



Neighborhood Communicator

June 2001

BELAIR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION APPROVED FOR 301 BLOCK WATCH GRANTS

The BelAir Neighborhood Association was recently approved for funding of two separate grants from the City of Phoenix. One project, **"Keep BelAir Bright and Safe"** will continue the focus of alley lighting in our neighborhood as well as the ongoing publication of our monthly newsletter and bring neighbors together through planned educational, social and community-oriented events.

The other project, **"Partners in Crime Prevention & Safety Project"** will be conducted in collaboration with the city of Phoenix Fire Department. It will provide emergency / safety kits to 100% of the residences in our neighborhood. Educational programs, including Fire and Life Safety, CPR Awareness, Pool Safety and Emergency Health Care. These events will be held in conjunction with the quarterly General Meetings.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 18th – 29th, 2001 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m

Would you like to learn more about the meaning of Christmas? Yes, it is June, but the American Evangelical Lutheran Church will be celebrating Christmas in June this year.

Vacation Bible School's theme this year is "Christmas in June...Celebrating the Savior's Arrival on Earth." A few of the day to day topics will be: Need for Christmas, A Fallen World, Mary and the Angel, A Great Surprise, Shepherds and Angels, Great News for the World, Wisemen and Searching for a King. Our youth will gather for an opening each day at 9:00am for singing & listening to the message. Then they will break off into their classrooms for discussion, a worksheet or puzzle and then crafts & playtime. Each child will be provided

with a morning snack. Each day ends with a closing and will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

Everyone is Welcome! Our age range is from 2 years through high school. You can register your children at the church on Monday, June 18th, beginning at 8:45am. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office at 602-265-2527 between 9am and 1pm, Monday through Friday.

We hope that everyone in our neighborhood would take advantage of this time to share. What a great way to get to know the people that might live right next door.

IDENTIFY THEFT, IT CAN HAPPEN IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Many consider "Identity Theft" to be the fastest growing crime in America, affecting almost half a million people every year. Enterprising criminals can gather enough information through the debris of your everyday transactions to pretend they are you. Once this happens, they can gain access to all your financial information.

Some methods used include stealing mail from your mailbox, digging through your trash and fraudulently ordering a copy of your credit card, looking over your shoulder at ATMs and phone booths to capture your PIN number. If you suspect that you have been a victim of identity theft, here are measures to take:

1. File a report with your local police department – be sure to obtain a copy of the police report
 2. Contact your creditors on any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.
 3. Contact the three major credit reporting agencies as soon as you're aware there is a problem.
- These are: **Equifax** 800-685-1111, **Experian** 888-397-3742 and **TransUnion** 800-680-7293.

Minute to Minute

By Carol Adamson

The board meeting was called to order at 9:10 am, in the Fireside Room of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1830 W. Glenrosa. All members were present except Georgia Thomas, Marjorie Paez and Todd Shealy.

Sharon moved to accept the minutes of the April meeting, seconded by Susan and the motion was passed. Tim reported a balance of \$1,471.80 in the 301 Grant and \$1,119.07 in the General Fund. A motion was made by Sharon and seconded by Faye to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed.

The Board welcomed two new members, who begin their terms today. They are Debbie Dumone and Maureen McCabe.

Election of officers was held with the following results:

President – Jim Mathew **Secretary** – Carol Adamson (temporary)
Vice President – Sharon Barger **Treasurer** – Tim Blevins

Committee Reports:

Project 301 2000 – The alley lights have been paid for and are being installed. By reallocating funds in Project 301, we will be able to install an additional security door. The make-up date for the alley clean up will be Saturday, May 19th. Meet at the alley by Jeannie Garcia's house. Bring rakes & gloves. With these events completed we will have fulfilled all of our requirements for Project 301 2000. Tim will call to inquire about reallocating funds for the purchase of door prizes. Susan will make an inventory of what we have left. We also need to buy weed spray.

Yard Sale – Everyone agreed that the yard sale was a success and an event that we will continue next Spring. That date has been set for April 6, 2002.

May 5, 2001 General Meeting – Ideas were discussed by Board members as to how to get more neighbors to the meetings. Some ideas were; fewer potlucks, have the Board provide ice cream, have Saturday morning meetings with donuts & beverages. Other ideas were to have more general information programs such as community updates, general information of what has been going on in the neighborhood and invite our council members. Our next General Meeting is set for Thursday, August 16, 2001.

Neighborhood Survey – Susan reported a good response from the neighborhood. The surveys included some good general information and some suggestions and ideas for the Board. The results will be tabulated and be in the July newsletter. Susan asked for volunteers to help with this task.

Community Update – Pastor Wilfong gave an update on the light rail system. He also said that a date would be set soon for the groundbreaking for the community center at Mark Atkinson Park, in Westwood Neighborhood. A potluck was held recently in honor of Paul Breninger for his anti-graffiti work.

Old Business:

The stepping stones and East bulletin board repair will be completed soon. The new signs are completed and were used to let our neighborhood know about the last General Meeting.

New Business:

The 301 Block Watch Grant for 2001 has been approved. Copies were given to Board members to preview and discuss at the June Board meeting. The other 301 Block Watch Grant in Partnership with the Fire Department was also approved. Tim & Sharon will attend workshops regarding these grants and committees will be formed in the near future.

Debbie Dumone suggested some type of recognition for neighbors who are putting in time and effort to improve the looks of their homes and yards. She will investigate possibilities and report at the next Board meeting.

Jim introduced a plan for committees for General meetings. He suggested a standing committee, which Judy Mathew will chair. Jim will be involved along with Susan, Debbie & Georgia. Volunteers from the neighborhood will also help with the planning. This will involve three General Meetings, the GAIN Festival will be separate.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

BelAir Neighborhood Association FINANCIAL STATUS

BALANCE AS OF 4/30/01
GENERAL FUND: \$1,119.07
301 GRANT FUND: \$1,471.80

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 MEMBERS

PRESIDENT

Jim Mathew (2002)
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VICE PRESIDENT

Sharon Barger (2003)
1525 W. Glenrosa
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TREASURER

Tim Blevins (2002)
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SECRETARY

Carol Adamson (2003)
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MEMBERS

Susan McHugh (2002)
Marjorie Paez (2002)
Faye Robbins (2002)
Todd Shealy (2002)
Georgia Thomas (2003)
Pastor C. Wilfong (2003)
Debbie Dumone (2003)
Maureen McCabe (2003)

What to do if you are in an auto accident

Auto accidents can happen to anyone. You can protect your legal rights by doing the right thing after an accident occurs. Below are some of the steps you should take if you are involved in an accident. Consult an attorney right away if you are involved in an accident that involves personal injuries or serious property damage.

STOPPING YOUR CAR

If your car is involved in an accident and you don't stop, you may be subject to criminal prosecution. Leave your car as close as possible to the place of impact without obstructing traffic. After stopping, remain at the scene of the accident to aid the injured, protect the scene, report to the police and gather information.

AIDING THE INJURED

If someone is injured, give first aid if you are qualified and call for an ambulance. Remember to note the location of the accident before you call for an ambulance. Tell the ambulance dispatcher the name and number of the street as well as the direction in which the cars were traveling at the time of the accident.

PROTECTING THE SCENE

Protect the scene of the accident to avoid additional collisions. Do not allow your car to obstruct the road if it can be moved. Warn approaching cars by raising the hood of your car and using your car's hazard warning lights. In addition, for nighttime accidents, place flares or reflectors on the road.

CALLING THE POLICE

Call the police, particularly if someone has been injured. A

police report of the accident will help your insurance claim and any liability claims. If you receive a traffic ticket, it does not mean you are guilty of a traffic offense or that you are responsible for the accident. Be aware that you may hurt your claim for damages from the other driver if you plead guilty. Consult an attorney and your insurance agent before pleading guilty to any traffic offense.

EXCHANGING INFORMATION WITH THE OTHER DRIVER

Exchange information with the driver of the other car. You should get the following information:

1. Other drivers - name, address, phone number, driver's license number, name of insurance company and policy number.
2. Passengers - name, address and phone number.
3. Witnesses - name, address and phone number.
4. Owner (if not the driver) - name, address, phone number, insurance company and policy number.

Makes notes about the time of day, weather conditions, road conditions, street lights and length of skid marks. Also make a diagram of the accident noting the location of the vehicles, cross walks, stops signs and traffic signals. If you hit a parked car and can't find the owner, leave a note with your name, address and a summary of the accident.

DO NOT ADMIT RESPONSIBILITY

When you exchange information with the other driver and give facts to the police, don't admit responsibility for the accident. Things that you say can be used against you if there is litigation. You may think that you were responsible for the accident and later learn that the other driver caused it or that the other driver was equally at fault.

TOWING YOUR CAR

Before you allow a tow truck driver to pick up your car, be sure to ask the driver how much it will cost and tell the driver where to take your car. Get the name, address and telephone number of the driver and the towing company.

SEEING YOUR DOCTOR

Both you and your passengers should consider seeing a doctor after an accident. The doctor may recognize injuries, sometimes serious, that are not apparent to you. The charges for a doctor visit and medical treatment may be covered by your insurance. Don't settle claims from the accident until your doctor has advised you about the extent of your injuries.

NOTIFYING YOUR INSURANCE AGENT

Call your insurance agent as soon as possible after an accident. Your insurance company may have grounds to deny coverage if you fail to give prompt notice of the accident. Follow up the phone call with a written notice and save a copy for your files. The written notice should contain information about the date, time and place of the accident, with names and

addresses of the other drivers, injured persons, passengers and witnesses. If you were at fault, your liability insurance should pay for any injuries or property damages. If the other driver is at fault but does not have insurance, your insurance may pay for damages to your car (collision coverage), your medical expenses (medical payment coverage) and even for your pain and suffering (if you have uninsured motorist coverage).

CALLING YOUR LAWYER

If you are considering a lawsuit, or expect on to be brought against you, or if you received a traffic ticket, an attorney can advise you about your legal rights and responsibilities. The sooner you call an attorney the better since witnesses may forget the details of the accident. Your attorney can counsel you on how to respond to questions from insurance adjusters and help you recover compensation for your personal injuries and damages to your car.

UNINSURED, UNDERINSURED AND MEDPAY COVERAGES

Unfortunately, many drivers on the road today do not have auto insurance even though it is required by law. Your protection

against these uninsured drivers is to have adequate uninsured motorist coverage through your own insurance company. Uninsured motorist claims are made with your own insurance company, and provide coverage when you are injured by an uninsured motorist.

Under Arizona's mandatory insurance law, a driver only has to have \$15,000.00 of liability insurance coverage per claim. Unfortunately, this amount is insufficient to cover all but the most minor injuries. If you experience moderate or serious injuries this amount of insurance coverage will be insufficient to cover your injuries and damages. Underinsured motorist coverage obtained through your own insurance company will protect you against this situation.

MedPay coverage will pay the reasonable medical bills of the persons in your vehicle that occur as a result of the accident, up to the amount of your coverage, which is usually issued in the amounts of \$1,000.00, \$3,000.00, or \$5,000.00 per person. By obtaining MedPay coverage, the medical bills for your treatment that are usually paid from your personal injury settlement are paid by your MedPay coverage. Your insurance rates do not go up by using MedPay. In most circumstances, however, your portion of the settlement increases

substantially, and in many cases, it doubles because the money from the settlement that would have paid your medical bills goes to the client because the medical bills will have already been paid.

These coverages are inexpensive to obtain, but are extremely important to have. And in the unfortunate event of an accident, will provide significant and important coverage to you and your family.

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