November/December 2009

We are a Fight Back Neighborhood!

Our neighborhood covers the area from Indian School Road north to the Grand Canal between 15th and 19th Avenues. This area is comprised of over 300 single family residences and a combination of approximately 150 rental units and business locations.

http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/ phoenix/belair/

CALENDAR

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

COMMUNICATOR

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Board Meeting 7 p.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church - Fireside Room 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.	11/2
Bulk Trash Collection Begins	11/9
Veteran's Day	11/11
Vice Mayor Tom Simplot's Breakfast Meeting at 8:00am Learning Center, 1516 N. 35th Ave. Confirm your attendance, 262-7447.	11/12
Thanksgiving Day Holiday Collection Schedule Trash - Friday's collection Moves to Saturday 11/28	11/26
Holiday Cookie Exchange 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. @ American Evan- gelical Lutheran Church Gym 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.	12/5
Squaw Peak Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Training Please register to attend by e-mailing jill.fowler@phoenix.gov	12/5
Vice Mayor Tom Simplot's Breakfast Meeting at 8:00am Learning Center, 1516 N. 35th Ave. Confirm your attendance, 262-7447.	12/10
Christmas Day Holiday Collection Schedule Trash - Friday's collection Moves to Saturday 12/26	12/25
Bulk Trash Placement Begins	2/20
Bulk Trash Collection Begins	3/1
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You are invited to a HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE Saturday, December 5th 9:00am – 11:00am



American Evangelical Lutheran Church Gymnasium (NW corner of 18th Ave/ Glenrosa)

<u>Please bring a batch of</u> <u>your favorite cookies to share</u> <u>at the Cookie Exchange!</u>

PICK UP YOUR FREE BEL AIR/CENSUS 2010 T-SHIRT! (While Supplies Last)

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BEL AIR BOARD

Roshelle Johnson , President Email: <u>crkjohnson@yahoo.com</u> Appointed 7/2009 Term 2009-2010 Home: 602-377-7304

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Steven Hofmann

steven@indianschoolroad.com Elected 5/2009,Term 2009-2011

Mike Orth

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Marney Redmond

Email: <u>M_Redmond@live.com</u> Elected 5/2008,Term 2008-2010

General Fund Account: Block Watch Grant Account: \$7312 Balance 07/31/09 \$1.069.51 - APS (Alley Lighting) -\$1513.20 No Activity - APS (Alley Lighting) -\$657.84 - SRP (Alley Lighting) -\$1740.96 Balance 08/31/09 - e-Newsletter Service \$1.069.51 -\$161.52 + 50/50 Raffle Gen. Mtg \$21.00 - Sept./Oct. Newsletter -\$152.70 - July Board Mtg. -\$15.00 End Balance 09/30/09 \$1,090.51 - Annual Insurance -\$670.80 - Sept. Gen. Mtg. -\$40.00 Ending Balance 9/30/09 \$2,359.98

Board Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2009

President Roshelle Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Beverly Brown, Mark Day, Carrie Frazer, Gary Hall, Don Hilton, Steven Hofmann, Roshelle Johnson, Mike Orth, Marney Redmond, Todd Shealy; Lisa Huggins-Hubbard (Neighborhood Services Department), Officer Aaron Stevens (Community Action Officer); Jack Brown, Jeanne Greene, Art Hawkins, Pete Metrakos, Max Thompson-McHugh

General Election & Officers Election Review: Roshelle Johnson began with a review of the general board member elections held May 16, 2009. She made a motion for the general elections to not be re-held. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. She made a motion for there to not be a Special General Meeting held. It was seconded and carried with just one vote not in favor. There was general discussion re the previous elections, terms, ballot preparation, and a brief referral to the Bel Air by-laws for clarification. It was also discussed that the board still had one 2year term board position and one 1-year term board position, which is the remainder of Theresa Martinez' 2-year term. Roshelle stated that she would like to be appointed to the one year vacancy created by Theresa Martinez. Jeanne Greene expressed interest in the available board position with the 2-year term. Roshelle then asked Vice President Todd Shealy to oversee the actual voting on issues to follow. A motion was made to appoint Roshelle Johnson to the board for the remaining year of Theresa Martinez' 2-year term. It was seconded and passed unanimously. A motion was made to appoint Jeanne Greene to the board for the available 2-year term position. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Roshelle then took over the meeting from Todd. Roshelle Johnson asked about the officer elections held at the June 1, 2009 board meeting. She asked if the officers elected at the June 1, 2009 board meeting, wanted to remain in their respective elected offices. All board members in attendance agreed to do so. Then, asked if the board wanted to keep the officers as stands since the June board meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously for the officers elected at the June 1, 2009 board meeting to remain the same.

BANA Block Watch Grant for 2009:

Mark Day, who has worked tirelessly, along with Roshelle Johnson and Theresa Martinez on the BANA Block Watch Grant Application for 2009, informed the board that our association has been awarded a grant of \$7,312 for July 2009 – June 2010. Mark discussed the grant required activities and use of grant money. The funding from this grant is allocated for alley lighting, PNP Patrol, general meetings, newsletter printings, GAIN event, etc. Please contact a board member if you need further information.

Treasurer's Report - Don Hilton:

General Fund Report: 6/1/09 beginning balance of **\$954.03**. 6/1/09 general meeting expenses - \$28.52; 6/4/09 general meeting 50/50 raffle winner (Gary Hall) contribution - \$102.00; 6/30/09 ending balance - **\$1027.51**

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Board Meeting Minutes (cont.)

Block Watch Grant Account: 6/1/09 beginning balance of **\$818.17**. 6/1/09 board meeting fee - \$15.00; 6/15/09 July newsletter - \$160.83; 6/22/09 APS - \$284.12; 6/22/09 APS - \$106.82; 6/22/09 APS \$251.40; ending balance **\$0.00**.

<u>Fight Back</u>: Mark Day talked about getting people interested and involved in our neighborhood and by doing so, we then gain positive name recognition for our neighborhood. This involvement then provides Bel Air residents a true sense of community. There are many events available – general meetings, sub committees, G.A.I.N event, Melrose Street Fair, and our own neighborhood yard sales.

Crime Prevention: Marney Redmond stated there is not much new to report. She and Virginia Anders are still trying to schedule patrols with someone who already has their required minimum PNP qualified hours. This requires coordinating with other neighborhoods since Marney & Virginia are currently the only two Bel Air residents who have gone through the actual PNP training, but don't actually have their minimum number of training patrol hours completed. Marney encourages people to get involved with these patrols. More info is available at the City of Phoenix web site. There is a training session from 8 am -3 pm on October 3^{rd} or December 5, 2009. Several board members expressed interest. Marney stated that the next neighborhood safety audit has not yet been scheduled. She also encouraged people to report street/alley light outages and Mark Day volunteered to be the neighborhood contact person to report these outages, once he has been notified by Bel Air residents. Beverly asked everyone to be alert to vacant houses and potential crime. A vacant house near Beverly had the entire ground air conditioner unit stolen. Keep those back yard access gates locked, please.

<u>Traffic Committee</u>: Roshelle Johnson stated that the curb side house numbers are completed and she referred back to Mark's statement re this, along with the Bel Air sign toppers, providing a sense of community unification. Roshelle and Lisa Huggins-Hubbard added that ASU is willing to have some of their architectural students provide free draft designs of potential Bel Air alley gates. Lisa also mentioned several locations throughout the city where these (unlocked) gates have been installed, with designs appropriate to the respective neighborhoods. Sgt. Aaron Stephens added that even if the gates are unlocked, it gives the appearance that these alleys are secure and belong to our neighborhood; thus another layer of security is provided. Alley gates at access to the canal area are not being considered at this time, because they are cost prohibitive. Roshelle explained that these alley



Cookie Exchange December 5th, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. American Lutheran Church

gates were previously approved at other meetings.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that we move forward with gate design and presentation.

<u>Community Preservation</u>: Don Hilton stated that he is still working on the "Yard of the Quarter" award. This award will be voted on at the general meeting. Lisa has signage that will go in the chosen yard and a Bel Air style lawn chair is awarded to the lucky homeowner. Don added that committee members are still taking the time to ride along with Neighborhood Services personnel who are reviewing the neighborhood for violations. Lisa stated that there is city assistance available for senior citizens and low income citizens who might need replacement/repair of air or evap cooling, hot water heaters, etc. Once qualified, like for like is available for replacement (example: air for air; evap for evap). This program is called The Weatherization Assistance Program and is available through Phoenix Neighborhood Services.

<u>Blight Buster Orientation</u>: Steve Hofman participated in the graffiti busters workshop and explained in detail that this training is more than learning how to paint over the graffiti. There is now a system in place to document – via digital cameras – the graffiti prior to painting. By doing this, it can be determined if there is a consistent pattern of graffiti, which can be tracked. Steve encourages all of us to become involved in this program. For more valuable information, please contact Steve.

<u>Bel Air Shirts</u>: Carrie Frazer is working on quotes and styles. One way to save money re cost of shirts would be for our local neighborhood businesses to purchase advertising for their businesses and this advertising would appear on the back of the shirts.

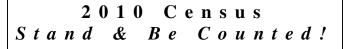
A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the May and June 2009 board meeting minutes.

The next Bel Air General Meeting is a breakfast meeting scheduled for September 26, 2009 from 9-11 am, at the American Evangelical Lutheran Church Gymnasium. Possible presentations will be crime element, public works, and possibly a presentation by ASU re their free design of gates for some Bel Air alleys.

The next Bel Air Board Meeting is August 3, 2009 at 7 pm at Lisa Huggins-Hubbard's Neighborhood Services Office.

The board meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm.

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The 2010 Census is on the horizon and the U.S. Census Bureau wants to ensure that everyone is counted by April 1, 2010. The census comes only once every ten years and determines vital funding for city services. For Phoenix residents, each person counted results in about \$400 in federal and state funds for community services we all depend on:

- Safe and clean parks
- Neighborhood fire stations
- Libraries with computers
 and multilingual materials
- Senior services
- Head Start programs
- Local bus service
- And Much More!

The census form is easy! By answering only 10 questions, you can help your community receive important federal and state dollars.

Getting an accurate count in the census also helps to:

- Determine boundaries of Phoenix City Council districts
- Draw state legislative districts
- Allocate the number of Congressional seats for each state
- Fairly distribute more than \$400 billion annually in federal, state, city and tribal funds to Phoenix residents based on an accurate population count.

Each person living in Phoenix who is not counted in the 2010 Census means a loss of \$400 per person in state and federal funds for community services we all want and need. So the census truly "counts" for each of us! For more information.

visit the 2010 Census web site at: http://www.2010.census.gov/2010census

HOUSE FOR RENT IN BEL AIR

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Meet Another One Of Our Board Members

The following resident has volunteered to serve on the BelAir Neighborhood Association Board. Board members were elected via elections held at the May 16th, 2009 general meeting or appointed by the board at the July 13, 2009 board meeting. Please welcome the following new board member for a term starting July 2009

Todd Shealy

Hi...My name is Todd Shealy.

I'm a proud Bel Air homeowner since 1999. I live on Monterosa Street.

I'm originally from Toledo, Ohio. I've lived in Phoenix since 1988. I have two children at St. Gregory's School. Lucy is in 4th and Devyn is in 7th. I Art Direct TV Commercials.

This is my second hitch with the Bel Air Neighborhood Association Board. I am now the Vice President too.

There are so many great things going on in our neighborhood right now. I am so impressed! The Bel Air Board is doing all the things we used to talk about when I was on the board before. The commitment from the City of Phoenix is most impressive now too.

There are so many Committees up and running for Bel Air Neighbors to get involved in! Check our better then ever Communicator Newsletter out to join in. It's as easy as just showing up to a General Meeting or calling a Board Member.

General Meetings are fun too. They serve some great food and you learn what is going on in your neighborhood. You get to meet some great neighbors too.

I love Bel Air!

AMERICAN LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL & DAYCARE CENTER



1830 W. Glenrosa Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85015 (602) 274-9978

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We are excited to announce that ASU is currently designing gates for designated areas within the Bel Air Neighborhood! The purpose of the gates are to increase security yet add a unique, artistic and aesthetic quality to the neighborhood. If you have design ideas, please forward them to our Neighborhood Specialist, Lisa Hubbard, at <u>lisa.hugginshubbard@phoenix.gov</u>.



Yard of the Quarter Winner

The Preservation Committee is pleased to announce our first Bel Air Yard of the Quarter recipients! Please join us in congratulating Michael and Martha Brooks, 4240 N 15th Avenue, as the Yard of the Quarter winner for the July – September 2009 guarter. The goal of the Yard of the Quarter Award is to recognize the efforts of Bel Air neighborhood residents who take pride in their home and landscape and inspire others to do the same. Michael and Martha have put forth a lot of effort and talent in transforming their front yard. Thank you for your efforts! Look for our next Yard of the Quarter winner in the next newsletter.



You are invited to join any of the Bel Air

FIGHT BACK COMMITTEES!

Our committees need you to be involved! Please contact any of the Committee Chairs shown below for more details.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT

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PRESERVATION

Susan Thompson-McHugh (602) 604-8629 stmchugh@gmail.com

CRIME PREVENTION

Virginia Anders or Marney Redmond

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Roshelle Johnson (602) 377-7304 <u>crkjohnson@yahoo.com</u>



Looking To Purchase A Bel Air Style Metal Chair?

Check these web-sites: www.meijer.com www.retrometallawnfurniture.com Help our neighborhood establish a unique identity by placing the Bel Air style metal lawn chair on your front porch!



Sign up to get the Bel Air Neighborhood Association Communicator and/or Alerts (e-Phone Tree) by e-mail.

• Better for the environment

More economical for our neighborhood

• *Reliable delivery method*

Go to our website at: http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/phoenix/belair

Click on: **"Sign up for Bel Air Neighborhood Association e-mail newsletter"** in the "Pages & Links" section under "External Links"

If you would like to, you can choose to cancel your paper newsletter delivery during sign up. However, it is not required.

Alerts may include, but are not limited to, reminders about General Meetings, G.A.I.N. meetings, Neighborhood Clean-Up Days, and Neighborhood Yard Sales.

ADVERTISE IN THE BELAIR NEWSLETTER

Small Ad: \$7.00 (Business Card Size) Large Ad: \$14.00 (Double Business Card Size) Announcements: \$7.00 (Births, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Neighborhood Events)

Procedures for Submitting Ads:

 Submit the ad by email, CD, or printed form to the Communicator editor at carriefraz@aol.com. It must be exactly as you want it to appear in the newsletter. (Images preferred in .jpg, .gif, or .png format.)

2. Contact the editor about how to submit payment.



COMMUNICATOR

Editor: Carrie Frazer Articles and ads are due by the 20th of every other month to the editor by e-mail, carriefraz@aol.com Bel Air Communicator is a bi-monthly publication.

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Emergency	911
Crime Stop	602-262-6151
Community Update Line	602-534-9445
Community Action Officer, Aaron Stevens	602-361-0043
Abandoned Vehicles Private Property Streets, Alleys	262-7844 262-6151
Child Safety Seat Info.	602-495-5007
Gang Hotline	602-534-4264
Graffiti Busters	602-495-7014
Graffiti Reward Hotline	602-262-7327
Impounded Property	602-261-8371
Silent Witness	602-948-6377
Traffic Complaint Hotline	602-534-7733
Water Safety Hotline	602-534-7665
Zoning Enforcement	602-262-7344