



Neighborhood Communicator

May 2002

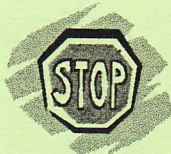
Message from the President...

Congratulations to our new Board Members!!!!



It's nice to have you as part of our dedicated Neighborhood Team to work towards keeping BelAir a great place to live.

Thanks to everyone that came out to elect these new Board Members. It's support from Neighbors like you that keeps the Board active and working hard for the BelAir Neighborhood.



Watch out for those streets and intersections that don't have stop signs.

On Saturday, April 13 around 9AM at the cross sections of Glenrosa and 18th Ave we had a two car collision. It made us, as neighbors, more aware of the different intersections in the neighborhood that have no stop signs. For the safety of all *please* hesitate at these intersections and never assume that no one is coming or that you have the right of way. Treat these intersections with at least a yield.

We have many small children in this neighborhood as well as a lot of walkers and seniors and they may well have become innocent victims only because someone was either speeding thru the neighborhood

or someone didn't yield to the on-coming traffic.

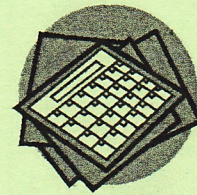
The Bel Air Association will be looking into the process of getting more stop signs placed at these busy intersections. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter please call the hotline.

13TH ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WORK AWARDS

All BelAir Neighbors are invited to attend the Annual Neighborhoods That Work Award Celebration on Tuesday, May 14, 2002, 5-8:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Civic Plaza, in the Yuma Rooms. The awards will be presented by the Mayor and members of the Phoenix City Council. There will be a buffet dinner and dessert and there is no charge for the event.

The BelAir Neighborhood Association submitted an application for an award for our joint partnership project with the Phoenix Fire Department in distributing safety/emergency kits to all of our residents and for the education programs conducted by the Fire Department over the past year at our General Meetings. We are hopeful that we will receive an award and we would like as many residents to be there as possible. We will also have a table displaying our albums and awards that we have won in the past.

Members of the Board will be going and will be happy to have neighbors ride down with them. Just call any Board member or the hotline and leave your name and phone number if you are interested in going. It is always a fun event and interesting to meet people from other neighborhoods and find out what they are doing to improve their areas.



Dates To Remember

May 11, 2002
Bulk Trash Pickup

May 14, 2002
Neighborhoods That Work

May 18, 2002
Block Watch Training
North Phoenix Baptist Church

May 18, 2002
Armed Forces Day

May 27, 2002
Memorial Day



August 2002
General Meeting

October 2002
G.A.I.N.

2nd Saturday of each month
Board Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each month
General Planning Committee

Mother's Day May 12, 2002





BelAir Neighborhood Association

FINANCIAL STATUS

BALANCE AS OF 2/28/02

GENERAL FUND: \$603.05

301 Blockwatch Fund: \$5,684.35

301/Fire Department Fund: \$52.65

Please remember that 301 Grant Fund money can only be used for items specified in the contract at the time of the grant.

The BelAir Neighborhood Association publishes the Neighborhood Communicator monthly. Many thanks to all of the volunteers in BelAir, who make this project possible.

ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

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Minute by Minute

The April 13, 2002 Bel Air Neighborhood Association Board Meeting was called to order at 9:15 am, in the Fireside Room at Martin Luther School, at 1830 West Glenrosa. All members were present except Marjorie Paez, Debbie Dumone, Maureen McCabe and Carol Adamson.

The Minutes for March were approved as amended. The Treasurers Report for March was approved as presented.

The 301 Block Watch Grant Committees reported the following:

Funds for the Bel Air Neighborhood Hotline were renewed for another year.

Quarterly sidewalk weed and grass spraying will continue, a new committee was formed.

Five Alley Lights are in the process of being installed this year.

Four Medical Alerts have been installed this year, two new requests have already been received for next year.

Five Security Doors have been installed this year.

The 301 Block Watch Fire Department Grant Committee reported the following:

The Bel Air Neighborhood Safety Kits are

still being passed out. Call the Neighborhood Hotline if you haven't received yours yet.

The General Meeting Planning Committee reported the following:

The Pizza Hut Fund Raiser Night, the first Friday of every month, will take a one month break to see if interest increases.

The Bake Sale at our April 6th Bel Air Neighborhood Yard Sale was a great success. Look for Bake Sales at future General Meetings.

Our next Bel Air General Meeting is August 1st, where we will have a presentation from the Light Rail System.

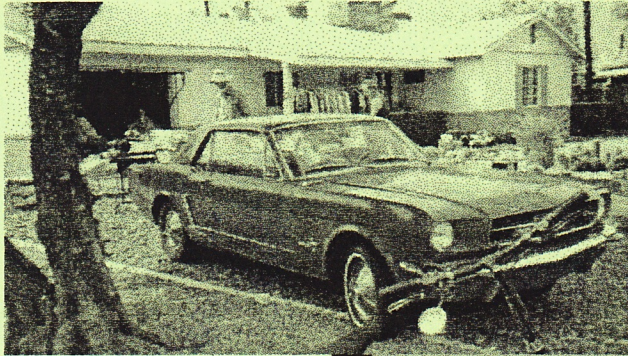
Our Bel Air Neighborhood G.A.I.N. General Meeting will be October 19th.

The Bel Air Historic Neighborhood Committee reported that a historical information survey will be in a future issue of the Communicator.

The Bel Air Neighborhood Yard Sale Committee reported that the yard sale was a great success. Over 35 Bel Air Neighbors had yard sales. Thanks to every one who donated items to the Bel Air Neighborhood

8TH ANNUAL BELAIR NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

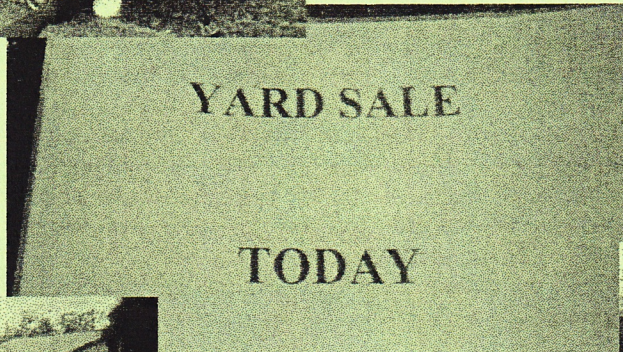
Items big and small
were up for sale!



NEITHER RAIN, NOR
WIND, NOR CHILLY
AIR WILL KEEP THE
BELAIR NEIGHBOR-
HOOD FROM HAVING
IT'S ANNUAL YARD
SALE.

Thanks to all our Neighbors
that participated in this
yearly event.

We'd also like to remind everyone
that it is customary for anyone sell-
ing items at the Yard Sale donate \$5
to the BelAir Neighborhood Asso-
ciation to help defray the cost of
advertising.

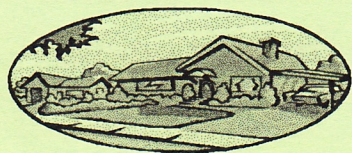


Yard Sale. Thanks to everyone who bought items and baked goods at the Bel Air Neighborhood Yard Sale.

The Bel Air Neighborhood Association is participating in this years 13th Annual Neighborhoods That Work Awards Dinner. We will be showing off our events, awards and accomplishments over the years at a table at the event, May 14, 2002.

There was a bad car accident at 18th Avenue and Glenrosa at the start of the Bel Air Neighborhood Board Meeting. The Board noticed that there is not proper street safety signs at the corner. The board noted that there are other unsafe corners in our neighborhood. A Traffic Safety Committee was formed to look into getting the proper safety signs at some of our corners. Call the Neighborhood Hotline if you want to get involved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am. The next Bel Air Neighborhood Association Board Meeting will be 9 AM, May 11, 2002.



Community Update

Bill Scheel, representing City Councilman Phil Gordon, reported that the city of Phoenix's income will probably remain flat for the year 2002-2003, due to current economic conditions. The State Legislature is considering cuts in it's budget, which will also affect the city of Phoenix. Not counting Police and Fire, Phoenix has less employees in 2002 then it did in 1990. There is a move to revitalize strip malls and empty business buildings in Phoenix. The area from Indian School to Camelback on 7th Avenue has been chosen as a pilot program area in this new revitalization process.

A fund-raiser was held at Outback Restaurant for the Policeman who was severely burned. Approximately \$20,000 was raised. Waiters donated their tips for the evening. About 1000 people participated.

Spectrum Mall has a new manager. Her name is Judy. She is very friendly and hopes to make the mall a good business center for the area.

On March 20th, two individuals were sentenced for operating a meth lab. One received a five month jail term. Both received a five year supervised probation. Both were fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay over \$4,000 to the DEA for clean up costs.

A strip mall near 19th Avenue and Campbell has recently been painted, making it much more attractive.

The Federal Government is designing a program for safer cities. It will include a five year automatic prison sentence for domestic violence and drug trafficking if a gun is used.

Hacienda De Los Angeles, a nursing home for severely disabled (children from near drownings and beatings) in south Phoenix, is in need of rocking chairs to rock it's residents. Please call them at 602 265 2527 if you would like to donate.

The southwest corner of 19th Avenue and Montebello is being considered as a Phoenix Light Rail Station. Negotiations with Spectrum Mall have stalled.

SRP has removed oleanders near 15th Avenue and the canal, making it much easier to maintain the irrigation ditch in the area.

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BOARD MEMBER BIO

My name is Charles Wilfong. I was born in Clarksburg, West Virginia in 1937. Due to my dad's asthma, we moved to Phoenix with my mother and sister in 1945. My first contact with the Bel Air Neighborhood began in 1949 when I joined Boy Scout Troop III, at American Lutheran Church. I soon began attending church services and felt the desire to be a missionary pastor.

I met my wife, Ute, in the youth group at church. She had recently immigrated from Germany. We both attended Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, Texas. We then got married and moved to Dubuque, Iowa, where I attended Wartburg Seminary.

Following graduation in 1964, we moved to Southern Brazil with our daughter Kathy. We lived there for nearly 12 years. While in Brazil, we adopted two daughters, Rosa and Tami, who both live in Phoenix with their children. Over the years, three more children were born into the family; Debbie, who lives in California with her family, Angelica, who lives in Texas with her family, and our youngest, Jonathon, a freshman at Texas Lutheran University. Kathy now lives in Minnesota with her family.

We have always been a close knit family. We love to travel and go camping. We have camped throughout southern Brazil, Europe and the United States. Ute and I, together with our six children, spent three weeks last summer in southern Brazil visiting friends we had made while living there. It was great!

I have been a pastor at American Lutheran since June 1976, and love the work. It has been especially enjoyable working with the Bel Air Neighborhood and the Westwood Business Alliance. We really enjoy our home at 18th Avenue and Glenrosa. I remember as a teenager, riding my bike from 18th Street and Monte Vista (my parents home) to the church several times a week. I used to buy a bottle of root beer at a little market on 19th Avenue just north of Indian School. And of course, our youth group was at Nelson's Pool regularly. This has been and continues to be a wonderful place to be and live.




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Poem by Original Bel Air Neighbor

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My Mocking Bird

About the same time each
year, with a voice loud
and clear
My Mocking Bird sings
it's song.
When all is still, by my
window sill
He sings the whole night
long.

At the break of day, he
moves away
and flies up a little
higher.
The whole day through,
in tones sweet and true
He sings from the tele-
phone wire.

Whatever bird call, he
knows them all
I've counted at least
thirty four
My repertoire is small,
I don't know them all
I'm sure he has many
more.

From his perch on high
he fills the sky
With his chirps, his
twits and his peeps.
And for the life of me,
I cannot see
When that dumb bird ever
sleeps.

**UNTIL NEXT MONTH,
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY
MAY!**