



Neighborhood Communicator

June 2003

Message from the President. . .

Congratulations to our new Board



Members: Jerry Coblentz, Mark Day, Jennifer Goodwin, Roshelle Johnson, Hugh Lander and Boyd Puffer.

A big THANKS to everyone that came out to our General Meeting and voted for the 6 Board Members that will serve for the next 2 years. This month the Board Members will elect new Officers and then plan what needs to be accomplished next year. One top item is the 301 Block Watch Grant. The Committee is forming so if you are interested or have any ideas please let us know.

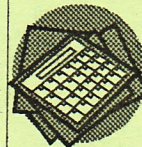
A really big THANKS goes to everyone that helped with the BelAir Neighborhood Clean-up. We worked on the alleys and the perimeter and it was much easier with the number of people that helped out. We appreciate all the support. Thanks for showing your BelAir Pride!!!

Jim

BLOCK WATCH 301

Grant

It is time again to start working on the 301 Grant request. It is due in six months. Anyone that is interested in joining this committee please contact Todd Shealy. Many ideas are surfacing and one is to partner with the Lutheran School and upgrade their playground for safety. The church playground is open to the neighborhood after 6Pm in the evening and on weekends. **Have any other partner ideas???** - join us. The 301 grant money allows us to do many useful things for the neighborhood, like alley lighting, medical alert systems, this newsletter and block watch. So, join the team today and let's keep our neighborhood safe.



Dates To Remember

2nd Saturday of each month -
Board Meeting
July 29 - General Planning
Committee Meeting

2003 General Meeting Calendar

August 9, 2003 - Back to
School/Block Watch
December 2003 - BelAir Holiday
Affair



**Back
to
School**

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

OUR AUGUST MEETING WILL BE ABOUT "BACK TO SCHOOL" AND BLOCK WATCH SAFETY. WE WILL COLLECTING SCHOOL ITEMS TO FILL A BACKPACK THAT WILL THEN BE DONATED TO A LOCAL SCHOOL SO, WHEN YOU ATTEND THIS SPECIAL MEETING, PLEASE BRING A SCHOOL SUPPLY THAT WE CAN FILL THE PACK WITH. MORE DETAILS IN THE UPCOMING ISSUES.!



**BelAir
Neighborhood Association**

Financial Status

Balance as of 4/30/2003

GENERAL FUND: \$1,320.81

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

Minutes of the Board Meeting May 10, 2003.

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Faye Robbins
Present: Faye Robbins, Pastor C. Wilfong, Virginia Anders, Georgia Thomas, Jennifer Goodwin, Sharon Barger.

Absent: Sharon Bushouse, Boyd Puffer, Kathy Cheshire, Todd Shealy, Jim Mathew.

The minutes for the April 12 meeting were accepted with this correction: Continuing the hotline service was discussed. There was no action taken.

Treasurer's Report: the current balance is \$1,320.81. The proceeds from the neighborhood yard sale had not been added into the balance as of this meeting.

Because the business of the meeting will include voting on the board members for the next term and other internal tasks, we may not have an outside speaker for the May 15 General Meeting. May 13 is scheduled as the next planning meeting. All neighbors are encouraged to attend either or both of these meetings.

The board discussed the fact that the newsletter would better represent our neighborhood if more neighbors contributed articles and information on activities to the newsletter editor, Judi Mathew. These ideas and information can be sent by e-mail to jemathew@cox.net. This is also at the bottom right corner of every page of the newsletter.

Community update: Pastor Wilfong attended the Westwood meeting the first week of May. His report to the board included the fact that the city will re-route the utilities underground to accommodate the light rail system. There will be two parking lots on 19th Ave for those who will ride the light rail, at Bethany Home and near Camelback. Over 800 drivers will be able to park their cars there. There were 650 children at the Easter party. About 250 children use the park on Saturday for

scheduled activities. He also sounded a warning to our neighbors to keep our bicycles locked away from sight because there have been quite a few stolen recently across 19th Ave. There was a fire recently on 18th Ave. Thankfully, no one was injured. Pastor Wilfong said the church is looking for a welder for his church's building repairs and to install gates.

Old Business: Volunteer Hours: 22 Georgia, 7 Sharon B, 4 Jennifer, 6 Faye, 6 Virginia, 12 Pastor Wilfong.

The Historic Neighborhood Committee needs help. It is a labor-intensive project that has been pursued by one person, which is overwhelming. Anyone interested in participating is advised to elicit the help of at least two other friends in the neighborhood to share the project's details. The area around the Ron's Club on Osborn has recently been designated an historic area. There are people across the city who would help us, but we need to follow through.

The alley and perimeter clean-up is scheduled for May 17th. Friends and neighbors are asked to gather at 17th Ave and Indian School at 7:30am that morning. Please wear hats and gloves and bring water for yourselves. We don't expect to be out long, but this is a warm time of the year.

Block Watch training dates are still to be determined.

New Business: three board positions will need to be filled at the general meeting because Sharon Barger, Georgia Thomas, and Pastor Wilfong have served out their two terms.

Next board meeting will be June 14. The meeting adjourned at 10:05a.m.

School is out for the summer!

Watch out for the children in our neighborhood!

We'll Be Seeing You

Fred & Fran Godwin

We were not the first but one of the early ones when we moved into our new home on Monterosa Street in January, 1950. At that time we were a half mile outside the city limits of Phoenix which ended at Osborn Road. Indian School Road was a two lane "farm to market" road lined with cotton wood trees and an irrigation ditch. The bridge across the canal at 15th Ave. was seven years off and there were no paved streets or sidewalks in our subdivision. The residents gathered to form an improvement district and we paid for the streets over a 10 year bond issue.

But there was no lack of amenities. West Drug at the corner of 15th Avenue and Indian School boasted a soda fountain and a lunch counter and Phoenix Market, next door, carried a complete line of groceries. There were three service stations at the corner of 15th Avenue and Indian School and three more at the corner 19th Avenue and Indian School. The Nelson Swimming Pool was at the location of the present apartments across the canal at 19th Avenue. Mr. Nelson, an old navy man, had a tight set of rules and we felt our kids were perfectly safe there.

Three out of every four houses had school or pre-school children and it was not uncommon to have 12 or 15 kids in a back yard at any time. It was through the kids that we soon became acquainted with everyone in

the block. Our three sons and a daughter received an excellent education at Encanto, Clarendon and West High School. West High had a statewide reputation for its fine music and science departments. We soon became involved through PTA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League and Sunday School at Encanto Church. Fran took a group of neighborhood girls in a Scout troop from second grade Brownies through High School and led the Girl Scout Council back packing program for several years before starting a 25 year position on the staff of Church Of The Beatitudes. Fred spent a career in the local home building business and in 1965 was president of the Phoenix Association Of Home Builders but never built in a location where he would rather live than here.

Much of our social life involved friends and neighbors. Friends who have since moved away still write or come by for a visit. Our vacations included extensive travel and we are fortunate in having seen a great deal of the world in the past 30 years. We also included our hobbies of hiking and photography in our travels.

As Phoenix absorbed and then moved past us our neighborhood took on an urban atmosphere and some of the problems of a city -- security, crime, vandalism, zoning, etc. In the spring of 1995 a group of residents met under the trees at the Martin Luther School to discuss forming a volunteer neighborhood to meet the problems. We both served on the resulting ad hoc committee and the first Board of Directors of the BelAir Neighborhood Association. Fred was the first Treasurer who set up the books and opened the bank account for the Association. Over the past years we have enjoyed our continuing activities with this group and only regret that many neighbors have not joined in to participate in the pleasures and responsibilities of the Association.

Having reached the age of 85 and with some health problems we have decided to move into a garden apartment at the Beatitudes Campus Of Care on Glendale Ave. this summer.

With so many friends here we will not say "good bye", only "we'll be seeing you".

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YARD ART

Hazel Baker and I have lived on the same block for 30 years now. She actually has lived here for 31 years. During that time Hazel has created a virtual Eden out of a piece of property that began, by her description as "nothing but weeds" when she moved in on September 1, 1972. The house was built in 1948 as part of the original BelAir neighborhood. Her neighbor across the street told her she would never get rid of the weeds. "Yes, I will," she told her. Hazel saw the possibilities, even under the dried St. Augustine grass. Her vision was never written down. It was grown, brick and tree and bush and flower at a time. While working for the City of Phoenix for 32 years, she laid plugs of Bermuda grass, planted flowers, laid bricks for a patio and walkway, and painted the house, inside and out. Gradually her vision came into focus. The soil was terrible, says Hazel. It was like chunks of cement. However, it was willful enough to grow weeds up between the bricks she'd carefully laid, because she hadn't used a tarp first to kill the dormant weeds under the ground. So, she had to take the bricks up again and re-lay them. She also planted beautiful, richly colored flowers at the corner by the front door. She planted aromatic Star Jasmine along the west wall in the back yard and laid more patio brick there. The anchor of her front yard is the magnificent bottle tree that provides a wealth of shade. When she moved in the

tree was dying from neglect so she worked long and hard to nurture its regeneration. Though it is messy with sticks and leaves, pods and flowers during various parts of the year, she clearly loves her oasis, watering and cleaning up after each season's changes. She adds and removes plants and flowers from time to time, allowing for subtle changes in the appearance of her yard. Hazel's enthusiasm shows in her proud smile and eagerness to share her philosophy: Yes, it's a lot of work and I do get tired and sore sometimes, *but I just do it!*

NEED TO ADVERTISE OR PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS?

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.

STEELE INDIAN SCHOOL PARK

SUMMER CONCERTS

June 14—Margo Reid Jazz

July 12—Diva Band Jazz and Blues

August 9—Dennis Rowland Jazz

Sept. 13—Charles Lewis Jazz

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING ADS

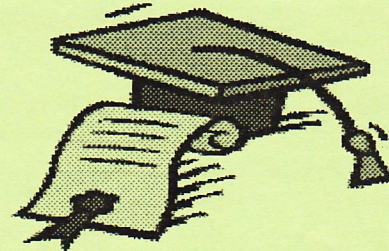
Two easy Steps:

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 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)



Congratulations to
the BelAir neighborhood seniors

Class of 2003

Happy Fathers
Day

