

# NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATOR



January 1998

**50TH  
ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION**

By  
**Nancy Chambers**

Can you believe it? This year marks the start of our neighborhood turning 50 years old. The houses on 15th Avenue were built in 1948. The neighborhood progressed west to my street, 18th Avenue. My house was built in 1949, but my parents didn't move in until February 1950. Growing up in the neighborhood, I have many memories.

I remember when Encanto did not have a kindergarten, so my mom had to send me to private kindergarten to get me out of her hair.

I remember when it was easy to cross Indian School Road in front of Phoenix Christian. The street wasn't nearly as wide as it is today.

I remember when there wasn't a leash law, and our dog, Rusty, would go over to My Mother's Restaurant and come home with pizza.

I'm sure you have many memories, too.

Please join us February 10, 1998 at 7:00p.m. at The American EV Lutheran Church for a 50th Anniversary Celebration. Come and listen to Michael Alyn sing 40's era songs. Reminisce over cake and coffee. If you would like, you can share your memories with the group. Maybe you would like to bring some pictures of the neighborhood when it was young.

If you need a ride, call Marie Chapple-Comacho, 279-4640 or any Board Member.

We look forward to seeing you

**Thanks, Bel Air**



From Neighbors  
**Jim Smith & Bill Carroll**

We stumbled across Bel Air Community purely by fate. It was August 12, 1996 and we had just relocated here from the suburbs of New York City. Bel Air community was very unique to us. We never dreamed you could have a suburban neighborhood in one of the largest cities in the United States. In spite of the fact that we felt very comfortable here in Bel Air, we didn't know anybody!! Being kind of shy we are not the type to join groups or take the initiative to go out and meet people.

Each month we enjoy receiving the newsletter and read it cover to cover. A few months back one of the newsletters had a questionnaire in it. We were hesitant at first but decided that even though we don't know about the community, the community should know about us, so we filled it out. A couple of weeks passed and a knock came at the door; it was Jeannie Garcia and her two sons, Jeremy and Eric. They welcomed us to Bel Air and invited us to join the planning committee for the Fall Festival.

Being part of the planning committee and participating in the Fall Festival was an extremely rewarding experience for us both. Although Jeannie did most of the

work, we were involved in the Fall Festival from the planning stage to the day of the Festival. With enough volunteers, the work load for pulling together details was well spread out. All decisions regarding the Festival were group decisions.

We got to know some really good people on the planning committee and met lots more at the Festival. Coming from New York where people keep to themselves, we were not accustomed to this sense of "community". We look forward to next year, and would like to volunteer for something else in the meantime.

Jeannie, we can't thank you enough for getting us involved. We needed that nudge.

## **Volunteers Needed Immediately**

The 1998 301 Block Watch Grant Applications are available for neighborhoods the beginning of January. Our committee of board members needs your help in completing this project by the February 6 deadline. 301 presently funds the operation of our association, including newsletter, hotline and meeting costs.

Fulfill a New Year's Resolution to help your Neighborhood Association with this short-term volunteer position. Help our committee decide what should be included in our 1998 application.

Contact Stacy Ayers at 279-6548, Nancy Chambers at 265-0466 or Betty Dales at 265-4856.

***We Need Your Help Now***



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The Bel Air Neighborhood Association publishes the Bel Air Neighborhood Communicator monthly. Many thanks to all of the volunteers in Bel Air that make this project possible.

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## BUSINESS AS USUAL

By Anna Blevins

Sav-On Printing located at 4520 N. 19th Avenue is owned and operated by Sue and Wayne Pierce. The Pierces began their business about 17 years ago in the small strip center located at 4205 N. 19th Avenue. Approximately ten years ago they moved to their present location. This family run shop, which has an additional staff of four employees, does mainly commercial work.

Sue, who at one time lived in the neighborhood and attended West High, was instrumental in the formation of Westwood Neighborhood Association. Concerned about the neighborhood, she printed flyers advocating "Taking Back Our Neighborhood". The original meeting that led to the formation of Westwood was held at Sav-On Printing with the assistance of the Phoenix Police Department. Donna Neill was one of the small group of neighbors that attended that meeting and became the driving force behind their neighborhood association.

Not only does Sue care about her neighborhood, but she also has given her support to Bel Air Neighborhood Association by doing all of our printing, including your newsletter, at a very reduced rate.

If you or your business needs the services of printer, I hope you will consider Sav-On Printing.

## INFORMATION CORNER

### Bulk Trash Pickup Schedule

Four times a year city crews collect bulk trash such as tree limbs, palm fronds, certain large appliances and discarded furniture.

The next pickup for Bel Air  
Neighborhood is  
February 7 - February 22.

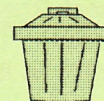
Place trash in alleys along your own property line. If you have no alley, place trash at the front edge of your property, behind the sidewalk. Do not place trash on the sidewalk or in the street. make sure all vegetation is less than 4 feet in length and 12 inches in diameter.

For more information on trash collection, call 262-7251

or

check the city's Internet page at  
[www.ci.phoenix.az.us](http://www.ci.phoenix.az.us)

e-mail requests to  
[pwserve@ci.phoenix.az.us](mailto:pwserve@ci.phoenix.az.us)  
on the Internet.



### Watch Your Recyclables

The following holiday related materials cannot be recycled:

- Plastic or foil wrapping paper
- Ribbons/bows/yarn
- Foil embossed greeting cards
- Plastic bubble wrap from toys
- Foam packing materials
- Confetti
- Christmas tree decorations
- Strings of lights or light bulbs
- Christmas trees (artificial or real)
- Wreaths, candles or ceramics
- Electrical extension cords
- Plastic utensils, plates and cups
- Paper Cups



## MINUTE TO MINUTE

By  
Nancy Chambers

The December 13, 1997 Board Meeting was called to order at 9:10a.m. at the home of Stacy Ayers. The treasurer's report and the 301 Block Watch Grant report were approved as submitted.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Newsletter Editor** - Connie Cole did an outstanding job editing our December Newsletter. She will be editing future Newsletters. The deadline for the January Newsletter is December 21.

**Fall Festival Wrap-up** - Jeannie reported that there were over 125 people in attendance. We were very happy that the Fire Department was represented. She thanked everyone for their help and support. It was a huge success.

**1998 Block Watch Grant** - The application for the 1998 grant will be available January 2. It is due back February 6. We are getting some information on alley lighting as a possible request. The 1998 Block Watch Grant committee is Stacy Ayers, Nancy Chambers and Betty Dales. If you have a project suggestion or want to help on this committee, please let them know.

### NEW BUSINESS

**February 1998 General Meeting** - A General Meeting will be held on February 10, 1998 at 7:00p.m. at the church. At this meeting we will need nominating ballots for our Board election in May. Nancy will make these up and have them ready for the meeting and the February Newsletter. There will be 7 vacancies on the board, so be thinking of someone you can nominate.

We will also be celebrating our neighborhood's 50th Anniversary.

Our special guests at this meeting will be longtime residents of the neighborhood. We hope that they will have a special memory to share and/or some photos. We will invite our legislative representatives and former Governor Rose Mofford.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40.

#### Bel Air Neighborhood Association Financial Status Balance as of 12/12/97

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$1,425.86</b>
<b>301 Grant</b>	<b>\$2,879.52</b>

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

### NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME STATS

These are the crime stats from January through November 1997. Our area is 19th Avenue to 15th Avenue between Indian School Road and Campbell Avenue.

This year we had 0 homicides, 0 sexual assaults, 6 robberies, 4 aggravated assaults, 64 burglaries, 52 thefts, 26 auto thefts, 6 drug crimes, 0 gang related crimes, and 20 domestic violence crimes. All total we had 1721 calls for service this year. This represents the number of phone calls to the police department, not the number of incidents.

How do we compare to our adjacent neighborhoods? In the ranking of crime in this report #1 is the worst and #302 is best. This month we ranked 149th. To the north, 19th Avenue to 15th Avenue and Campbell to Camelback, ranked 18th. To the south, 19th Avenue to 15th Avenue and Indian School to Osborn ranked 132nd. To the east, 15th Avenue to 7th Avenue and Indian School to Campbell ranked 60th. To the west, 19th Avenue to 23rd Avenue and

Indian School to Campbell ranked 4th.

Remember to report any suspicious activity. Call 911 for emergencies. Call Crime Stop 262-6151 for all non emergency police matters.

***If you are concerned about crime in our neighborhood, Block Watchers on Patrol is a way to fight back***

Block Watchers on Patrol training will be held Saturday January 10, and Saturday January 24. The sessions are from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. at the Washington Adult Center at 23rd Avenue and Citrus Way. You must attend both sessions to graduate.

**To Sign Up**  
**Call Officer Jim Owen at 495-5007**



**MAIL WAS NOT DELIVERED TO** some neighbors on more than one day this month because dogs were roaming the neighborhood. A mail carrier can refuse to deliver mail if he fears a dog roaming loose.



#### FREE HEALTH CARE FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

Living in the Osborn School District provided by Mercy Healthcare Arizona & Osborn School District with funding from Arizona Tobacco Tax Funds - for more information call 707-2037.

*Connie's Corner*  
**Quips, Quotes & Questions**

***Success in life comes not from holding a good hand....but in playing a poor hand well.***



## Bel Air Advertisements

**Newsletter display ads for businesses are priced according to size. The small ad which is never larger than a standard business card is \$7.00. A large ad is \$14.00 and sized according to space available each issue. Classified ads are \$3.00 for 25 words or less. If you would like to place an ad please leave your name and number on our hotline 392-8338 and someone will return your call.**

**Support your neighborhood businesses**

**Be sure to tell them you saw their ad in the Communicator**

**Notice - The deadline for submitting articles for the February Newsletter is January 23.**

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