



# Neighborhood Communicator

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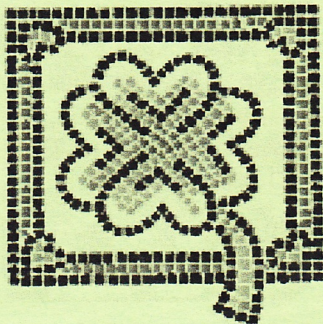
## Message from the President

*I hope everyone is reading and enjoying this newsletter.....? A lot of hours go into creating, editing, printing, folding and delivering it and a lot of our neighbors contribute the time to do this so all of our neighbors can remain informed on what's happening in our neighborhood.*



*My message last month was about needing 5 neighbors to fill positions on the Board for the next 2 years. My phone hasn't rung once concerning this and I haven't received any indication that any of the other Board Members have been inundated with calls. We need to hear from you or the Association will dissolve. Don't wait, call one of the Board Members TODAY!!!!*

*Jim*



## What About Those Leprechauns?

It's widely known that St. Patrick's Day is a religious holiday commemorating Ireland's influential fifth-century Christian missionary and patron saint, which easily explains the holiday's emphasis on green. But where, one might ask, do shamrocks, leprechauns and the Blarney Stone fit in?



Actually, shamrocks have a legitimate connection to St. Patrick, who apparently used the three-leafed plant as an analogy for the Trinity showing how three separate elements could be of the same entity.

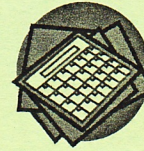
Relations become more shaky, or shall we say nonexistent, when it comes to leprechauns. Although Irish in origin, leprechauns have no direct association with St. Patrick. Described as mischief-making elves, leprechauns are characterized as aloof and unfriendly. They are depicted as small, old men about two feet tall, shoemakers by trade, who

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## Dates

### To

## Remember

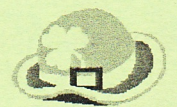


2nd Saturday of each month Board Meeting  
March 5—Ash Wednesday  
March 11— General Planning Committee Meeting  
March 15 - General Meeting  
March 17—St. Patrick's Day  
March 31—Diamondbacks Opening Day  
May 17 - Neighborhood Cleanup

## 2003 General Meeting Calendar

March 15, 2003—Happy Birthday BelAir, 6 PM  
May 10, 2003—Mother's Day Celebration/Election of Officers  
August 9, 2003—Back to School  
December 2003—BelAir Holiday Affair

Deer Valley Park— site of next BOPA March 13-15 ,8-2, 19601 N 19th Ave. Batteries, oil, paint, and antifreeze as well as five road tires per resident, computers and household appliances will be accepted.







**BelAir  
Neighborhood Association**

**Financial Status**

Balance as of 1/1/03

GENERAL FUND: \$1,310.92

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 February 8, 2003 BelAir Neighborhood Association Board Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am, in the Fireside Room at Martin Luther School, 1830 W. Glenrosa.

Absent: Scott Stevens, Jim Mathew, Todd Shealy, Sharon Bushouse, Georgia Thomas, Phil Womak.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Sharon Barger, which showed that the treasury has a balance of 1277.49.

The General Meeting will be held on 3/15/2003 at the Martin Luther Church School. The list of speakers to be included for that day is still being discussed. Anyone who has a particular area of interest that the City of Phoenix might address, please contact Jim Mathew.

Pastor Wilfong reported that there were four break-ins at the church in the last 2 months. In both cases, food was taken and the church VCR and TV were taken. The church has now secured an armed guard to patrol the property at irregular intervals. They are also discussing other forms of security for the buildings and property.

There will be a perimeter clean-up on May 17, starting at 7:30am. Participants are requested to meet at 17th Ave and Indian School. Neighbors are requested to contact one of the board members for further information if they would like to participate.

The next neighborhood Yard Sale will be held on April 26. The details haven't been worked out as of this meeting.

There is a request from Phil Gordon's campaign committee to the neighborhood to support Mr. Gordon for mayor. This item for discussion has been tabled for further discussion at the next General Board Meeting.

Due to the sparse attendance at this particular meeting, other reports were tabled.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

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possess a hidden pot of gold. The challenge, of course, comes in capturing the illusive little creatures and gaining possession of their treasures.

Likewise, the history of the Blarney Stone is not entwined with St. Patrick. Set in the wall of the Blarney Castle tower in the village of Blarney, the stone is believed to offer the power of persuasive eloquence to those who kiss it. Why? Legend has it an old woman cast a spell on the stone to reward a king who had saved her from drowning. By kissing the stone, he gained the ability to speak sweetly and convincingly. Today, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into a celebration of all things Irish, so it's not surprising that other national symbols surface every March 17.

Why not join the fun? Pin on your shamrocks, keep your eyes open for those leprechauns, and pucker up the Blarney Stone awaits!



## A Brief History of Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)

For centuries, the English have celebrated Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent, with merriment and antics and, especially, great quantities of pancakes. In fact, the fried flat cakes became so important to the holiday that it has also been called Pancake Day, or Pancake Tuesday.

Long ago, strict Christian Lenten rules prohibited the eating of all dairy products, so keen housewives made pancakes to use up their supplies of eggs, milk, butter and other fats. They could be easily made and cooked in a skillet or on a griddle. Families ate stacks of them, and pancakes were popular with all classes.



The rich Shrovetide pancakes were eaten as a ritual or symbol of self-indulgence before the fast. Early English recipes called for wheaten flour, eggs, butter or lard, a liquid (water, milk, ale or wine) and flavorings such as white or brown sugar, spices (nutmeg, cinnamon, or ginger), orange flower water, scented sugars or liqueurs.

The pancakes were fried in butter or fat and served flat or rolled and

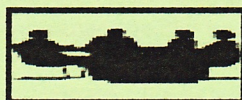
sprinkled with powdered sugar, topped with preserves or doused with alcohol. A special pancake, called a quire or pancake of paper, was made very thin and usually stacked. It was likened to a quire of "wafers" or writing paper.

Even the church bells that rang early on Shrove Tuesday morning summoning everyone to confession and to be "shriven" became known as Pancake Bells. They also reminded all to use up the "forbidden foods" before Lent. An old London rhyme went:

"Pancakes and fritters, say the bells on St. Peter's."

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## YARD ART

By Virginia Anders

I've lived here for about 30 years, but I don't think I've ever enjoyed it more than I do right now. The variety of planting and the use of desert landscaping shows that people are thinking about conservation and beauty at the same time. That's great. My own yard is a work in progress. The first owner had planted 6 palm trees and 3 myrtle bushes, which I have taken out over time. They obscured the view of the house, which also provided hiding places for "bad guys". I planted a fast-growing Japanese elm about 6 years ago, which now hosts a hummingbird feeder, and thus hummingbirds and finches.

My two Bougainvillea love to be neglected - I've never watered them, but I have to cut them back regularly. I also planted a lantana and a creosote bush which are doing well in front. My back yard has 4 mesquite trees - they grow fast too - and a number of sage bushes. Most of the plants flower periodically, so I have

colors too.

I need plants that take little attention, due to physical problems. I love watering my yard by the light of the moon, with my headphones on. I water by hand so that I spend time in the yard on a regular basis. I also do my trimming at night because the shocked ends get the morning dew before the hot sun that way.

Well, that's my story. What's yours? Give me a call, 602-256-8498, so I can come talk to you about your pride and joy.

### 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 Sharon Barger.
2. Submit, with your ad, a check or cash to Sharon Barger, 1525 W. Glenrosa, 274-0230, on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> 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)

## Corned Beef and Cabbage

Corned beef is brisket, top-side or silverside which has been pickled in brine. It is especially popular around Dublin. It is best to soak a joint overnight to remove excess salt.

5 lb/ 2 kg joint of corned beef  
1 large cabbage bay leaf  
2 large onions  
cold water to cover  
2 large carrots  
ground black pepper  
4 potatoes

(serves four to six)

Quarter the cabbage and put aside. Peel and slice the other vegetables. Cover the meat with the water and bring to the boil. Skim the surface, add the vegetables (except the cabbage), the bay leaf and the pepper and simmer gently for 20 minutes. Add the cabbage and cook for a further 30 minutes. Serve the meat surrounded by the vegetables with additional mashed potatoes.

**Happy Saint  
Patrick's Day!**

