

# NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATOR

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## Bel Air....It's Magic!

Bel Air is magic. Come and see for yourself on Saturday, October 16th at our annual Fall Festival and G.A.I.N. celebration. The event will begin at 12:30pm and continue until approximately 5:00pm. It will be located on 15th Drive between 16th Drive and Westview. Various activities will be available throughout the day - see the enclosed flyer and schedule.

The Phoenix Police will be on hand to fingerprint Bel Air kids. There will be a free moon walk for kids to jump in, low rider bicycles to admire, tables set up with items to buy or simply look at. Free Dusk to Dawn lighting fixtures will be handed out as well as other items. Bel Air t-shirts will be available for \$10. There will be a 50/50 raffle. The tickets will be \$1 each or 7 tickets for \$5. The total amount of money collected will be divided 50/50 with your neighborhood association and one lucky winner! In addition to the 50/50 raffle, there will be drawings for door prizes. All you have to do is sign our attendance book to get a free ticket for the door prize drawings and you must be present to win one of these items.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR SQUAW PEAK POLICE OFFICERS! Our police appreciation book still needs your comments. It will be available at the Fall Festival/GAIN Celebration. If you haven't looked at it or added your thanks, be sure to check it out. Please Join your neighbors in saying thanks to our Squaw Peak Police Officers.

**What is for lunch on Saturday, October 16?????** GAIN/Fall Festival Celebration food should satisfy all. Neighborhood business are donating pizzas, submarine sandwiches and cake. Your association is providing the drinks, plates, napkins, utensils, etc. **We need you to bring either a salad (pasta, bean, fruit, tossed, tuna, chicken, etc.) or a dessert (don't forget those cookies this year). Decorated Cakes Needed!** We are looking for neighbors to enter our DECORATED CAKE CONTEST for our Celebration. Your cake must be decorated with a GAIN/police/neighborhood theme. You don't have to be an expert to enter. Any neighbor can give it a try. All cakes must arrive before the potluck begins. In addition to homemade cakes we will have some decorated cakes donated by neighborhood bakeries. **DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CAKE/PIE WALK ITEMS!**



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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

Todd Brueshoff

The September 11, 1999 Board Meeting was held in the Fireside Room at Martin Luther School, 1830 W. Glenrosa. The meeting was called to order at 9:16a.m.

Members present were Rick Jackal, Anna Blevins, Maureen Kelly, Todd Brueshoff, Laurel Moran, Sharon Barger and Pastor Charles Wilfong. Members absent were Jeannie Garcia, Betty Dales, Tom Bentley, Georgia Thomas and Carol Adamson.

The secretary's report was accepted as written. Treasurer's reports for the General Fund and 301 Grant were approved as submitted.

**Fall Festival Update** - Anna reported that the committee has been busy meeting. The focus of the festival will be on kids. Various businesses are donating pizzas and sub sandwiches for the main part of the meal. neighbors will be asked to bring a dessert or side dish. The committee is seeking \$375 for the festival. The board had discussed using the \$250 from the Westwood Neighborhood Association to go toward kid's entertainment at the festival. The rest will be used to cover the other costs. There wasn't any opposition to this idea.

**301 Projects** - It was decided to hold the fall neighborhood clean up on November 6, 1999 at 7 a.m. The meeting place will be the corner of 17th Avenue and Indian School. We will be doing the trash pickup of the perimeter of the neighborhood. Everyone is encouraged to come out and help take care of your neighborhood.

**General Meeting Wrap Up** - The overall feeling of the August General Meeting was that it was very successful. Over 80 people attended even without the air conditioning

working that evening. The sign up for the surveying was also said to be very successful.

**Other** - Pastor Wilfong announced that Fred Taylor will be the speaker at the noon Adult Forum/Feedback. Look for details in this newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:39am. The next Board meeting will be held on October 9, 1999. Please check with any Board member as to location.

*If you enjoy your monthly newsletter and*



*want to continue to receive it,*

please help us solve our delivery problems. Newsletter volunteers are desperately needed. Several delivery people have moved and several longtime deliverers have quit. They feel it is time for other neighbors to help out. **We need new volunteers!!** What does the job entail? Not much really. You simply deliver about 30 to 50 newsletters a month. The newsletters are dropped off at your house. You don't have to deliver them the day you receive them, but we do need them delivered within 3-4 days. We provide the rubber bands to attach them to your neighbors' doors. If you can't deliver one month, simply let us know. This does not have to be a lifetime commitment. If you are willing to help, call Jeannie Garcia at 264-6413 or leave a message on the hotline at 392-8338.

### Bel Air Neighborhood Association Financial Status

Balance as of 8/19/99

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$2,114.47</b>
<b>301 Grant</b>	<b>\$8,276.00</b>

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





A small but enthusiastic group of singers are rehearsing each Monday from 4-5p.m. at the Adamson's house at 4240 N. 16th Ave. We are planning to perform at the fall festival. Any children from pre-school through 6th grade are welcome. Please call Carol Adamson at 277-4904 if you are interested in having your child or children participate.



Here's some good advice for Halloween, straight from the Phoenix Fire Department.

\*Forget being a cotton-sheet ghost this year. The sheet drags on the ground, making it difficult to walk and is very, very flammable.

\*Remember that flame-retardant or flame resistant costumes don't mean burn proof. Keep little ones away from candles in pumpkins. Better yet, buy plug-in pumpkins.

\*Keep trick-or-treaters in groups that are accompanied by an adult. And make sure they carry glow sticks or flashlights.

\*Avoid masks that restrict vision.

\*Children who will be around traffic should wear light colored costumes.

\*If you're driving around town Halloween night, remember that kids will be out there! Be careful!

### Connie's Corner

*Behold the turtle.*

*He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out.*

## CALENDAR EVENTS

**Every Weekend in October, 14th Annual Pumpkin Festival** - at Hudson Farms in Wilcox, 10am to 4pm. Cut your own pumpkin, or pick broccoli, cabbage, beets, peas, carrots & cauliflower. 1/800/351-6698.

**Oct 8-10, 14th Annual Butterfield Overland Stage Days, Benson** - Includes historic re-enactments, stage rides, parade, arts and crafts, carnival, dances, chili cook-off and car show, Free, 1/520/586-2842.

**Oct 8-10, 43rd Annual Fort Verde Days** - 8am to 4:30pm at Camp Verde. Includes parade, quilt show, barbecue, games, equestrian events, arts, crafts & re-enactments. Free 1/520/567-9294 or 1/520/567-3275.

**Oct 8-10, 27th Annual Way Out West Oktoberfest, Hayden Square, Tempe** - Includes country & polka music, bratwurst, beer, salsa, southwestern foods. 5pm to midnight Oct 8; 10am to midnight Oct 9; 10am to 6pm Oct 10. Free 1/480/350-8181

**Oct 9, Pine Apple Festival** - 9am to 4pm at the Community Center in Pine, Includes apple pie contest, scarecrow contest, funnel cakes and antique cars.

**Oct 15-17, Greater Phoenix Greek Festival** - Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 1973 E. Maryland Ave. Includes Greek food, cooking demonstrations, folk dancers, costumes, artifacts and entertainment. \$2 (free for kids 12 and under). 602/264-7863.

**Oct 15-17, Tombstone Helldorado Days** - Includes shootouts, parade, 1880s fashion show, Native American dancers and gunfight show. Free. 1/520/457-2550.

**Oct 16,17, 22-24, 29-31, 8th Annual Pumpkin Festival at Duncan Family Farm in Goodyear** - Includes picnic area, antique tractors, farmers market, crafts, wagon rides and games. \$2. (602)853-9880.



## "Hello" Mommies & Daddies

Hello to all the caregivers out there. This is your neighbor Laurel Moran at 1641 Monterosa. Let me tell you a little bit about myself. My husband, Trace, and I are first time parents to our 21 month son Bradley. He is the joy of our lives. As all the experienced parents out there know it is very challenging to balance work and home life. I am able to work part time outside the home and know he is safe with his grandparents as primary caregivers while my husband and I are at work. I realize I am very fortunate.

I would like to try and get a weekly playgroup together. My son needs other children to play with and socialize.

I would like to find out how many children we have in our neighborhood. Please call me at 240-5570 or call the hotline and leave a message. Give your child's name and age and your phone number. I would also like to see how many baby-sitters are out there. I could put together a baby-sitter directory for the parents in the neighborhood.

Do you have any input on this subject? Any and all suggestions would be appreciated.

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## Report on 1999 Survey

This report will summarize the results of the 1999 survey which was distributed in the July newsletter. 420 surveys were disbursed and we received 53 responses, a 12.6% response rate.

### 1. What projects (in addition to those already completed or scheduled for our 1999-2000 301 Grant) would you like to see your Association sponsor?

(number of responses if more than one)

- Speed bumps 6
- Fall yard sale
- Lights on canal bank 2
- House numbers on alley fences
- Food/clothing drive
- Apply for historic district designation 3
- Best kept yard contest 2
- Get more people to participate 2
- Assistance with yard work 2

### 2. As a resident of Bel Air, how would you rank the following items in order of importance?

- 1st Uncared for yards/homes
- 2nd Security
- 3rd Cars speeding through neighborhood
- 4th Cars/RV's parked in yards
- 5th Garbage barrels left out after trash pickup
- Other: Dogs allowed to run loose
- Dog owners not picking up after dogs
- Barking dogs
- Graffiti
- Loud music after 10pm and in passing cars

### 3. Does the Communicator meet your expectations of what a neighborhood newsletter should be?

Yes 47 No 4

Comments were:

- delivered too late
- would like to see more profiles of board members
- more articles by neighbors
- wants to see area crime stats published

publish addresses of poorly kept yards  
introduce new neighbors

### 4. Would you encourage your children to participate in neighborhood sponsored events or activities? And would you participate with your children?

We received 28 responses: 18-no kids at home or not applicable; 9-familys with children who would be encouraged to participate and would participate with their kids; 1-grandchildren that would be encourage to participate and grandparents that would participate.

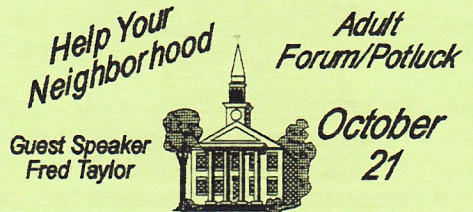
### 5. Overall do you believe your neighborhood association is a worthwhile endeavor?

- Very worthwhile 38
- Worthwhile 8
- No Opinion 1

Comments?

- What is being done about cars parked in yards or unkept yards?
- Why aren't homeowners being told to clean up yards? Are they being fined?
- Need stronger graffiti prevention
- Association should sponsor or get behind effort to report the blighted houses and put pressure on them to clean up.
- Help enforce the leash law.
- Neighbor has dog that barks constantly.
- Control loud music after 10pm.

(Note: We are not a homeowner's association, a neighborhood association cannot require compliance of or fine homeowners for violations of city zoning regulations. We can encourage compliance and report violations to the city and we must all take responsibility for the appearance and security of our neighborhood.)



On Thursday, October 21st, the American Lutheran Church will host the monthly Adult Forum/Potluck, beginning at noon in the Fireside Room. Guest speaker will be Fred Taylor. Fred has helped the neighborhoods across the Valley to combat gangs, graffiti and trashy looking properties.

Formerly, he worked with the Governor's office. But recently, that position was eliminated. The Arizona House of Representatives, realizing the importance of Fred's work, immediately created a new position for him to continue the same type work. The meeting is open to the public. Please bring your favorite dish to share and join in the fellowship and discussion. For further information, please call the church office, 265-2527.

## A Big Thank You!

Our neighbor, Michael Alyn, donated a large coffee maker to our neighborhood association.

Thanks Michael!

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