



BelAir Neighborhood Communicator

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

Congratulations, We are a Fight Back Neighborhood!

UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

**Join us for Fight Back Meeting
and Pizza**

Thursday, September 27, 2007 at 7pm

American Evangelical Lutheran Church

1830 W Glenrosa Avenue

BelAir Clean Up Days

October 5 - October 7, 2007

Refer to article and map for dumpsters

GAIN Event

Saturday, October 20, 2007

Points of Pride Walk and Progressive Dinner

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B e l A i r B o a r d M e e t i n g M i n u t e s

The board meeting on August 2, 2007 was called to order at 7:06 pm. Attended members: Susan Thompson-McHugh, Roshelle Johnson, Mark Day, Sherri Gallagher, Scott Stevens, Charles Wilfong, Jonathan Massey, Jeannie Garcia, Aaron Goldman, and Lisa Huggins Hubbard. Absent members: Virginia Anders, Jaime Canedo, Beverly Brown.

Meeting minutes from June 2007 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: see above for account balances.

Fight Back resources: Tom Simplot chose our neighborhood for Fight Back resources! Money was awarded to our neighborhood to help improve our neighborhood over the next 18 months. The resources have to be spent for public purposes and generally focus on revitalization, sustainability, crime/blight reduction, resident participation, neighborhood leadership development, and community building. A survey and congratulations letter will be sent out to all residents in August and results of the survey will be given at the September General Meeting. There will be several phases to the grant including: planning, assessment, and implementation.

Committee Reports

Preservation Committee: October 5-7 weekend for BelAir Clean Up Days. Jonathan will call to set up and Mark will buy signs for dumpsters.

Attention BelAir neighbors! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 20th. This is the annual GAIN Night. GAIN, meaning Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods. This year we will have a Points of Pride Walk and Progressive Dinner combined. You won't want to miss it. What an excellent opportunity to get to know your neighbors! More information to follow.

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Account Balances

As of July 31, 2007:

BelAir General Account - \$1,216.56

BelAir 301 Block Grant Account - \$5126

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Community Report: No report because of the summer. *Free and Easy* store by Tesco Company will open on 7th Ave. and Indian School. Property owner of the Southwest corner of Indian School and 7th Ave wants to revitalize the businesses.

Newsletter: September/October Newsletter articles due August 20th. Articles to include GAIN, Bios, Clean-ups days, Alley Abandonment/Alley Responsibility, Barking Dogs.

Block Watch: BelAir received a Block Watch grant. \$5126 was awarded for Crime Prevention and Community Building. Refer to Mark Day's article for more information about goals and allocations. No crime has been reported to board members and the neighborhood seems quieter. **GAIN:** October 20th Points of Pride and Progressive Dinner. Letters and maps will be given out prior to GAIN. We will need stations (pizza, drinks, chips/salsa, and dessert), donation letters, and invitations.

Old Business

General Meeting—Thursday, September 27, 2007 at 7 pm in the sanctuary at the church. Fight Back resources explanation, survey results and pizza!

New Business

Virginia will be the new secretary. Other positions will be decided at September board meeting. Scott Stevens will head-up the Alley Abandonment committee.

Next board meeting Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 7:00pm Fireside Room Church Gym.

Board Member Biographies

Dear BelAir Neighbors

I hope every one had a chance to take a break from the every day grind and heat this summer. Since we have several new board members joining our neighborhood association we thought this would be a great time to introduce the 2007/2008 BelAir board to you, starting with myself. *Susan Thompson-McHugh* - I have lived in the BelAir Neighborhood since August of 1999. I am married and have two children. I really love the location of this neighborhood. There are so many opportunities for our family, from classes at the Recreation Centers to swimming lessons at Encanto Pool. We can attend First Fridays at 7th Ave. where my oldest likes to "watch all the people and look at the cool pictures". Here are a few more of the 2007/2008 BelAir Board Members.

Mark Day - I have lived in the BelAir neighborhood for over six years now. I currently share my home with my 11-year-old dog "Bailey". My interests include hiking, biking, travel, and working on my home. I recently installed a pond and am looking to add some more water features in the back yard. I have served on the BelAir board for over 4 years. I look forward to working with all of the residents to help improve our neighborhood and working on projects to help make BelAir an even better place to live.

Charles Wilfong - I have lived in the BelAir neighborhood for 30 years and served on the board for six years. In June of 2006, I retired as pastor of the American Lutheran Church on Glenrosa. I enjoy yard work, camping, and working with neighbors on behalf of the neighborhood.

Sherri Gallagher - My husband, Aaron, and I have lived in BelAir for more than three years. We have two dogs. I have been involved with the neighborhood association for about 2.5 years. I enjoy yoga, swimming, and hiking. Originally, I was involved in Block Watch and now I am the editor of the BelAir Communicator. I am very excited about Fight Back and look forward to working with my neighbors in BelAir to help our neighborhood.

Aaron Goldman - I have lived in the neighborhood with my wife for more three years now. This is actually the first home I have ever owned. I have never been really involved in civic duty but feel honored and proud to be part of such a wonderful neighborhood. Fight Back resources will be great for our community.

Roshelle Johnson - I have recently been re-elected to the board. My husband, Chris, and I have lived in the neighborhood nearly 7 years. In that time, we have added 3 children to our family. My purpose for serving on the board is to ensure a safer and more valuable neighborhood by closing alleys, limiting speeding and cut-through traffic, as well as improving the overall appearance of BelAir.

Jeannie Garcia - I have lived in BelAir for 12 years. As soon as we started a neighborhood association, I was on the board and stayed on for about 6 years. If it wasn't for my husband telling me that I was spending more time with the association than my family, I would still be on. I love animals and plants. Now, I have 5 Yorkies that are my babies. I would love to make our neighborhood the safest place on earth, but then everyone would move here. So let's just start with a little bit at a time. The more people help the faster change will happen.

Scott Stevens - I have lived in the BelAir neighborhood for approx 6 years now and try to be very active in the hood since I own and manage several properties in BelAir. It is very important to me that our neighborhood have an incredibly safe environment for children and our families to live and be successful in.

Beverly Brown - Resident of BelAir w/my husband Jack (cattle rancher/realtor) since December 1997. We are the second owners of this property and this house is one of the original homes in the neighborhood (Kearnie Estates). I was a "staffer" to a former AZ governor and then spent 9 years as a staff aide to the Minority Leader, AZ House of Representatives. Presently I am a licensed realtor for (10 years), specializing in central Phoenix properties and land/homes in northeastern Arizona. I enjoy riding my bicycle, walking, concerts, sports, and gardening.

Virginia Anders - I've lived in BelAir for about 34 years. I consider our neighborhood a great place to live. I have served on the BelAir board for several years now and I write for the newsletter. I was born in McNary, Arizona when that was a thriving lumber mill town. I look forward to the G.A.I.N. event in October to meet and chat with some of our new neighbors and pick up where other conversations left off. I hope to see you there!

BelAir Neighborhood Receives Block Watch Grant Alley Lighting Update

On behalf of the board, I have the pleasure of reporting that the BelAir Neighborhood Association was awarded a City of Phoenix Block Watch Grant for the period of July 2007-June 2008. The Association applied for the grant on behalf of the residents of our neighborhood. The Block Watch Grant Program was created to provide funding to neighborhood groups to undertake new and innovative programs and activities aimed at preventing and reducing crime in the community.

We received a grant in the amount of \$5,126 to cover the utility costs of our alley lights, newsletter printing costs, general meeting expenses, liability insurance and Block Watch program expenses. Without this funding, these costs would have to be paid for by the residents of the neighborhood or we would need to cut these programs.

The Block Watch Grant requires the neighborhood to set objectives to accomplish during the year with the funding. The objectives that were established for BelAir were as follows:

- Hold 3 General/Block Watch Neighborhood meetings
- Prepare and distribute 6 newsletters per year
- Hold the annual Getting Arizonians in Neighborhoods (GAIN) event – October 20th, 2007
- Fund alley lighting (one additional year)
- Hold annual neighborhood rummage sale (April 08)
- Neighborhood clean up – November 07 and June 08

In addition to the funds received from the City, we have budgeted hundreds of volunteer hours from residents for the upcoming year to help carry out the Block Watch and neighborhood programs. There are opportunities to assist with meetings, deliver newsletters, organize neighborhood clean-ups, greet new residents, participate in Block Watch duties and many other opportunities. Please contact any board member; we would gladly welcome your help!

Alley or Street Light Out?

In addition to the street lighting, one of the most beneficial deterrents to crime in our neighborhood is the dusk-to-dawn alley lighting. The electricity to fund these lights is provided by a Block Watch Grant. The City of Phoenix does not cover the cost of these lights. If you notice an alley or street light out in the neighborhood, please contact Mark Day so that the outage can be reported to APS. Our alley and street lighting is one of our main deterrents to crime. It is helpful if you can provide the pole ID # and street or alley location. Mark can be contacted at (602) 791-4003 or markdday@cox.net.

WE NEED COURIERS TO DELIVER NEWSLETTERS. CONTACT BOYD PUFFER IF INTERESTED. REQUIRES 30 minutes to 1 hour of time per month.

2007 Calendar of Events for the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Program

Date		Times	Location
City Wide New Member Training	September 15, 2007	7:30 AM to 3:30 PM	Phoenix City Hall 200 West Washington
City Wide New Member Training	November 17, 2007	7:30 AM to 3:30 PM	Phoenix City Hall 200 West Washington

Please RSVP to attend training at 602-495-0440. For questions reference this calendar, please contact Officer Jennifer Todd at 602-495-0440 or your local precinct coordinator.

BelAir Clean-Up Days

By Jonathan Massey

We would like to announce BelAir Clean-Up Days happening the weekend of October 5th through 7th, 2007. It will be getting much cooler outside, and there's no better opportunity to clean up our properties before the holidays come and take away our free time. Three 40 Ft. dumpsters will be placed throughout the neighborhood for all BelAir neighbors to use that weekend.

The dumpsters will be placed in the following locations (see map below):

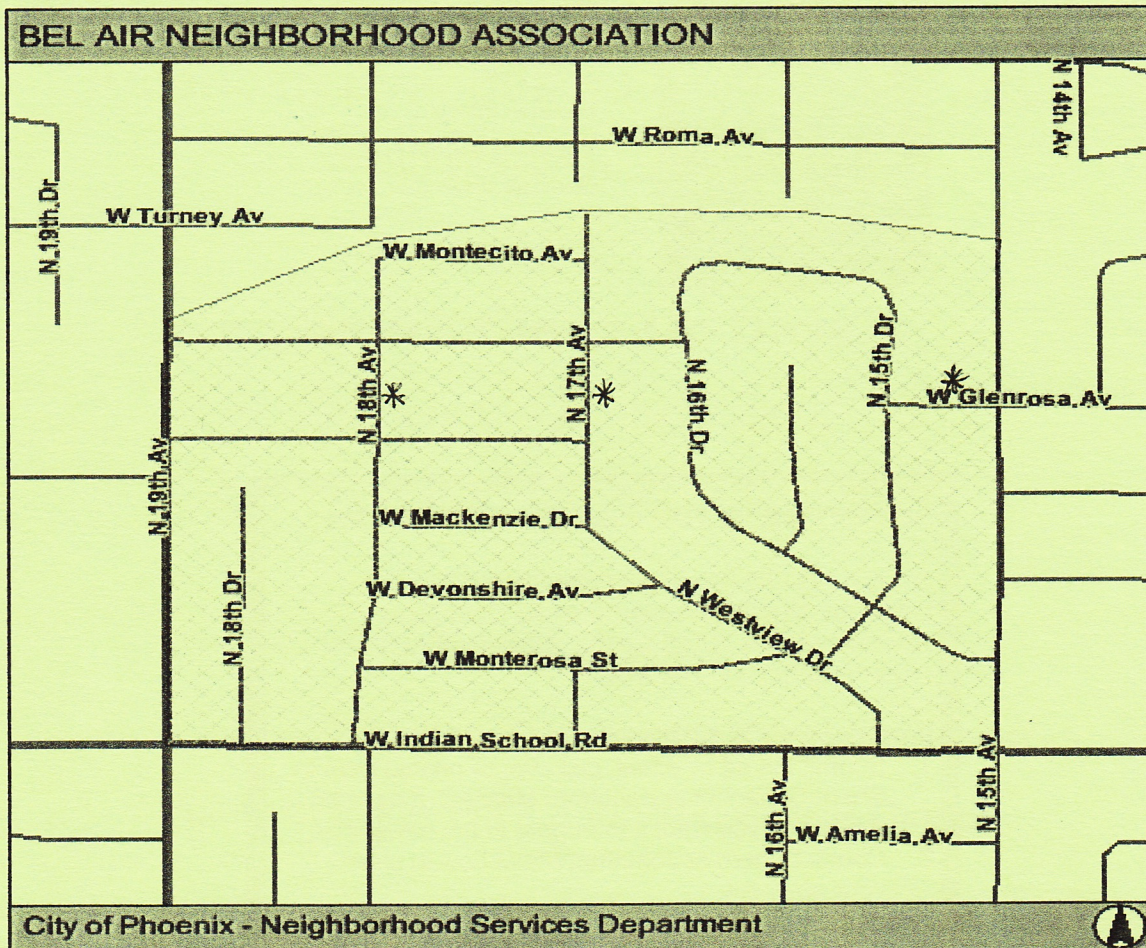
- *Glenrosa between 15th Avenue & 15th Drive
- *17th Avenue between Heatherbrae & Glenrosa
- *18th Avenue between Heatherbrae & Glenrosa

These dumpsters are not provided for commercial loads of bulk trash, but for BelAir neighborhood use only. Please note also that the following items are NOT acceptable for placement in these dumpsters:

- * antifreeze, paint, oil, and car batteries (→)

- * pool chemicals
- * brake-transmission-power steering fluid/degreasers
- * varnish/turpentine/linseed oil/solvents/adhesives
- * pesticides/herbicides
- * fire extinguishers/compressed gas cylinders
- * Freon based refrigerators/freezers/water coolers
- * air conditioners, heat pumps
- * computers/electronics
- * washers/dryers/water heaters
- * evaporative coolers
- * stoves/dishwashers
- * other residential appliances
- * stereos/audio equipment
- * televisions
- * road tires

Please consult the "Notes" insert in your monthly water bill for times, locations, and information on household hazardous waste collection days hosted by the city.



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Large Ad: \$14.00 (Double Business Card Size)

Announcements: \$7.00 (Births, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Neighborhood Events)

Procedures for Submitting Ads:

1. Submit the ad by email, diskette, or printed form to Sherri Gallagher or Jonathan Massey. It must be exactly as you want it to appear in the newsletter.
2. Contact Sherri or Jonathan about how to submit your payment.