Jan./Feb. 2012 issue

BELIE AIR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATOR

We are located in the City of Phoenix's Encanto Village. 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. **See our web site** @ www.belairneighborhood.com !

Saturday, March 3th 10:30 am – 5:00 pm on 7th Avenue north of Indian School Road. We plan to exhibit both our neighborhood info & a "neighborhood merchants' table". Volunteers needed to man our booth. Various shifts available. Call or e-mail Carrie Frazer or Jeanne Greene. (Please see Page 2 for contact info).

This booth is sponsored by the City of Phoenix's Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program (NBWGP) .

You are invited to a General Meeting Saturday, February 18th 9:00 AM American Evangelical Lutheran Church Gym

1830 W. Glenrosa Avenue

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Estas invitado a Reunion general

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Sabado, el 18 de Febrero <u>9:00 am</u> Gymnasio de la Iglesia Evangelica Americana (esquina NW de avenida 18/ Glenrosa). La Reunion es patrocinada por beca de vigilancia del vecindario.

CALENDAR

Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave. (modular unit east of parking lot)	1/9
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General Meeting 9:00 a.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.	2/18
& Bulk Trash Placement Begins	2/18
Bulk Trash Collection Begins	2/27
Bel Air Booth @ M7 Street Fair on 7th Avenue north of Indian School Rd. Booth open from 10:30 am - 5 pm.	3/3
Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave. (modular unit east of parking lot)	3/5
Bel Air Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale 7 am - noon (throughout the neighborhood)	3/24
Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave. (modular unit east of parking lot)	4/2
Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.	5/7
General Meeting w/Elections 9:00 a.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.	5/19

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General Fund Account:		Block Watch Grant Account:	
Balance 10/31/11	\$1,408.72	Balance 10/31/11	\$7,214.53
- Donation to American Lutheran Church for allowing us to borrow tables & chairs for the GAIN Event Block Party End Balance 11/30/11	 \$50.00 - Nov. Board Mtg. Nov. postcard mailing Nov/Dec Newsletter Nov. General Mtg. Dec. Board Mtg. M7 Street Fair Booth \$1,358.72 - APS alley lights 	 Nov. postcard mailing Nov/Dec Newsletter Nov. General Mtg. Dec. Board Mtg. M7 Street Fair Booth APS alley lights 	- \$15.00 - \$203.96 - \$116.95 - \$40.00 - \$15.00 - \$95.00 - \$1,981.35
		- APS alley lights - APS alley lights	- \$762.08 - \$1,756.57
		End Balance 12/31/11	\$2,228.62

Community Garden

Hello Neighbors,

just a quick note to let you all know about the community garden that has been started here in Bel Air. It is located on the north side of Jeanne Greene's house, located at 1802 W Heatherbrae Dr. Jeanne was kind enough to volunteer the land that was once her boys' football field.



A small group of neighbors have been planning the garden for several months, and were very excited



consisted of amending the soil with compost, and covering the soil with plastic to kill the Bermuda grass that is currently growing on the site. The next step will be to layout the garden and plant it for a spring harvest, we anticipate doing this in mid February.

Arizona Gro-Well, a local organic company that specializes in garden soils, donated the compost. We were very fortunate to have their donation, and are actively seeking other "sponsors" or possible contributors/collaborators. We are in need

of anything a garden may require; so things like spare rakes, shovels, old wheelbarrows, would all be greatly appreciated. We are also in need of some outdoor furniture, picnic table, bench, garden shed, etc.

It is our sincere hope that the garden will help further unite the community and become a hub of activity. There are already tentative plans for another garden in the neighborhood, so if you are interested in gardening, please contact us at belaircg@gmail.com

Thank You and have a Happy New Year! Aaron LeGendre

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Keep Watching Out For Our Neighbors!

Please read the following e-mails from other neighborhoods in Phoenix that were forwarded to us. If you see any of these vehicles or suspicious activity, please call **crime stop at 602-262-6151**.

From a Pasadena Neighborhood resident

(7th av-15th av/Missouri-Camelback) We were burglarized again this AM (second time in 6 months). The alarm and the dogs were not a deterrent to this couple. In fact, it is believed the point of entry was the dog door off the back yard (the burglar would have had to hop the block wall). Fortunately the alarm sounded/police responded and they fled w/o much loss/damage. The burglar was a thin black male wearing a red top, red scarf and jeans or dark pants. The getaway driver was a black female in a blue older sedan (possibly Honda) w/no hood on it. The police recall seeing the vehicle in the neighborhood before. The car was backed into the driveway of the vacant house on Oregon, two in from 13th Avenue (it is for rent), and it appears the male fled the burglary into that yard b/c our property was recovered in a trash bin in that yard and the gate to that house was open. Careful everyone.

Hello Neighbors, Please notify your block watch group of the following information. Older beat up Suburban either maroon/silver/maroon or silver/maroon/silver with a white scruffy male sloppy appearance in attire stealing UPS packages from front porches. He may be following the UPS driver. The incident occurred December 14th at 2:45PM following the delivery of packages on Rose Lane at 2:28PM. The theft drove down the block came back up the street only to return to the property by pulling up the vehicle to the walk way. Please let your group know of this incident since I am certain this person is following UPS and stealing packages during this busy holiday season.

Happy Holidays. We live on 2nd street north of Northern. We had a break in today at around 2:00 this afternoon. 2 African American males hopped our fence and broke our back window and came in the house, they took off when our alarm system sounded. Our vigilant neighbors saw the men and the vehicle with someone parked in the alley waiting in an early 2001 blue Toyota pick up truck with damage to the front end.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY

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WANTED - Used storage shed & Picnic tables for a community gardening area in Bel Air. Please contact Jeanne at 602-265-5664.

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Vacant Board Positions

There are 2 vacant positions on the Bel Air Neighborhood Association board which may be filled by appointment. All that are interested in being on the board should attend the next board meeting. This will be Jan. 9th at 6:30pm at American Evangelical Church, (modular unit east of parking lot), 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave. Any questions, please call Jeanne Greene at 602-265-5664. Hope to see you then.

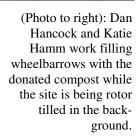
General Meeting on November 19th

Bel Air residents enjoying discussing holiday safety and visiting with each other at this general meeting. Sharon Barger won the frozen turkey door prize shortly after having won another prize. Since she was the first participant of the day at the Free VIN-Etching event, she was presented with a "Club" steering wheel lock anti-theft device. Talk about wonderful luck! There were also a few free lunch door prizes donated by the Ladybug House of Sandwiches. Various informational handouts were on display and available for residents to take home. Additionally, Free Bel Air Bags were available for each person in attendance. Each bag includes: Bel Air T-Shirt (L or XL), Bel Air "Be Aware" Notebook, Reference Card w/ Important Phone #s, McGruff® Safe Kids ID KIT, Welcome New Neighbor! Brochure & more!

Community Garden Groundbreaking

Pete Metrakos began rotor tilling the earth.









2807 S. 27th Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85009 P. 602 269 5784 P. 800 500 3245 F. 602 269 3622 www.gro-well.com



The area for the garden has been tilled and compost added. Later, it was covered with plastic.

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Community Garden Groundbreaking (cont.)

Taking his turn manning the rotor tiller, Aaron LeGendre helps prepare the soil for a February planting.





Community garden members (left to right): Aaron LeGendre, Jeanne Greene, Pete Metrakos, Virginia Anders, Dan Hancock, Sharon Bushouse, Sharon Barger, Jessie Becoates, and Katie Hamm. Community garden members (not pictured): Jon Bernrenter, Pam Biscoe, and Sandy Wynkoop.

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Board Meeting Minutes - November

Date: November 7th, 2011

I. Call to Order 6:35 p.m.

II. In attendance: Katie Hamm, J Brown, , Jeanne Greene, Melanie Legendre, Sharon Bushouse, Michael Radtke **Absent**: Juanita Soto-Ayers, Sebashtzen Rowan, Pamela Wigley, Virginia Anders, Carrie Frazer, Wayne Harmon

III. Minutes-October 3rd minutes approved after minor correction

IV. Treasurers report- Approved as presented

V. Committees

Canal Access Engineering-There is concern by the Board that this project has not been completed, and we may lose funding. Jeanne and Virginia will set up a meeting with Lisa to see where we are.

Community Enhancement

1. General Meeting/Gain Event Oct. 15th- There was \$34 left from monies for the Gain Event. A motion was made



and approved to make this \$50 to donate to American Evangelical Lutheran Church for them allowing us to use their tables and chairs. Mike Radtke also suggested we give the owners of the businesses who so generously donated most of the food, a free ad in upcoming newsletters. This would be done without adding extra pages. A motion was made and unanimously carried. The event was considered a success. J suggested that for future outdoor events, we need better lighting and a microphone. For future GAIN events, it was suggested that we ask for more money since we may not always get most of the food donated.

 2. Community Gardening – First meeting has been held and there is a lot of interest in the community. The board discussed insurance and waivers. Jean hopes to procure a small shed for tools, a picnic table and a shade canopy.

- 3. The community enhancement committee must still meet . Turkey donations were discussed.
- 4. There was a motion to donate any leftover refreshments from the neighborhood meeting to the VIN etching project. Motion carried..
- **PNP**, **Cert Training** Dan Hancock in Virginia Anders are going to the next PNP training.

Block Watch Grant Committee-It was suggested that community members go to the City of Phoenix Block Watch Grant web site to learn about guidelines and consider areas of support.

The newsletter is being printed on Wednesday

Open Meeting laws were discussed. They will continue to be an agenda item.

Adjournment 7:40pm. Melanie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting December 5th, 2011 6:30pm American Evangelical Lutheran Church, Modular Unit, 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.

It's easy t o join our mailing list! Get neighborhood n e w s your i n e-mail inbox! 2 2 8 2 8 Text **BELAIR** to get started. t o

