September/October 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

Labor Day Holiday Collection Schedule Recycle - Tuesdays collection Moves to Wednesday 9/9	9/7
Board Meeting 7 p.m. @ Neighborhood Services Dept.'s Bel Air Neighborhood Office 1950 W. Heatherbrae Dr., #6	9/14
Vice Mayor Tom Simplot's Breakfast Meeting at 7:30am Location To Be Determined For updated info, call 262-7447	9/24
General Meeting 9 a.m.– 11 a.m. @ American Evan- gelical Lutheran Church Gym 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.	9/26
Squaw Peak Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Training Please register to attend by e-mailing jill.fowler@phoenix.gov	10/3
Columbus Day	10/12
G.A.I.N. Event-Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m.– 11 a.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church Gym 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.	10/17
Placement Begins for Bulk Trash Pickup	10/31
Bulk Trash Collection Begins	11/9
Veteran's Day	11/11

## You are invited to a GENERAL MEETING Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 11:00am

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

<u>Breakfast will be served.</u>

**KIDS CRAFT TABLE** 

RAFFLE & GIVEAWAYS

# SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

**WEET OUR COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER** \*\* All Bel Air business owners welcome to bring cards/brochures for networking table \*\* Any questions, contact Roshelle Johnson, Bel Air Neighborhood

Association President at 602-377-7304.

Bel Air Neighborhood 2009 Getting Arizona Involved In Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) Event - 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 11:00am

#### American Evangelical Lutheran Church Gymnasium (NW corner of 18<sup>th</sup> Ave/Glenrosa)

- Come meet your neighbors
- Free breakfast and coffee
- Meet representatives from the Phx Police & other City departments
- Activities for the children
- Door prizes

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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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Elected 5/2009,Term 2009-2011

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#### Marney Redmond

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General Fund Account:

Balance 05/31/09 - Gen. Mtg. Expenses +Gen. Mtg. 50/50 Raffle	\$954.03 \$28.52 \$102.00	7/31/09 NEW 2009-2010 Grant Beginning Balance	\$7,312.00
Balance 06/30/09 + Newsletter	\$1,027.51	Ending Balance 7/31/09	\$7,312.00
Ad Revenue End Balance 07/31/09	\$42.00 \$1,069.51		

## Neighborhood Block Watch Grant by Mark Day

The Bel Air Neighborhood Association was recently awarded a 2009 Neighborhood Block Watch Grant by the City of Phoenix Police Department. The Association applied for the \$7,312 grant on behalf of the neighborhood earlier this year. The Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program (NBWGP) provides an opportunity to enhance the safety and the quality of life in our neighborhood and it helps the Association to prevent and solve crimerelated problems in our neighborhood.

The NBWGP 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. The aim and purpose of the Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program are to detect, deter, and/or delay crime. This is done by educating individuals to work together to solve problems, encouraging citizens to develop a sense of ownership for their neighborhoods, developing and addressing common neighborhood goals, coordinating pertinent neighborhood/community meetings, and teaching crime prevention and safety techniques.

### Alley or Street Light Out?

If you notice an alley or street light out in the neighborhood, please contact Mark Day so it can be reported to APS. 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. With this funding, we are able to continue the efforts of the residents and the Association board to continue to build a sense of community and prevent and deter crime in our neighborhood. For example, we would be required to have all of the residents pay for the electricity costs for our alley lights. These lights cost over \$3,500 annually.

Block Watch Grant Account:

For the grant award period (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010), funding was provided to meet the following objectives:

- Hold 3 General/Block Watch neighborhood meetings
- Prepare and distribute 6 newsletters per year
- Organize the annual GAIN event
- Funding for the electricity costs for all of our alley lights for one year
- Hold annual neighborhood yard/garage sale
- Organize an annual neighborhood clean-up
- Establish on-line version of newsletter

Thank you for your participation in helping us meet the goals of the Neighborhood Block Watch Grant program.

### Board Meeting Minutes

The Bel Air Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes will be published in the November/December issue of the Communicator.

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## Yard of the Quarter Award

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.

#### AWARD RULES:

- 1. Yard of the Quarter will be awarded for the quarters of July September, October December, January March and April June.
- 2. Each yard is limited to winning the award only once in any calendar year.
- 3. Only the portion of the yard viewed from the street, will be judged.
- 4. A Yard of the Quarter sign will be placed in the winning yard and is to remain for the first two weeks after the award is given.
- 5. In the event they are selected, a homeowner may elect to refrain from participation.
- 6. Members of the Preservation Committee and Bel Air Board are ineligible to receive the award.

#### PRIZE:

All award winners will receive an official "Bel Air Yard

of the Quarter" lawn sign, to be placed on their property for the first two weeks after awarded. In addition, the award recipient will receive one Bel Air style lawn

chair.

#### NOMINATIONS:

- Bel Air residents can nominate a Bel Air property during the quarterly general meeting or by submitting the name and address of the nominated party to a Preservation committee member.
- 2. The preservation committee members can also nominate a property in the neighborhood.

## MIDTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOI A PERFORMING PLUS SCHOOL!

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602-265-5133



Community Pancake Breakfast October 17th, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. American Lutheran Church

Yard of the Quarter Award (cont.)

## JUDGING CRITERIA:

- 1. General upkeep of the yard
- 2. Unique landscaping or originality/creativity
- 3. Pleasant and overall appearance which makes the property an asset to the neighborhood.
- 4. Property can be maintained by the homeowner or a professional landscape company
- 5. Buildings, fences, porches, and patios on the property are required to be in good repair, i.e. minimal distraction from the landscape due to deterioration, damage or construction.
- Extra consideration may given to properties that have invested extra effort through the use of attractive art pieces (eg. pottery, ironwork), potted plants, patio or lawn furniture, windsocks, etc.
- 7. All selected properties must be free of litter, junk and debris.
- 8. All selected properties must have no appliances or indoor furniture on porches or patios.
- 9. All selected properties must be free of junked or inoperable vehicles.
- 10. All selected properties must have no parking on the lawn.

PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS Mark Day markdday@cox.net

Donald Hilton masterdonaldhilton@yahoo.com

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## City of Phx. Neighborhood Services Dept. Home Improvement & Repair Programs

Source: City of Phoenix, Neighborhood Services Department

The City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department offers several loan and grant programs designed to help residents meet code requirements and improve the safety, comfort, appearance and value of their homes.

Home improvement and repair is an important element in the city's strategy to improve and revitalize neighborhoods.

Loans and grants are available to Phoenix residents who meet program income requirements. Applicants will be asked to provide the city with financial information to determine eligibility. The information is confidential and will not be used for any other purpose.

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM The Weatherization Assistance Program is a grant to im-

The Weatherization Assistance Program is a grant to improve a home's energy efficiency. This program provides for the replacement of existing building components and improvements to reduce energy consumption.

After an application is received and eligibility is established, the city will conduct an energy audit of the home. The auditor will determine the improvements that will be covered by the program. Common improvements include:

- Weather-stripping
- Caulking
- Insulation and duct sealing
- Repairing or replacing air conditioners, heat pumps, evaporative coolers, furnaces, or space heaters.

The city has a list of licensed, bonded contractors that will be invited to bid on the work. The contractor who submits the lowest bid will perform the work.

#### EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

The Emergency Home Repair Program provides grants and loans to correct conditions posing a serious threat to the health, safety and welfare of the household and affecting the immediate livability of the home. Examples of emergencies that may be covered under the program include:

- Lack of running water or heating/cooling (seasonal)
- Exposed/hazardous electrical wiring
- Seriously damaged roofs

• Structural deficiencies posing an immediate safety threat Assistance will be granted based on the severity of the emergency, once eligibility is determined. Eligibility will be determined after a diagnostic evaluation is conducted by a rehabilitation specialist and/or licensed contractor.

The property must have been owner occupied during the last year.

#### HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM is another Neighborhood Services Department program. FOR MORE INFORMATION,

- Call (602) 495-0700
- Online at http://phoenix.gov/nsd/home.html
- Visit 200 W. Washington Street, 4th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003

## Meet Our New Board Members

The following residents have 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 members for terms starting July 2009.

#### Steven Hofmann

Steven Hofmann grew up in Nebraska and has lived in Central Phoenix for 15 years. He is a full time single dad of a 14 year old daughter. Steven founded Indian-SchoolRoad.com in 2007 after learning that Indian School Road had the most traffic of any street in Arizona. The imbalance of traffic verses prosperity seemed to be an ideal opportunity to make large scale lasting improvements to the city. Steven also owns an ad agency called AXXIS and a design firm called Cloud 9 Design. Recently Steven graduated from the Blight Busters program and hopes to remove graffiti and illegal signs from Bel Air as a part of the program. Steven's hobbies include hiking, landscaping and abstract acrylic paintings.

#### Jeanne Greene

My name is Jeanne Greene, and I am your newest board member. I have lived at the house on the corner of 18th ave and Heatherbrae for 24 years. It's the house with the white picket fence. I work at Sonora Quest Laboratories as a Med Tech. In my spare time I enjoy gardening and reading. I am in the process of starting a women's book club in the neighborhood and would welcome new members. If you see me out in my garden, stop and say Hi. I look forward to serving on the board and helping to keep this the great neighborhood it is.



## Lost & Found Pets In Bel Air

There is now a Discussion area just for Lost & Found Pets in Bel Air on our website at http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/phoenix/belair/ Please feel free to communicate with your neighbors to help get our wonderful companions back home!



## 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!

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



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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.

## Solutions for Your Business.



## Newly-Updated BelAir WebSite

Our newly-updated Bel Air web site includes information about Bel Air. online newsletters, and community pages about issues and events that affect our neighborhood. Links to city government officials and services, including the police, make it a great communication channel. Our Web site is not just an information source, but also a place for all neighbors to be connected on the Internet. Want to tell people about an upcoming meeting or garage sale? Then post a notice in the "Community Calendar". Lost or found a pet? Post a notice in the Discussion area under the topic, "Lost and Found Pets In Bel Air." Want your own personal Web page? Then create one in the "Meet Your Neighbors" section - tell people about yourself, your family, your hobbies, or your interests. Concerned about a neighborhood issue? Talk to your neighbors - solicit new viewpoints. Create a new discussion. This is our Web site - anyone can use it - and it's easy to use! You don't need any special computer skills to post information to the site - simply fill out forms and the information is posted! All you need is Internet access - everything is in an extremely user-friendly format. So check it out!

Our Web site can be found at: www.neighborhoodlink.com/ phoenix/belair



#### COMMUNICATOR

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G.A.I.N. Event Community Pancake Breakfast October 17th 9 a.m. -11 a.m.



The event will be hosted in the American Lutheran Church auditorium. Please drop in, have some coffee, 'cakes and conversation to start your Saturday!

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.

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