



NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATOR

April 1998



May 9, 1998

ICE CREAM SOCIAL & GENERAL MEETING

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Saturday, May 9, 1998 6-8:30pm, at American Evangelical Lutheran Church on Glenrosa and 18th Avenue
Bel Air Neighborhood Association General Meeting, 1998 elections and.....Ice Cream Social
This is a meeting you do not want to miss!

On May 9th we will be collecting and tabulating the ballots for the 1998 Board Elections. Those elected will serve into the year 2000. We have six vacancies to fill and five nominees so there will be space for your write-in vote(s). Please take a minute to consider committing time to your neighborhood by serving on the Board. You must be 18 years of age or older, and be a resident, property owner, or business owner within our boundaries - 15th Avenue west to 19th Avenue and Indian School Road north to the canal. We probably average 6 to 12 hours a month on Bel Air business including board meetings, projects, committees, and general meetings. **Do not expect "somebody else" to do the work for your neighborhood.....We want you!**

Following the meeting we invite you to enjoy an old fashioned ice cream social. Home made pies and cakes, home made ice cream, music, etc. Your board has rounded up the volunteers and supplies to make the ice cream. We need you to bring your favorite home made pie or cake to share with your neighbors. There are plenty of fabulous cooks in Bel Air Neighborhood as evidenced by the great food we had at the Fall Festival. Soooooooo, turn on the oven and get out the baking pans. Your help is necessary to make this event a success. Please leave a message on the hotline if you can donate a baked item or volunteer.

Hope to see you all there!

Bel Air Neighborhood Association

1998 Board Election Ballot

Please indicate your vote by placing an "X" beside the name or entering your candidate(s) in the space provided
Vote for not more than six (6)

<input type="checkbox"/> Anna Blevins	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Betty Dales	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Jeannie Garcia	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Rick Jackal	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Price	_____
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Be Sure Your Vote Is Counted. Completed ballots can be turned in at the May 9th General Meeting, dropped off or mailed to the Association at 4112 N. 18th Avenue. If you need someone to pick up your ballot, call any current board member.

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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.

Bel Air
Neighborhood
Association
4112 North 18th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85015
392-8338

ASSOCIATION BOARD

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Betty Dales (1998)
4235 N. 16th Drive
265-4856

Vice President

Marie Chapple Camacho(1998)
4228 N. 16th Drive
279-4640

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Clara Wolf (1998)
4232 N. 16th Drive
265-1444

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Nancy Chambers (1999)
4112 N. 18th Avenue
265-0466

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Stacy Ayers (1999)
Anna Blevins (1998)
Tim Blevins (1998)
Susie Foltz (1999)
Jeannie Garcia (1998)
Bill Heedy (1999)
Bob McBane (1999)
Jack Redmond (1999)

BUSINESS AS USUAL ?

By Anna Blevins

Drug House Busted!

On Thursday, March 12, local police authorities raided a "meth" house that had been operating in our neighborhood for over three months. Arrests were made and the property thoroughly searched. A mobile lab was set up and evidence was seized.

What is meth? Crystal methamphetamine is a cheap mega-stimulant that is highly addictive. In 1995 it overtook cocaine as the number one drug of addiction reported by Valley treatment centers. It doesn't take a scientist to make it. According to a popular recipe all you need is a few hundred cold tablets, road flares, iodine, Drano and a bucket of Red Devil lye. DEA reports that 103 meth labs were seized in Arizona in fiscal 1996 and 136 in fiscal 1997.

If ever there was a case for the need of Block Watch and Block Watchers on Patrol here in Bel Air, this is it. Why did this go on for three months? There is no Block Watch on this street. (Of course there is only one organized Block Watch in the whole neighborhood.) Neighbors did not communicate with each other. Some neighbors were scared, some didn't even notice the strange goings on, and other didn't want to cause trouble. Actually one concerned neighbor had had enough and was talking to the police at the very time the bust occurred. It's not time to point blame; it's time to learn and to protect our neighborhood. The police discovered this house only by following a known drug user and decided to put the house under surveillance. We were

lucky. We can't depend on luck anymore, can we?

I personally have not organized a Block Watch group on my street because I already volunteer many hours each month. I hoped and continue to hope someone new will take the initiative. I am asking you to step forward and host your own Block Watch Meeting with help of the Phoenix Police Department and the Neighborhood Association. It's time to get to know your neighbors and protect your homes and neighborhood. Leave your name and number on the hotline at 392-8338 if you need some more information or assistance in forming your Block Watch. Don't count on someone else calling and doing it.....It hasn't happened. We need to act now.

Block Watchers On Patrol also are needed. The Phoenix Police Department holds training monthly. Call Officer Jim Owens at Squaw Peak Precinct or Bill Heedy in our neighborhood at 266-3197 for more information. For those of you who keep asking where are our Block Watchers On Patrol? I can only say I don't know. Over a dozen neighbors have taken the training and only a very few patrol regularly. Obviously we need more neighbors to take the training and we need people who have taken it to begin patrolling now.

I am asking you to get involved now. Believe me, you do not want over twenty officers, with guns drawn, wearing bulletproof vests descending on your street. As an association we have tried not to scare you, but maybe you need to be scared to take a stand and protect your neighborhood. You can't run away to another neighborhood to escape drugs-----they are everywhere. Drug dealers delight in neighbors that are scared or apathetic; **that is how they get by with their business as usual.**

**5th ANNUAL
BEL AIR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK SALE**

DATE: Saturday April 18, 1998 (the Saturday after Easter)

Time: 8 am to 2 pm

Where: Bel Air Neighborhood

What do you have to do if you want to participate?

- Just plan on having a yard sale in your yard on Saturday April 18, 1998. Everyone will have a yard sale on the same day!**

All of the signs will be put up and taken down.....

All of the advertising will be taken care of.....

Everyone will stop by your house to see what you have to sell....

Will it cost you to participate? No! Just have a yard sale on the same day as your neighbors

Did you know.....

- last year 87 families participated in the annual yard sale**
- two couples got engaged**
- 16 families completely cleaned out their garage**
- no one accidently sold their family heirlooms**
- the annual yard sale is a great way to meet your new neighbors**

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NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK SALE**

QUESTIONS

Call Stacey

279-6548



4112 N. 18th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85015

April 1998

Dear Neighbor,

The purpose of the Bel Air Neighborhood Association is to achieve and preserve a safe, attractive and valued neighborhood with a sense of community and a spirit of pride, responsibility and cooperative involvement. In an effort to achieve this purpose, we need the input of everyone in our neighborhood.

For that reason, the Bel Air Neighborhood Association survey is being delivered to every residence and business in our neighborhood. Please take the time to answer all the questions in this survey and mail it back to us. As you can see, the survey is brief and a postage paid return envelope is provided in order to make this as easy as possible for each of you. Together we can identify our concerns and establish the direction this association should follow.

After all the surveys are returned, we will tabulate the results and get those results back to you, our neighbors. It is our hope that your answers will give us a better idea of the makeup of our neighborhood and what each resident thinks would make Bel Air a better place to live.

Please return the survey by April 20, 1998. If you have any questions, please call one of the association's officers or leave a message on the hotline by calling 392-8338.

Thank you,

Bel Air Neighborhood Association



1998 Neighborhood Survey

Return by April 20, 1998

Life in Bel Air

How long have you lived or owned a business here? _____

Do you own or rent your home? _____ Own _____ Rent

How many people live in your household? _____ Adults _____ Children

Is this a business? _____ Yes _____ No

What concerns you most about our neighborhood? Please rank the following using numbers with 1 being the highest concern.

_____ Uncared-for yards/homes

_____ Security

_____ Graffiti

_____ Cars in yards

_____ Other _____

How would you describe the "atmosphere" of our neighborhood?

_____ Well kept _____ Mediocre _____ Run down

What is the most pressing problem in our neighborhood?

List three things you do not like about our neighborhood.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Has your home been burglarized in the past year? _____ yes _____ no

Has your automobile been broken into in the past year? _____ yes _____ no

Below is a list of reasons people give for living in Bel Air. Do you agree or disagree that these are advantages.

	Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
Convenient to downtown	_____	_____	_____
Near shopping	_____	_____	_____
Near recreational facilities	_____	_____	_____
Near public transit	_____	_____	_____
Friendly neighbors	_____	_____	_____
Good housing	_____	_____	_____
Quiet neighborhood	_____	_____	_____
Good schools	_____	_____	_____
Near family/friends	_____	_____	_____
Nice looking area	_____	_____	_____
Cost of living	_____	_____	_____

Bel Air Neighborhood Association Meetings

Have you attended a Bel Air Neighborhood Association meeting? _____ Yes _____ No

If no, why not? _____

How often would you attend a neighborhood meeting? _____

Would you prefer? _____ evening or _____ Saturday

If evening, what day do you prefer? _____

What times should evening meetings begin _____ end _____

What time should Saturday meetings begin _____ end _____

Do you need transportation to our meetings? _____ yes _____ no
Is the Lutheran Church on West Glenrosa a good location? _____ yes _____ no
If no, where do you prefer? _____
What topics would you like discussed? _____
Would you like panel discussions? _____ yes _____ no
Should we have babysitters at our meetings? _____ yes _____ no _____ does not matter
Would you attend if babysitting was provided? _____ yes _____ no _____ does not matter

Bel Air Communicator and Hotline

Do you get enough information from our association? _____ yes _____ no
Do you read our neighborhood newsletter? _____ yes _____ no
Do you find it informative? _____ yes _____ no
What information would you like in the newsletter? _____
Would you write an article or help with our newsletter? _____ yes _____ no
Do you know what the Hotline is? _____ yes _____ no
Have you ever called the Hotline? _____ yes _____ no
If no, why not? _____
Do you realize it is updated weekly? _____ yes _____ no
What information would you like included on it? _____

Neighborhood Assistance

Do you or someone you know need help with minor home repairs? _____ yes _____ no
Do you or someone you know need help with yard assistance? _____ yes _____ no
Would you be willing to assist someone in our neighborhood? _____ yes _____ no
Do you have any special talents and services you would like to share/contribute to our neighborhood?
_____ yes _____ no

Neighborhood Involvement

Would you like to form a Neighborhood Watch program on your block? _____ yes _____ no
Would you be interested in recreational sports activities? _____ yes _____ no
What kind? _____ volleyball _____ basketball _____ other _____
What type of other activities would you like? _____

Any Comments?

Please Become Involved

If you would like to be more involved in our neighborhood, please call any of the Board Members of the Bel Air Neighborhood Association or leave a message on our Hotline at 392-8338.

Optional

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Please return this survey in the attached envelope by April 20, 1998.

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4112 N. 18th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85015

INFORMATION
CORNER

Holy Week Schedule
AMERICAN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
1830 W. Glenrosa

Palm Sunday
Services 8:15am and 11:00am

Maudy Thursday
Soup & Supper 6:00pm
Worship 7:00pm

Good Friday
Lord's Supper Worship 4:00pm
Tennebrae Worship 7:00pm

Easter
Sunrise Services 6:15am
Easter Breakfast 7:00am
Traditional Worship 8:15am
Sunday School 9:15am
Contemporary Worship 11:00am

Bel Air Neighborhood Association
Financial Status
Balance as of 3/10/98

General Fund	\$1,425.86
301 Grant	\$2,417.64

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

The city council has increased the civil penalty for placing signs in the street right of way from \$25 to between \$250 and \$2,500. The city right of way, which varies widely, generally extends about 2 1/2 feet beyond the sidewalk.



OASIS IS COMING!
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**We need you to join our
volunteer ranks as a tutor**

Welcome to Osborn Elementary School District which has recently joined our OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring Program! We are truly excited to be working with them in helping our children learn to read, but we need your help. Become an OASIS tutor today.

What's OASIS you ask? OASIS (Older Adult Service and Information System) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of seniors 55 years of age and older. We offer challenging programs in the arts, humanities, and wellness and we also create opportunities for seniors to continue their personal growth and meaningful service to the community.

One of the biggest volunteer opportunities for OASIS members is the Intergenerational Tutoring Program. This very unique and rewarding program helps local schools recruit and train older adult volunteer tutors, and then match tutors with children from kindergarten through third grade who are having difficulty learning to read and write. The tutors work one-to-one with the students for an hour each week throughout the school year as their tutors, mentors and friends.

Since the program began locally in 1990, OASIS tutors have helped thousands of children learn to read, build their self-esteem, enjoy school and become better students.

If you are interested in becoming an OASIS Tutor or need further information, please call Phoenix OASIS at 870-8337

OASIS is a program of the Foundation For Senior Living

Connie's Corner
Quips, Quotes & Questions

The quickest way for a parent to get a child's attention is to sit down and look comfortable.

It's the "unity" in community that gets the job done.

Have you ever finished dinner at a fancy restaurant and just wished you'd stayed home and had a burger and a popsicle?



Keep April 19 open on your calendar. That's the day for Sunday on Central, the annual family festival that attracts as many as 100,000 people to the heart of the city.

Central Avenue between McDowell and Osborn roads will be closed to traffic and transformed into a giant playground for people of all ages.

Games, arts and crafts, business and city exhibits, food booths, sporting events and children's activities are planned. Singers, dancers and musicians will perform throughout the day, and clowns, jugglers and magicians will roam the streets. Plus a host of special events are planned. The fun begins at 11:00am and continues nonstop until 5:00pm.

For more information call 261-8069.



Bulk Trash Pickup - May 9-24

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 May Newsletter is April 21.

John D. Shaw

Attorney at Law

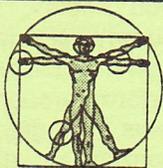
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Suite 6

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263-1603

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