

# Neighborhood Communicator

## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT ANNA BLEVINS

### Where has our "Pretty Little Neighborhood" Gone?

We hear this question again and again. The wording may change, but the question remains the same, BLIGHT, what can we do?

On Saturday, October 12, 1996, your board met with Council Member Craig Tribkin and toured our neighborhood. We discussed neighborhood issues including blight and asked him, 'What can we do?'. His response was the same as I have given many of you. Our Neighborhood Association should not be a policing agency, reporting violators to City agencies. Blight that offends us should be reported by each and every one of us individually. We do not have to live next door to a rundown property to be offended. If there is blight here in our neighborhood it effects each and every one of us and we need to do something.

What can we do? One option is to report offenses to Neighborhood Preservation and Zoning, but before we choose this option we need to take a closer look at our own property. Are we a violator ourselves? Do we have that "sense of pride" in ownership that was so prevalent in the past? We can all improve the appearance of our property. Maybe if we try harder our neighbors will work harder, too. We need to bring back "to life" that "pretty little neighborhood" known as Bel Air.

Blight effects us all. Declining neighborhoods attract crime. Let's solve this problem before we are faced with an even more serious problem -- increased crime.

If you need help improving the appearance of your yard, call the Neighborhood Yard Assistance Crew. Call John DePierro at 266-9087 to see if they can help. In an effort to assist you in determining zoning and maintenance violations, we will have a continuing column in up coming newsletters giving you specifics on violations and information on how to report violators.



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Jeannie Garcia (1997)  
Lori Boukatch (1996)  
Nancy Chambers (1996)  
Fred Godwin (1996)  
Bill Heedy (1996)  
Jack Redmond (1996)

#### **Neighborhood Hotline**

266-9733



## **Festival '96**

Fun, Food, Festivities, the Fall Festival had it all. Despite a few drops of rain it was a beautiful day. Well over one hundred twenty-five neighbors attended and joined in the many activities. The Sweet & Low Bicycle Club was there with twelve of their custom designed bicycles and tricycles. Crafts and hobbies were displayed by several other neighbors.

The festival generated revenue for our general fund with several activities. The pie/cake walk brought in \$43.50. Fifteen T-shirts were sold for a total of \$150.00 and our donation box was filled with \$71.00.

We'd like to give a special thanks to:

Lorenzo Estrada who provided the festival with balloon decorations and entertained us while making balloon figures.

Bob McBane who furnished the P.A. System this year as he did at last year's festival.

Jack Redmond who spent the entire day selling raffle tickets for our Benefit raffle.

Joni Williams who did a super job with games and the pie/cake walk.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this years Fall Festival a neighborhood event we could all enjoy.

**See you in '97**

## **Raffle Results**

Our benefit raffle to help the Leslie Martensen family was a great success. Three hundred sixteen tickets were sold at \$1 each with all proceeds going to Leslie. Thanks to your generosity, Leslie received a check for \$316.00. Betty Dales won all four Coyote Hockey tickets and the Bill Kennerup family won the gift basket from AJ's.



## Two New Board Members

Lori Boukatch and Nancy Chambers have recently been appointed to the board of the Bel Air Neighborhood Association. Lori will be filling the post vacated by Barbara Vincent. Nancy will be filling the post vacated by Bryan Vincent.

## New Project Starting

Jeannie Garcia is interested in doing a new project that recognizes neighbors who care about the appearance of their yard. The special neighbor would be recognized with a balloon bouquet. Anyone interested in participating in this project please contact: Jeannie Garcia at 266-6413 or stop by to see her at 4110 N. 16<sup>th</sup> Drive.

## We're Looking for "News Hounds"

The Communicator is looking for volunteers who would like to help by being 'News Hounds'. If you would like to write articles, head a column, or search out topics for the newsletter, call 264-6413. We also need delivery people.



## Hotline Update

The Neighborhood Hotline keeps you current on neighborhood happenings. It will give you information on any number of things from meeting/event dates, times and locations, to recent criminal activity here in Bel Air. The hotline will be updated weekly and any messages left on it will be retrieved at the time of update. If you know of any information you feel we should include on "your" hotline, let us know. If you need to speak to someone on a more urgent basis, please call any board member.

The Hotline is there to keep you better informed, be sure to call it weekly at 266-9733.

## Christmas Gift Ideas

Give two gifts at one time. Buy a Bel Air Neighborhood T-shirt for someone you love and help the association at the same time. T-shirts are white with a dark green logo and print or green with a white logo and print. They cost just \$10 each and are available in various sizes. Contact our Treasurer, Clara Wolf, to purchase one or more. Promote our neighborhood association and spirit while giving your support financially.

## FREE People's Pops Concert

The Phoenix Symphony Orchestra will present a free People's Pops Concert on Sunday, December 15, 1996, at 7:00pm. The holidays are not complete without this annual concert sponsored by the Fiesta Of Light. Bring the family and your friends to experience the holiday music, dance and joy that will flow freely throughout Symphony Hall this evening. Get there early to meet Santa!

## Bel Air Neighborhood Association

### Financial Status

**General Fund Balance as of 11/8/96 \$ 558.42**

**301 Grant Balance as of 11/8/96 \$3,703.00**

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



## Good Neighbors Abound

Stacey Ayers, who lives on West Monterosa, was chosen as the Bel Air "Good Neighbor 1996". The voting was extremely close, proving there are lots of good neighbors in Bel Air. The following persons were runners-up:

Bea Heeps from N. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave Cul de Sac

Barb Redmond from W. Devonshire

Georgia Thomas from N. 17<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Paster Wilfong from W. Glenrosa

## The Information Corner

Do you have a problem with the meter reader from APS gaining access to your yard to read the meter each month because your gate is locked with your lock and you have the only key? APS will provide a lock for your gate and a key for you too which will enable the meter reader to gain access to the meter. Interested? Contact your local APS office at 371-7171 and inquire about this service.

## New Board Nominees

On February 5, 1997, we will be electing six new board members. Members continuing through 1997 are; Anna Blevins, Tim Blevins, Marie Chapple Camacho, Betty Dales, Jeannie Garcia, and Clara Wolf. Members vacating their seats are; Glenn Baucom, Lori Boukatch, Nancy Chambers, Fred Godwin, Bill Heedy, and Jack Redmond. These persons going off the board are eligible to be nominated for a second term if they so choose.

If you would like to nominate your neighbor or yourself, please complete the form below and drop it off at any board member's house or leave a message on the answering machine at the home of our Secretary, Betty Dales' -- 265-4856.

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nominee's Address or Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nominated By: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_



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