



Neighborhood Communicator

July 2001



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The election to fill the 6 board positions is over and again this year we have all 12 Board positions filled. I'd like to give a special Thank You to:

- ◆ The BelAir Neighborhood for participating in the election and helping us to keep the BelAir Neighborhood Board working for our community.
- ◆ All of the past board members. It would not be possible for us to do the things we do today if some of our neighbors hadn't taken the time to start this Association.
- ◆ To the most recent Board Members that have fulfilled their terms, Todd Brueshoff and Jeannie Garcia. Your support of the BelAir neighborhood has been great and we know you'll stay involved and help out when you can.
- ◆ To the current Board Members, 9 of us have been together for more than a year and I truly appreciate your support during my term as President last year. We all welcome our 3 new Board Members, Todd Shealy, Debbie Dumone and Maureen McCabe. We have a lot planned for the coming year and we're looking forward to working with you. And Todd, I appreciate you stepping forward to fill the Secretary position and helping us complete our Officer elections.

We have a great group again this year on the BelAir Neighborhood Board. Everyone is eager to continue to help make our neighborhood a great place to live. Thanks again to each and every one of you, with your help we'll have an even more successful year this year.

Jim

COOL DOWN, COOL DOWN, COOL DOWN!

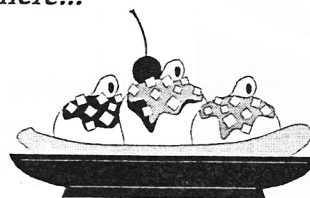
Come join the BelAir Neighborhood for a *cool evening*, August 16th, 7:00 p.m. at the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1830 W. Glenrosa.

Mark your calendars now for this *cool* event and get some "*hot*" tips from the Fire Department.



- ◆ Ice Cream Social with all the trimmings
- ◆ Bring the kids to meet "Safe-T" the clown and enjoy the Dalmatian puppet show provided by the Fire Department.
- ◆ Our Fire Department will be showing us ways we can keep our families and pets safe during the summer months.
- ◆ Door Prizes for the kids and adults

See you there!!!



Minute to Minute

By Todd Shealy

The board meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m., in the Fireside Room of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1830 W. Glenrosa. All members were present except Debbie Dumone. The minutes of the May 5th meeting were approved as corrected. Tim reported a balance of \$1,194.05 in the 301 Blockwatch Grant. The balance in the General Fund is \$1,093.47. The Treasurer's report was approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Project 301 2000 – Tim had not received information needed regarding the reallocation of the remaining funds in the grant. He was still working on it at the time of the meeting. Discussions were held on how we might use these remaining funds if reallocation is possible. They may not be used to purchase door prizes or anything else to entice people to attend our general meetings. It was decided by the Board to pre-pay the cell phone charges and pay for the electricity for original alley lighting. Clean up supplies such as gloves, bags, large dustpans and water jugs are also needed. Tim, Susan and Sharon are on the committee.

The Neighborhood survey results will be published in the July Newsletter.

The General Meeting standing committee will meet at the Matthew's home on June 20th, at 7:00p.m. to discuss the August meeting.

Community Update – Pastor Wilfong reported that there has been vandalism in the new park in the Westwood Neighborhood. The Canyon Square Apartments were recently sold and are being remodeled. The complex, located on Campbell and the freeway access road, was formerly owned by the mayor of Beverly Hills, CA. The Wal-Mart at Christown Mall will become a super store and a 99-cent store has opened in the former Osco building in Christown Plaza, South of Bethany Home Rd. The new transit plans continue to develop. American Evangelical Lutheran Church was given a used air conditioner and volunteers installed it. The gymnasium will now be cool. This is wonderful for the neighborhood, the association and of course for church activities.

OLD BUSINESS

August General Meeting – A suggestion to put a calendar of events for each month in the newsletter was discussed. Look forward to this happening soon. This will help to keep neighbors aware of happenings in the neighborhood. We looked at a newsletter from another neighborhood and found some other ideas we can use. Discussion was again held concerning the procedure of publishing our newsletter. There still have been problems in certain areas regarding delivery. It is most important that every household receive them by the first of the month. Blockwatch classes will be held in the fall. Watch the newsletter for information on class schedules. Committees will be set up at the July Board Meeting for the 2002 grant. Committees will meet soon to start planning for the Fire Department Grant. It will be a big project and we hope to have some volunteers to help. It was suggested that we could have a raffle, possible a dinner cruise on Lake Pleasant. Diamondback tickets, etc. The next General Meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2001.

NEW BUSINESS

It was suggested to list all Board Members names and phone numbers in the newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Neighborhood Hotline 602-392-8338

BelAir Neighborhood Association

FINANCIAL STATUS

BALANCE AS OF 5/31/01

GENERAL FUND: \$1,093.47

301 GRANT FUND: \$1,194.05

Please remember that the 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

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Jim Mathew (2002)
1642 W. Monterosa
263-0548

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Sharon Barger (2003)
1525 W. Glenrosa
274-0230

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4225 N. 15th Dr.
266-6340

SECRETARY

Todd Shealy (2002)
1628 W. Monterosa
285-0995

MEMBERS

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604-8629
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264-3096
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266-9342
Debbie Dumone (2003)
263-3588
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266-3548

Neighborhood Survey Results

I would like to thank all the neighbors who took the time to fill out the 2001 BelAir Neighborhood Crime Survey. Here are the results based on the 45 responses that we received. Remember, these 45 surveys represent only 10% of the BelAir Neighborhood.

BASIC DEMOGRAPHICS OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS:

6% of the respondents rent their home.

93% of the respondents own their home.

72% Do not have any children in their household.

28% of the respondents have children in their household.

32% lived in BelAir less than 5 years

68% lived in BelAir more than 5 years

RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS;

Do you feel safe in the BelAir neighborhood?

89% 11%

Do you feel safe on your street?

89% 11%

Has your home been burglarized in the past year?

Yes = 4% No = 96%

Has your home been vandalized in the past year?

Yes = 11% No = 89%

Has your auto been broken into in the past year?

Yes = 16% No = 84%

Has your auto been stolen in the past year?

Yes = 0% No = 100%

Has any member of your family been assaulted in the past year in the BelAir Neighborhood?

Yes = 0 No = 100%

Do you feel safe walking, running, or biking along the canal?

Yes = 29% No = 33%

Yes, during daylight: 20%, N/A: 18%

Some of the reasons people do feel safe on the canal;

"I take two large dogs with me and walk at 5:00 a.m. Never had a problem."

"Big dog"

"I always carry a gun."

Some of the reasons given for not feeling safe along the canal area ranged from;

"Too Dark"

"Too much vegetation"

"A canal bank is never safe"

Do you feel safe in our alleys?

24% Yes 9% Yes during daylight or where there are lights
36% No 31% Not applicable

Some of the reasons for feeling safe in the alleys;

"More lights"

"They are well lit now"

Some of the reasons for not feeling safe;

"Too dark and unkempt"

"Spooky"

"Homeless people"

"Would not feel safe in an alley at night - too enclosed & isolated"

Have you ever called the BelAir Neighborhood Hotline?

Yes = 45% No = 55%

Have you ever attended a BelAir Neighborhood Association General Meeting?

Yes = 79% No = 21%

Would you be interested in attending a BelAir Neighborhood Association meeting on the following?

Pool Safety 20%

Fire Safety 29%

CPR 40%

SUGGESTIONS FOR OTHER GENERAL MEETING TOPICS INCLUDED:

Application for Historic Status
Crime Prevention
Increasing Neighborhood Involvement
Block Watch
Gardening
Neighborhood Pride
Flood Insurance

Thanks again to all the neighbors who took the time to fill out the survey. This will help us set goals for the neighborhood. In future newsletters we will add some of your comments and suggestions from this survey. Remember, the BelAir Neighborhood will only improve with your participation.

Thank You!



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- WILLS (\$60 special to BelAir residents)

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In Need of Committee Members:

The BelAir Neighborhood Association is looking for a few good folks who would be interested in joining a fun loving group that plans the General Meetings.

Any interested parties please call Jim or Judi Mathew at 602-263-0548. Or join us at the next meeting, July 10th, 7:00 p.m., at 1642 W. Monterosa.

Reporter Needed:

The BelAir neighborhood Association is looking for a "reporter" for neighborhood news. Birthdays, new arrivals, happenings in the area, general meeting news. Are there any teenagers in the area that are interested in journalism that might like to help out with this project? If so, give the Hotline a call
602-392-8338.

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SHARON BARGER
274-0230

Board Member Bio...

Hello! My name is Todd Shealy. My wife, Lynda Dahl and I bought our house on Monterosa two years ago. We have a four-year-old boy named Devyn and a ten-month old girl named Lucy. We also have a Scottie dog named Luna.

We love this beautiful neighborhood! It is so different and diverse. We have great friendly neighbors all around us. There are a lot of good restaurants here too.

As a family, we love painting, swimming, gardening and sci-fi movies. We love to walk and bike too.

City targets brush, debris hazards

The fire, Public Works & Neighborhood Services departments have teamed up on a program designed to reduce brush and debris fires in city neighborhoods.

Firefighters survey neighborhoods for brush and debris fire hazards and forward the location of violations to the Public Works and Neighborhood Services departments for city code compliance.

City policy requires that lots, properties, alleys and easements be kept free from litter, garbage, overgrown vegetation, dead trees, brush, weeds & any other condition that presents a health, fire or safety hazard.

Residents are urged to keep their property clear of such hazards, which will greatly reduce the potential loss of life and property.

July Calendar of Neighborhood Events

Saturday, July 13th, 2001 - Board Meeting.

Wednesday, July 24th, 2001 - Block-Watch Advisory Board Meeting.

For more information about either of these events please call any Board Member or the Hotline at 602-392-8338.