



Neighborhood Communicator

August 2001

HOT TIPS FOR THE LONG SUMMER DAYS

Calling for all BelAir Neighbors and their friends. Please join us on:

August 16, 2001

Time: 7:00 p.m.

**Location: American Evangelical
Lutheran Church
1830 W. Glenrosa**



Cool down and heat up
with great summer safety tips from
our local

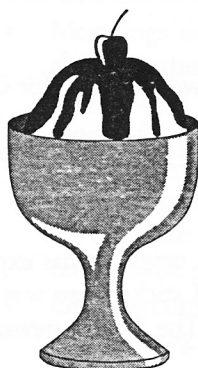
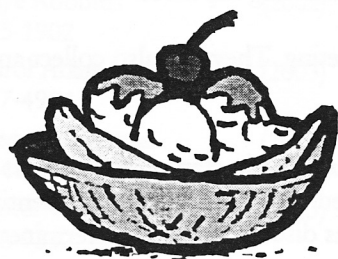
Fire department. Learn
some ways that we can keep our
families and pets safe during the
summer months.

Have the kids join us and meet
with "Safe-T" the clown and watch

a puppet show
featuring a Dalmation
pup from the fire department.



After the General Meeting please
join us for a cool down with an Ice
Cream Social!



ALLEY LIGHTING PROJECTED COMPLETED

A.P.S. has completed the installation of ten dusk to dawn lights in our neighborhood. Seven lights have been installed in our alleys and three in irrigation easements. The installation with three years paid operating costs for each pole was financed completely by the BelAir Neighborhood 200/2001 City Block Watch Grant.

Our 2001/ 2002 grant will finance more dusk to dawn lights. Be sure to watch for committee updates in future newsletters.

FUNDRAISING

Creative, enthusiastic individuals wanted for fundraising committee. The BelAir Neighborhood needs you! Donate your time to a worthy cause, your neighborhood. If interested, please call Susan Thompson-McHugh at (602) 604-8629.

VOLUNTEERS

The BelAir Neighborhood Association is creating a list of volunteers for a variety of activities. So call us at the BelAir Neighborhood Hotline (602) 392-8338 with the type of activity and amount of time you would like to donate. Activities include, but are not limited to, helping with General Meetings, Neighborhood clean ups, Neighborhood Historian, etc. We need more neighbors to get involved. Remember that the neighborhood will only improve if *you* get involved.

Thank You!

Minute to Minute

The Board Meeting was called to order at 9:05am., in the Fireside Room of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1830 W. Glenrosa. All members were present except for Debbie Dumone, Pastor Wilfong, Maureen Mc Cabe and Todd Shealy. The minutes of the June 9th meeting were approved as amended. Tim reported a balance of \$3.62 in the 301 Blockwatch Grant and \$1,113.95 in the General Fund. The Treasurer's report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Project 301 2000

Alley Lighting - Tim reported that the alley light project is 99% complete. All alley lights have been installed. Tim needs to confirm with APS about the relocation of one alley light for the project to be 100% complete. The Security door project is complete, all the doors have been installed.

Neighborhood Survey

The results of the survey were published in the July Newsletter. It was suggested that the survey results be utilized in a proactive manner. Susan and Jim will meet with our Neighborhood Police Liason. They will discuss the survey results and seek suggestions to address the neighborhood's specific issues and concerns.

General Meeting Planning Committee

The committee asked for up to \$125.00 for General Meeting expenses. The Board voted and the request was approved. The General Meeting will be August 16th at 7:00 p.m. The theme is "*Cool Down & Hot Tips*". It will be an Ice Cream Social. Carol & Marjorie volunteered to help clean up. Tim will take pictures. Phil Gordon may also attend. The Board expressed their desire to reach out to the neighborhood to encourage involvement and increase General Meeting attendance. The committee's next meeting is August 6th at the Matthew's house. The committee proposed the following schedule and ideas for the upcoming General Meetings. G.A.I.N. Fall Festival will be a 50's theme, a Sock Hop along with Home Safety, the date to be announced. The January 26th, 2002 meeting at 9:00 a.m., will have a theme of CPR and Safety. The April 25th meeting at 7:00 p.m., will be Board Elections and Outdoor Safety.

Newsletter Committee

Sharon, Faye, Susan and Todd met and reviewed and established the format for the newsletter. The Board's responsibility to provide articles for the newsletter was clarified. The board discussed advertisement improvements and procedures. The article deadline of the 20th of each month must be adhered to. An additional page is possible if we have two more paid ads.

OLD BUSINESS

Project 2001

Our grant application was approved. All members received a copy of the grant. The Board discussed the need to review the grant and identify how our goals will be accomplished.

Fire Department Grant

Our grant application was approved. Sharon has put together a list of all the addresses in our neighborhood. The committee will meet July 24th at 7pm at Sharon's house.

Meeting Attendance Improvement Ideas

We will try several different ideas from the neighborhood survey and collect feedback regarding them through a survey at the General Meetings. Jim will keep a list of which ideas were successful. If you have any great ideas please share them with Jim.

New Business

Fund Raisers

The Board discussed fund raising ideas. The money raised will help pay for General Meeting expenses.

A-Frame BelAir Meeting Signs

Board members volunteered to put out the A-frames prior to each neighborhood meeting. They will also collect and store them.

OTHER

The Board approved a \$5.42 expense for a 3-hole punch. A neighbor has expressed interest in starting the process to establish our neighborhood into a historic neighborhood. A sticker logo was discussed. It would be used to identify all the ways our association contributes to the community. The August newsletter was discussed, it was determined that there are sufficient articles.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**BelAir Neighborhood
Association**

FINANCIAL STATUS

BALANCE AS OF 6/30/01

GENERAL FUND: \$1,113.95

301 GRANT FUND: \$3.71

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.

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Howdy, I'm Marjorie Paez...

My husband, Luis, our daughter Gabriela and I moved into the neighborhood in May 1995. We found our home driving around one evening and we're sure glad we stumbled upon it. We have a great neighborhood. When I went to the G.A.I.N. Fall Festival, I was impressed with the neighbors and the neighborhood. It was evident that time, energy and hard work was spent to make sure everyone in our neighborhood would have fun. I was touched that a group of people I didn't even know would care about my family. As a Board Member, I want to communicate that I care about you and your family.

Tips from the Humane Society

"Nothing in Life is Free"

Does your dog get on the furniture and refuse to get off? Nudge you hand, insisting on being petted or played with? Refuse to come when called? Defend it's food or toys from you? Nothing in life is free can help. "Nothing in life is free" is not a magic pill that will solve a specific behavior problem; rather it's a way of living with your dog that will help it behave better because it trusts and accepts you as it's leader and is confident knowing it's place in your family.

How to practice "Nothing in Life is Free"

- Using positive reinforcement methods, teach your dog a few commands and /or tricks. "Sit," "Down" and "Stay" are useful commands and "Shake," "Speak" and "Rollover" are fun tricks to teach your dog.
- Once your dog knows a few commands, you can begin to practice "Nothing in Life is Free." Before you give your dog anything (food, treats, walks or a pat on the head) it must first perform one of the commands it has learned. For example:

YOU:

Put your dog's leash on to go for a walk
Feed your dog
Play a Game of fetch
Rub your dog's belly while watching TV

YOUR DOG:

Must sit until you've put the leash on
Must lie down & stay until you put the bowl down
Must sit & shake hands when you throw the toy
Must lie down and rollover before being petted

- Once you've given the command, don't give your dog what it wants until it does what you want. If it refused to perform the command, walk away, come back a few minutes later and start again. If your dog refuses to obey the command, be patient and remember that eventually it will have to obey your command in order to get what it wants.
- Make sure your dog knows the command well and understands what you want before you begin practicing "Nothing in Life is Free"

The benefits of this technique:

- Most dogs assume a neutral or submissive role toward people, but some dogs will challenge their owners for dominance. Requiring a dominant dog to work for everything it wants is a safe and non-confrontational way to establish control.
- Dogs, who may never display aggressive behavior such as growling, snarling, snapping, may still, manage to manipulate you. These dogs may display affectionate, though "pushy" behavior, such as nudging your hand or "worming" it's way onto the furniture in order to be close to you. This technique gently reminds the pushy dog that it must abide by your rules.
- Obeying commands helps build a fearful dog's confidence; having a strong leader and knowing its place in the hierarchy helps make the submissive dog feel more secure.

**For more help and/or information please call The Arizona Humane Society
Behavior Help line at 602-997-7585 ext 182**

SAFETY ALERT: BATTLING A KITCHEN BLAZE

If your dinner is going up in smoke, don't pour water on the problem. Dousing a kitchen grease fire with water or trying to move a blazing pan to the sink can easily splatter burning liquid.

Instead, try smothering the flames. Slide a heavy lid or baking pan over the burning pot. Close the oven door if the fire is in the oven or broiler. Turn off the heat. If these efforts don't work, get the fire extinguisher.

THE ABCS OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

To protect your property from the ravages of fire, you should have at least one fire extinguisher on hand. Yet surprisingly few homeowners do. That's a mistake, say fire safety experts. Owning a fire extinguisher and knowing how to use it – including when not to – is an important safeguard for every home.

Choosing the right fire extinguisher is as easy as ABC. Each is classified by the types of fire it is designed to fight. An extinguisher coded "A" can tackle fires fueled by wood, paper and cloth. The "B" mark means it can handle flames sparked by flammable liquids, such as cooking grease, gasoline and paint solvents. The "C" designation means it's appropriate for electrical equipment fires.

Luckily, you don't need to buy three different extinguishers to be protected. Ones for the home are typically all-purpose models and marked A:B:C. you can also find B:C extinguishers to combat grease and electrical fires.

If you decide on an all-purpose A:B:C model, get one large enough. One designated 2A:10B:C is usually a good choice. There is a caveat, however. The chemical in all-purpose extinguishers doesn't work as well on grease fires as the active ingredient in B:C models. To play it safe, you might want to keep a small B:C model in the kitchen and workshop to put down any potential oily flames.

Whatever you choose, be sure to store your fire extinguishers where you can access them quickly and easily. Buy one for each floor of your house. And, most importantly, take the time to learn how to operate the ones you own.

While fire extinguishers can be a key flame-fighting tool, respect their limitations. Always call the fire department first and evacuate the house. Use an extinguisher only if the fire is small and well contained; you'll have less than 30 seconds worth of spray. Aim the nozzle at the base of the flames and sweep it from side to side. Remember fires can spread fast, so have a clear exit before you start.

If you have any doubts about battling a blaze, err on the side of caution. And leave the fire fighting to the professionals.

This article is from the Quarterly Auto & Homeowner News

Neighborhood Ads...

Looking for some exciting people to help plan the G.A.I.N. event in October. If you are interested please call the Neighborhood Hotline at 392-8338, or any Board Member.

The BelAir Neighborhood is looking for a reporter who would be interested in recording our General Meetings. Any interested parties please call the Hotline at 392-8338 or any Board Member.

Do you have allergies or asthma? Did you know that the EPA lists indoor air quality 5X worse than outside air? Did you know that indoor air pollution is causing many health concerns? Call me if you want a solution to air problems in your home.

Sharon Barger
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