



# Neighborhood Communicator

May 2001

## GENERAL MEETING

There will be a General Meeting of the BelAir Neighborhood Association at 5:30 pm, Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2001, at the Evangelical Lutheran Church at 1830 W. Glenrosa. This is an especially important meeting because you as a member of the neighborhood will be able to elect several new Board Members. It will also be a Cinco de Mayo theme pot luck, so bring your favorite dish.



Election ballots were included in last month's Neighborhood Communicator, but ballots will also be available at the meeting.

## 2001 CRIME SURVEY

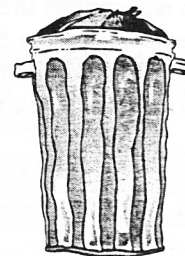
The BelAir Neighborhood Association, as part of our 301 Grant, is conducting a survey about crime in our neighborhood. We need your help. Please take the time to fill out the enclosed survey in this month's Neighborhood Communicator. Only with your participation can we work together to come up with ways to make our neighborhood as safe as possible. The survey can be sent to, or dropped off at the address on the survey. You can also bring it with you to the General Meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, or need the survey picked up, please call the hotline at: (602) 392-8338.

Thank you!  
The BelAir Neighborhood Association Board

## ALLEY CLEAN UP

Since many of you were busy on February 17<sup>th</sup>, the first scheduled clean up day, we have re-scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2001, at 7:00 a.m. We'll meet at Jeannie Garcia's house. Please bring gloves and rakes, we'll supply the trash bags. The neighborhood alley clean up project is one of the goals of the 301 Grant, which is how we're able to provide additional alley lighting, security doors, the medical alert units and so much more.

Please come and help. It's a great chance to meet new neighbors and an easy way to keep BelAir a safe from alley fires.



# Minute to Minute

By Todd Brueshoff

The April 14, 2001 Board Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. in the library at Martin Luther School, 1830 W. Glenrosa. All board members were present except for Jeannie Garcia, Marjorie Paez, and Susan Thompson-McHugh. The minutes of the March meeting were approved with one date correction. The treasurer's reports were accepted as submitted.

**Project 301 2000** – Tim reported that the installation of the alley lights is in the process of the being scheduled. All of the poles selected are capable of being used. The five security doors have been installed. It is being determined if the money allocated for this project will cover the cost of additional doors. Todd S. is checking into this matter. The alley clean up has been rescheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Neighborhood Yard Sale** – The yard sale is on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Flyers will be distributed around the neighborhood. The advertisement will run in the Arizona Republic from Thursday to Saturday. Pop and water will be sold at the sale that is benefiting the Association.

**May General Meeting** – The Board unanimously approved spending up to \$50 from the General Fund to cover the costs of the meeting. The Association will provide chips and salsa along with the drinks. Set up for the meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

**Neighborhood Survey** – Look for the survey in this issue of the newsletter. It is important to turn this back into the Association. Information gathered from this survey provides the Board members with ideas for future grants and meeting topics.

**Signs** – Faye reported that the signs have been purchased. These signs are permanent and will be attached to the A-frames to remind neighbors of activities. The writing on the signs is large enough to be read while driving by in a car.

**Other** – It was reported there were advertising packets thrown around the neighborhood. It was decided to contact the advertisers to let them know that they were not delivered but rather caused a lot of litter. If the companies don't respond, Jim will contact the city to see what can be done. The quarterly sidewalk weed spraying has been completed. The police department has not scheduled the BlockWatch training yet. Carol reported that the Neighborhoods That Work application has been submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m. The next Board meeting is May 12, 2001 at 9 a.m. Please check with any Board member for location.

## BelAir Neighborhood Association Financial Status Balance as of 3/31/01

General Fund	\$926.86
301 Grant Fund	\$6,944.31

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

The BelAir Neighborhood Association Publishes the Neighborhood Communicator monthly. Many thanks to all of the volunteers in BelAir, who make this project possible.

## ASSOCIATION BOARD

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263-0548

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265-4961

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## WILLS

It is extremely important that every person make a will. If you do not make a will, or use some other legal method to transfer your property when you die, then Arizona state law will determine what happens to your property. This process is known as "intestate succession." In this case, your property will be distributed to your spouse and children or, if you have neither to other relatives according to Arizona statutes. If no relatives can be found to inherit your property, it will go to the state of Arizona. A formal Will needs to be signed and dated, and witnessed by two witnesses. The witnesses do not have to read the Will, but simply witness your signature of the Will.

Every person has an "estate." The term "estate" applies not just to real estate, but also to cash, bank accounts, cars, furniture, securities, and all other types of personal property. Even if you have a smaller estate, it is important that you have a will so that your estate can be settled quickly. Delays in settling your estate usually mean more expenses.

You will need to name a Personal Representative in your Will. Your Personal Representative is the person who oversees the distribution of your assets according to your Will. Most people choose either their spouse, an adult child, a relative, or a trusted friend. The responsibilities of the Personal Representative include notifying Social Security and other agencies of the death; safeguarding your property; having your Will probated; complete and file federal and state income and estate tax returns; making payments to valid creditors; and distributing your property according to your instructions. You should obtain permission from the Personal Representative before naming that person in your Will. Additionally, you should appoint an Alternate Personal Representative in the event your Personal Representative cannot fulfill the obligations.

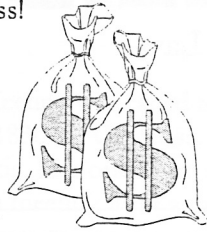
You should include as much detail as possible regarding the distribution of your property to prevent any misunderstandings. You can leave property to young children in your Will, however, if it is anything valuable, an adult must manage it for them. There are many ways to structure property management for minors. You can disinherit relatives if you choose, however, in Arizona, because of community property laws, in most circumstances, your spouse automatically owns one-half of all the property and earnings you acquired by either of you during the marriage. You can, however, leave your one-half of the community property, and your separate property (generally considered to be the property you owned before marriage or received by gift or inheritance during the marriage) to anyone you choose. Arizona also allows you to make a separate list of tangible property (usually property that is smaller in value) which disposes of specific items, and this list can be handwritten and changed and modified as desired, and does not have to meet the same legal requirements as a Will.

Many people believe that Joint Ownership of property will make a Will unnecessary. This is a dangerous but common misconception. Joint ownership may not eliminate taxes, but can even increase taxes. It can also deny you complete control over your property while you are still living. Additionally, it does not deal with the situation where both joint owners die at the same time. Joint ownership is not a substitute for a Will.

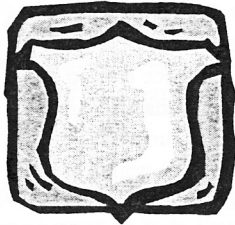
You do not need to file your Will with a court or in public records somewhere. Your Will can remain confidential until and unless a probate proceeding is filed, in which case your Will becomes a public document. You should keep your original Will in a safe-deposit box, and instruct your Personal Representatives to look for your Will in the safe-deposit box. In addition, you should keep a copy of your Will in an envelope with the title "Will" in a file cabinet or fire proof metal box in your home.

## YARD SALE SUCCESS!!!

Despite threats of bad weather, the BelAir Neighborhood yard sale on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> was a great success! There were loaded trucks, cars with their trunks overflowing and people with their arms full going from house to house. The Neighborhood Association's yard sale generated \$170.00 for the General Fund; \$150.00 in sales and \$20.00 in donations. Thanks to everyone who participated in the neighborhood yard sale. And, a very special thank you to everyone who donated items to the Neighborhood Association's sale and /or made a donation.



## STAYING IN THE LOOP ON THE INTERNET

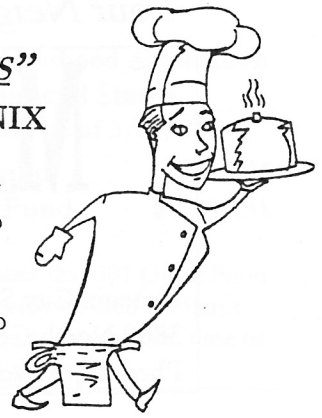


Now you can access crime statistics on the Internet. The database is maintained by the Phoenix Police Dept's crime analysis unit. It contains information on traffic accidents, gang and domestic violence calls & other related incidents. It can be searched in full-month intervals, dating back to 1996. You can search by council district, police precinct, police beat or in quarter-square-mile grids. To access this site, go to [www.cityofphoenix.org/POLICE](http://www.cityofphoenix.org/POLICE) and click on the Crime Statistics icon. Or you can call the Crime Analysis Unit at 602-262-6543.

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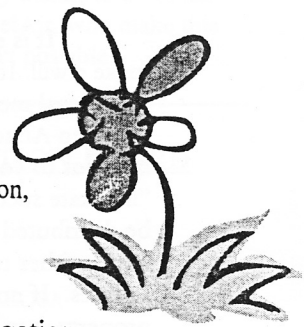
## "CALLING ALL COOKS" IS COMING TO PHOENIX

The Food Network Show "Calling All Cooks" is coming to Phoenix to feature amateur chefs in their homes. If you are a lively, non-professional cook and want to share your recipes with the nation, go to the FoodTV Web site [www.FoodTV.com](http://www.FoodTV.com), to nominate yourself or another Phoenix-area "foodie.", through June 3, 2001.



## DRIP IRRIGATION

A drip irrigation system can save you water, time, and money, and the benefits are immediate. Drip irrigation, more than any other kind of system, helps young drought-tolerant plantings establish their root system and thrive.



Some of the advantages of drip irrigation:

### **Water Savings**

Drip irrigation can save up to 50% over conventional irrigation. Water is applied slowly enough to allow all moisture to soak directly into the soil.

### **Automation**

Drip systems can be automated by adding battery timers or electric valves and timers. This keeps soil moisture at optimum levels.

### **Low Maintenance**

Drip irrigation covers a small part of the soils surface around the plant, which minimized the most tedious part of gardening -- weeding. Fertilizing can also be built into the system.

### **Low Visibility**

Drip irrigation tubing can be buried or left above ground. Mulching is often used to conceal the drip system.

