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# *NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATOR*

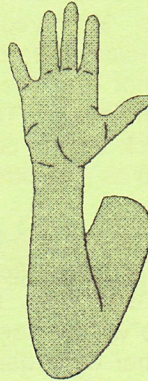


August 1998

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***Jeannie***

***Garcia***



***I Volunteered***

***To Be***

***Vice President***

Three years ago when I moved here and joined the Association, I told some people that I would help out as much as I could, but I never wanted to be President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary. Over the years I met a lot of people and have grown fond of our neighborhood. I for one was very pleased Anna became President. I could never do all that she has done or is doing for the neighborhood, but I will try to help out the best way I can to make it easier for her.

A couple of months ago I gave my newsletter distributing job to a very special person, Tony Rodriguez from 17th Avenue. He is doing a super job. Thanks Tony for helping us help our neighborhood.

I also volunteered to be in charge of the project to paint numbers on street curbs. I will be asking for 5 people from each street to assist the day I am on their street. So, watch for more information in our next Newsletter.

For those of you who are wondering what those two "things" are in our neighborhood, we have installed two bulletin boards. One on the north side of 16th Drive before 15th Avenue and the other on 18th Avenue before the canal. Please feel free to use them to post neighborhood information.



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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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## Minute To Minute

By  
Betty Dales

The July 11th Board Meeting was held in the Fireside Room at the American Evangelical Lutheran Church. Beverly Brown was introduced. She assumes the seat vacated by Nancy Chambers' resignation. Minutes of the June 4th Meeting were approved with one correction: Jeannie Garcia will help out but is not on the GAIN/Fall Festival Committee. The General Fund and Block Watch Grant reports were approved as submitted.

**Meth House Bust Update** - One defendant has accepted a plea bargain for 3 1/2 years in jail plus probation. He will be sentenced July 29th. The other defendant has been offered the same plea but has not appeared in court as of this date.

**Block Watch Grant** - The 1997 grant period ended June 21st. Our final report and surplus funds were returned to the city by June 30th. The 1998 grant check for \$4,444.00 was picked up June 20th in a ceremony at City Hall. New Police Chief Harold Hurd and our Councilman Phil Gordon were among the city officials present.

**Bylaws** - A copy of the proposed bylaw changes were published in last month's newsletter. There will be no additional changes proposed and the revisions will be voted on at August's general meeting.

**Volunteers** - Board members signed up for jobs and projects that need to be done in the coming year. These jobs cover a wide range of activities: Proofreading the newsletter and getting it to the printer; Updating the Hotline; Planning general meetings; Completing 301 Grant projects; etc. etc.

**Other** - We are compiling an updated inventory of association supplies and equipment. Jeannie reported on the planning for August's general meeting. The logo balloons were paid for from the general fund. Tentative dates for two 1999 general meetings were scheduled. Our e-mail address has received some articles for the newsletter and communications. Thanks to those who used it.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.

### Bel Air Neighborhood Association Financial Status Balance as of 7/21/98

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$3,785.61</b>
<b>301 Grant</b>	<b>\$1,533.69</b>

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

## INFORMATION CORNER

*Looking for a way to finance a college education?*

*The internet has made it easier.*

Start with [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org), a site sponsored by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Click on fastWEB (Financial Aid Search Through the WEB), self-touted as the Internet's "first and largest free scholarship service." According to the site, 500 awards are added or updated daily.

Tap into the Scholarship Resource Network (listed as SRN Express at the finaid site), which lists scholarships and grants. The database contains more than 8,000 programs and allows you to run a free scholarship search. Start your search 10 to 16 months ahead.



# **\*\*ATTENTION\*\***

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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE.....PLEASE POST**

The Bel-Air Neighborhood Association will be conducting a weed clean-up project as part of the 301 grant for 1998. Spraying **Round-Up** will begin August 10th and continue through September 30, 1998. **Since Round-up is a pesticide and may be sprayed on the sidewalk or street in front of your house, you may want to keep an eye on children and pets during this time.**

The neighborhood has been divided into three zones. Sidewalks will be sprayed twice and clean up will follow, with a weedeater in each zone. Dividing the neighborhood into zones makes the project more manageable, but there is still a lot of area to cover. This is a great opportunity for you to get involved...If you're interested in volunteering to help the Bel-Air Neighborhood Association with our current project, just call:

The Neighborhood Hotline @ 392-8338

or

Betty Dales @ 265-4856

As always, your cooperation and/or suggestions are greatly appreciated by your neighborhood board.....Thanks and see you at the next general meeting!



## NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME STATS

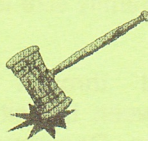
Due to numerous requests in our neighborhood survey, we will once again be providing you with our neighborhood crime stats. These crime stats have been omitted from our newsletter because we are unable to get this information in a timely fashion. Because of this, the stats you will be receiving will be two months late.

This information given is not to scare you, but to alert you to the problems facing our neighborhood. These are the crime stats for the year beginning in January through May 31, 1998.

Our area is 19th Avenue to 15th Avenue between Indian School Road and Campbell Avenue. Through May, we had 0 homicides, 0 sexual assaults, 0 aggravated assaults, 2 robberies, this equals a total of 2 violent crimes. We have had 36 burglaries, 18 thefts, 18 auto thefts and 0 arson, equaling 72 property crimes. We had 10 drug crimes, 0 gang related crimes, 14 domestic violence crimes and 43 traffic crashes. All total we had 980 calls for service this year.

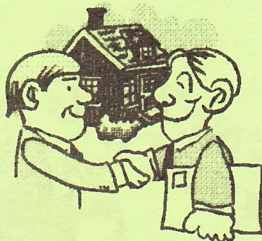
Fax Net (the provider of these figures) no longer ranks neighborhoods in regard to total crimes committed.

Remember to report any suspicious activity. Call 911 for emergencies, call Crime Stop at 262-6151.



**Beverly Brown  
became our  
newest  
boardmember  
July 11th**

**We welcome her to the board and  
look forward to working with her.**



## "SLUMLORD SUMMIT"

Four members of your association attended a day-long summit in June sponsored by State Representatives Ken Cheubront and Christine Weason, State Senator Chris Cumiskey, and City Councilman Phil Gordon. County Attorney Rick Romley and several Deputy County Attorneys were on hand to provide legal background information and examples of laws from other cities and states. The purpose was to bring together interested parties (neighborhoods, tenant advocates, police, city inspectors, realtors, and representatives from the multi housing council) to identify possible solutions and select the top three proposals for legislation.

The proposals selected were:

- 1) The actual owner's name and physical address or responsible local third party must be listed for each property. Too many properties have corporations and post office boxes making it difficult to contact owners and many of them are located out of state.
- 2) The action must follow the property. Any citation or criminal abatement procedure would be on the property. Currently slumlords avoid prosecution by "selling" their properties to their family members or other slumlords. The whole procedure has to start over with the new owner. If this proposal becomes law, sale of a property does not stop prosecution. The former owner is still responsible for the condition of the property at the time of citation and the new owner must bring the property into compliance.

3) Receivership. Rents from tenants are paid to the court and held in trust until repairs are made and property is brought up to code. Those rents could be used to make repairs and any balance would not be returned to the landlord until the repairs are completed and the property is in compliance.

These proposals are just the beginning of a multi-agency effort to close the legal loopholes through which these slumlords slip. We will be following the progress of our legislators in getting these ideas drafted into bills and eventually (hopefully) passed into law.



***Interested in sharpening your job  
skills and enhancing your  
chances of landing a good job  
.....for free.....???***

Under Job Training Partnership Act, city service providers can help residents improve their interview skills, prepare a resume, earn a GED, obtain vocational skills and find a job.

If interested, simply contact one of the job training centers associated with the program.

City residents 21 years and younger should contact Arizona Call-A-Teen 252-6721.

Those 22 years and older can contact:  
AZ Opportunities Industrialization Center 254-5081; Chicanos Por La Causa 269-6485; Northside Training Center 943-4543; Future Development Corp. 268-4353; or Older Workers Program 261-8488.



## BUSINESS AS USUAL

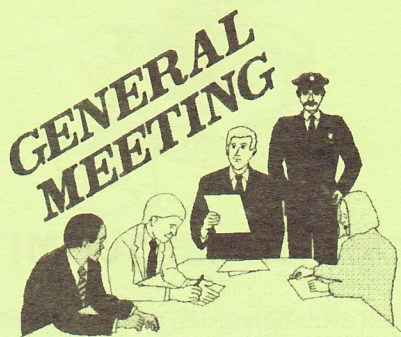
By Anna Blevins

Operating on the same property as the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, but independently from the church, is the **Martin Luther School**. Offering "Christ Center Education" to students from Kindergarten to 8th grade, the school has been in our neighborhood since 1972.

The school is open to the general public, but why other than for religious reasons would someone send their child to this school? Principal Hank Rausch cites the smaller classroom size with greater attention to the individual student as one reason. The campus size, approximately 150-175 students is also a big plus. A smaller campus generally has fewer discipline problems.

The school has approximately 30 employees including the principal, nine full-time classroom teachers, a full-time Physical Education teacher/athletic coach, school secretary, and a variety of part-time teachers, kitchen help and maintenance workers.

For the most part, remodeling is complete. The new modular building houses grade 6-8, a computer lab, the library and the school office. For more information on what the Martin Luther School has to offer, call the school secretary, Wanda Draftz at 248-0656.



## BLOCK WATCH & CRIME PREVENTION

Thursday evening, **September 3, 1998**, 7:00pm, at American Evangelical Lutheran Church gymnasium on Glenrosa and 18th Avenue, there will be a Bel Air Neighborhood Association General Meeting.

We will have a representative from Squaw Peak Precinct speak to us on Block Watch: what it entails; how to get started; and the philosophy behind Block Watch. We have also asked the officer to speak on Block Watch On Patrol and crime prevention in the area. There will be an opportunity to ask questions, so please come prepared to interact.

This is a great opportunity for us to band together as neighbors to take a bite out of crime.

For those attending a General Meeting for the first time, there will be a special gift to the first ten people who arrive.

This message is for all of you that keep telling us that you will come to the next meeting. Please come! We do hope this meeting will make a difference.

## Connie's Corner Quips, Quotes & Questions

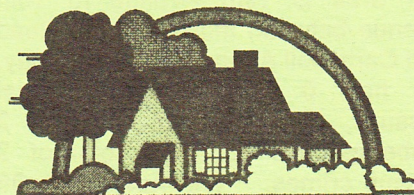
*The hardest thing to give is in.*

Since last July, Graffiti Busters assisted neighborhood and civic groups with more than 380 graffiti removal and community cleanups.

Although hundreds of residents, neighborhood organizations and businesses have joined in the fight to help rid the city of graffiti, the battle is far from over.

## GRAFFITI

**Report it when you see it!!  
Graffiti Busters Hotline  
495-7014**



## Home Improvement Loans Available

If your house needs a little fixing up but you can't quite swing the cost of the repairs, this city's Home Improvement Loan Program might provide the assistance you need.

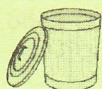
Eligible homeowners can borrow as much as \$25,000.00 at below market interest rates. To be eligible you must live in the house that needs repairs; it must be located in the city, and your income must be in the low to moderate range.

Interest rates range from 3 to 10 percent, depending on family size and annual income.

Loans are provided through a cooperative effort between the city's Neighborhood Services Department and Bank of America.

For more information, call 534-4457.

**Bulk Trash  
Collection  
This Month**



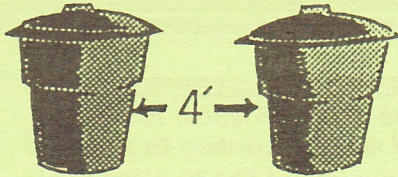
**Check Out  
Trash Tips  
In This Issue**



The steps listed below are easy to follow and will keep your neighborhood bright and shiny.

1. Please place your container(s) at the curb (street collection) by no later than 5:30 a.m. on collection day and remove it by 5:30 a.m. the day after collection day.

2. Containers placed out for collection must be spaced AT LEAST FOUR FEET from another trash container or any fixed object.



3. Please place your blue and green containers at the curb (street collection) with the handles facing the house. If not, trash may be spilled or the container may not be serviced.

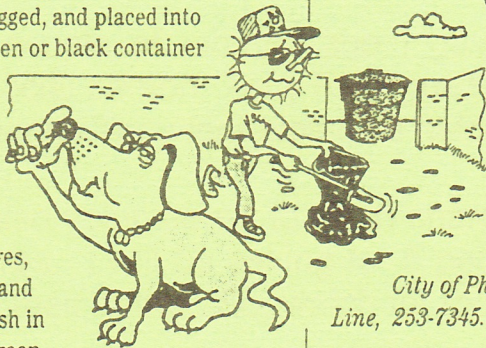
4. Please keep your black and green containers clean, odorless, and free of flies by bagging and securely tying your garbage and grass clippings. This includes animal waste, diapers, and food waste drained of any liquid.

5. FOR SANITARY REASONS, PLEASE KEEP THE LIDS CLOSED!

6. Please be sure that all material placed in the container does not extend above the rim or hang down the side of the container.

7. Garbage outside the container will not be picked up. Please do not stack anything within four (4) feet from the container and keep the area around the container clean.

8. Please be sure that all animal waste is picked up, bagged, and placed into either the green or black container AT LEAST TWICE A WEEK.



9. Please place bagged grass clippings, leaves, weeds, twigs, and small yard trash in the black or green containers together with bagged household trash. Unbagged, spilled materials will *not* be picked up by the collection truck operator.

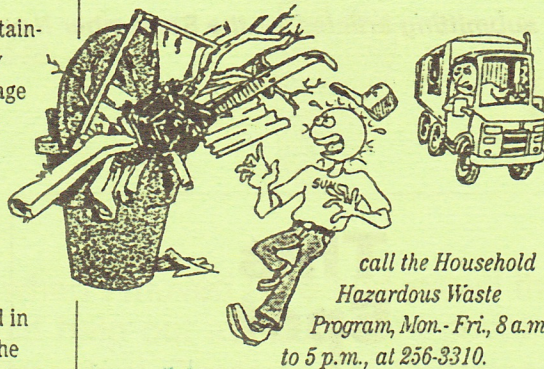
10. **WHAT ABOUT THE BLUE CONTAINERS?**  
These containers are to be used strictly for recycled materials and NOT for food waste, grass clippings, or any other yard or tree trimmings.

11. Please cut all boxes into *SMALL* pieces before placing them loosely in the blue container. Don't overpack the container.

12. Please trim trees or vegetation which hang over the alley or street back to the property line. Also, be sure clearance measures at least 18 feet in height.

13. Please keep the alley free of trash, weeds, debris, discarded furniture, and miscellaneous yard and tree clippings.

14. Please **DO NOT PUT HAZARDOUS WASTE IN THE CONTAINER!** Examples include: (a) motor oil, (b) car batteries, (c) pool chemicals, (d) paints/cleaners. These materials can harm employees and the environment and damage equipment. *For information on their proper disposal,*



15. Did you know that the city does not haul the following items, which may damage the truck's compaction system?

- A. dirt, rocks, concrete
  - B. bricks, concrete blocks
  - C. roofing, construction or reconstruction materials
  - D. auto parts, tires
- DID YOU KNOW the above are illegal materials and must not be placed in the container? These items must be disposed of by the resident. *Please contact the*

*City of Phoenix Landfill Information Line, 253-7345.*

#### QUARTERLY UNCONTAINED TRASH COLLECTION

16. Did you know that the following items can be disposed of during the QUARTERLY UNCONTAINED TRASH COLLECTION?

- A. furniture, carpet
- B. large appliances (except refrigerators because of freon)
- C. boards, lumber\*



D. tree limbs\*

E. palm fronds

\*Cut hedge clippings, tree trunks, branches, limbs, and any lumber to four (4) feet or shorter and place in a neat stack.

17. **DID YOU KNOW THERE IS A CITY OF PHOENIX "TWO WEEK RULE?"** "It is a violation of the solid waste ordinance for residents to put trash out, whether at the street or in the alley used for city collection more than two (2) weeks prior to their area's next put out date." *For schedule information, please call the Public Works Dept., 262-7251.*

Before placing any bulk trash or trimmings out for collection, please be sure that it is not placed out more than two weeks before the area is scheduled for uncontained trash pick-up.

#### 18. ALLEY COLLECTION

Please don't block the alley. Bulk items for uncontained trash pick-up must be placed on *YOUR* side of the alley along *YOUR* property line in a neat stack.



#### 19. STREET COLLECTION

Please don't block the street or sidewalk. Bulk items for uncontained trash pick-up must be placed at the edge of your front yard, not on the sidewalk or in the street.

*Thank you for your help in keeping your neighborhood a great place to live!*





## **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 September Newsletter is August 21***

**This  
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is  
Reserved  
For  
You**

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