

**You are invited to a
GENERAL MEETING
with Elections
Saturday, May 19th
9:00am – 10:00am**

**This General Meeting sponsored by the City of Phoenix's
Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program (NBWGP) .**

La Reunion es patrocinada por beca de vigilancia del vecindario.



Independence Day  7/4

Board Meeting **8/27**
6:30 p.m. @ American Evangelical
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General Fund Account:

Balance 2/29/12	\$1,354.99
- Newsletter Supplies	- \$25.61
+ Ad Revenue	+ \$15.00
End Balance 3/31/12	\$1,344.38

Block Watch Grant Account:

Balance 2/29/12	\$1,383.23
- Feb. General Mtg.	- \$40.00
- March 5th Board Mtg.	- \$15.00
- March/Apr. Newsletter	- \$116.95
Ending Balance 3/31/12	\$1,211.28
- Apr. 9th Board Mtg.	- \$15.00
End Balance 4/24/12	\$1,196.28

Neighborhood Library & More

by Carrie Frazer

Jeanne Greene, our current Bel Air President, has started a free library next to the community garden. This is for the whole neighborhood to enjoy. Neighbors can bring and take books and magazines as they please. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The library is on the west side of 18th Avenue just north of Heatherbrae Drive.

Speaking of good neighbors, more neighbors are needed for our neighborhood association board. At the general meeting, we can elect six new board members for two-year terms. Right now, we have six neighbors that are willing to run for these positions. We also have a board vacancy with a term that doesn't end until May 2013. So, if you would like to serve your community, please come to the general meeting on May 19th to run as a "write in" candidate. The neighborhood association board meets once a month, presently the first Monday evening of each month. If possible, let me know you will be running as a "write in" candidate in advance by e-mailing carriefraz@aol.com.

Having served two consecutive two-year terms on the Bel Air board, I will be passing on the responsibility to future board members.

Sincerely,
 Carrie Frazer
 Newsletter Editor



Are you interested in joining a neighborhood book discussion group?

Our first step will be an introductory meeting at the community garden to decide on books to read and a regular meeting time.

Contact Katie Hamm at 602-264-5611 or at tomkat12002@yahoo.com for details.

General Meeting & Elections On May 19th, 9am - 10:00am!

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. All residents, property owners, business owners, and non-profit organizations located in the Bel Air Neighborhood (18 years of age or older) shall have one vote each to be cast during attendance at the general meeting. One representative from each business or non-profit organization will cast one vote. Persons who own rental property in Bel Air are considered business owners regarding voting.

If you are unable to attend the general meeting, please drop off or mail your absentee ballot to: Bel Air Neighborhood Association c/o Jeanne Greene, 1802 W. Heatherbrae Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85015. If you need an additional absentee ballot, you may print one from the .pdf version of this newsletter on our website at: www.belairneighborhood.com.

And, the nominees are...

Sharon Bushouse

Phone/email: 602-222-8718 / rsbushouse@q.com

Years in neighborhood: apx. 17

Board history: Board President (2003-2004), Board Member (2002-2004 & 2010-2012)

Quote: "I feel that we all have an obligation to 'give back' and if chosen to be part of the Board I hope to be in a position to do that."

Sabby Khan

Sabby is a registered nurse who resides on N. 15th Drive with her husband, who teaches school in Gilbert, and their 9-month-old baby. Sabby, although busy with her career and young family, wants to serve her community and wishes to increase the safety of Bel-Air

Gracie Morales

Gracie resides on N. 18th Avenue with her husband, Ariel, and their 10-month-old baby. Gracie and Ariel moved into the Bel-Air neighborhood less than six months ago but already love the friendliness of the community. Gracie is a sales associate at Factory 2-U Stores, Inc.

Mike Radtke

Phone/email: 602-279-7190 / wa7zpu@5by9.net

Occupation: Retired software engineer

Years in neighborhood: 39

Board history: Board Treasurer (2011-2012), Board Member (2010-2012)

Quote: "I would continue to attempt to bring openness to Neighborhood Association activities by seeking resident's input and increasing the visibility of the associations actions and plans."

Juanita Soto Ayers

Phone/email: 602-277-0709 / jsotoayers@yahoo.com

Occupation: Retired Certified Counselor

Years in neighborhood: 23

Board history: Board Vice-President (2011-2012), Board Member (2010-2012). Served on the Central



May 2012
General Elections
Absentee Ballot

There are currently six (6) openings for Board Members.
You may vote for up to six (6) candidates.

- ☐ Sharon Bushouse
- ☐ Sabby Khan
- ☐ Gracie Morales
- ☐ Mike Radtke
- ☐ Juanita Soto Ayers
- ☐ Sherry L. Toms

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Your Name (Optional)

Your Address (Optional)

Arizona Health Systems Governing Board (1982-87) and was actively involved in committee work for the Bel-Air Association in 1996 - 98 when spouse (Stacey Ayers) was a board member. Quote: "I am interested in serving on the Board because I want to help the Bel-Air neighborhood continue to be a safe, desirable, and diverse community in Central Phoenix."

Sherry L. Toms

Sherry, a resident of the Bel-Air neighborhood for the past two years, resides on N. 15th Drive with her husband, Rod, and their four children. Sherry is interested in maintaining the safety and family atmosphere of Bel-Air.

Yard of the Quarter Winner January - March 2012

The Bel Air Neighborhood Association is very pleased to announce our eighth Bel Air Yard of the Quarter recipients! Please join us in congratulating Don and Tom, as the Yard of the Quarter winners for the January - March 2012 quarter.



The winners 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 website at: www.belairneighborhood.com, or to nominate someone, contact melanie.thomson.legendre@gmail.com



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Community Garden



The community garden is growing very well! The gardeners have been working hard planting, tending and watering various plants. They're growing tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, four different types of lettuce, bok choy, corn, radishes, green beans, and more!

Community Garden (cont.)

The community garden is very welcoming!



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Board Meeting Minutes - March 5th

Date: March 5th, 2012

Attendees: Jeanne Greene, Sharon Bushouse, Katie Hamm, Mike Radtke, Wayne Harmon, Carrie Frazer, Virginia Anders

I. Call to Order

II. Minutes - Reviewed and approved board meeting minutes, pending three corrections. Virginia was reminded to post the draft minutes within the week after the meeting.

III. Treasurer's Report – Jeanne gave Mike a receipt for \$25.61 supplies for the sunflower seeds project.

IV. Committees

A. Canal Access engineering – Mike noted that the slide gate on the east side of each bridge won't be installed until the concrete hardens fully on the basic structure. He said he will monitor this.

B. Beautification – The board discussed possible planting for the bridge area. Several board members have cactus and succulent plants to offer - low maintenance planting is preferred.

C. Community Enhancement – Jeanne and Sharon combined efforts to acquire seeds and small plastic bags for the sunflower project which will accompany the next newsletter. They will get the bags to Carrie in time for the next newsletter deliveries.

D. Gardening Committee – Jeanne told the board most of the first planting is done: radishes, lettuce, Bok Choy, and some tomato plants. Early comments from passersby are very positive.

E. Crime Prevention – Virginia said the 25-hour requirement for new recruits to the PNP program has been waived, including retroactively. She will contact Dan Hancock tonight to set up a meeting to review objectives.

F. Next General Meeting – May 19, Time: 9 – 11 a.m. The board discussed potential topics: summer safety? Pool safety? a speaker from the Diabetes Association?

G. Block Watch Committee – Carrie noted the current balance for the 2011 Block Watch Grant, and said the balance by June 30, 2012 must be zero. Therefore, any unexpended monies by that date must be sent back to the City. All new neighborhood-approved street lights have been installed. The board

approved the remaining 2 City-approved items from the 2011 budget, \$100 for plants and \$200 for miscellaneous printing from the grant budget.

H. Fight Back Grant – Katie Hamm checked with the City of Phoenix, and said there is no more money available for further projects.

I. Newsletter/Website Committee – The next newsletter will be ready by this Friday, with a seed packet attached to each newsletter.

VI. Old Business – There are two openings on the current board, and five more possible openings for the May 2012 general meeting, when current terms expire. Jeanne urged the current members to consider remaining on the board. Mike will facilitate the closing of the BelAirNH@yahoo.com website.

VII. The Melrose Street Fair – Carrie and Wayne reported that the fair was very well attended and the BelAir booth had plenty of visitors. There were enough volunteers to staff the booth all day, from the 11 a.m. opening to the 6 p.m. close.

Adjournment 7:30 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: April 2, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
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