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**We are a Fight Back  
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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**

Bulk Trash Collection Begins	3/1
Board Meeting 7 p.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church - Fireside Room 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.	3/1
Neighborhood Clean-Up Day	3/13
St. Patrick's Day	3/17
Crime Prevention Committee Meeting 10 am @ Copper Star Coffee 4220 N. 7th Ave. (West side of 7th)	3/19
Bel Air Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale	3/27
Board Meeting 7 p.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church - Fireside Room 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.	4/5
Earth Day	4/22
Board Meeting 7 p.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church - Fireside Room 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.	5/3
Cinco De Mayo	5/5
General Meeting - Elections 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. @ American Evan- gelical Lutheran Church Gym 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.	5/15

You are invited to a  
**Neighborhood Clean-Up**  
**Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00 – 9:30 AM**

Meeting at the American Evangelical Lutheran School  
Parking Lot  
1830 W. Glenrosa Avenue

We will be cleaning the alleys and perimeters of our neighborhood. Please bring gloves. Water and other supplies will be provided. Thanks for your help!!

**Bel Air Annual  
Neighborhood Yard Sale**  
**Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**7 AM to Noon**

Start planning for our annual neighborhood-wide yard sale. We will put out the signs and place the ads. Each year many Bel Air residents participate by holding their own sale. Get rid of your stuff, meet your neighbors and make some money!

This year, the Bel Air Neighborhood Association will be accepting donated items to sell on behalf of the Association. All proceeds will be used to support Bel Air Neighborhood Association activities.

To arrange pick-up or to drop off your donated items, please call Don Hilton @ 602.626.5672.

**Charles Wilfong**  
Email: [uwilfong@aol.com](mailto:uwilfong@aol.com)  
Appointed 11/2009  
Term 2009-2011

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## 2010 CENSUS: IT'S IN OUR HANDS

### Dear Family,

Have you ever wanted to know how many people live in your city? It's time to find out!

The Constitution requires a count every 10 years of everyone living in the United States regardless of our nationality, citizenship status, race, age, or gender. This count is called a census, and it's happening again in spring 2010.

Your community's businesses and civic groups, as well as local, state, and federal governments, will use the census data collected this year to make many decisions, including where to build community centers, schools, and hospitals. That's why your voice must be heard.

The 2010 Census questionnaire is short, takes 10 minutes to complete, and is 100 percent confidential. Watch your mailbox in March 2010 and remember to return your questionnaire.

Thank you,  
Robert M. Groves  
Director  
US. Census Bureau

### What to Expect When You're Expecting a 2010 Census Questionnaire

The 2010 form includes only 10 questions and can be completed in about 10 minutes. Your household's census information will be collected in one of these two ways:

- A) **Questionnaire will be sent to your home.** They will arrive in March 2010 and will include a prepaid postage stamp for easy mailing.
- B) **Confidentiality-bound census workers will travel door-to-door.** If you do not return your questionnaire by mail, a census worker (who will show proper identification) will visit your household to collect the information in person.

### Who Counts?

#### HOUSEHOLDS INCLUDE:

- Babies, foster children, or roommates
- People living with you who have no other place to stay
- People living in your home most of the time, even if they have another place to stay

#### HOUSEHOLDS DO NOT INCLUDE:

- People who live or stay at another place most of the time
- Students living away from home while attending college or boarding school
- People in the military living somewhere else

**STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?**  
Visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

### Common 2010 Census Questions

1. **Who should be counted as part of my household?**  
Everyone! All children, babies, and adults who live in your household should be counted regardless of nationality, citizenship status, race, age or gender.
2. **How is my private information protected?**  
It is a federal crime, punishable by imprisonment, for a census worker to divulge personal and confidential information. Personal information is collected for statistical purposes only and is sealed for 72 years.
3. **Can I get in trouble for answering census questions?**  
No, census information is completely confidential. It is never shared with other government agencies, including the IRS, any office of immigration, or the FBI. Sharing census data is a federal offense.

**MORE QUESTIONS?**  
Visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

## Featured Bel Air Neighbor: Phoenix Christian Unified School By Steven Hofmann

We have a lot of great business neighbors near Bel Air. One outstanding example is Phoenix Christian Unified School located at 1751 W. Indian School Road. The school currently serves Pre-K through 12th grade students. They have been at it for over 60 years. Darren Johnson is the Development Director and he was nice enough to grant me an interview. I learned a lot about our neighbor across the street. The school has long standing community roots. This is well illustrated by the simple fact that the principal, Phil Adams, is a former student. Phoenix Christian also holds the title of being the very first Christian School in Arizona. They are an

accredited school with a curriculum similar to most public schools, and as the name suggests the school is a Christian environment. The school goes far beyond reading and writing. They offer a wide range of fine arts like photography, art and marching band. The band compliments the sports programs such as football, soccer, golf, track, swimming and much more! With Christian values in mind, the school has started an innovative program to raise money so that new students needing financial aid may attend as well. Cardboard is one element that fuels the financial aid. The school accepts, compacts and bundles enough cardboard to help in fundraising. There is a sign in the East side of the parking area along Indian School Road that reads "cardboard". All that you need to do to help is to save up your cardboard and toss it over the fence near that sign. Now you are helping the students too. For more information about Phoenix Christian Unified Schools, please visit [www.PhoenixChristian.org](http://www.PhoenixChristian.org) or call 602.265.4707.

### Board Meeting Minutes (cont.)

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#### **Treasurer's Report – Don**

Don reported the following:

**General Fund Account** – Beginning Balance on 10/01/09 of \$1,090.51. Income received of \$30.00 from GAIN General Meeting 50/50 Raffle. Expenses incurred from GAIN Meeting of \$143.59. The ending balance was \$976.92 on 10/31/2009.

**Block Watch Grant Account** – Beginning Balance on 10/01/09 of \$2,359.98. Expenses: October Board Meeting Room Rental of \$15.00 and GAIN Meeting Hall Rental of \$40.00. The ending balance on 10/31/09 was \$2,304.98.

#### **Community Enhancement – Roshelle**

Pros and Cons of GAIN Pancake Breakfast – The food was really good and the food line flowed nicely. The kids enjoyed the bouncie. There was some leftover food after the event.

#### **Old Business/New Business**

Review and approval of past board meeting minutes was tabled.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



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## Board Elections On May 15th Candidate Nominations Due April 15th

### GENERAL MEETING Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 11:00am American Evangelical Lutheran Church Gymnasium (NW corner of 18<sup>th</sup> Ave/Glenrosa)

On May 15th, we will be collecting and tabulating the ballots for the 2010 Board Elections. Those elected will serve into the year 2012. Elected board members serve a two year term. We have six elected positions to fill. Please take a minute to consider committing time to your neighborhood by serving on the Board. You must be 18 years of age or older, and be a resident, property owner, or business owner within our boundaries - 15th Avenue west to 19th Avenue and Indian School Road north to the canal. The Association Board meets once a month, presently the first Monday evening of each month.

This is your opportunity to nominate yourself or someone you know for our association board. Don't forget Board Nominations will be open until April 15th for the May 15th election. We hope you will give the idea of helping your neighborhood more thought and nominate yourself or someone you know. Please call Carrie Frazer, Bel Air Neighborhood Association Newsletter Editor at 602-647-2832 with new nominations. Or, drop off or mail your new nominations to the Association at 1748 W. Heatherbrae Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85015-4740. Or, e-mail them to [carriefraz@aol.com](mailto:carriefraz@aol.com).

#### BOARD CANDIDATE NOMINATION

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Who do you nominate? \_\_\_\_\_

Their address: \_\_\_\_\_

Their phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Two Motions Passed by Board on 2 / 0 1 / 2 0 1 0

During the February 1, 2010 Bel Air Neighborhood Association Board Meeting, Marney Redmond made a motion to amend the Fight Back Neighborhood Action Plan as follows:

Regarding planned improvements along the canal, I move that we replace reference to gates/fences along the canal with this wording instead "Infrastructure improvements along the canal of a non-restrictive/non-obstructive nature."

The motion was seconded , voted on, and passed.

Marney Redmond made another motion as follows:

Regarding planned improvements along the alleys and irrigation ditches, I move that we investigate each alley or ditch on a case by case basis instead of making a decision that would apply equally to all alleys or ditches.

The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

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### I r r i g a t i o n

If you have a flooding situation, please try to make **direct contact** with one of the following neighbors prior to calling SRP. They may be able to correct the situation for the benefit of other neighbors that are also anticipating their irrigation.

Bob McBane 602-279-7787, 1829 W. Glenrosa  
Charles Wilfong 602-266-9342, 1747 W. Glenrosa  
The Frazer's 602-265-4123, 1748 W. Heatherbrae  
Mike Radtke 602-279-7190, 1707 W. Heatherbrae

**Please note: Each water user (irrigator) is responsible for water scheduled to their account during the posted times. Your responsibility begins at the subdivision delivery location and ends at your property.**



## **Bushes, Trees, and Walls: by Virginia Anders**

There are several ways to look at your yard and house, as an owner, realtor, buyer, or bad guy.

The owner may want to create a yard rich in bright colors, cool shade, and thick bushes.

The realtor wants to show a house with a trimmed, healthy, inviting front yard.

The buyer may want a place they can dig and plant as their own, or perhaps even a low maintenance, minimalist look.

The bad guy wants places to hide and easy access to the inside, so they are looking for fully shaded areas up against a house where they can hide and move about more freely. They also focus on any property that looks abandoned or at least poorly maintained.

The police will tell you that a yard full of bushes, trees, or tall grasses makes a bad guy feel right at home.

They suggest strongly to keep bushes and trees cut low enough to see over and away from the house.

Also, they urge us to light the outside of the house to deliver the message to potential bad guys that we are all paying attention.

Let us make the effort and take the time to spruce up our own yards. We can also offer to help our neighbors who seem to be having trouble following through on their yard work. Though it may seem helpful to point out transgressors to Neighborhood Services, let's try first asking the owners if we can help them. This by itself will be a big help to the City, as well as to the general health of our neighborhood.

## **You Can Help: by Virginia Anders**

Our neighborhood, as in so many others around the Valley and the country, contains a number of foreclosed and/or abandoned properties. Detective Chris Morris, part of the Crime Suppression team, has asked for a list of such properties so they can target them for special attention several times a week on their rounds. Please contact Marney Redmond or Virginia Anders with this kind of information so that we can get the list to him as soon as possible.

**Crime Prevention Committee Co-Chairs  
Virginia Anders or Marney Redmond**

(602) 265-8498 [vanders@cox.net](mailto:vanders@cox.net)  
or [M\\_Redmond@live.com](mailto:M_Redmond@live.com)

## **Why Call Crime Stop: by Virginia Anders**

"Oh, I'm sorry to bother you, but..." What we think is a bother to the police may help them solve a crime. We may have seen someone and be able to give a description to a detective about a stranger on a bike riding through at an odd hour with a backpack, or someone driving an unfamiliar car slowly through our streets. Such information becomes part of the investigators' library of puzzle pieces that may help him or her solve a seemingly unrelated crime. We have no idea how much help we can be, just be calling with our observations.

When you call, have your information ready. Use the BelAir "Be Aware" notepads to simplify and clarify your thoughts. Remember that the inside of the front cover provides public phone numbers. The inside of the back cover provides a guide to help you recall the details invaluable to the police: time/place/date/description/why you noticed

## **Homeowners responsible for tree maintenance Source: City of Phoenix**

Did you know the city ordinance requires homeowners to maintain trees and shrubs on their property, including the right-of-way, which is typically the two-foot strip of land bordering the street and the alley behind the property?

As a courtesy to residents, the city has been providing assistance with tree maintenance in the right-of-way in some areas, including the pruning of palms and removal of fallen or dead materials.

However, recent budget cuts and staff reductions have led the city to refocus tree maintenance efforts on the areas that the city code makes the responsibility of city crews - main arterial streets, rather than residential areas.

Homeowners are required to maintain right-of-ways free of ordinance violations, including overgrown weeds, dead or dried bushes or trees and palm fronds within 10 feet of the ground. To report a violation, send an e-mail to [blight@phoenix.gov](mailto:blight@phoenix.gov) or call 602-262-7844.

For more information, visit [phoenix.gov/FORESTRY](http://phoenix.gov/FORESTRY) or call 602-534-9440.

## Board Meeting Minutes (cont.)

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**Date: January 4, 2010**

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

The meeting was called to order by President Roshelle Johnson.

**In Attendance:** Members: Carolyn McBane, Jeanne Greene, Mike Orth, Steven Hofmann, Carrie Frazer, Gary Hall, Roshelle Johnson, Donald Hilton, Charles Wilfong. There were 19 residents of BelAir in attendance in addition to the board members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Don Hilton presented the Treasurer's Report. The general fund had a beginning balance at October 31 of \$976.92. Checks were written for \$71.19 for GAIN decorations and for \$17.14 for GAIN food expenses. The ending balance was \$888.59 on December 31, 2009.

The Block Watch Grant account had a beginning balance of \$2,304.98 as of October 31. Checks were written as follows:

11/12/2009 American Evangelical Lutheran Church #1011  
\$15.00 November Board Meeting  
11/24/2009 November Newsletter #1012 \$98.55

Leaving a balance of \$2,191.43 as of December 31, 2009.

**Minutes:** The minutes for the August, September and October 2009 board meetings were reviewed. Don moved that they be approved, Steven seconded, and the minutes were approved. The November 2009 board meeting minutes were tabled until the February 2010 meeting.

### **Fight Back Updates:**

**A. Traffic Committee:** Rochelle announced that she was resigning as chair of the committee. It was proposed that a

special meeting be scheduled for January 23 from 9-11 AM so that questions and decisions regarding the gates to the alleys and the gates to the canals can be presented to the whole neighborhood by the officials from SRP, ASU, Phoenix PD and City of Phoenix who have the accurate information on what is going on. Maps will be available for review. Carolyn made a motion that the meeting be scheduled and Gary seconded. The motion was approved

**B. Community Enhancement:** A meeting will be held in January.

**C. Community Preservation:** A meeting will be held in January.

**D. Crime Prevention:** There was no report from this committee.

**Block Watch Grant 2010:** This grant supplies the funding for the alley lights in BelAir, the BANA newsletters and rental of the space for BANA meetings. Mark Day and Don are working on the application, which is due in February, and Don will maintain the account.

**BANA Schedule Through May 2010:** Board meetings will be held at 7 PM at the American Evangelical Lutheran Church Fireside Room on the following dates: February 1, March 1, April 5, and May 3.

Special meeting to discuss issues around gates: January 23, 9-11 AM in AELC gym

February General Meeting: Scheduled for February 13

Participation in Melrose Street Fair on March 6

Yard sale - looking at sometime in April

May 15 - General meeting with election of new board members

A spring cleanup will hopefully be scheduled around the dates of the bulk trash pickup.

**New/Old Business:** A 4-plex on Westview has been purchased to use as a home for women and children with mental and/or drug problems. There are problems with people partying at a home at 17<sup>th</sup> Ave and Heatherbrae. The owner of the home is not inclined to do anything about it.

**Adopt-A-Family:** Carrie and her family delivered the gifts to the family. A Christmas tree with ornaments and toys for the family were given. Jackets were given so she was able to use the BANA funds for other things the family asked for.

**Next Board Meeting:** February 1, 2010, at 7PM at AELC. There was also a reminder of the special meeting on January 23 and board members were asked to be there at 8:15 to help set up. Coffee and orange juice will be provided.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.**

**Signed/Carolyn G McBane, Secretary**

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- Legal resources

### Member Agencies

The Arizona Attorney General's Office  
The Arizona Department of Housing  
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

## Yard Of The Quarter Award

After taking a small break for the holidays, the Yard of the Quarter will return this Spring! The Preservation Committee is planning to award a Yard of the Quarter for the January - March quarter and the April to June quarter at our next General Meeting this Spring. Award recipients receive a Yard of the Quarter sign to place in their yard for two weeks and a Bel Air chair. Thanks for all your efforts to keep your yards in great shape.



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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.

## 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	
<i>Private Property</i>	262-7844
<i>Streets, Alleys</i>	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
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