



# Neighborhood Communicator

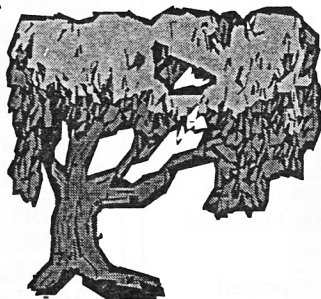
December 2001



## Steele Indian School Park

Steele Indian School Park opened on November 11, 2001!

Representatives of Arizona Native American Tribes were invited to work with the Phoenix Parks, Recreation and Library Department, design professionals, local businesses and Phoenix residents to create a beautiful downtown park.



The park is composed of four separate areas: the Circle of Life, the Entry Garden, the Neighborhood Park and the Phoenix Green. Each area offers something unique making the park a place for people of all ages.

The 75 acre park has a 2.5 acre lake, shaped like a bird, an outdoor amphitheater, a stage large enough for a full symphony and a grass area that accommodates 1,500 people. There is also an Arbor Bridge and reflective Garden Pond and a 15 acre Neighborhood Park featuring a kids playground, two basketball courts, two sand volleyball courts, grass hills, bike paths and many ramadas for picnics and parties. There are also many water features throughout this state of the art park.

Many thanks to our Phoenix City Councilman Phil Gordon for making this truly innovative downtown park happen.

## The Perimeter Trash Pick Up

Thank you to the eight people who volunteered for the annual perimeter trash pick up!

This was a very tough job and we could have easily used twice as many people. There is a huge amount of trash that blows into our neighborhood from Indian School Road. There was also a sickening amount of cigarette butts lying at every corner.



The main trouble areas are our two bus stops and the corners of 19<sup>th</sup> and Indian School and 15<sup>th</sup> and Indian School. Anyone with ideas on what to do with all this trash that finds it's way into our neighborhood please call Todd at 602 285 0995.

## Pet safety during holidays

Holiday mealss can hold many dangers for our pets. Such as:

1. Poultry bones splinter, form sharp points and lodge in the throat, gums or roof of the mouth. Also don't feed them anything containing onions, be it stuffing or gravy.
2. Onions can be toxic to both dogs and cats, causing something called Heinz body anemia.



Keeping your pets safe through the holidays is really a common sense thing and this is only a brief overview. You can find out more about holiday pet safety on the Internet at:



**WWW.PetSmart.com**

## Minute by Minute

The November 10<sup>th</sup> BelAir Neighborhood Association Board Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am, at the Martin Luther School, 1830 W. Glenrosa. All members were present except Debbie, Charles and Marjorie.

The minutes from the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as amended. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

The new 2002 301 Blockwatch Grant Committee has been formed and is scheduled to have their first meeting in December.

Any BelAir neighbor interested in alley lighting, security doors or medical alerts please call the BelAir Neighborhood Hotline.

The Fire Department Grant Committee reported that they have purchased and stored all the items for the Bedside Safety Kit. The kits will be assembled and distributed in January. Please call the BelAir Neighborhood Hotline if you want to help out.

The BelAir Neighborhood General Meeting Planning Committee reported that this year's G.A.I.N. meeting was the best ever! Thank you to everyone who helped with the meeting and every neighbor who attended. Congratulations to Jeannie Garcia for winning this years BelAir Good Neighbor award and congratulations to Jim Matthew & Debbie Dumone for best outfits. Thanks also to the Fire Department for their great speaker and fire engine for the kids to play on. Our next BelAir Neighborhood General Meeting will be February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:am, at Martin Luther School. It will be a BelAir Neighborhood Birthday Party.

The Halloween Pizza Hut fund-raiser was a success! Look for this months Pizza Hut fund-raiser Coupon inside this issue of the newsletter. It is for December 14<sup>th</sup>. Remember, the BelAir Neighborhood gets a percentage of each pizza sold, so order those pizzas December 14<sup>th</sup>!

The BelAir Neighborhood Newsletter Committee would like to thank Jim, Judy, Tim, Sharon, Rick and Todd for last month's newsletter.

Steele Indian School Park opened, November 11<sup>th</sup>! This much-needed downtown park is located at Indian School and Central. It has a children's play land, interactive fountains, a lake, streams, bike paths, play hills and many community amphitheaters. The Veterans Day Parade used it as a staging and starting point the next day. In accordance with Veterans Day November 11<sup>th</sup>, the BelAir Neighborhood Association would like to thank all the veterans in our Neighborhood.

The BelAir Historic Neighborhood Committee reported that our neighborhood has initially been turned down for historic Status. Kevin Waite, of the Phoenix Historical Society, after looking at our neighborhood three times, reported that our neighborhood had too much vinyl and aluminum siding, too many new carport areas and too many retrofitted garage areas. The Historic Committee looks at this as a momentary setback and is still moving forward with our Special Planning Permit process. For more information or to help out, call Todd at 285 0995.

Beginning in December 2001, the placement time for bulk trash pick up will be shortened from two weeks to one week. The placement period has been shortened to reduce the amount of time bulk trash is visible along the streets and alleys of our city neighborhoods. Please do your part to help our neighborhood look beautiful.

The next B.O.P.A Collection will be December 6<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, at Encanto Park. B.O.P.A. stands for hazardous materials like batteries, oil, paint and antifreeze.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am. The next Board Meeting will be on December 8, 2001. It will be held at Martin Luther School, 1830 West Glenrosa at 9:00 am.



## BelAir Neighborhood Association

### FINANCIAL STATUS BALANCE AS OF 10/31/01

GENERAL FUND: \$668.79  
301 BLOCKWATCH FUND: \$8,746.8  
301/Fire Department Fund: \$4,405.08

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)  
1642 W. Monterosa  
263-0548

#### VICE PRESIDENT

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1525 W. Glenrosa  
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#### SECRETARY

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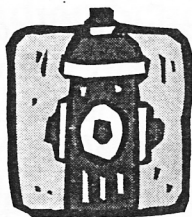
#### Members

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## 2002 Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program

It is that time of year again. We are forming the committee for the 2002, Neighborhood Block Watch Grant and would love for you to join us. Last year we were awarded two grants.

One is in partnership with the Phoenix Fire Department, which is one of the reasons that the Phoenix Fire Department has joined us at the last two meetings.



We look forward to seeing them at the next two meetings; watch the **Neighborhood Communicator**. Another benefit from this grant are the safety kits that we will be distributing sometime in next two months.

The other grant was for such things as the alley lighting, four medical alerts, and the security doors (if you are interested in any of these items call the BelAir Neighborhood Hotline). Along with all these worthwhile items the grant funds the basic needs of the BelAir Neighborhood Association. It covers such things as this newsletter, the rent for our board meetings and the general meetings, the event insurance for our general meetings, supplies for our neighborhood clean-ups. It does not fund food, decorations, or entertainment, for events. Those funds come out of our General Fund.

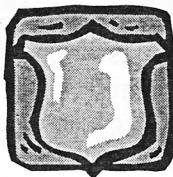
Over the last year I have heard some great ideas on ways to improve our neighborhood. Here is your chance! Join us in writing this grant. It is vital for the improvement of our neighborhood. The next

meeting will be held the first week of December.

If interested call Susan Thompson-McHugh at (602) 604-8629 or e-mail at [camus@qwest.net](mailto:camus@qwest.net).

### Vacation Security

You are going on vacation, so help the burglars take one too! This information is provided by the Phoenix Police Department.



### ***AN EMPTY HOUSE IS A TEMPTING TARGET FOR A BURGLAR.***



### **Use this checklist of tips to help safeguard your home while you're away.**

- Have good locks on all doors and **USE THEM!**
- Ask a neighbor to watch the house while you are away. It's a good idea to leave your vacation address and telephone number with a neighbor so you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- Never leave your house key hidden outside your home.
- Stop all deliveries, or arrange for a neighbor to pick up your mail, newspapers, and packages.
- Arrange for someone to mow your lawn, rake

leaves and maintain the yard to give the home a lived-in look.

- Plug in timers to turn lights and a radio or television on and off at appropriate times. This helps to disguise the fact that you are away.
- Turn the bell or ringer on your telephone down low. If a burglar is around, he won't be alerted to your absence by a ringing phone.
- Don't announce your absence on answering machine messages.
- Leave your blinds, shades, and curtains in a normal position. Don't close them unless that is what you do when you are home.
- Close and lock garage doors and windows. Ask a neighbor to occasionally park in your driveway. If you leave your car at home, park it as you normally would. Vehicles parked outside should be moved occasionally to appear that they are being used.
- Secure storage sheds, attic entrances and gates.
- Tell your local police you plan to be away. Patrol officers may have the opportunity to periodically check your home.
- Engrave your valuables as recommended in **Operation I D**. This simple step will allow your stolen property to be identified and returned to you if recovered by the police.



## Message from the President!!!

Please be aware that some people have been reported to be in the BelAir Neighborhood saying they are members of the Block Watch and offer to paint house numbers on the curb for a donation. This situation is being reported to the police because they are misrepresenting themselves as representatives of your BelAir Neighborhood Block Watch Association.

Your Neighborhood Block Watch is **NOT** currently sponsoring anything of this type in the neighborhood. Please be aware that anything the Neighborhood Block Watch sponsors will be published, in advance, in the Neighborhood Communicator. If you have any questions regarding BelAir Neighborhood activities please consult your monthly newsletter or contact a Board Member.

On a happier note, I'd like to wish everyone in the BelAir Neighborhood a very happy and safe Holiday.

**Jim**

### Board Member Bio...Sharon Barger

Hi Neighbors! I have lived in Bel Air since 1975 and I have been on the Bel Air Neighborhood Board of Directors for 2 ½ years. I decided to run for the Board because I really appreciated what the Neighborhood Association had done for this community and I wanted to contribute something as well. It is a pleasure to work with the Board members to try to improve the neighborhood so that we all feel safe and comfortable in our homes.

I am the mother of the big white fluffy dog that lives on Glenrosa! Her name is Sashi and I think she knows more people in the neighborhood than I do! She enjoys everyone who walks by and stops to say hello.

I am a retired physical therapist and health care administrator and I now enjoy doing my Shaklee business. I feel that I am still trying to help people but now I am into the preventive aspect of health care instead of the rehabilitative aspect.

### Neighborhood Ads...

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