
NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATOR

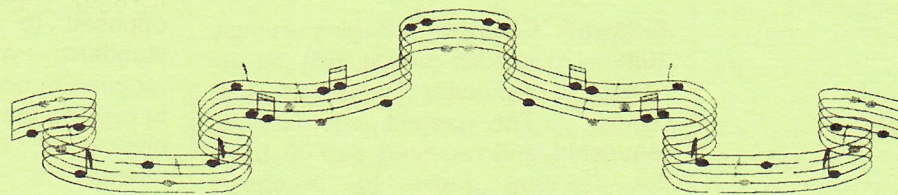
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Notes From The Editor

Connie Cole

Sometimes I dream I live in a place where the trees are tall, the sky is blue and water flows nearby. The houses are all unique. Yards are tidy, grass is green and flowers bloom. Church bells ring. Children play in nearby schools. Neighbors smile. Lots of birds. Dogs and cats. The faint sound of a train whistle as it passes through town.....

*Then, I realize, it isn't a dream.
I have all these things. I live in Bel Air Neighborhood!*



*Do wah diddy
Stuck inside, readn' the comix
Sure is hot
in the City of Phoenix*

Helloooooooooo September!

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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 August 8th Board Meeting was held in the Fireside Room at the American Evangelical Lutheran Church. Todd Brueshoff was introduced. He assumes the seat vacated by Susie Foltz' resignation. Minutes of the July 11th meeting and financial reports were approved as written.

Meth House Update - The defendant scheduled to be sentenced July 29th had his sentencing postponed. Two Bel Air residents wrote letters to the judge requesting the charge be changed from possession to manufacturing of a controlled substance. The other defendant had a pretrial conference August 4th but we have not received an update from the prosecutor.

GAIN/Fall Festival, Saturday October 24th - Stacey Ayers is chairing this year's committee. He has contacted the city for street closure and been in touch with area businesses for sponsorship and donations. He will report to the next board meeting with his anticipated budget. Volunteers are needed!

Sidewalk Cleanup - Begins August 10th. A special notice will be in August's newsletter explaining the project. The project coordinators requested and received \$25.00 from the General Fund to purchase additional supplies.

Event Insurance - Jeannie has secured insurance for three events under the Block Watch Grant budgeted amount of \$600.00.

General Meeting - Jeannie reported on plans for the next General Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 3rd at 7:00pm.

Resignation - Beverly Brown has resigned from the board. We need a neighborhood resident to fill her term which runs through May of 1999. Please call Anna Blevins if you are interested.

Volunteers - Todd, Maureen and Bob have signed up to collect articles, edit, and deliver newsletter to printer. We still need volunteers for the Block Watch 1999 application process and the Spring General Meeting and Elections.

Other - Jeannie is organizing the curb number project. She plans to enlist at least five volunteers of each street to help paint numbers. Jack will use Grant office supply funds to purchase a file box for Treasurer's records.

Open Discussion - The association received a letter from the new Squaw Peak Precinct Commander, Marsha Florian. She is a former resident of our neighborhood (NE corner 17th Avenue and Glenrosa) and has fond memories of Nelson's Pool. We hope to have her at a future general meeting.

The City Council and Planning Department have made changes in the notification process. Those changes include written notification to property owners within 600 feet as opposed to the current 300 foot standard. Also the applicants are required to post a 4 foot by 8 foot sign to replace the 17 inch by 34 inch sign now used. All the changes are intended to increase neighborhood awareness and participation in land use issues.

Stacey reported a daytime break-in on Monterosa. The front door was kicked in at approximately 3:00pm. Please report suspicious activity on your street.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.

Bel Air Neighborhood Association Financial Status

Balance as of 8/21/98

General Fund	\$1,514.60
301 Grant	\$3,121.65

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

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME STATS

Once again we remind you that this information is not current. These stats are for the month of July. This information is given not to scare you, but to alert you to the problems facing our neighborhood.

Our area is 19th Avenue to 15th Avenue between Indian School Road and Campbell Avenue. From June 30 to July 31, we had 0 homicides, 0 sexual assaults, 0 aggravated assaults, and 1 robbery, this equals a total of 1 violent crimes this month. We have had 7 burglaries, 5 thefts, 1 auto theft and 0 arson, equaling 13 property crimes. We had 2 drug crimes, 0 gang related crimes, 0 domestic violence crimes and 5 traffic crashes. All total we had 111 calls for service in July.

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.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

By Anna Blavins

This month I am departing from highlighting neighborhood businesses in order to introduce you to our new Squaw Peak Precinct Commander, Marcia Florian.

Commander Florian was assigned this position on July 6, 1998. She is a native Phoenician and a 23 year member of the Phoenix Police Department. Central High School is her alma mater, as well as, Phoenix College and Northern Arizona University. She previously worked in the Squaw Peak Precinct as a sergeant and lieutenant and is excited to be returning.

Many of you may know Marcia Florian, daughter of Joe and Grace Bueshe. She lived at 1638 West Glenrosa from 1960 to approximately 1965, most of grade school years. Perhaps those of you who lived here at that time can share in her childhood memories: The plum tree at the 17th Avenue and Montecito school bus stop and those great big plums.....The

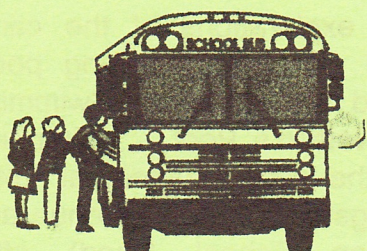
big explorations of the canal bed and the remaining pools filled with carp.....Swimming at Nelson's Pool.....Stopping at the soda fountain at West Drugstore (at 15th Avenue and Indian School Road) after school.....And the wonderful Phoenix Market.

Other memories are of Bel Air neighbors. Donna Tournquist was her good friend then, and Mrs. Tournquist, who was an excellent seamstress, sewed all of her Barbie clothes! Marcia's Bel Air connection did not end in childhood. She later returned to seek the assistance of her former neighbor, Mrs. Froom to purchase her first house.

Now, as Precinct Commander, Marcia supervises 210 Squaw Peak personnel, of which 9 are civilians. She is committed to working with Neighborhood Associations and Business Alliances in order to continue our successes. We look forward to seeing her in Bel Air once again.

Connie's Corner

Betty Botter bought a bit of butter. "But," she said, "this butter's bitter. If I put this bitter butter in my batter, it will make my batter bitter. But a bit of better butter will make my batter better." So Betty Botter bought a bit of better butter, which made her batter better.



1998-1999

SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 24	Students Report
September 7	Labor Day
October 15	Teacher Inservice
October 16	Teacher Inservice
October 30	Half Day Students
November 4	Parent Teacher Conf K-6
November 5	Parent Teacher Conf K-6
November 11	Veterans Day
November 17	Parent Teacher Conf 7-8
November 18	Parent Teacher Conf 7-8
November 26	Thanksgiving Recess
November 27	Thanksgiving Recess
December 18	Last Day before Recess
January 4	First Day after Recess
January 15	Half Day for Students
January 18	Martin Luther King Day
February 10	Half Day for Students
February 11	Half Day for Students
February 15	President's Day
February 24	Parent Teacher Conf
February 25	Parent Teacher Conf
March 5	Last Day before Recess
March 15	First Day after Recess
April 2	Board Declared Holiday
May 27	Last Day of School - (Half Day for Students)

Early dismissal every Monday
Early dismissal for Parent Teacher Conf



Penny Jar Overflowing?

Find a supermarket with a new Coinstar machine, and redeem those coins for a voucher that you can either cash in or use toward paying your grocery bill. The machine sorts and counts 600 pennies, nickels, dimes or quarters a minute - but holds back 7.5% for the service. Call 800/928-CASH for a Coinstar machine near you, or check the Web site at www.coinstar.com.

INFORMATION CORNER

Free flu, pneumonia and tetanus shots at Chris Town Wellness Connection located inside the mall by the food court -

Sept. 19, 9 a.m. to noon

Sept. 26, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, 995-9355.

City of Phoenix is seeking to establish Historic Preservation Overlay Zoning on the area known as the Woodlea Historic District, generally bounded by Glenrosa Avenue on the north, the alley south of Mackenzie Drive on the south, the alley east of 9th Avenue on the east, and 15th Avenue on the west.

On June 17th, the Phoenix City Council passed a Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance revision that requires rental property existing cooling systems be kept operable, and that cooling units that have been or are removed must be replaced with a comparable unit.

Almost a third of today's workforce is composed of independent contractors, part-timers and others in nonstandard work arrangements who lack benefits. Working Today, formed two and a half years ago, offers access to group rates for health and dental benefits and prepaid legal assistance, all for an annual \$10 membership fee. Call 212/366-6066 or visit the Web site at www.workingtoday.org.

If you use your ATM card at a bank where you don't have an account, watch out for additional fees. Federal legislation is pending to prohibit banks from imposing these charges. Check Bank Rate Monitor's Web site (www.bankrate.com) for a regional directory of major financial institutions and the ATM fees they charge.



BYTES BUILD BRIDGES

From September 28 through October 28, ten classes will be conducted offering individualized instruction in computer basics for older adults. Fifteen OASIS members and 15 Middle School students will meet at Osborn Middle School on Monday and Wednesday afternoons at 3pm for these computer classes, with the middle school students serving as tutors for the adults.

The goals of this intergenerational computer education program are to provide an opportunity for older adults to learn computer skills, students to participate in meaningful volunteer service, participants to enhance their perception of the other generation, and OASIS and the local schools to develop a community partnership.

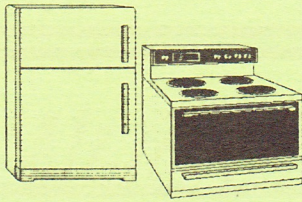
For more information, call Judy Miner at 707-2032 or Lisa Cassidy at 870-8337.



Renaissance Faire Offers Family Fun

The annual Renaissance Faire at Los Olivos Park, 2802 Devonshire Avenue, will feature the Society for Creative Anachronism, costumed knights in mock battles, jugglers, history displays, arts and crafts, musicians, period games, a children's area and food booths.

The fair, 10am to 6pm, Saturday Sept. 26, and 10am to 5pm, Sunday Sept. 27. Admission is \$3. Children 12 and younger are free. For more information, call 256-3130.



How Many Years Will Your Appliances Last?

The list below gives you an idea of the number of years you can expect to own an appliance. This is an average and the amount of use and care you give the appliance can greatly effect the length of time it will be of service to you.

Refrigerators	13
Electric Ranges	12
Dishwashers	9
Electric Water Heater	11
Electric Clothes Dryer	12
Freezer	13

For Info
331-3020



SENIORS HELPING SENIORS

A free conservation program designed to help qualified homeowners reduce their utility bills by improving the energy efficiency of their homes.

To qualify for the Seniors Helping Seniors Program, you must

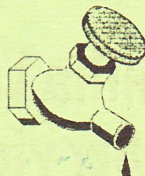
- * Be at least 55 years old or disabled
- * Own a home that is at least 7yrs old
- * Have an annual income of \$25,000 or less
- * Be a Southwest Gas Customer

Senior Energy Consultants will visit your home and analyze its efficiency and make practical conservation recommendations. As part of their consultation, they'll install free conservation materials such as low flow shower heads, weatherstripping, caulking and water heater blankets.

APPLIANCE ENERGY USE

Appliance	Average Operating Time in Hours	Kwhs Per Month
Air Conditioner/ton (12.00 SEER)	10/day*	370
Air Conditioner/ton (7.5 SEER)	10/day*	522
Dishwasher (incl. dry cycle)	1/day	72
Dryer	2.4/week	53
Evap Cooler (.75HP)	24/day	670
Freezer	16/day*	150
Heating-Heat Pump (10 SEER)/ton	6/day*	260
Heating-Heat Pump (7.5 SEER)/ton	6/day*	313
Pool/Spa Motor (1.5HP)	10/day	294
Range Oven (350 degrees F.)	.5/day	30
Range Lg Surface Unit	.5/day	39
Refrigerator (new)	16/day*	80
Refrigerator (7+ years)	16/day*	150
Resistance Heat Strips	4/day*	600
Space Heater	6/day	279
Water Heater (3 people)	2/day*	267

Note: The average monthly operating time figures followed by an * represent the actual time the appliance runs, even though you may consider it to be "on" for a longer period of time.



You can help ensure accurate water charges!

The amount of water you use determines the amount of your monthly bill.

To find out your usage, a Water Services Department meter reader comes to your home every month to read your meter. If the meter cannot be read because it is blocked by garbage containers, parked vehicles, overgrown shrubs and other obstacles, the bill is estimated based on past usage. After the meter is read the following month, an adjustment is made to account for any differences between estimated and actual usage.

Help ensure that your meter gets read. For more information, call 262-6251.



Solid Waste Fee Increase

With last month's city services bill, you may have noticed an increase in the solid waste fee to \$16.50 from \$15.00. The new fee became effective July 1.

The increase is necessary to operate a second major recycling sorting facility as citywide implementation of the residential recycling program resumes to comply with new environmental requirements, and to locate and purchase a new landfill site.

For information on recycling contact City of Phoenix 256-5626.

Bel Air Advertisements

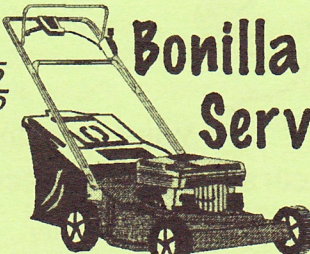
Newsletter display ads for businesses are priced according to size. The small ad which is never larger than a standard business card is \$7.00. A large ad is \$14.00 and sized according to space available each issue. Classified ads are \$3.00 for 25 words or less. If you would like to place an ad please 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 October Newsletter is September 25

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