



# Neighborhood Communicator

July 2003

## *A Message from the New President....*

Much to my amazement and shock, I was nominated and elected for this position at the last Board Meeting!



This is going to be a very challenging year for the BelAir Neighborhood. Trying to get the 301 Block Watch Grant has got to be a **priority** for us. We need volunteers to help with this. We really need experienced neighbors that have worked on this in the past to help as well as others with a fresh approach.

We are now paying for the printing of the Neighborhood Communicator on a month to month basis, as well as the rental of the Martin Luther Church facilities. The Insurance will be due again as well. We need suggestions from all of you. You are part of this group and we very much need your input and help.

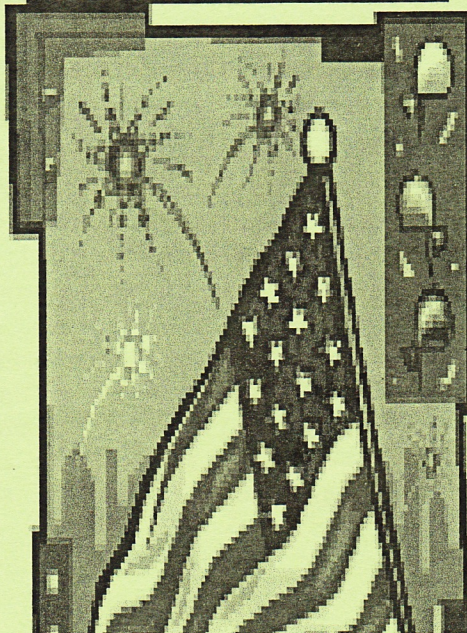
I want to welcome the newly elected board officers, **Jerry Coblentz**-Vice President, **Mark Day**-Treasurer and **Todd Shealy** -Secretary .

Our thanks to **Todd Shealy** for staying on as our Secretary. Our thanks and best wishes also go out to those who finished up their terms; **Jim Mathew**-President, **Faye Robbins**-Vice President and **Sharon Barger**-Treasurer, **Georgia Thomas** and **Pastor Wilfong**. I hope you all know we will be calling on you for mentoring from time to time.

We have a really fresh group of new blood on the Board this year and hopefully we will be able to get some much needed challenges solved.

Thank you all for your support and a happy new year of **team work!**

*Sharon Bushouse (Shar)*



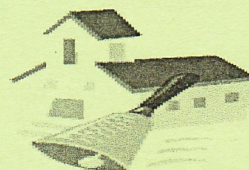
*Please join us ...*

**Back-To-School  
General Meeting**

**August 9, 2003 10 AM**

**Martin Luther School Gym**

**1830 West Glenrosa**



**HAPPY  
FOURTH  
OF  
JULY!**

## **Dates To Remember**

2nd Saturday of each month  
- Board Meeting  
**July 29** - General Planning  
Committee Meeting,  
**August 9**- Back To School  
General Meeting.  
**December**- Holiday  
General Meeting



Bel Air  
Neighborhood Association

Balance as of 5/31/2003

GENERAL FUND: \$1,681.51

The BelAir Neighborhood Association publishes the Neighborhood Communicator monthly.

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Minute by Minute

The June 14, 2003 Bel Air Neighborhood Association Board Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

The Bel Air Neighborhood Association Board welcomed new Board Members: Jerry Coblentz, Mark Day, Roshelle Johnson, Hugh Lander and Boyd Puffer.

The Bel Air Neighborhood Association Board elected new officers. They are: Sharon Bushouse as President, Jerry Coblentz as Vice President, Mark Day as Treasurer and Todd Shealy as Secretary.

The Minutes were tabled until next month when April, May and June Minutes will be presented for approval.

The Treasurers Report was approved as presented. There is \$1,681.51 in the Bel Air Neighborhood Association General Fund.

The General Meeting Planning Committee would like to remind all Bel Air Neighbors that our next Bel Air General Meeting will be August 9, 2003 at 10:00 am, in the Martin Luther School Gym. It will be a Back to School/Block Watch Meeting. Mark Your calendars.

The next General Meeting Planning Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, July 29, 2003, 7:30 pm at 1642 West Monterosa. Every Neighbor is invited.

Our Bel Air Historic Neighborhood Committee is back in business. We are currently in a research phase. Call a Board Member if you want to get involved.

Thanks again to every Bel Air Neighbor who helped on our May, Alley/Perimeter Clean Up! It was an outstanding success with over 15 people helping out. There is talk of a quarterly effort. Interested? Call a Board Member.

The Bel Air Neighborhood has a few neighbors interested in resurrecting our Neighborhood Block Watch Program. A few neighbors have already gone through the training session. The next training session is September 20, 2003. A committee hasn't been formed yet. Interested? Call a Board Member.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am. Our next Bel Air Neighborhood Association Board Meeting will be Saturday, July 12, 2003, at 9:00 am.



*Do you know how to display the American Flag properly? Listed below are the guide lines that should be followed.*

The flag of the United States should be flown daily from sunrise to sunset in good weather from public buildings, schools, permanent staffs, and in or near polling places on election days.

The flag may be displayed 24 hours a day on patriotic holidays or if properly illuminated.

The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is bad, except when an all-weather flag is used.

The flag should always be flown on national and state holidays and on those occasions proclaimed by the President. On Memorial Day, the flag should be half staffed until noon.

The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously. It should never be dipped to any person nor should it ever be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress.

It should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, drapery, or decoration, nor for carrying or holding anything.

The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged. It should never be used as a covering for a ceiling.

The flag should not be draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle. When a flag is displayed on a car, the flag's staff should be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.

The flag or its staff should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. Nor should any picture, drawing, insignia or other decoration be placed on or attached to the flag, its staff, or halyard.

The flag should not be embroidered on cushions, handkerchiefs, or other personal items nor printed on anything designed for temporary use and discarded. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen, or members of other patriotic organizations.

Hello!

My name is **Roshelle Johnson**. My husband, **Chris**, and I moved to BelAir in October 2000.

At the time, we were married 3 years and had lived in a townhouse in South Mountain Village. The following year I gave birth to our first child, Kyle Monreau.

We were drawn to the neighborhood because of its central location, proximity to freeway access, charm of the older homes, and believe it or not... the Neighborhood Communicator. We liked the idea that neighbors could get together in an organized fashion without being an "ominous" HOA.

My husband is the rare combination of fashion model and valley businessman. I, on the other hand, am a domestic goddess or commonly known as a housewife.

We are both very active at Family of Faith Christian Church and we love to eat! I am a new member of the BelAir Neighborhood Association and look forward to meeting more neighbors at the general meetings.

Thank you for taking the time to read this bio and God bless!



## Yard Art

by Virginia Anders

We have some amazing yards in our neighborhood. Ron and Fatimah Washington have taken the scruffy property at the southeast corner of 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Drives and turned it into a work of art over the fifteen years they have lived there. The lawn is emerald green and lush, the lemon tree is healthy and strong, the exotic plants are stunning. Their five-year project is the meditation space they are cultivating in the back yard. The two pairs of iron gates were designed for their yard and are lighted at night for dramatic effect. Each gate portrays curious characters. One gate even has whimsical dreadlocks extending above the gate.

Ron told me they often drive around to see what other people do and they talk to gardeners and nurseries. Their favorite nursery is Baker's on 40<sup>th</sup> Street south of Indian School because they give personal service, and listen to their customers' questions and concerns. Ron and Fatimah like spiky accent plants and bushes in dramatic combinations. For instance, they are nurturing an aloe ferox (Tree Aloe) next to a Mexican Bird of Paradise at the front corner of their property. They also have planted a combination of desert and citrus trees in front.

Fatimah tells me that sometimes they feel they succeed and sometimes they don't, but they are always eager to play on their canvas of earth and home. Experimenting, exploring, risking mistakes are all part of the process as they build their design, which might be called living sculpture.

They also say they would love to talk with anyone in the neighborhood about their plans for improving or creating their yards. I've found that to be true of all those who love to dig in the dirt. There is a spirit of adventure that generates enthusiasm and a willingness to share what they are learning.

## STARS AND STRIPES CAKE

1 PKG Betty Crocker Super Moist yellow cake mix

1 1/4 cups water

1/3 cup vegetable oil

3 eggs

1 tub Betty Crocker Rich and Creamy or Whipped vanilla ready to spread frosting

1/3 cup blueberries

1 pint strawberries

1. Preheat over to 350. Grease or lightly spray bottom only of 13x9.x2 inch rectangular pan.

2. Beat cake mix, water, oil and eggs in large bowl on low speed (do not over beat) or stir 3 minutes by hand. Pour into pan.

3. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

4. Frost with frosting. Arrange berries on frosted cake to look like stars on the flag. Create stripes with the strawberries.

This is a cool and refreshing cake and so patriotic.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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**SUMMER CONCERTS**

**July 12**

**Diva Band Jazz and Blues**

**August 9**

**Dennis Rowland Jazz**

**Sept. 13**

**Charles Lewis Jazz**