



# Neighborhood Communicator

April 2003

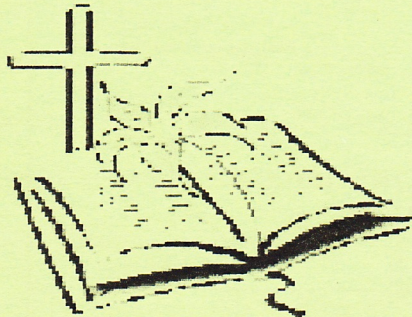
## Message from the President. . . .

I want to thank our neighbors that have stepped forward and expressed an interest in being on the BelAir Board. You'll see their names on the ballot for the May 15th Election in the May Newsletter.



The last BelAir General Meeting had 3 great speakers that provided loads of information about support we can get for our community. If you missed it, as most people did (see the "Letter to the Editor" on page 4), you missed a good one. For those of you that attended, don't worry, we'll continue to invite quality speakers to talk on subjects of interest to you, the "Faithful Few".

Jim



It's Spring time and that means it's time to clean out the garage and those messy closets!

The BelAir Neighborhood will be holding its annual Neighborhood Yard Sale on April 26 from 7AM till noon. If you don't want to have your own yard sale but have items that you would like to donate— you can donate those items for the BelAir Association and any proceeds earned from the sale of these items will go into the BelAir Neighborhood Association General Fund. To arrange to drop off items you wish to donate call Sharon Bushouse at 602-222-8718.

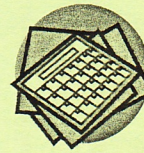
We will also be having a bake sale. If you would like to donate baked goods, please drop them off at the same location..

Please Note: There will be an ad about the Neighborhood Yard Sale placed in the Arizona Republic and a \$5.00 donation is requested from those families that participate in the Yard Sale to help cover the cost of the advertisement.

## Dates

## To

## Remember

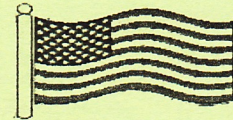


2nd Saturday of each month - Board Meeting  
April 8 - General Planning Committee Meeting  
April 20 - Easter Sunday  
April 26 - Neighborhood Yard Sale  
May 17 - Neighborhood Cleanup

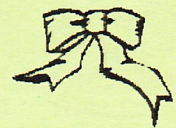
## 2003 General Meeting Calendar

May 15, 2003— Election of Officers for BelAir Board  
August 9, 2003—Back to School  
December 2003—BelAir Holiday Affair

## Show Your Pride



Fly your flag in support of our troops fighting for our freedom and tie a yellow ribbon around a tree till our POW's come home!!



GOD BLESS

AMERICA!





BelAir  
Neighborhood Association

Financial Status

Balance as of 2/28/2003

GENERAL FUND: \$1,277.49

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

**PRESIDENT**

Jim Mathew (2004)  
1642 W. Monterosa 263-0548

**VICE PRESIDENT**

Faye Robbins (2004)  
1530 W. Glenrosa 285-1902

**TREASURER**

Sharon Barger (2003)  
1525 W. Glenrosa 274-0230

**SECRETARY**

Todd Shealy (2004)  
1628 W. Monterosa 285-0995

**Members**

Sharon Bushouse (2004) 222-8718

Georgia Thomas (2003) 264-3096

Pastor C. Wilfong (2003) 266-9342

Phil Womak (2003) 234-2423

Virginia Anders (2004) 265-8498

Jennifer Goodwin (2003) 265-9856

Kathy Cheshire (2004) 488-3849

Boyd Tuffer (2003) 266-6260

# Minute by Minute

The March 9, 2003 BelAir Neighborhood Association Board Meeting was called to order at 9:10 am, in the Fire-side Room at Martin Luther School, 1830 W. Glenrosa.

Absent: Scott Stevens (has tendered his resignation), Todd Shealy and Virginia Anders.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Sharon Barger, which showed that the treasury has a balance of \$1,277.49 as of this date.

The General Board Meeting will be held on 3/15/2003 at the Martin Luther Church School. The time will be at 6 pm. Carolyn Murphy from the County Attorney's Office and Officer Mayhugh, Community Action Officer, from Squaw Peak Precinct will be the speakers.

The next General Board Meeting will be at the Martin Luther Church School on Thursday, May 15th at 7:30 pm. We will have election of new Board Members at that time.

Phil Womack volunteered to do his Bio for the next Newsletter.

The 2004 Block Watch Grant Committee was decided to be continued until the next February due date.

Pastor Wilfong reported that the police have put in 70 hours of surveillance around the Church and School area. He stated that there has been a drop in the numbers of burglaries, auto thefts, etc. since last year. He also mentioned that Wal-Mart will be opening their larger version in October, that

PetsMart will open in August, a Linen store in April and that a couple of the shoe stores will be enlarging at the Spectrum Mall.

There was no historic update.

There will be a perimeter clean up on May 17th, starting at 7:30 am. All interested parties are requested to meet at 17th Avenue and Indian School.

Block Watch Training has set some dates with the first starting on May 17th. It will be an 8-hour class to be held at the North Baptist Church. There is an optional 10-hour police beat ride. The class is required in order to participate in the Block Watch Neighborhood Patrol.

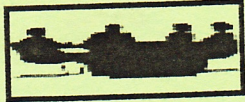
The next neighborhood Yard Sale will be held on April 26th. A newspaper ad will be put in. A donation to help cover the cost will be \$5. Phil Womack has offered to use his house for collection and as a main sale spot for those who do not wish to have a sale of their own.

Weed spraying around the sidewalks will take place in the next several weeks. Discussion was held regarding house numbering on curbs. It was taken under advisement until later.

An endorsement for Phil Gordon for Mayor is going to be prepared before proceeding further.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 am.





## COMMUNITY UPDATE

SGT. GARY KAUFMANN OF THE PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT, STATED THAT OFFICERS HAD PUT IN 70 HOURS OF SURVEILLANCE DURING ONE WEEK, SEEKING TO STOP THE BURGLARIES AT THE MARTIN LUTHER SCHOOL. UNFORTUNATELY, NO BURGLARS SHOWED UP. HE ALSO STATED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A DROP IN HOUSE, BUSINESS, VEHICLE BURGLARIES FROM 2201-2002. THE HIGHEST INCIDENCE OF BURGLARIES OCCURS WEST OF 19TH AVENUES, FROM CAMPBELL AVENUE, SOUTH TO INDIAN SCHOOL.

SPECTRUM MALL ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING OPENING DATES:

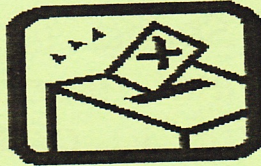
1. WALMART-OCTOBER
2. PETS MART-AUGUST
3. LINEN STORE-APRIL

IT IS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT FAMOUS FOOTWEAR AND PAYLESS SHOES WILL BE ENLARGING THEIR STORES.

RESIDENTS OF THE AREA WEST OF 1-17, STATED THAT THERE IS A TREMENDOUS PROBLEM OF DRUGS AND PROSTITUTION ON 27TH AVENUE, FROM INDIAN SCHOOL TO CAMELBACK. THEY ARE SEEKING HELP FROM THE CITY AND COUNTY TO COMBAT THE PROBLEM.

OF THE 60 APPLICATIONS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR FINANCIAL AID, THE PHOENIX LIGHT RAIL PROJECT RANKED #2. PHOENIX WILL SOON RECEIVE FUNDS TO BEGIN MAKING APPRAISALS OF AND DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS ON

CAMELBACK ROAD FROM THE WEDDING CHAPEL ON 17TH AVENUE, TO THE CORNER OF 19TH AVENUE, MAKING ROOM FOR A PARK AND RIDE LOT.



## Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Elections of new board members will be held at the next General Meeting May 15th. Come out and support your Neighborhood Association.

More info in the May Communicator.....

## 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.

### 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)

Experience  
the Advantage  
of Working  
With an  
Executive!

Your  
REALTOR<sup>®</sup>  
Neighborhood Specialist

Gilberto Perez Quintana  
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Letter to the Editor:

To The Editor:

On Saturday evening, March 15, I attended the BelAir Neighborhood general meeting in the gymnasium of Martin Luther School. I was amazed at the apathy exhibited by the residents of BelAir and the members of the board. The BelAir Association has been working hard for several years to make our neighborhood a safe and pleasant place to live. The board has been working to meet the needs and requests of the residents. The low turnout at one of these general meetings is sending a message that "We don't care!" BelAir Neighborhood can only remain the safe and pleasant place to live if all of us spend a couple of hours every three months participating in some way. You can participate by being a board member, by distributing the newsletter, by writing articles/letters for the newsletter, by donating to our yard sale fund-raiser, and last, but not least, by attending a general meeting to see what is happening in the neighborhood and to have your voice

heard.

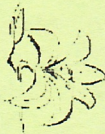
Sincerely,

*Carol Adamson*

Carol Adamson

History Of Easter

In the Christian faith Easter is celebrated to commemorate the Resurrection of Christ. Thus it is the most sacred of all holy days. Unknown to most people, it is also the name of an ancient Saxon festival, Eastre. Eastre is the pagan goddess of spring and offspring. How this pagan festival came to be supplanted by a solemn Christian holiday attests to the ingenuity of second century Christian missionaries.



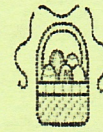
These missionaries traveled among the Teutonic tribes north of Rome. Whenever possible, they transformed local pagan customs to harmonize with Christian doctrine. On a practical basis, this prevented local converts from being persecuted by the pagan traditionalists. Since the Eastre festival to celebrate spring coincided with the time of the Christian observance of the resurrection of Christ, this crossover was achieved smoothly. Some doubt remained as to the exact day of the celebration.

That was put to rest by the Emperor Constantine. In AD 325, the Emperor convened a council and it was decreed: Easter would

be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Easter is therefore bound never to fall before March 22 or after April 25.

Now you know why Easter changes around from year to year. But what about the Easter Bunny and those eggs?

Well, back to the Saxons for the Easter Bunny. They worshipped the goddess Eastre by the earthly symbol of a rabbit or "hare" as rabbits were known. Eventually the custom of the Easter Bunny was brought to America by the Germans.



Chocolate and candy eggs have become popular in this century, but exchanging of eggs in the springtime is an ancient custom. Egyptians buried eggs in their tombs. The Greeks placed eggs on their tombs. A Roman proverb states, "All life comes from an egg". In most cultures, the egg signifies birth and resurrection. So when the church began to celebrate the Resurrection in the second century, the egg was a popular symbol. In those days, wealthy people covered gift eggs in gold leaf, while peasants dyed theirs with flowers and herbs.