

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

COMMUNICATOR

March/April 2012 issue

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!

Bel Air Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale Saturday, March 24th 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!

You are invited to a
General Meeting
with Elections
Saturday, May 19th

9:00 AM
American Evangelical
Lutheran Church
1830 W. Glenrosa Avenue

Estas invitado a
Reunion general
Sabado, el 19 de Mayo
9:00 am

Iglesia Evangelica Americana (esquina NW de avenida 18/ Glenrosa). La Reunion es patrocinada por beca de vigilancia del vecindario. The attached sunflower seeds are compliments of the Bel Air Neighborhood Association. Please plant, water & enjoy!

CALENDAR

Board Meeting 3/5 6:30 p.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave. (modular unit east of parking lot) 3/24 Bel Air Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale 7 am - noon (throughout the neighborhood) **Board Meeting** 4/2 6:30 p.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave. (modular unit east of parking lot) **Board Meeting** 5/7 6:30 p.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave. (modular unit east of parking lot) General Meeting w/Elections 5/19 9:00 a.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave. & Bulk Trash Placement Begins **Bulk Trash Collection Begins** 5/28 **Board Meeting** 6/4 6:30 p.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave. (modular unit east of parking lot) **Board Meeting** 7/23 6:30 p.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave. (modular unit east of parking lot) **Board Meeting** 8/27 6:30 p.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church,

1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.

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General Fund Account:		Block Watch Grant Account:	
Balance 11/30/11	\$1,358.72	Balance 12/31/11	\$2,228.62
+ Ad Revenue - Luminaria Supplies	+ \$43.00 - \$46.73	Jan/Feb NewsletterLaptopJan. 9th Board Mtg.	- \$116.95 - \$485.00 - \$15.00
End Balance 12/31/11	\$1,354.99		
No Activity		Ending Balance 1/31/12	\$1,611.67
End Balance 1/31/12	\$1,354.99	Jan. 30th Board Mtg.Postcard mailing	- \$15.00 - \$213.44
No Activity		End Balance 2/29/12	\$1,383.23
End Balance 2/29/12	\$1,354.99		

The Bridges Are In b y Radtke Mike

The ditch crossings at 17th and 18th Avenues were completed by the city just before the Bel Air Neighborhood Association's February 18th general meeting. After more than 60 years folks won't need to use neighbor's private bridges nor erode the irrigation ditch banks in order to safely cross between our neighborhood and the Grand Canal path.

It was pretty anticlimactic though.

The neighborhood association had been working on this project for a very a long time. And then, all of a sudden, everything just came together and the bridges were started and completed over just a few days.



Thanks to all the members of the neighborhood association board. At one time or another, every board member contributed to getting the job done. Thanks as well to all of the neighbors who helped in various ways, or just continued to offer encouragement. And, special thanks to Lisa Hubbard of Phoenix Neighborhood services who managed to get all of the pieces to fall into place.

While the crossings are in, the sites aren't quite complete yet. The association will plant some barrier plants to guide folks to the bridges and beautify the areas. Perhaps that

will stop some of the bicycle tire erosion to the ditch by kids who might prefer riding through the ditch to using the bridges.

Speaking of kids, who is Darien? Unfortunately, the neighborhood kids found the bridges before the concrete was completely set. So we now have a lot of future petroglyphs on the bridges, mostly at 18th Avenue. Darien managed to tag both crossings.

Now that the safe crossings are in place, please add the Grand Canal path to your neighborhood hikes and dog walks. Meet your neighbors and let the bad guys know that we are out and about and use the public areas in our neighborhood.

Board Meeting Minutes - December

Date: December 5th, 2011

I. Call to Order 6:31 p.m.

II. **In attendance**: Katie Hamm, Jeanne Greene ,Melanie Legendre, Sharon Bushouse, Michael Radtke, Virginia Anders, Carrie Frazer, Wayne Harmon

Absent: Juanita Soto-Ayers, Sebashtzen Rowan, Pamela Wigley, J. Brown

- III. Minutes-November 7, 2011 minutes approved
- IV. Treasurers report- Approved as presented

V. Committees

Canal Access Engineering-Virginia reported on a phone conversation with Lisa Huggins-Hubbard regarding the canal access project status. The City has a bid for \$6,000 from a local contractor. Due to the current budget crisis at the City, however, there is a freeze on the bond money. Once that issue has been resolved, the project can move forward. Mike requested the name of the contractor and the specifics of the bid. Jeanne said she will report back to the board with this information.

Community Enhancement

- 1. Holiday luminarias The board members will spearhead the December 24 project of lining several BelAir streets with luminarias. We will light them around dusk, then return to remove them on Christmas. The streets and coordinators will be: Mackenzie Carrie, Westview and 16th Drive Wayne, Montecito Sharon, Glenrosa –Mike, Heatherbrae Melanie, Devonshire Katie, Monterosa Juanita, 16th Ave Virginia and Jeanne. Jeanne has stored leftover bags, candles, and large bags of sand from last year's project, so costs will be minimal this year. Carrie will draft an "opt-out" flyer for the neighbors on those streets to advertise the upcoming project and offer residents the chance to choose not to have luminarias on the sidewalk in front of their properties. Jeanne's phone number will be included for those who wish to opt out.
- 2. **Community Gardening** The third meeting has been held. The group will open an account through Sharon Bushouse's credit union, for its low rates. Each member of the "Green Team" is donating an initial \$20 to the fund. Much of the materials are already being donated from various sources. Ground breaking will happen in Jeanne Green's north side yard 12/10 (Saturday), at 8 a.m. Jeanne's attorney will write up a "holds harmless" document for the committee/team and the BelAir board's protection.

- 3. **PNP**, **Cert Training** Virginia reported that the 8 hour PNP training at the Mountain View precinct on November 19 was very informative and interesting. She and Dan Hancock will meet tomorrow evening to re-organize the Crime Prevention committee. They will make information available to the board and the neighborhood soon.
- 4. Block Watch Grant Committee-Carrie brought up the four remaining funding issues for the 2011 grant: \$500 for the laptop computer for board activities, \$100 to fund BelAir's participation in the 2011 Melrose Street Fair, \$100 for community enhancement planting, and \$200 for miscellaneous printing costs beyond the newsletter. Mike objected to participating in the Melrose Street Fair, saying the time, money, and effort invested in last year's fair was not useful to the neighborhood. He felt the money would be better spent on other activities directly involved in BelAir. Other members felt the value of the fair is demonstrated in the relationships we can make with other neighborhoods in the central Phoenix area. Also, such participation enhances our chances of securing future BlockWatch grants, given the stated purpose of the funding. Building strong bonds with other neighborhoods raises our profile as a vibrant neighborhood in the city. Carrie and Virginia will research after-Christmas sales on laptops and consult with Mike and at least one other computer-savvy person. The board approved the use of grant funds for the after-Christmas purchase of a laptop, and the Melrose Street Fair event.
- 5. Jeanne received a letter from the current insurance agent, Cherry Hill, who has left Bowman Insurance. She wants to remain as our agent. Her poor record representing the board does not recommend a positive response to the letter. The board gave Jeanne the authority to discuss the issue with Bowman Insurance and resolve the issue as the BelAir board's president.
- 6. The next newsletter will be printed in early January. Articles and/or ads are due to Carrie by December 20.
- 7. There are two openings on the board: Sebashtzen Rowan has submitted his resignation letter to the board, and Pamela Wigley and her family are moving out of BelAir. Carrie will post a request for new board members in the newsletter.
- 8. The Open Meeting law discussion was tabled for a future meeting
- 9. Adjournment 7:40pm. Melanie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

We would also like to extend our thanks to **Baker Nursery**

for the flat of plants and seeds they donated for the community garden! They are located at 3414 N. 40th Street, Phoenix or online at www.bakernurseryaz.com



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Board Candidates Wanted

GENERAL MEETING Saturday, May 19th

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On May 19th, we will be collecting and tabulating the ballots for the 2012 Board Elections. Those elected will serve into the year 2014. 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 20th for the May 19th election ballot. We hope you will give the idea of helping your neighborhood more thought and nominate yourself or someone you know.

Please call Jeanne Greene, Bel Air Neighborhood Association President at 602-265-5664 with new nominations. Or, e-mail your new nominations to jeannegreene9@gmail.com.

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Yard of the Quarter Winner October-December 2011

The Bel Air Neighborhood Association is very pleased to announce our seventh Bel Air Yard of the Quarter recipient! Please join us in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Hall, as the Yard of the Quarter winners for the October - December 2011 quarter.

The Halls received an official "Bel Air Yard of the Quarter" lawn sign, to be placed on their property for the first two weeks after awarded, and one Bel Air style lawn chair. In addition, they received a gift certificate generously donated by Southwest Gardener®, a local gardening specialty shop at 15th Ave and Thomas.

For rules and nomination forms, please visit our web site at: www.belairneighborhood.com, or to nominate someone, contact melanie.thomson.legendre@gmail.com



Gary Hall in front of his home on West Devonshire Ave.

Special thanks to the Halls for enhancing the neighborhood with their well-maintained and attractive front yard. Mr. Hall can be often seen working on his home, and it shows!

Free Tax Filing Help

Reprinted from "Our Neighborhood" Spring 2012 newsletter distributed by the City of Phoenix's Neighborhood Services Department

The city of Phoenix Human Services Department has a free service that helps residents with a 2011 adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$57,000 or less file income taxes.

Residents without access to a computer can get help from an IRS-certified volunteer to file their state and federal income taxes at two locations:

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Board Meeting Minutes - January 9th

Date: January 9th, 2012

Attendance: Board Members: Melanie Legendre, Jeanne Greene, Carrie Frazier, Mike Radtke, Wayne Harmon, Juanita Soto Ayers, J. Brown, Katie Hamm

Absent: Virginia Anders, Sharon Bushouse

Call to order: Jeanne Greene called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Minutes: Carrie motioned to approve the minutes of the December meeting since all present had reviewed them via email. Wayne seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all present.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Radtke submitted his report via e -mail prior to the Board meeting. It was accepted by all present.

Committees:

A. Canal Access Engineering: Jeanne didn't have any new information from Lisa Hubbard.

B. Community Enhancement:

- **1. Luminarias:** The luminaria lighting on Christmas Eve went well. There were many positive comments from the community. 1200 luminarias were set out. To improve this activity next year, we need to get more of the community members involved. Opportunities to be involved will be presented at our GAIN event in October
- 2. Community Gardening: The site has been rototilled, composted and covered with black plastic. Planting will begin at the end of February or early March. Jeanne suggested the idea of including a packet of flowers seeds in the March/April newsletter to encourage neighbors to plant them as community enhancement. Jeanne knows of a web site from the Department of Agriculture that provides seeds. Juanita also knows of a possible source of seeds. Both Jeanne and Juanita will do further research on obtaining free seeds. Jeanne also stated that the community garden will not be divided into plots, but will be one big garden. The garden needs donations of a picnic table, shade cloth, and chairs. C. Crime Prevention: Virginia and Dan Hancock participated in the recent PNP training.
- D. Block Watch Grant Committee: New members are needed for this committee to gain experience in preparing the grant. Because money is awarded in a grant approval, Jeanne suggested that anyone considering being treasurer next year be a part of this committee. J. Brown volunteered to join. Jeanne asked the Board members for ideas for the 2012 BWG which needs to be submitted in early February before our next Board meeting. Carrie reminded everyone that approximately half the grant money goes to pay for the dawn/dusk alley lighting. Jeanne suggested that fuel reimbursement for PNP patrolling might be considered. Mike suggested that this committee have a deadline to complete a draft of the application and then submit it to Board members

via e-mail. After comments on the draft, a special Board meeting should be held before the application deadline to approve the application. The committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 16 at Copper Star to create the draft. The draft will then be sent to Board members for their comments. A special Board meeting will be held Jan. 23 at the Lutheran Church to approve the grant application. Jeanne also asked if all Board members had received copies of the 2011 second quarter BWG and if there were any questions. All present had received the copy and none had questions.

Newsletter/Website Committee: Carrie shared that the new neighbor brochure had been redone and posted on the web site. Mike stated the need for more people to deliver the newsletter. A route takes about half an hour to 45 minutes to complete. J. Brown volunteered.

V. New Business

- **A. Yard of the Quarter**: Melanie will have the results at next month's meeting
- **B. Melrose Street Fair**: Volunteers are needed March 3 .to work the booth between the event hours of 11 5. Board members are to e-mail Carrie with hours they wish to work. Carrie will bring a list to our next Board meeting of hours that still need coverage.

VI. Old Business

- **A. Openings on the Board**: Blurb will be put in the newsletter. We currently have 2 openings.
- **B. Shred-a-thon**: Carrie contacted the AZ Center for the Blind regarding their shredding services. The on-site option at \$300 seemed too expensive. The two remaining options, which had documents shredded off-site, raised security concerns. Additional organizations will be contacted for their shredding service options. J. Brown suggested that money for a shred-a-thon might be requested in the 2012 BWG grant since it could be classified as preventing identity theft.
- C. Open meeting laws: Tabled until next meeting
- **D. Computer**: Carrie researched the computer options from Staples and identified six possibilities. She e-mailed Mike and Virginia these options. Mike responded with a list of the options in priority order. The top option was an HP Pavilion DV 6 6110, 15.6 lap top. Carrie and Virginia were able to purchase this computer for our Board's use. Virginia may be able to provide Norton anti-virus protection for the computer. If not, Mike volunteered to assist in providing an excellent free anti-virus program.
- **E. Canal Access Engineering Committee**: Mike requested a return to this topic. He detailed the frustration our Board has encountered for the last 18 months in getting this project completed. Mike volunteered to personally pursue this project until it is completed.

Adjourned: At 7:47 p.m. Carrie motioned to adjourn the meeting. J. Brown seconded the motion. All present approved the motion.

Board Meeting Minutes - January 30th

In Attendance: Jeanne Greene, Sharon Bushouse, Carrie Frazer, Melanie Legendre, J Brown, Juanita Soto Ayers, Mike Radtke, Katie Hamm, Virginia Anders, guest Nicholas Radtke

Call to Order 6:30 pm

The minutes for the 1/09/2012 BelAir Board meeting were presented and approved

New Business: Committee Reports

Canal Access Engineering – Mike presented his research on the status of the canal access bridge project which was discussed at length. Mike spoke to Lisa Huggins-Hubbard recently, who told him there were details still to be determined with the contractor and the neighbors' approval. J and Juanita will talk with the neighbors because they are familiar with the area.

Community Enhancement – Jeanne reported on the developments in the community garden project, including last Saturday's yard sale fundraiser, which earned \$250 for the project. The next stage will be a weekend of planting, February 24 – 26. Jeanne has purchased Baker Heirloom seeds, which have a high reputation for reliability. The committee is pursuing a donation of enough sunflower seeds to gift a small packet of them to each home owner for planting in their own yards. The donation letter may take a couple of months for a response, they were told.

General Meeting – The meeting is scheduled for February 18, from 9 - 11 a.m. The discussion topic will be "Safety." The focus will be on a positive approach, meaning strengthening the neighborhood, rather than talking about protecting ourselves from bad guys. Jeanne said Officer Stevens will lead the discussion.

Crime Prevention – Virginia will check with the PNP program co-coordinator for 2012 re the change in the number of hours needed to complete introductory patrol hours

Block Watch Grant Committee -

Carrie announced the purchase of the board secretary laptop computer, which Virginia now has. Discussion of sources for least expensive programs for the Windows 7 platform on the HP laptop. Juanita will check on employee discounts on the price of software through Phoenix College. The board approved \$175 to be set aside to purchase software for the laptop, if needed. Mike Radtke will send Virginia the link for an open source office suite download also.

The **2012 BlockWatch Grant** will be submitted by Friday, the City of Phoenix deadline for the grant application, after it was approved as submitted to the board. Jeanne reported that the classrooms will continue to be available for board meetings. The application included monies for a neighborhood documents shred-a-thon, for identity theft prevention.

Newsletter/Website Committee – The board noted how much the newsletter and website are appreciated.

Treasurers Report – Mike Radtke said there was no new activity in the account.

Old Business –Melanie and Juanita talked with neighbors about joining the board, but no one has agreed yet. The board discussed ways to inform the BelAir community of the board's meetings more promptly. The formal minutes are presented and approved, pending corrections, at each following month's board meeting. Virginia, as secretary, will post a draft version of the monthly minutes on the BelAir website as soon as she can after the meeting.

March 3rd Melrose Street Fair – Carrie said she needs more volunteers for the event.

Adjourned 7:45 pm

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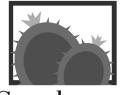


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