

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATOR



MARCH 1999

QUESTIONNAIRE

Do you think Bel Air streets and sidewalks are neat and clean?

Yes

No

As neighborhoods go, do you feel Bel Air houses are relatively free of blight and debris?

Yes

No

Do you enjoy having a Neighborhood Newsletter?

Yes

No

Do you think it's great that your neighborhood gets together for Fall Festivals, Sidewalk Sales and Ice Cream Socials?

Yes

No

Do you appreciate having a 24 hour Hotline number to call for questions or complaints about your neighborhood?

Yes

No

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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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Have you noticed all the activity on the Northwest corner of Westview & Devonshire?

This property was recently purchased by Fred and Betty Hall who live at 17th and Devonshire.

They are in the process of renovating and remodeling this home. Their plan is to fix up the outside first and then work on the inside.

They have already completed a new fence, patio, front porch and circle driveway.

They are committed to making this property a credit to the neighborhood!

Donated Items Needed

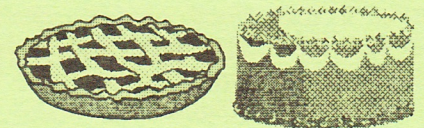
Our neighborhood yard sale is Saturday, April 10. As always it is the first weekend after Easter! If you are not having a sale but would like to get rid of some unwanted items, please consider donating those items to your Neighborhood Association. Anna & Tim Blevins and Betty Dales will be having a yard sale at 4225 North 15th Drive with all proceeds going to the Bel Air Neighborhood Association. If you have items you can donate, please call Anna at 266-6340 or Betty at 265-4856. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Our yard sale hours will be 8am until 4pm. If your sale ends early you can drop off any leftover items before 3pm. At that time we will start marking down our prices. All items remaining after the sale will be donated to charity.

Senate Bill #1278 on Slumlord Legislation

is making it's way through the State Senate without a lot of difficulty. There may be opposition in the State House though, so be sure to let your Representatives know if you support this bill.

For more information on this bill and other neighborhood issues check out NAILEM'S web site at www.nailem.org.

Vote and Eat Before



The Heat Makes You Retreat

It's time to get the neighborhood together once more before the heat sets in and the most one seems to do is wave to each other while heading into the air conditioning. The Bel Air Neighborhood Board Elections and General Meeting will be held on April 24 at 7pm in the gymnasium of the Lutheran Church on Glenrosa. The neighbors are asked to bring a dessert of some kind to share with those in attendance. Your neighborhood association will provide ice cream to compliment the desserts along with the paper goods needed to serve them.

Stay tuned in the April newsletter for more information.

No More E-Mail

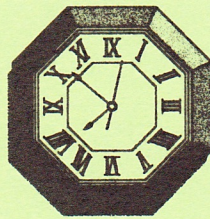
We have unfortunately lost our e-mail address, but you can still reach us on the Hotline 392-8338!

IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE!!!

SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH

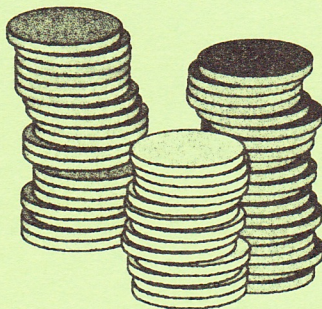
**TIME TO CLEAN OUT
THOSE CLOSETS!!**

**SPRING
CLEANING!!**



**LOTS
OF
FUN!!**

**WALK AROUND AND
MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!**



MAKE SOME MONEY!

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
DONATE \$5 TO SUPPORT
OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

Minute To Minute

By
Betty Dales

The February 13, 1999 Board Meeting was held at Bill Heedy's home on 15th Avenue. In addition to the Board, neighbor Sandra Rivero was in attendance.

Minutes from the January Board Meeting were approved as written. Treasurer's reports for the General Fund and 301 Grant were approved as submitted.

Meth House Update - The third and fourth defendants were sentenced on January 5 and 6, 1999. Defendant #3 was sentenced to three years probation on drug charges and three years probation for child endangerment, to run concurrently.

U-haul Update - Defendants' appeal on the fine has not yet been heard. Could possible be March 1999 before a judge will review the case.

Curbside House Number Painting - Jeannie Garcia reported that the project is on or ahead of schedule to be completed by March 1999. They have enough supplies to finish.

New Neighbor Packets - Bob McBane reported that the envelopes have been printed. Stacy has spoken to Fred & Fran Godwin and Susie Foltz and they have agreed to continue distribution of the packets. Contact them, any Board member, or leave a message on the Hotline if you have a new neighbor.

301-1999 - The 1999 Grant request has been completed and submitted to the Police department. The results should be available sometime in April.

January 19th General Meeting - Thank you letters have been sent to everyone who donated items for door prizes. Three names were placed in

nomination for the Board. We need at least three more. Nominations will be accepted until March 12, 1999. Contact any Board member for information or to submit nominations.

1834 W. Indian School Rd. Variances - The new business at this address (Marisco's Chihuahua Restaurant) has applied to the City for a sign variance. The pole for his sign is too close to Domino's sign and within 100 feet of residential housing. Also the lettering on the roof is over the square footage allowed for that type of signage. The Board will not oppose the variance.

Neighborhood Lighting - Jeannie Garcia has been working with Councilman Phil Gordon's office on getting additional streetlights in our neighborhood. City's survey revealed we could have four additional lights, one each on 16th Drive, 15th Drive, Heatherbrae and Monterosa. Jeannie is circulating petitions to neighbors in the immediate vicinity of the proposed streetlights.

Personal Safety Seminar - Stacey Ayers is organizing a neighborhood seminar for CPR Training just in time for the start of the pool season. Look for details as to date, time and location in next month's newsletter.

Yard Sale - Bel Air Neighborhood's annual yard sales will be Saturday, April 10, 1999, 7:00am to whenever. Laurel Moran, Tom Bently and Jeannie Garcia have volunteered to organize and advertise the event. This year the Board will have a yard sales at Tim and Anna Blevins' home 8:00am to 4:00pm; all proceeds go to Bel Air's General Fund. Donated items would be greatly appreciated. Contact Anna Blevins or Betty Dales.

April 24th General Meeting - General Meeting and Board elections will be Saturday, April 24th. Todd Brueshoff is heading a committee to plan the event.

Other - Westwood Neighborhood received a \$10,000 donation from Smith's/Price Rite for their Kids Street project. To show their support for surrounding neighborhood associations, Westwood donated \$250 to each association including Bel Air.

Marisco's Chihuahua Restaurant, 1824 W. Indian School, has applied for a liquor license to serve beer and wine within the confines of the restaurant. As this is neither a bar or package liquor store, the license will most likely be granted by the city and state. The Board will not oppose the license.

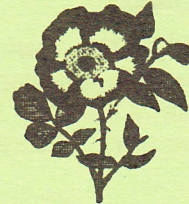
The apartment property at 1724 W. Glenrosa is to be auctioned.

The next meeting will be Saturday, March 13, in the Fireside Room, 1830 W. Glenrosa (inside the school gym).

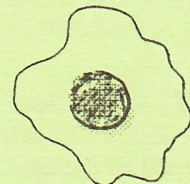
Meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.

LISTEN UP!

**We're going to tell you
one more time.**



**This is your
neighborhood with an
Association**



**This is your
neighborhood without
an Association!
DO SOMETHING!**

CALENDAR EVENTS

March 6-27, Saturday Craft Market - Hop a ride on the courtesy trolley to shop through Old Towne & Historic Catlin Court Shopping Districts, Murphy Park, Glendale 930-2299

March 11-14, Antique & Art Show - 40 antique and art dealers will exhibit to benefit the Phoenix Art Museum League, Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix 257-1880

March 12-14, 26th Annual Phoenix Home Improvement & Garden Show - largest exposition of home-related products in the state, Civic Plaza, Phoenix 277-4748

March 12-14, 29th Annual Arts Festival - Demonstrations and presentations on eight stages, specially themed children's area, 40 food and beverage booths, Center for the Arts, Scottsdale 994-2787

March 12-14, Annual Ostrich Festival - Ostrich races, carnival, arts and collectibles, international food, big name entertainment, parade, Chandler 963-4571

March 20-21, 27th Annual Great Arizona Bike Ride - Proceeds benefit children's charity, leisurely ride for all family members, Tucson/Phoenix 981-5871

March 20-21, AMA Superbike Challenge - Six races feature the newest machinery from Harley-Davidson, Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki, Yamaha and Ducati, Phoenix International Raceway, Phoenix 252-2227

March 26-27, AKC Dog Show & Obedience - 2,000 top-winning show dogs, Westworld, Scottsdale 948-9002

March 26-28, 22nd Annual Tempe Spring Festival of the Arts - 2nd largest arts and entertainment festival in the Southwest, Mill Avenue, Tempe 967-4877

"ANSWERS" (FROM PAGE 1)

HELLO!!!!!!

The reason all the answers are yes is because you have a Neighborhood Association.

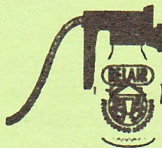
That Association is in jeopardy of disappearing. Why? Because nobody wants to volunteer.

We need three people to serve a two year term that will come to monthly meetings held the second Saturday of each month at 9am. Additional time donated is up to each individual.

Help Your Neighborhood and Try It.....

You never know, it could be fun!

**The deadline for submitting articles
for the April Newsletter is March 21**



Pesticide Spraying Again

The Neighborhood Association will be spraying the neighborhood streets and sidewalks with a pesticide mid to end of March. We are trying to get the grass and weed problem under control and will be doing several sprayings this spring. If you do not want us to spray in front of your house or you can volunteer to help spray, leave your name and number on the Hotline.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME STATS

Once again, we remind you that this information is not current. These stats are for the month of January, 1999. 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 January 1, 1999 to January 31, 1999 we had 0 homicides, 0 sexual assaults, 1 aggravated assault and 0 robberies; this equals a total of 1 violent crime this month. We had 1 burglary, 2 thefts, 2 auto thefts and 0 arson; equaling 5 property crimes. We had 2 drug crimes, 1 gang related crimes, 1 domestic violence crimes and 8 traffic crashes. All total we had 110 calls for service in January.

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.

FLOOD CONTROL UPDATE

The flood control meeting for Bel Air has been "put on hold" until a new flood control manager for Phoenix has been appointed. Mr. Ray Acuna, former flood manager for Phoenix was promoted to another position in the middle of February and his secretary said he was too busy to meet with us. We will keep you informed as new information is given us. (Bill 279-1328).

Connie's Corner Quips, Quotes & Questions

Let gratitude be your attitude.