	July/August 2012 issue Printed June 22, 2012		
	CALENDAR		
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION	Independence Day 7/4		
COMMUNICATOR			
We are located in the City of Phoenix's Encanto Village. Our neighbor- hood 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 !	Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7/9 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave. (modular unit east of parking lot)		
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 ★ BOARD MEETING ★ <l< td=""><td>Bulk Trash Placement Begins 8/18</td></l<>	Bulk Trash Placement Begins 8/18		
☆ Monday, July 9 th ☆ 6:30pm			
 Discussion of bylaws A 	Bulk Trash Collection Begins 8/27		
All neighbors are welcome to attend.			
★ American Evangelical Lutheran Church ★ ★ NW corner of 18 th Ave/Glenrosa ★ ★ (modular unit east of parking lot) ★	Labor Day 9/3		
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Congratulations to the New Board Members & Officers!

- On Saturday, May 19th, 2012, the following residents were elected and/or re-elected to the Bel Air Neighborhood Association Board for a two-year term: Sharon Bushouse, Sabby Khan, Mike Radtke, Gracie Alexis Rodriguez, Juanita Soto-Ayers, & Sherry L. Toms.
- On Monday, June 4th, 2012, the following Officers were re-elected for a 1-year term: President - Jeanne Greene, Vice-President -Juanita Soto Ayers, Treasurer - Mike Radtke, and Secretary - Virginia Anders.

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BEL AIR BOARD

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Sherry L. Toms Elected 5/2012,Term 2012-2014

General Fund Ac	eral Fund Account: Block W		atch Grant Account:	
Balance 3/31/12	\$1,344.38	Balance 4/24/12	\$1,196.28	
- Event Supplies	- \$40.26	- May/June Newsletter - Postcard mailing	- \$119.25 - \$213.44	
End Balance 4/30/12	\$1,304.12	- May 7th Board Mtg. - May 19th Gen. Mtg.	- \$15.00 - \$40.00	
No Activity		Ending Balance 5/31/12	\$808.59	
End Balance 5/31/12	\$1,304.12	- June 4th Board Mtg. - Misc. Printing - June 22nd Newsletter	- \$15.00 - \$56.84 - \$119.25	
		End Balance 6/25/12	\$617.50	

Newsletter Editor Resignation by Carrie Frazer

Effective this month, I am resigning as the Bel Air Newsletter Editor. My future plans include continuing to focus on healing from having been injured in a car accident. I would like to thank all the neighbors that have helped produce and distribute the

newsletters for the past four years. A special thanks goes to Jewel at Copy Works &

Printing for the great service she has provided and for making sure our newsletters come out perfectly every time.

Many neighbors have complimented my work over the years. Thank you too! It's wonderful to be praised and appreciated.

> Sincerely, Carrie Frazer



If you have any animals which are not spayed or neutered, there will be a mobile clinic doing free spaying and neutering in the parking lot of Asbury United Methodist Church, 1601 W Indian School on a Saturday in the near future.



They would like to get an idea of how many animals they might expect, so if you are interested please call the clinic at 602-828-4657 and let them know. As a community service, there will be an e-Alert sent out by Bel Air when a definite date and time are set. If you don't already receive e-Alerts, you may sign up at www.belairneighborhood.com



Public Works for you!

Important changes coming to trash & recycling collection

"Same Day" collection begins the week of July 9, 2012

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURS.	FRIDAY
LUNES	MARTES	MIER.	JUEVES	VIERNES

If you have alley collection, both trash and recycling will be collected on the same day.

For more information please visit phoenix.gov/publicworks or call our Public Works Department - Customer Contact Center at 602 262-7251

Yard of the Quarter Winner April-June 2012

The Bel Air Neighborhood Association is very pleased to announce our ninth Bel Air Yard of the Quarter recipient! Please join us in congratulating neighbors Jean and Dawn, as the Yard of the Quarter winners for April - June 2012.

They have 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: <u>www.belairneighborhood.com</u>, or to nominate someone, contact melanie.thomson.legendre@gmail.com



Jean and Dawn in front of their home at 4311 N. 16th Dr.



Keep Watching Out For Our Neighbors!

Please read the following information that was forwarded to us from the Woodlea Melrose Neighborhood, which is the neighborhood directly east of Bel Air. If you see any suspicious activity, please call **crime stop at 602-262-6151**.

Below is a copy of a message from the Woodlea Melrose Neighborhood Association facebook site....

Today June 6 my home at 11th and Mackenzie was broken into at 2:00 pm. They kicked in my front door and stole my television, laptop and some watches though they went through every room.

My neighbor across the street told police that there were 5 of them total all Hispanic driving a Silver Chevy sedan with temporary tags. 2 men and 3 women and they were all clean cut. Another neighbor stated a girl running up Heatherbrae.

Unfortunately my neighbor was attempting to write down the plates and one if the assailants saw her and assaulted her punching her in the face.

Please everyone be vigilant in paying attention to each other's homes.

Photos from the Neighborhood

Grown by Kimberly, this bright yellow sunflower just opened up.

marks the location of the Bel Air community garden.

Created by Melanie LeGendre, this creative and endearing sign



On Devonshire, this happy row of sunflowers has been planted, cared for, and cheering up neighbors as they walk or drive by.

ILLEGAL DUMPING IS A CRIME! Report it !

call 911 or Crime Stop 602-262-6151

or

City of Phoenix Public Works Department 602-262-7251

REDUCE ILLEGAL DUMPING HELP US KEEP OUR CITY CLEAN

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Board Meeting Minutes - April 9th

The Bel Air board minutes for 3/05/2012 were approved, pending corrections. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

Committees

A. General comments/notes - The canal access bridges are now done.

The City of Phoenix announced that the trash pickup will change in May; both the green and the blue bins will be emptied on the same day. The City said this is a cost-cutting measure.

The Christian music group that is renting the school gym wants to get to know the neighborhood, and may attend the May meeting.

B. Community Enhancement - We have donations of aloe and cactus plants for the bridges area. J. Brown has a prickly pear plant to offer. Jeanne and J. can do some work to install the plants, but would appreciate help. Katie, Sharon and Mike will also help plant. Wayne says the sunflower seeds from the newsletter are sprouting nicely.

C. Crime Prevention - Virginia and Dan will meet Wednesday night for a Crime Prevention Committee meeting. They will be looking for assistants around the neighborhood to help monitor suspicious activities.

D. Block Watch Grant Committee - The 3rd quarter report is due Monday. It will be ready.

E. Newsletter/Website Committee - The May/June newsletter will come out in late April, so that we can provide a sample ballot for the May board election.

F. General Meeting - the next general meeting is scheduled for May 19, 9 - 10 a.m. Besides voting for the 2012 - 2013 BelAir board, there will be an education component to the meeting. The board decided to contact the YMCA and the Phoenix Fire Department for a speaker on summer safety. We will provide coffee and sweet rolls for the meeting, to simplify set-up and clean-up.

Meeting adjourned 7:21 p.m.

Next board meeting: May 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. American Evangelical Lutheran Church, Modular Unit 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.

Board Meeting Minutes - May 7th

Meeting opened: 6:35 pm

In attendance: Jeanne Greene, Sharon Bushouse, Carrie Frazer, Melanie Thomson-Legendre, Mike Radtke, Katie Hamm, Juanita Soto-Ayer, Virginia Anders The board had visitors from the recently-opened clinic, the Arizona Medical Clinic. Letticia, the office manager, and two of the doctors spoke to the board. The office will have an open house at the end of May. This is a family practice clinic, specializing in treating distressed families, who lack basic tools such as insurance, a phone, a car, or even much clothing. Because of this, the clinic also provides a thrift store for the patients. Any clothing donations would be appreciated. The staff also offers medical students, even from out-of-state, the opportunity to learn community medicine. As with another such clinic, Phoenix Dream Center, this clinic wants to work with local churches and neighborhoods, such as our BelAir neighborhood. Letticia left us brochures, and will provide more for the May 19 meeting. Address: 1847 W. Heatherbrae Dr. ArizonaMedical@gmail.com

Following this presentation, the board meeting continued as follows:

The April 9 meeting minutes were accepted as presented. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Beautification Report – Mike, Katie, Jeanne, Sharon, and Dick finished this part of the project, with more planting. We still have \$100 for more plants, but we need to choose lowwater/low-maintenance ones. Kids still ride their bikes in the area, but the planting is expected to help deter traffic, ultimately.

Crime Prevention Committee/issues: There were several break-ins in the last month. Several members spoke with neighbors concerned about the break-ins. They want a bigger police presence, but Jeanne has seen more police lately patrolling the neighborhood. Sharon asked if anyone else had see a pair of white 2-door sedans, tires with painted red rims, and spoilers on their roofs. They seemed suspicious and unfamiliar in the neighborhood. Virginia and Dan have made two rides around the neighborhood so far. Several neighbors stopped to talk with them because of the mandatory magnetized signs on the car which identify the occupants' purpose in driving slowly along the streets.

Virginia will do a brief presentation at the General Meeting defining and describing the Crime Prevention Committee and the PNP program.

Community Garden: There are radishes and other vegetables available, and being picked, which is exciting. Has any-*(Continued on page 7)*

Board Mtg. Minutes - May 7th (continued)

one noticed sunflowers coming up around the neighborhood yet? Sharon has one very tall one, and there are several on Monterosa. We ought to take pictures of them for the newsletter.

General Meeting: The board members need to be on-site at the classroom by 8:30 a.m. on May 19 to set up the chairs for the general meeting. We no longer have access to the gym. We will provide coffee and pastries for the gathering. The meeting format will be as follows: Introduction by people on the ballot, followed by voting. The City of Phoenix representative will answer questions on the trash pickup changes. Officer Aaron Stevens will be available to talk with neighbors. Virginia will give a report on the Crime Prevention committee and the PNP patrols. Jeanne will announce the results of voting.

Block Watch Grant – The quarterly report is done and submitted to the City. We still have about \$1000 left, but remaining known expenses include: 213.44 postcards and mailing printing 119.25 newsletter 200.00 safety printing 100.00 plants and facility rentals for meetings Whatever the remaining balance will be returned to the City

Newsletter/website – The next newsletter will be printed after the general meeting and the June board meeting.

Old Business: The summer schedule for board meetings will be determined by the new board, after the May 19 election. There are 6 positions to fill on the board, due to term endings and Sebashtzen's resignation from the board. Mike suggested that spam filters may be filtering out board communications, so we need to check our filter settings. Virginia thanked Mike Radtke and Jeanne Greene for their help in securing physical and technical support for the secretary's laptop. Please respond that you get the board e-mails.

Meeting adjourned: 7:50pm

Next board meeting: June 4, 2012

Why Call Crime Stop: by Virginia Anders (Reprinted from March/April 2010 Communicator)

"Oh, I'm sorry to bother you, but..." What we think is a bother to the police may help them solve a crime. We may have seen someone and be able to give a description to a detective about a stranger on a bike riding through at an odd hour with a backpack, or someone driving an unfamiliar car slowly through our streets. Such information becomes part of the investigators' library of puzzle pieces that may help him or her solve a seemingly unrelated crime. We have no idea how much help we can be, just be calling with our observations.

When you call, have your information ready. Use the Bel Air "Be Aware" notepads to simplify and clarify your thoughts. Remember that the inside of the front cover provides public phone numbers. The inside of the back cover provides a guide to help you recall the details invaluable to the police: time/place/date/ description/why you noticed

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Please pull those pesky weeds in the sidewalks in front of your home!



Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
Crime Stop	602-262-6151
Community Update Line	602-534-9445
Community Action Officer, Aaron Stevens <u>aaron.stevens@phoenix.gov</u>	602-361-0043
Abandoned Vehicles Private Property Streets, Alleys	262-7844 262-6151
Child Safety Seat Info.	602-495-5007
Gang Hotline	602-534-4264
Graffiti Busters	602-495-7014
Graffiti Reward Hotline	602-262-7327
Impounded Property	602-261-8371
Silent Witness	602-948-6377
Traffic Complaint Hotline	602-534-7733
Water Safety Hotline	602-534-7665
Zoning Enforcement	602-262-7344