



Neighborhood Communicator

September 2001

GENERAL MEETING WRAP UP

What a great time we had at the last General Meeting! It was HOT outside and a little warm inside but the Ice Cream we got from Mary Coyle's tasted fantastic and helped cool everyone off. Sixty-six people from the BelAir Neighborhood got together for a safety presentation from the Phoenix Fire Department. They did a super job and Safe-T the Clown helped emphasize all the important points. Bill Scheel represented our City Councilman, Phil Gordon. Bill talked about the Block Watch Grant Program and gave us an update on things happening in our area.



Did I mention how good the Mary Coyle Ice Cream was?? It was a perfect ending to another successful General Meeting. Don't miss out on the next General Meeting. It will be held the same time as the Fall G.A.I.N. Festival, October 20, 2001. Watch the Neighborhood Communicator for more information on this upcoming, exciting event.

Thanks to everyone that came out and we hope to see you at the next meeting!!!

Alternative Sample Ballots

To ensure voting privacy, convenience and accessibility, the Phoenix City Clerk Department offers extensive services to accommodate the voting needs of citizens with

disabilities. The following alternative format sample ballots are available upon request: Braille, audiotapes, large print and computer diskette. Call the Phoenix City Clerk Department at 602-262-6837 for more information.

New Polling Place

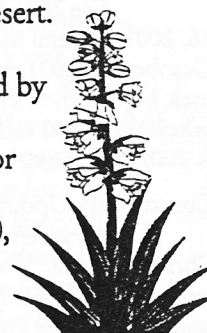
BelAir Neighborhood voters now have a new polling place. The Hazelwood - Parada - Turney Precinct has been moved from Martin Luther School to the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4735 N. 19th Ave.

Phoenix Landscaping & Irrigation Workshops

You can have colorful, lush landscaping and still enjoy the beauty of living in the desert. Learn how by attending one of the free landscaping & irrigation workshops offered by the Phoenix Water Conservation Office.

The first workshop, Wildflowers for Your Garden and Neighborhood, is at the Burton Barr Central Library, September 20, 2001, 6:30 p.m. Weekly workshops about Xeriscape, cactus maintenance, watering, irrigation and seasonal color combinations go into November at libraries all over Phoenix.

Reservations are required. For more information, call the Phoenix Water Conservation Office at 602-261-8367 or send an email to: office.water.conservation@phoenix.gov, on the Internet.



Minute to Minute

By Todd Shealy

The August 11, 2001 Board Meeting was held in the library at Martin Luther School, 1830 W. Glenrosa. All members were present.

The minutes from the July meeting were approved..

Treasurer's Report

Tim reported that the 2000-2001 301 Blockwatch Grant account is now closed. The new 2001-2002 Blockwatch Grant account has a balance of \$9,681.95. The 2001 General Fund account balance is \$1,108.54. The new 2001 Fire Department Grant account balance is \$8,810.00

2000 Committee Reports

The 2000 301 Blockwatch Grant Alley Lighting Project is now complete. Ten alley lights were installed this year. Congratulations to Anna, Tim, Sharon and Betty of the Lighting Committee.

The 2000 301 Blockwatch Grant Medical Alert Project is now complete. Two Medical Alert systems were installed this year. Congratulations to Faye on the Medical Alert Committee.

The 2000 301 Blockwatch Grant Security Door Project is now closed. Six security doors were installed last year. Congratulations to Sharon and Jeannie of the Security Door Committee.

2001 Committee Reports

The 2001 301 Blockwatch Grant Alley Lighting Committee is now taking names. Call the neighborhood hotline if you want lighting in your alley.

The 2001 301 Blockwatch Grant Medical Alert Project is ongoing, call the neighborhood hotline if you would like one installed in your home.

The 2001 301 Blockwatch Grant Security Doors Project is also ongoing, call the neighborhood hotline if you would like one.

The new 2001 Fire Department Grant Committee is up and running. The Fire Department is helping our neighborhood with safety tips and events at our general meetings. An Emergency Kit is now being created for every neighborhood household. Thanks to Wal*Mart for the 10% discount! We need volunteers to put together and distribute the Emergency Kits. Call the neighborhood hotline if you would like to help.

The 2001 301 Blockwatch Grant neighborhood Survey Committee reported that 10% of the neighborhood responded to the latest survey. Look for more information next month.

The 2001 general Meeting Committee updated the board on plans for the August 16, 2001 General Meeting and Ice Cream social. Our next General Meeting will be on October 20, 2001, at 3:30 p.m.. This GAIN/Fall Festival General Meeting will have a 50's sock hop theme. The fire Department will be there with more safety tips. There will be a cakewalk, 50/50 raffle and prizes for the kids. There will be a planning meeting September 5, 2001, call the neighborhood hotline if you want to get involved.

Community Update

It was reported that JB's is moving into the old Elephant Bar space in the Christown Mall. Wal*Mart is expanding! It is about to become a super store and be the second largest Wal*Mart in the country. No word on the arrival of Krispy Kremes yet, keep your fingers crossed.

Juanita Sotoayers has volunteered to be the BelAir Neighborhood Communicator reporter. Welcome Juanita! She would like neighbors to call her with people oriented, human-interest story ideas. You can reach Juanita at the neighborhood hotline.

New Business

Welcome mats are being purchased again this year for all new neighbors.

A historic Neighborhood committee has formed and is up and running. The Phoenix Historical Society has been contacted and is currently checking our neighborhood. The qualifications include; age integrity and significance. Please contact Todd, Juanita, Kathy or Susan at the hotline for more information. There will eventually be a neighborhood petition drive. Your input is greatly appreciated.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45am. The next Board meeting will be on September 8, 2001 in the Fireside Room of the Martin Luther School.



BelAir Neighborhood Association

FINANCIAL STATUS

BALANCE AS OF 7/31/01

GENERAL FUND: \$1,108.54

301 BLOCKWATCH FUND: \$9,681.95

301/Fire Department Fund: \$8,810.00

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.

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BelAir Neighbors, is your cat missing or do you have information regarding missing cats in our neighborhood? If so, please help by calling our hotline at 392-8338 or any Board Member and giving us any information you have on this matter.

OPTING OUT...

As most people know, starting July 1, 2001, the 4 major credit bureaus in the U.S. are allowed to release your credit information, mailing addresses, phone numbers – to anyone who requests it. If you want to be permanently excluded from all pre-approved credit offer mailing lists by credit grantors utilizing EQUIFAX, EXPERIAN, INNOVIX, or TRANS UNION databases, call **1-888-567-8688**. Be sure to listen closely, the first option is only for two years. If you want to opt out for good, wait until prompted to press “3”.



SMALL BUSINESS COMMERCE

Did you know that there are 440 households in the BelAir Neighborhood? That's over 1000 people.

That's a lot of buying power!

Why not keep it in the neighborhood? You could be buying from one of your neighbors.

Do you have a small business, have a product or service that our neighborhood should know about? Give us a call at 602-285-0995 and we will put your name and business in this column every month. We would ultimately like to have a BelAir Neighborhood Business Directory. Remember, in business, every little bit helps.



Fundraising

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

301 Blockwatch Grant Program

Do you know what the 301 Grant is? The purpose, as defined in the City of Phoenix Neighborhood Resource Guide, of the Phoenix 301 Blockwatch Program, is to detect, deter and prevent crime. This is done by educating individuals to work together to solve problems and encourage citizens to develop a sense of ownership of their neighborhoods.

One grant is a partnership between the BelAir Neighborhood Association and Phoenix Fire Dept. We received **\$8,810.00** for emergency kits to be distributed to every household. The kits will come in a handy red bag that can be placed by your bed. It will contain a flashlight, personal alarm, coiled wristband with a whistle, a sheet for personal emergency and healthcare information. Distribution of the kits will begin in January 2002. This money can only be spent on what was specified in the Grant. The Fire Dept. will address a variety of safety topics at the next four meetings. Please attend the general Meetings since this grant is only effective with your participation.

The second grant, *Keeping BelAir Bright & Safe*, was for **\$9,751.00**. The purpose of this grant was to help pay for our newsletters, insurance for events, office supplies, weed spray the neighborhood, hotline and banking fees. We will also be able to purchase 10 more alley lights, 5 security doors & 4 medical alerts for the elderly and disabled. If you are interested in the security doors, alley lights or medical alerts please call the neighborhood hotline at 392-8338.

We will distribute the doors and medical alerts in upcoming months. If you have any fresh ideas for the 2002/2003 Blockwatch Grant, please let us know and we'll be happy to work with you to turn your ideas into reality.

Some more comments from the 2001 Neighborhood Survey.

In the July issue of the BelAir Neighborhood Communicator, we published the results of our 2001 Neighborhood Survey. The Neighborhood Association is going to use these results to help determine the direction for the 2002, 301 Grant application. We realize that only about 10% of the neighborhood responded. As stated in the May and June Neighborhood Communicator, the purpose of the survey was for the association to set goals for the future of the neighborhood. We can only work with what we know. Remember we can only improve the BelAir neighborhood with your involvement! In this issue you will see many articles about opportunities for you to get involved. We would truly appreciate any time that you could contribute to our neighborhood.

Here are some more comments & suggestions from the 2001 Neighborhood Survey

(These are in addition to the comments & suggestions in the July issue)

Do you feel safe in the BelAir Neighborhood?

Yes = 89% No = 11%

Reasons given for feeling safe:

"There are no visible signs of nonsense, graffiti, etc."

"[I] haven't had a problem."

"The neighbors look out for each other."

"Because of the BelAir Neighborhood Association (and it's proactive members), my responsible neighbor / friend and the police."

Reasons given for not feeling safe:

"Because at late hours I hear people talking loud. My neighbor's car was stolen. [There was a] crash in my yard."

"Because I have had my car stolen out of my front yard and been burglarized twice."

"Because the foot traffic from Indian School comes into our alley and some are drunk [and] some steal."

BelAir Neighborhood Association Ads...

Procedure for submitting ads:

Submit the ad as you want it to appear in the newsletter and a check for the ad to: Tim Blevins on or before the 20th of the month, at 4225 N. 15th Dr., 266-6340.

- ◆ Small ad (business card size) - \$7.00
- ◆ Large ad (double card size) - \$14.00

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