

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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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

Special Meeting Re: Proposed Gates 9 a.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church - Gym 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.	1/23
Board Meeting 7 p.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church - Fireside Room 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.	2/1
General Meeting 9 a.m.– 11 a.m. @ American Evan- gelical Lutheran Church Gym 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.	2/13
Bulk Trash Placement Begins	2/20
Bulk Trash Collection Begins	3/1
Board Meeting 7 p.m. @ American Evangelical	3/1

4/5 **Board Meeting** 7 p.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church - Fireside Room 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.

Lutheran Church - Fireside Room 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.

5/3 **Board Meeting** 7 p.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church - Fireside Room 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.

General Meeting - Elections 5/15 9 a.m.- 11 a.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church Gym 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.

You are invited to a

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING re: GATES

Saturday, January 23rd 9:00am - 11:00am

American Evangelical Lutheran Church Gymnasium (NW corner 18th Ave/Glenrosa) Get the true FACTS about a proposed project of gates - a Fight Back Initiative. Hear from the Bel Air Neighborhood Association, City of Phoenix, Police Department and more. Get your questions answered accurately and provide your input. We want to hear from you!

You are invited to a

GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, February 13th 9:00am - 11:00am

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

BEL AIR BOARD

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General Fund Account:

Balance 09/30/09	\$1,090.51	Balance 09/30/09	\$2,359.98
+ 50/50 Raffle GAIN	+\$30.00	 Oct. Board Mtg. 	-\$15.00
- GAIN Mtg Expenses	-\$143.59	- GAIN Gen. Mtg.	-\$40.00
- GAIN Food Expense	-\$17.14	- Nov. Board Mtg.	-\$15.00
 GAIN Decorations 	-\$71.19	- Nov./Dec. Newsletter	-\$98.55

End Balance 01/04/10 \$888.59 Ending Balance 1/04/10 \$2,176.43

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 3, 2009

Location: City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Office, 1950 W. Heatherbrae.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM.

In Attendance: Marney Redmond, Carrie Frazer, Jeanne Green, Gary Hall, Roshelle Johnson, Don Hilton, Charles Wilfong, Nicholas Radtke, Mike Radtke, Lisa Huggins-Hubbard, Carolyn McBane

Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the June 13 meeting was tabled until the September 14 meeting to give the Board time to read a paragraph submitted by Carrie Frazer regarding the election of officers.

Treasurer's Report: Don Hilton said that our Block Watch Grant for \$7,312. has been approved and he will pay the alley lights for a full year out of those monies.

The BelAir general account had a beginning balance of \$1,027.51 for the month of July. We received income from a newsletter ad of \$42.00 leaving a balance of \$1,069.51 as of July 31, 2009.

Fight Back Updates:

- **A. Community Enhancement:** The committee will meet Monday, August 10 at 7PM at My Mother's to plan the GAIN event.
- **B.** Community Preservation: Don reported that the committee will be taking pictures so that a Yard of the Quarter can be voted on at

the next General Meeting. Pictures will be added at succeeding meetings and a sign has been made to place in the winning yard.

Block Watch Grant Account:

- C. Crime Prevention: Marney said the committee will meet Tuesday, August 4 at 7PM at My Mother's. She also passed out a notice about an offender pamphlet and a report on police calls for the City and for BH25 which includes the BelAir Neighborhood for the period from 1/1/2009 5/31/2009. BH25, which covers 15th Ave to 19th Ave and Indian School to Campbell had 2 violent crimes, 23 property crimes and 2 drug crimes for a total of 27 crimes for the period.
- C. Traffic: Roshelle said that a group from ASU will be at the General Meeting to present ideas for the alley and canal gates. Carrie said that, while gathering information for the history of the Neighborhood, some of the residents in the Kearnie Estates portion requested that the gates incorporate that name along with BelAir Neighborhood. Kearnie Estates was built up from 1944 1949 and is the first section to be built in the Neighborhood. Also, the gates will be installed in that portion of BelAir.

General Meeting: The next General Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 26 from 9-11AM in the American Evangelical Lutheran Church gym. There will be a fall theme with Don in charge of the decorations. A continental breakfast of coffee, juice, fruit, yogurt, and Danish will be served and there will be a table with activities for kids.

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2010 CENSUS: IT'S IN OUR HANDS

An Introduction to the 2010 Census

Counting Everyone Once — and Only Once — and In the Right Place

The foundation of our American democracy is dependent on fair and equitable representation in Congress. In order to achieve an accurate assessment of the number and location of the people living within the nation's borders, the U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years.

The census population totals determine which states gain or lose representation in Congress. It also determines the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade. 2010 Census data will directly affect how more than \$4 trillion is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years. In order for this funding allocation to be accomplished fairly and accurately, the goal of the decennial census is to count everybody, count them only once, and count them in the right place. The facts gathered in the census also help shape decisions for the rest of the decade about public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services and much more.

Reaching an Increasingly Diverse Population

The goal of the 2010 Census is to count all residents living in the United States on April 1, 2010. The U.S. Census Bureau does not ask about the legal status of respondents in any of its surveys and census programs. To help ensure the nation's increasingly diverse population can answer the questionnaire accurately and completely, about 13 million bilingual Spanish/English forms will be mailed to housing units in neighborhoods identified as requiring high levels of Spanish assistance. Additionally, question-

naires in Spanish, Chinese (Simplified), Korean, Vietnamese and Russian – as well as language guides in 59 languages – will be available on request.

Recruiting Census Workers

By 2010, there will be an estimated 310 million people residing in the United States. Counting each person is one of the largest operations the federal government undertakes. For example, the Census Bureau will recruit nearly 3.8 million applicants for 2010 Census field operations. Of these applicants, the Census Bureau will hire about 1.4 million temporary employees. Some of these employees will be using GPS-equipped hand-held computers to update maps and ensure there is an accurate address list for the mailing of the census questionnaires.

10 Questions, 10 Minutes to Complete

With one of the shortest questionnaires in history, the 2010 Census asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home. It takes only about 10 minutes for the average household to complete. Questions about *how* we live as a nation – our diversity, education, housing, jobs and more – are now covered in the American Community Survey, which is conducted every year throughout the decade and replaces the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire. Responses to the 2010 Census questionnaire are required by law. All responses are used for statistical purposes only, and all are strictly confidential.

For more information, visit the 2010 Census Web site at http://www.census.gov/2010>.

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The main speakers will be from ASU presenting ideas for the alley and canal gates and staff from a local nursery to talk about planting for fall and winter in Phoenix. Others who will be asked to have a table and speak for 5 minutes will be: Block Watch, who will also have fingerprinting materials for children; Animal Defense League regarding the feral cats in parts of the neighborhood; Neighborhood Services; Public Works; and the Crisis Nursery.

Marney made a motion to approve asking the above speakers, Don seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

US Census 2010 Partnership Program: Roshelle has a form to fill out to receive a grant for give-aways from the US Census. Lisa said that the City of Phoenix was badly undercounted in the 2000 census and, particularly with all the budget cuts, the City is really pushing for an accurate count in 2010. Various give-aways were described and Don motioned and Marney seconded that BelAir get the tee shirts which will have the Neighborhood logo on the front and a census logo on the back. The motion carried.

It was decided to promote the census through the newsletter, on the web site, and at the General Meetings between now and the time the census ends.

New Business: Don and Charles are looking into the cost of our insurance. They will go back to our present company for a quote and also to State Farm. The policies are the same and we need to cut back on expenses given that Block Watch grants may not be available in the future due to the economy.

A question was asked about what would happen to the dawn to dusk alley lights which we now pay for out of our grant money. Lisa said that APS would divide the bill between the four houses served by each light; it would cost about \$13/per month.

Lisa also said petitions for 10 additional street lights have been turned in. It takes 10-12 months to have them installed.

Next Board Meeting: September 14, 2009, at 7PM at Neighborhood Services.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Signed/Carolyn G. McBane, Secretary



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BelAirNeighbors InformationExchange

A free and open email list is now available for exclusive use by members of the Bel Air neighborhood. Any message sent to the email list server address by a member of the list is automatically copied to all the members of the list. The email list is not censored and may be used for any purpose.

So far, members of the list have tracked stray dogs, reported rescuing an injured horned owl and offered rooms for rent, among other things. Of course, the more neighbors who join the list the more effective it can be in serving our community. Please consider joining the list.

To join, please send email to me, Mike Radtke, wa7zpu@arrl.net, or call me at 602-279-7190. I will add you to the mail list, answer your questions, and help you get started.

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Date: September 21, 2009

Location: City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Office, 1950 W. Heatherbrae.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM by President Roshelle Johnson.

In Attendance: Members of the Board - Todd Shealy, Gary Hall, Jeanne Green, Wayne Harmon, Steven Hofmann, Roshelle Johnson, Carrie Frazer, Carolyn McBane, and Marney Redmond. Guests - Mark Day, Michael Radtke, Maxine Radtke, Dee Hidalgo-Coe, and Mary Beck.

Old Business/New Business:

- A. US Census grant & T-shirts: Roshele reported BANA had been awarded up to \$2,900 for having t-shirts printed with the BANA logo and wording about the 2010 census. 420 t-shirts in various sizes were ordered. One was passed out to each Board member present and some will be passed out at the September 26 General Meeting. They will be passed out at BANA events until they are gone.
- **B.** Resignation and replacement of Board member: Bev Brown has resigned from the Board. Her replacement will be appointed at the October 5 meeting. Roshelle asked for suggestions as to who the new member would be.
- C. Newsletter, website, alerts: Carrie has gotten the newsletter on the computer and is gathering e-mail addresses for those who want to receive it on their computers; she also has the BANA website up and running. There was a discussion of how and when to use e-mails for alerts. Wayne will research what is an alert, such as the pit bulls running loose, as opposed to a notice to be added to the website, such as a lost animal.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Day presented the report for Don. The BelAir general account had no activity leaving it with a balance of \$1,069.51 as of August 31, 2009.

The Block Watch grant account had a beginning balance on August 1, 2009 of \$7,312.00. Three checks were written to APS - No.1001 for \$1,513.20, No. 1002 for \$657.84, and No. 1003 for \$1,740.96 - for the 30 dawn to dusk lights in neighborhood alleys and No. 1004 in the amount of \$161.52 was written to Constant Contact for the on-line newsletter. The balance remaining on August 31, 2009 was \$3,238.48.

Mark went on to say he had received an e-mail from Block Watch that they are really tightening up on enforcing the 4 general meetings that have to be held to receive a Block Watch grant. Attendance must be reported along with a copy of the agenda and a synopsis of the crime/safety issue presented at each meeting.

Approval of the July and August Minutes: It was noted that the correct rank and last name of the Community Action Officer in attendance at the July meeting was Ofc. Aaron Stevens.

Roshelle asked that certain wording be added to the paragraph submitted by Carrie as a correction to the July minutes. The paragraph is as follows with Roshelle's addition in italics:

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 BelAir by-laws for clarification. It was also discussed that the board still had one 2-year 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 apoint 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 (those) the officers elected at the June 1, 2009 board meeting wanted to remain in their respective offices. All board members in attendance agreed to do so. Then she asked if the board wanted to keep officers as stands since June meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously for the officers elected at the June 1, 2009 board meeting to remain the same.

Steve Hofmann made a motion to accept the July minutes (Continued on page 6)

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with the above corrections, Todd Shealy seconded, and the motion carried.

The approval of the August minutes was tabled until the October meeting as not everyone could access the minutes as they were e-mailed out.

Fight Back Updates:

- A. Community Enhancement: Mark Day passed around the mock-up of the neighborhood brochure to be given to new residents. The GAIN event will be held Saturday, October 17, in the American ELC gym. Mayor Gordon and Vice Mayor Simplot will be asked to attend. The church has offered to leave the bouncy gym from the festival on Friday for BANA to use for kids in attendance. Mark passed around a sign-up sheet for shifts and who can bring griddles. There will be door prizes.
- **B. Community Preservation:** Mark Day said new graffiti signs have been ordered and will be installed. Mark and Martha Brooks on 15th Avenue have won yard of the quarter.
- C. Crime Prevention: Marney reported on the pit bulls which have been running loose in the neighborhood and killing cats. A discussion followed from those in attendance telling of their experiences around the subject. Marney said Lisa will have flyers and a speaker on this problem for the September 26 General Meeting and an e-mail will go out to alert people. Call crime stop if you see any of the animals. Roshelle asked Carrie to be the contact person on the board for neighbors regarding this matter.
- **D. Traffic:** Tabled until the October meeting due to time constraints.

General Meeting: The next General Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 26 from 9-11AM in the American Evangelical Lutheran Church gym. Board members need to be there by 8:30 to help with set-up. Marney will staff the registration table and Wayne will handle the 50/50 raffle.

It was brought up that a house at 17th Ave and Glenrosa had been robbed 3 times of supplies being used to fix it up. Light fixtures and copper from the bath and roof were taken.

Next Board Meeting: October 5, 2009, at 7PM at the American ELC.

Steve made a motion the meeting be adjourned; Carrie sec-

onded; the meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Signed/Carolyn G. McBane, Secretary



Date: October 5, 2009

Location: Fireside Room @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC), 1830 W Glenrosa

The meeting was called to order by President Roshelle Johnson at 7:06PM.

In Attendance: Members: Carolyn McBane, Jeanne Greene, Wayne Harmon, Mike Orth, Steven Hofmann, Carrie Frazer, Gary hall, Roshelle Johnson. Guest: Mike Radtke All members not present had called Roshelle to let us know.

Pros and Cons of 9/26 General Meeting: Those present felt that the meeting was done very well with several members getting positive comments from those who had attended.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Day sent the Treasurer's Report in by e-mail. The general fund had a beginning balance at September 1 of \$1,069.51. There was income of \$21.00 from the 50/50 raffle at the General Meeting resulting in a balance of \$1,090.51 as of September 30.

The Block Watch Grant account had a beginning balance of \$3,238.48 as of September 1. Checks were written as follows:

9/4/2009 Kwik Copy - July/Aug Newsletter #1005 \$152.70 9/4/2009 Am Ev Lutheran Church - July Board Meeting #1006 \$15.00

9/14/2009 Bowman & Assoc - Annual Liability Insurance Premium #1007 \$670.80

9/19/2009 Am Ev Lutheran Church - Sep Gen Mtg #1008 \$40.00

Leaving a balance of 2,359.98 as of September 30, 2009.

Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the August 3 and September 21 minutes were tabled until the November 2 meeting until the problem is solved of sending the minutes out in a format all members can access.

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A discussion was also held about the BelAir website and email Alerts (e-Phone Tree). Carrie and Todd have created a 3-page document featuring photos Todd took at the September 26th General Meeting. Carrie informed the board that Todd had requested the document be posted on the Bel Air website. However, she said that unfortunately photo releases had not been obtained. Carolyn mentioned that there might be restrictions on posting pictures without getting permission from those in the pictures. Gary moved that the document be posted on the Bel Air website with wording directing those who wished to have their pictures removed to contact Carrie. Steve seconded the motion and it carried.

Fight Back Updates:

A. Community Enhancement: The GAIN event will take place on Saturday, October 17 from 9-11 AM in the gym of the AELC. There will be a breakfast with pancakes, an egg dish, fruit, fruit juice and coffee. The committee asked for \$150 from the Fight Back Grant to buy the food. Gary made a motion that the money be given to the committee. Steve seconded the motion and it carried.

B. Community Preservation: No report.

C. Crime Prevention: The pit bulls which were roaming the neighborhood were captured on Saturday, September 26 and the animal control officer said they were to be put down that day. The owners were fined.

D. Traffic: Roshelle said that a group from ASU will be at the November meeting to present ideas for the alley and canal gates. A discussion followed on where the gates were to be used. Some people are asking that the alleys be incorporated into a bike path route which goes down 15th Avenue. There is a lot of confusion as to whether the gates are to be used as shown on the plan Roshelle has and what constitutes an alley and an easement.

New/Old Business:

Adopt A Family Program: Carrie has received a request that BANA adopt a family for Christmas again this year. She has to reply by November 6. She ask them to give us a family from the neighborhood, if one is available. Wayne made a motion that BANA adopt a family this year and Jeanne seconded the motion. It passed. Carrie said that in previous years BANA has given \$100 toward purchasing items that are on the request list but not given by individuals. Carolyn

made a motion that up to \$100 be provided for this, Steve seconded, and the motion passed.

Holiday General Meeting: Roshelle asked if we wanted to have a general meeting during the holidays. After discussion, Jeanne made a motion and Gary seconded that we have a general meeting to include a light breakfast and a cookie exchange. The motion passed.

Carolyn asked if the Board was going to choose a member to replace Beverly Brown at this meeting. Several people have expressed interest and a replacement will be chosen at the November 2 meeting.

Next Board Meeting: November 2, 2009, at 7PM at AELC.

Steven Hofmann then brought up that we could interview business owners in BANA for the newsletter. Perhaps this would encourage them to advertise in the newsletter. This was considered to be a good idea to implement.

Mike Radtke addressed his concerns about not hearing about Board business. It was brought up that the meeting minutes are printed in the newsletter and that a neighborhood alert has recently been set up for all those we have an e-mail address for to announce coming meetings and to use for safety information that has to be gotten out quickly, such as the time police were looking for a man who was going through neighborhood yards in an attempt to get away from them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

Signed/Carolyn G. McBane, Secretary



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Important Phone Numbers

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
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Graffiti Reward Hotline	602-262-7327
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