - Begin Curb side
Placement
- Nov 17 - Bulk Trash Pickup
- Dec 6 - Holiday General
Meeting

2003 General Meeting Calendar

Dec 6, 2003 - BelAir Holiday
Affair

2004 General Meeting Calendar

March 11, 2004 - 7:30PM
June 19, 2004 - 10AM
October - GAIN event
December - Holiday Event



HAPPY

THANKSGIVING

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BelAir Neighborhood Association

Financial Status

Balance as of 8/31/2003

GENERAL FUND: \$1,545.39

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 October 4, 2003 BelAir Neighborhood Association Board Meeting was called to order at 8:40 am, at 1739 West Montecito.

Board Members Faye Robbins, Mark Day, Virginia Anders, Jerry Coblentz and Kathy Cheshire could not make the meeting.

The Minutes were approved as amended. The Treasurers Report was tabled for the month.

The next General Meeting Planning Committee Meeting will be October 14, 2003, at 7:00 pm, at Jim and Judi Mathew's House.

The next General Meeting is December 6, 2003, at 7:00 pm. Our Second Annual Holiday Meeting will be at the Martin Luther School Gym. It is a Potluck! Bring the whole Family!

The Preservation Committee is working on taking one BelAir home Historic. They are also instituting Litter Free Wednesday's, BelAir Neighborhood Street Sign Toppers, the BelAir Neighborhood Pride initiative and the BelAir Neighborhood "Yard of the Month."

Feedback on the BelAir Neighborhood Communicator is always welcome. Any BelAir Neighbor can contribute. Articles are due the 20th of each month and can be emailed

to jemathew@cox.net or wodddco5@aol.com or dropped off at BelAir Board Member Todd Shealy's house at 1628 West Monterosa.

The next Block Watch Training is at North Phoenix Baptist Church, November 8, 2003. Call BelAir Board Member Hugh Lander if you are interested in going.

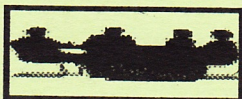
The 301 Block Watch Grant Writing Committee is writing our grant that is due in February 2004. The following items are included in our asking process; street lights, alley lights, the newsletter, meeting insurance, security doors, medical alerts, the BelAir Neighborhood Pride Initiative, Litter Free Wednesdays, the Yard of the Month, the Historic Committee and the rummage and bake sales.

The Association has paid their Meeting Liability Insurance for the coming year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am. Our next Association Board Meeting will be Saturday, November 8, 2003 at 8:30 am at 1739 West Montecito.



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COMMUNITY UPDATE

By Pastor Charles Wilfong

1. Tom Simplot, our new City Councilman for District 4, spoke to the Westwood Business Alliance September 24, 2003. He plans to canvas neighborhoods to see how he can be of help to meet their local needs.
2. The BelAir Neighborhood Association Rummage Sale, together with the Martin Luther School Carnival, was held October 11, 2003, with beautiful weather and a great turnout for all the attractions. Many thanks to all who helped out.
3. The CVS Drug Store has broken ground at the corner of 19th Avenue and Indian School.

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items for sale, babysitting, yard work, etc. The cost will be 10 cents a word. The ads can be sent to me via e-mail at slbush1943@aol.com or dropped off at my home. We will need payment at that time.

We are Busy, Busy, Busy; next Planning Committee will be November 12 @ 7:00 p.m. at Jim and Judi's, 1st Wed. of every month is Litter Free Day, don't forget to let Rochelle Johnson know who you are nominating for the Yard of the Month.

Catch you over the back fence....

Shar

Are you interested in helping out your Neighborhood???

The BelAir Neighborhood Board has one vacancy to fill and we're looking for any interested neighbor to step forward and volunteer their time to support our Neighborhood. If you'd like to find out more about this exciting position please call Sharon Bushouse at 602-222-8718.

Vote for the Yard of the Month by the 15th of every month by calling Rochelle Johnson at 602-437-0434.

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hood/community meetings and teaching crime prevention and safety techniques."

The benefits from past grants are found throughout our neighborhood. Some of you have received medical alerts, security doors or alley lights throughout the years. Along with all these worthwhile items the grant funds the basic needs of the BelAir Neighborhood Association. It has covered such things as this newsletter, the rent for our board meetings and the general meetings, the event insurance for our general meetings, supplies for our neighborhood clean-ups.

For the last two years the BelAir Neighborhood Association has

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Classified Ads

Flax Seed bags for aches & pains. \$2-\$16 depending on size. Can be heated in microwave or put in freezer. Great gift idea. Shar 602-222-8718.

Happy Birthday Wishes
to one of BelAir's Original neighbors!!
Carl "Bill" Johnson
90 Years Young
November 1

Do you have some free time or need to do some community service hours? If you do, the BelAir Neighborhood Association is interested in talking to you!!! We have some homes in our Neighborhood that need yard help. These are yards of the elderly or people that have suffered an illness and can't keep up with the grass and weeds. Give any Board Member a call and offer your time.

Joseph's Pizza

Phoenix's best pizza!

4432 N. 19th Ave.

Free Delivery!

602 241 052

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Yard Art

By Virginia Anders

Phoenix is a great place to garden. We can dig, weed and plant more bushes, trees and flowers than most of the country. Of course some of that time we need serious sunscreen but we don't need snowshoes. What we lack are the visual cues as the seasons change. We see fall and winter on TV but not outside our own windows.

Some of the homes I pass on my nightly walks have colored lights for Halloween and even Christmas. A couple of families have cobwebs, paper pumpkins and skeletons around their houses. Some Valley neighborhoods even have contests for the best dressed yards during the holidays. I'm not suggesting we compete but we could find ways to salute the seasons and holidays too. When I was a girl here in the Valley one of the only decorated homes in my area had a group of three saguaros dressed as wise men during December. I watched for them every year as my seasonal marker. Pretty subtle, I'd have to say.

Exercising creativity takes a little time, money and effort but the results can be a joy to see and great fun to do. BelAir doesn't need to be part of the city's tour map of houses to visit in December but a little seasonal cheer is a good thing.

I hear the protests: Won't we look cluttered? Why spend the money? I don't have the time. I

don't care about the holidays. I'm not that creative.

Of course not everyone would want to participate. Fair enough. But for those who do, why not? And if you don't want to have anything in your own yard, how about helping out a neighbor who does but finds the project too big to take on alone? Perhaps several neighbors could combine their efforts on one yard.

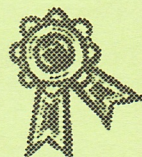
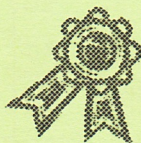
Who knows, maybe this could lead to a group project to help a neighbor take on a yard design or enhancement that is not even about a holiday. There is no rule that says we must each maintain our yards alone, after all. Everyone could use a little help now and then. What do you think?



Announcing Our Yard of the Month



The home of
Mary & Dianne McChesney
1731 W. Montecito Ave.



PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING ADS

Two easy Steps:

1. Submit the ad, by e-mail or on diskette, as you want it to appear in the newsletter, to Mark Day.
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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been financially struggling to continue our newsletter and meetings without this grant. We need this grant to continue on our path to a safer neighborhood.

Over the last year I have heard some great ideas on ways to improve our neighborhood. Here is your chance! Join us in writing this grant. It is vital for the enrichment of our neighborhood.

If interested call Susan Thompson-McHugh at (602) 604-8629 or email me at camus01@earthlink.net.

Are you breaking the law?

Parking on the sidewalk is illegal. We've noticed a number of vehicles parked 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!!

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