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## Communicator

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# The World in a Book

Did you know BelAir has a little library next to the community garden? Many towns and neighborhoods around the country have hosted such little libraries, with books and magazines for the whole family.

**Book Club**: Katie Hamm and Jeanne Greene started a book club this November, and are looking for a few friends to share the journey. Sound like fun? Call Katie at 602-264-5611.

#### G.A.I.N. means...

Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods

Did you and your family go to the event at the American Evangelical Lutheran Church on October 20th? Did you enter the costume contest? Did you have some ice cream? Did you take some papers to the shred-athon?

It was fun, wasn't it?

#### **Mission Statement**

The purpose of the Bel Air Neighborhood Association is to achieve and preserve a safe, attractive and valued neighborhood with a sense of community and a spirit of pride, responsibility, and cooperative involvement.

## Thanksgiving-Christmas-New Year's

From now until January 1, 2013, the days and weeks will pass in a flash. Pause long enough to imagine BelAir's sidewalks outlined in flickering lights for one night, right in the middle of it all.

Last year, the BelAir board created about 1,200 luminarias and lined most of the neighborhood streets with them on the evening of December 24. Everyone seemed to enjoy them, which was wonderful. But we need your help this year. If we get enough volunteers, we'll put them out again. Will you help us? Call Jeanne Greene for more specifics at 602.265.5664

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#### **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

# Hi Neighbors,

The community garden is busy getting ready for the fall/winter planting. The garden will be tilled before planting. Crops for the fall include, lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, greens, onions, garlic and much more. We are always looking for new members. If interested please contact Jeanne Greene at 602-265-5664. We are also always grateful for donations. We will be having a yard sale to benefit the garden in late October or early November. Please stop and visit.



# Who you gonna call?

City Council, District 4, Tom Simplot 602.262.7447 Bus route & schedules 602.253.5000 Light rail information 602.254.7245 Discount fares 602.261.8506 Dial-a-ride 602.253.4000 Barking dogs 602.262.6466 Abandoned vehicles 602.262.7844 Trash in alley 602.262.6151



# What were they thinking?

A chair from the Community Garden was taken from the gathering place under the canopy. Also, a new plant, one of those bought for the beautification of the new canal bridge at 18th Avenue, was dug up and removed by someone. This project was part of the Fight Back grant from the City of Phoenix to improve our neighborhood. Whoever is responsible for either or both thefts needs to bring back what he or she took from the neighborhood.

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# ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you Starbuck's, Copper Star Coffee, and Dutch Brothers Coffee for your black gold—about five hundred pounds of their coffee grounds—which enriched the community garden's soil this summer and fall. We do not use pesticides, chemicals, or commercial fertilizers in the garden, but we do need to enrich the soil periodically, so with our coffee company friends' help, our garden grows, beautifully!

I omitted a very important reference in the September newsletter:
Our business neighbor, Ace Hardware, donated the paint used to create the signature Community
Garden sign attached to the fence out front.

# THANK YOU ACE HARDWARE!!!!

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#### **Newsletter Team**

The newsletter that appears on your doorstep every couple of months is delivered by a team of your neighbors, specifically: Doug Stagner, Virginia and Wayne Harmon, Traci Andes, Frank Yesenski, Virginia Anders, Sharon Bushouse, J Brown, Mike Radtke, and Juanita Soto-Ayers. Doug, for one, has been delivering them for a decade! We think it's a nice way to take a walk and get to know a couple of blocks in the area better in the bargain. Do you take walks around the neighborhood? Why not deliver a few newsletters as you go? After all, it's only a few times a year. Call Virginia Anders, to help out. Join us! 602-265-8498

# | Did you know?

Planting garlic along the perimeter of a garden keeps out many pests.
Introducing live chickens to a garden gives your feathered friends their own delicacies to enjoy while safely eliminating many bugs and worms from your garden. So, don't be surprised to find chickens inspecting the community garden for live treats!



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