



Neighborhood Communicator

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Bel Air Neighborhood Association with Phoenix Police Department

presents:

Safety Awareness Program

September 25th, 7:00PM

Clarendon School Library

1225 W. Clarendon Ave.

Discussion Topics include:

Being aware of your surroundings, Techniques on how to walk and talk assertively (not be open prey), Defense - no matter your size, age or gender, Demonstrations - how you can protect yourself with simple items from your purse or pocket.

Dear Neighbors,

Two years ago, I gave myself a survey. I asked myself, "How many times a day was I scared or intimidated. How has my life been restricted because of the threat of crime around me? How safe are our children, no matter their age? How likely am I to have my purse snatched, be approached by panhandlers, or be car-jacked...all while on my way to the grocery store?"

The answers showed that on average of three time a day I was scared by someone of the criminal element. I was amazed how much my life had become restricted. I am angry at the criminals which have pushed my family and me to make changes in our lives to protect ourselves. All at a great inconvenience: It takes me longer to unlock my front door when I come home from a long days work (we had to install a security screen door.) I drive to Scottsdale or Paradise Valley Malls to shop with out 'gang boys' accompanying me. My windows are never open at night, as they once were to smell the fresh air. My car must be locked at all times. Even so, my daughter's car was stolen from Osco parking lot in broad day-light. I have lived here for 47 years, this neighborhood is too great to move away.

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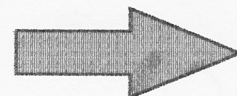
Letter from the President

Fellow Neighbors,

I have recently been elected by your board to fill the vacant position of President of our association. I accepted this position because our neighborhood is important to me. We all have various concerns regarding crime, security, blight and their effects on each of us and our neighborhood. The purpose of our association as stated in our bylaws is "to achieve and preserve a safe, attractive neighborhood with a sense of community and spirit of pride, responsibility and co-operative involvement." I feel that "cooperative involvement is the key to our success. You have the time

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The More the Merrier

The 2nd Annual Fall Festival is almost here.

The Festival will be held on November 2nd on Devonshire, between 18th Ave. and Westview. It will begin with a General Neighborhood meeting at 12Noon, with a Pot Luck lunch immediately following.

To ensure we have enough food, we may have a vendor there selling Indian Fry Bread. But, all of the Pot Luck food will be free. We need volunteers to bring Main Dish, Side Dish and Dessert food, as well as Cake/Pie Walk prizes (cakes and pies.)

Anyone in the neighborhood who specializes in a craft or hobby is more than welcome to set up a table for selling, showing or giving. Also, a table will be available to display your business cards, so bring them to the Festival.

The theme of this year's Festival is "The More the Merrier." That means we want everyone in the neighborhood to come and share. The games will begin at 2:00PM. This year's Good Neighbor Award will be awarded at the end of the General meeting.

As we are still in the planning stages, there is much to be done. Please be prepared to bring your own chair. If you would like to bring food to the Pot Luck or have a nomination for the Good Neighbor Award, please call Jeannie Garcia at 264-6413. Jeannie will want to know which Neighborhood Zone you live in (see Page 3). If you need a ride, please call Lori Boukatch at 279-5453.

Thanks for your help.

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The Bel Air Neighborhood Communicator is published monthly by the Bel Air Neighborhood Association. If you have any suggestions on how to make this publication more effective please let us know. Please remember this publication is for the neighborhood. The only way it will succeed is with your help. Many thanks to all of the volunteers in the neighborhood that make this project possible.

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Association Financial Report

by Anna Blevins, Treasurer

New Treasurer, Clara Wolf

	Disbursements	Receipts	Balance
8/6/96 Balance Last Report			\$ 297.33
General Contributions		\$113.00	
BWOP	\$53.54		
Cell Phone Charges			
8/12/96 Bank Service Chg	\$6.56		
9/13/96 Bank Service Chg	\$7.33		
	\$67.43	\$113.00	
9/13/96 Balance to date			<u>\$342.90</u>



Neighborhood Hotline
266-9733

A phone message line has been established as a means of communicating important information to the neighborhood. If you would like to include any neighborhood updates or items, please call Barbara Vincent at 285-9049.

PLEASE USE THE HOTLINE !