



Neighborhood Communicator

September 2003

Message from the President...

Here is an article, written by Rochelle Johnson, with BelAir Neighborhood information.



Sharon Bushouse (Shar)

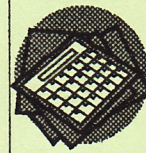
Hello. We are the new BelAir Neighborhood Preservation Committee. We are formerly known as the Historic Committee. We recently decided to change our name because our focus is not only to press for BelAir to go historic, but preserve the wonderful traits of our neighborhood. One way we are doing this is through the BelAir Neighborhood Pride Initiative. This is a four-point program that each of the members is enthusiastic about implementing, with your assistance. The four components are: 1) curb appeal; 2) litter-free; 3) neighbor participation; and 4) positive name recognition.

Curb Appeal- We want to recognize those residents that work hard to make their yards and home attractive. Therefore, we are asking you to vote for your favorite BelAir resident's home as **Yard of the Month**. The

criteria to consider is neatness and overall appeal. You can email your nomination to belairyard@aol.com or call board member Roshelle Johnson at 602-437-0734. (The board and committee members cannot be nominated.) The nominations must be in by the 15th of the month. The worthy resident will receive special mention in the following month's BelAir Neighborhood Communicator newsletter and a Certificate of Recognition from the board president, not to mention bragging rights.

Litter-Free- Last month you may have read the bio about Hugh Lander, our neighborhood "Trash Guy". Well, we wanted to invite you to participate. We have designated the first Wednesday of every month, beginning September 3rd, to be the **BelAir Litter-Free Day**. All this means is that on the first Wednesday of every month you take a few minutes to pick up trash and debris you see around your home. By us working together, we can keep BelAir beautiful.

There is more exciting information to come regarding the Preservation Committee and Neighborhood Pride Initiative. Stay tuned for the next newsletter for the latest updates.



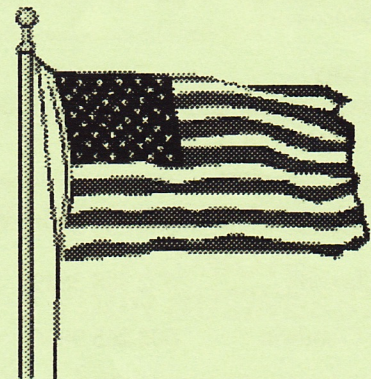
Dates To Remember

2nd Saturday of each month -
BelAir Board Meeting.
Neighborhood Patrol Training
- September 20
- November 8
December - Holiday General
Meeting

2003 General Meeting Calendar

December 2003 - BelAir Holiday
Affair

Happy Labor Day



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BelAir Neighborhood Association

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Minute by Minute

The August 9, 2003 BelAir Neighborhood Association Board Meeting was called to order at 8:35 am. The meeting was held at the home of Sharon Bushouse.

The minutes for April, May, June and July were unable to be approved because the Board lacked a quorum. The minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed. There was no income in July, but there was only one expenditure, for printing. Printing costs of the newsletter have decreased by having Alphagraphics do the printing. Mark noted that the insurance for our General Meetings is due in September, but he has not received an invoice as yet. The Board agreed we should contact other neighborhood associations to see how they are dealing with the increase in insurance premiums.

The General Meeting Committee did not have a report as the General Meeting was scheduled to occur immediately after the Board Meeting. The Board did agree to potentially set the next General Meeting in early December, but need to confirm the date with Pastor Wilfong. Hugh brought up to the board that he had updated the neighborhood link information page on BelAir, which can be accessed at <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/phoenix/belair>. The next General Meeting Committee meeting is set for November 11th at 7pm at the home of

Sharon Bushouse. It was also suggested that we have a craft fair at the holiday meeting, and there was discussion on where to hold the meeting, including the National Safety Council building or Asbury Methodist Church across Indian School Road.

The newly renamed Historic Preservation Committee will next meet on August 26 at 7 PM at Sharon Bushouse's house. The committee reported that it continues to investigate the possibility of installing neighborhood signs on the boundaries of the neighborhood, but is finding it difficult to locate a company that produces signs that meet City of Phoenix codes.

There was no community update this month from Pastor Wilfong, but it was noted that the southwest corner of 19th Avenue and Indian School has been vacated and will be shortly be demolished to make room for a new Eckerd drug store.

It was then noted that the last issue of the newsletter had gotten positive feedback, and the neighbor profiles were well received. Sharon encouraged everyone to submit a profile for the newsletter. Hugh then suggested that we profile the people who deliver the newsletter, or other interesting neighbors.

Board Members Jerry Coblentz, Mark Day and Boyd Puffer will provide bios to

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Todd Shealy.

As stated at the General Meeting, Neighborhood Patrol training will be held at North Phoenix Baptist Church on September 20th or November 8th for anyone who is interested. For more information, go to www.phoenix.gov and click on Departments, and then Police.

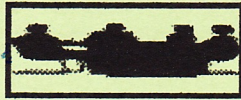
Roshelle Johnson then discussed the BelAir Neighborhood Pride Initiative. Roshelle suggested that the neighborhood have a "Yard of the Month" or "Yard of the Quarter". The Board discussed having a recognition program versus a competition. The Board agreed that we should recognize and appreciate the hard work many of our neighbors are doing to beautify their property, and the neighborhood. The Board also discussed nominating a "Neighbor of the Year" as well. If you would like to nominate a yard or a neighbor, please contact Roshelle. Mark suggested that Roshelle review the programs available from the city which were referenced in the last issues of Notes that is in our water bill. The Board also agreed to make the first Wednesday of the month BelAir Litter Free Day. The first Litter Free Day will be on Wednesday, September 3rd. BelAir residents are encouraged to take a couple of extra minutes and pick up any trash they see in the neighborhood.

The Board then discussed having a Neighborhood Yard Sale

on October 11th, with donated goods. Any proceeds would go to help defray General Meeting costs. Sharon will check with Pastor Wilfong on availability of the church.

Boyd then asked about the bulletin board on 18th & Glenrosa near the school building, and the Board was reminded that there was a second bulletin board on 16th Drive and 15th Ave., but it had been destroyed in a car accident. Hugh will check with the new house owners and see if they would allow another board to be put up.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM. The BelAir Neighborhood Association Meeting will be Saturday, September 13th at 8:30am.



COMMUNITY UPDATE

By Pastor Charles Wilfong

- Robert Autoniak, with Phoenix Light Rail project, reported that the city is remodeling a bridge for access to the maintenance yard where the new light rail cars will be serviced. This is one of the first steps in the total project.

The various utility companies are in the process of moving the underground pipes, wires, etc., from the center of the streets along the proposed route, to the side of the streets. All existing overhead lines will be placed underground. When the utility companies begin their work they hand out door hangers in the neighborhood for residents to be informed of the progress and also with a phone number to call for

further information.

There will be a public meeting regarding the Light Rail project on October 23rd, with time and place to be announced. Rob may be reached at 602-369-3681.

- The city of Phoenix has one sign inspector for the entire city. That person plans to retire soon. So, there will be a job opening if anyone is interested. The position is responsible for handling complaints about size/height etc.
- The buildings at the southwest corner of 19th Avenue and Indian School Road are in the process of being demolished to make room for the new CBS drug store that will soon be built.
- Officer Gary Kaufmann of the city police department announced that our area of police coverage is being enlarged and will be from Osborn Road to Dunlap, 7th Avenue to the I-17 freeway. This may mean longer delays in responding to calls for assistance.
- Kids Street Park on 23rd Avenue, south of Camelback, recently had a water day and ice cream social for neighborhood children and also distributed over 200 backpacks to school children in the area.
- Arizona Health Foods, 4434 N. 19th Avenue, will celebrate its 35th anniversary on September 27th from 10 am to 4 pm. Free samples and door prizes will be distributed. For more information call 602-265-7474.

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Got a business you want to promote or items to sell or having a yard sale? Why not advertise in the BelAir Communicator? Our distribution reaches over 400 homes. For more information contact the Hotline or any Board Member.

Yard Art

By Virginia Anders

Have you ever noticed the stalks of huge, brightly colored flowers reaching for the sky standing behind the low cream-colored brick wall on 16th Drive? I have the pleasure of living around the corner from these hollyhocks pillars. In the spring they dominate the graveled yard, making it harder to notice the Birds of Paradise, Lantana, and young shade trees sharing the space. The owner, Mr. Salvador Figueroa, has told me that he has grown most of the plants from seeds, rather than as transplants. He has lovingly cultivated his piece of paradise since moving here from New York City five years ago with his son, Sergio. While visiting Arizona, he'd noticed the open spaces, the quiet, and how clean it seemed here.

In New York there was little room for private gardens, so he'd helped care for his church's garden, which was a great joy for him. Salvador planted flowers, cucumbers, corn, and tomatoes among other things there. But as with any gardener, he longed for a space all his own.

As with other neighbors I've talked to, Mr. Figueroa decides what to include in his yard by seeing what others are growing, not concerned with design so much as with the plant life itself. Though the family didn't start with a plan, the Figueras are now discussing what to include to balance the overall look of the yard. Aware of the need to be good stewards of the desert, they

are concerned with being water-wise in their choices. Jessica, who moved here in January, shared shy smiles with her father as she described their tug-of-war between water use and planting flowers. For her part, Jessica is excited about her search for just the right aloe plants to add to the yard. They have a raspberry tree in the back yard to encourage neighborhood hummingbirds to visit them. There is also a patch of melon vines at the front door that fills a white brick planter box.

Our neighborhood is blessed to have such friends of the desert who are mindful of creating beauty while honoring the delicate nature of our arid environment.

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT...

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2. Submit, with your ad, a check or cash to Sharon Barger, 1525 W. Glenrosa, 274-0230, on or before the 20th of the month.

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

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