



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
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You are invited to the  
**SPRING GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday, March 15th 9:00am-10:30am  
at the church at 1830 W. Glenrosa Avenue



**BEL AIR'S  
ANNUAL  
NEIGHBORHOOD-WIDE  
YARD SALE**



**Saturday, March 8th 7am-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!



## Community Update

by Charles Wilfong

The American Ev. Lutheran Church at 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave. is in the process of becoming the Redemption Alhambra Village non-denominational church. On January 26th, 2014, the Lutheran church voted to cede its property to Redemption. Pastor Charles Schmitz held the first church service at American in 1948, in the farm house, which became the pastor's residence. As soon as the dairy barn--now the day care center and pre-school--was remodeled, services were held there. In 1951, American dedicated the church sanctuary. In the early 1960's, the gymnasium was built and years later the modular units were added. Martin Luther School held classes in the buildings for 38 years and closed about 3 years ago. Pastor Charles Wilfong--who joined American Lutheran in 1949 as a young boy--held the last Lutheran service on February 2, 2014. Redemption began holding services on February 9, 2014 and will continue its ministry there under the leadership of Pastor Aaron Dailey. Bel Air Neighborhood Association has had a close relationship with the church over the years, holding many of its meetings and functions there.



## Community Garden

by Jeanne Greene

We have had a very good harvest in our fall/winter garden. This Saturday, the 22nd, we will begin cleaning up the garden for the spring planting. We are always looking for new members. If interested, come by on Saturday. We will begin at 9am. If you are unable to attend this Saturday but are interested, you can contact me at [jeannegreene9@gmail.com](mailto:jeannegreene9@gmail.com)



# PC Music Concert



## SPRING 2014

- 3.3  
PHOENIX CONCERT BAND
- 3.4  
COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
- 3.5  
PC CHOIRS & PERCUSSION ENS.
- 3.5  
SUPERSTITION JAZZ ORCHESTRA
- 3.26  
MUSIC STUDENT SHOWCASE
- 3.27  
JAZZ COMBOS 1
- 3.28  
PC BIG BAND & JAZZ COMBOS 2
- 4.1-4.2  
JAZZ CELEBRATION FESTIVAL
- 4.12  
SONGFEST WOMEN'S CHOIR FEST
- 4.13  
STUDIO 114 VOICE RECITAL
- 4.17-4.26  
SWEET CHARITY
- 4.28  
PHOENIX CONCERT BAND
- 4.29  
COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
- 4.30-5-1  
11TH AVE CABARET
- 5.2  
JAZZ COMBOS 2
- 5.5  
PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE
- 5.6  
ELECTRONIC MUSIC CONCERT
- 5.7  
SJO & PC BIG BAND



## Phoenix College Community Orchestra

*Dana Graybeal, Conductor*

**PRESENTS**

# LA VIE BOHÈME

**The PC Community Orchestra performs  
Bohemian-themed music by Smetana,  
Dvořák, Enescu, Sarasate, and others.  
Guest violin soloist: Robert Dunger.**

**Tuesday, March 4, 2014**

**7:30 PM**

**John Paul Theatre  
(Phoenix College Campus)**

**FREE ADMISSION**

## Neighborhood College by Virginia Anders

The City of Phoenix has established a program called Neighborhood College, which is a wonderful way to learn about City services, and learn practical information on a wide variety of issues. The Bel Air newsletter will feature examples of what they cover. Here is an example that took place last fall. From what I've seen, there aren't any regular fees for signing up.

Neighborhood College is a series of workshops that provides participants with information about city programs, services and resources, presented by multiple city departments. They provide the tools to access those resources, the skills, and ideas with which to build positive, sustainable communities.

To register for a class and to see additional workshops offered through City of Phoenix Neighborhood College, fill out the form online at <http://phoenix.gov/nsd/neighborhoodcollege/index.html>, email Neighborhood Services at [neighborhoodcollege@phoenix.gov](mailto:neighborhoodcollege@phoenix.gov), or call 602-534-4444.

### **RESIDENTS INVITED TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE THEIR HOMES HEALTHY AND ENERGY EFFICIENT**

Did you know that your home plays a significant role in your health? Home accidents kill one person every 16 minutes and injure one person every four seconds in the United States. Dust and contaminants, property maintenance, water issues, pests and more can affect the well-being of you and your family.

As part of Neighborhood College, the city's Neighborhood Services Department is hosting a workshop called "Is Your House Healthy and Energy Efficient?" from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Broadway Heritage Neighborhood Resource Center, 2405 E. Broadway Road. Participants will learn simple ways to help make their home healthier and more energy efficient, including the Seven Principles of a Healthy Home, sustainability practices and weatherization. Energy efficient giveaways, such as CFL light bulbs, will be available.

#### **Here are February's and March's schedules for 2014:**

##### February 2014

- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program Realtor Lender Orientation** Learn how to qualify for \$15,000 in down-payment assistance and how to purchase a newly renovated home through the city of Phoenix Neighborhood Stabilization Program. These workshops provide information on NSP and down payment assistance, homes available through the program, eligibility requirements and application process. 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Desert Sage Library, 7602 W. Encanto Blvd.
- **Code Compliance 101** This workshop will help you understand how to keep your properties blight-free. You will learn how to report blight, understand the code compliance process and about the city's volunteer programs. 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, Deer Valley Community Center, 2001 W. Wahalla Lane, D-1

**Neighborhood Stabilization Program Homebuyer Information Session** Learn how to qualify for \$15,000 in down-payment assistance and how to purchase a newly renovated home through the city of Phoenix Neighborhood Stabilization Program. These workshops provide information on NSP and down payment assistance, homes available through the program, eligibility requirements and application process. 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, Foundation for Senior Living, 1201 E. Thomas Road

##### March 2014

- **Is Your House Healthy and Energy Efficient?** Did you know your home plays a significant role in your health? This workshop will introduce you to the seven healthy home principles. Along with giveaways, you will receive energy-saving and weatherization tips to help you save money. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, Washington Activity Center, auditorium, 2240 W. Citrus Way (east of I-17 and north of Bethany Home Road)

# Neighborhood College ( c o n t . )

- **The Top 10 Things You Need to Know about Community Association Law** As part of our ongoing series on HOA's in partnership with Mulcahy Law, the city of Phoenix's Neighborhood College presents another free workshop featuring the top 10 things that get HOA board into trouble. The top 10 list will be interpreted and discussed, along with Arizona's Open Meeting law, proper voting procedures, audits, association fines and penalties, inspection of books and records by association members, and additional areas that are commonly mishandled by the board of directors. Also, the workshop will feature a question-and-answer session with a Mulcahy Law Firm, P.C. attorney. 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave., Auditorium
- **Social Media and You** The city of Phoenix Public Information Office and Information Security and Privacy Office are hosting a free workshop on social media practices, and online privacy and security. This workshop will guide you through social media basics for Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and provide you with the information you need to protect you and your family online. 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave., Lecture Room, fourth floor
- **Paint Sprayer Training (Hands on!)** Learn how to keep your neighborhood graffiti-free by using a paint sprayer (which you can use for free after completing the workshop), tour the warehouse and see other tools and supplies available to residents. This is a hands on class and attendees must wear appropriate painting clothing. 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, March 15, NSD West Facility, 3325 W. Flower St.

**Neighborhood Stabilization Program Homebuyer Information Session and Open House** Learn how to qualify for \$15,000 in down-payment assistance and how to purchase a newly renovated home through the city of Phoenix Neighborhood Stabilization Program. These workshops provide information on NSP and down payment assistance, homes available through the program, eligibility requirements and application process. 10 a.m. Saturday, March 15, South Mountain Community Center, 212 E. Alta Vista Road

## A J Story by Virginia Anders

Bel Air is involved in a couple of activities with other neighborhoods. One of them is called Neighborhood Leadership, which is a quarterly meeting of representatives from other, nearby neighborhoods, such as St. Gregory's, Pasadena, and Melrose. There are usually ten or so participants. We share information, ideas, complaints, and resources. We gathered for the first year in Mountain View Precinct's meeting room. AJ Marsden, from Pasadena, shared this story after one meeting about a month ago.

"Here's what happened to me on the way home Sunday night....

I saw an "abandoned" bike on my way home this evening at 17Ave and Camelback (after working the Home Show as PBWAB, which was very FUN). I called it in to Crime Stop and stayed with the bike about 15 minutes. In that time, 2 other people wanted to "re-steal" the bike. It was getting too dark, so I rode on home. The "instant" I crossed the street, the bike was "re-stolen." I called Crime Stop to cancel the call since the bike was no longer where I reported it but was being taken west on Camelback. The call taker told me that the bike may not have been "re-stolen;" the owner may have just came back and got it. I almost said, "Whatever." I thought about bringing the bike along with me to my house to keep it there until an officer could pick it up. But, THAT would have looked VERY BAD."

In other words, sometimes our best efforts are frustrating, but they matter. If you see something that worries you, report it.

Difficulty viewing? Click [here](#).

## CommunityConnect *plug in for good*

February 2014



### **CommunityAwareness** National Senior Independence Month

National Senior Independence Month is a good time to evaluate current living situations, noticing the strengths and weaknesses in daily routines and making adjustments for a better lifestyle in the home of an older Arizonan. Ask the questions: What is holding someone back? What could make daily living easier for them? Minor adjustments now can make a big difference in someone's life. Here are a few simple and helpful home safety tips:

- Make sure every room is well lit and make any lighting replacements where needed. Night lights throughout the house can help improve nighttime visibility and prevent trips and falls over unseen objects.
- Keep floors and walkways clear of unnecessary items, such as clothes, books, papers and trash.
- Something as simple as shifting furniture can be valuable for those who may have balance issues. Be careful as moving furniture can also create challenges for those who are sight impaired until they learn the new layout.
- Install grab bars and handrails in the bathrooms near the shower, bathtub and toilet. Using non-slip mats and placing double-sided tape under rugs can also help minimize slips.
- Everything should be easily accessible, including the refrigerator, cabinets, drawers, doors and shelving. Place items on lower levels of shelves for easier reach.

Learn more about Independent Living from the your local [Area Agency on Aging](#) or the Arizona Department of Economic Security's Division of [Aging and Adult Services](#).



### **CommunityAssistance** Free income tax assistance

The VITA Program generally offers free tax help to people who make \$52,000 or less and need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals in local communities.

They can inform taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may qualify such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled. VITA sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations.

Learn more at [IRS](#); to find locations in Arizona, visit [2-1-1 Arizona](#).

### **CommunityGroups** Plug in for Good

People meet regularly to discuss safety net issues and opportunities in their local communities. These meetings are open to the public and free to attend.

If you are looking for a local place to plug in, visit this map to find a group in your community.  
<http://batchgeo.com/map/az-community-teams>

**NEIGHBORHOOD  
CLEAN-UP DAY**

**THANK YOU to the neighbors that participated in the Nov. 2nd Clean Up Day! Your efforts are appreciated!**

- Virginia Anders
- Judah Cain
- Christopher Keck and child (in wheelbarrow)
- Michael Ramirez and children
- Jan Silverman
- Doug Staton

**Who are you going to call?**

City Council-District 4  
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

**Alley Light Out?**

If you know of any alley light(s) out in our neighborhood, please e-mail Carrie at [carriefraz@aol.com](mailto:carriefraz@aol.com) with the location.

**Are You New to Bel Air?**

Sign up for e-mail newsletters & e-Alerts at [www.belairneighborhood.com](http://www.belairneighborhood.com). You may also request a free Bel Air Bag (includes a L or XL t-shirt, "Be Aware" notepad, reference card, etc.) by sending a note to [carriefraz@aol.com](mailto:carriefraz@aol.com).

**Treasurer's Report**

GENERAL FUND REPORT					
PERIOD COVERED: 11/07/13 - 02/21/14					
DATE	ACTIVITY		EXPENSE	INCOME	BALANCE
11/7/2013	BEGINNING BALANCE				\$1,003.53
	GAIN SUPPLIES		\$14.01		\$989.52
	DEC. GENERAL MTG. SUPPLIES		\$7.68		\$981.84
	DEC. GENERAL MTG. SUPPLIES		\$42.03		\$939.81
	DEC. GENERAL MTG. SUPPLIES		\$17.86		\$921.95
	INK CARTRIDGE FOR PRINTING		\$15.15		\$906.80
	DONATION			\$25.00	\$931.80
2/21/2014	ENDING BALANCE				\$931.80

Phoenix Police Department is  
pleased to join the Nextdoor  
Phoenix community  
(www.nextdoor.com)

Hello, this is Phoenix Chief of Police Daniel V. Garcia, and I am pleased to announce that starting today the Phoenix Police Department will be using Nextdoor in an effort to facilitate virtual neighborhood watches and help foster neighbor-to-neighbor and police-to-resident communication.

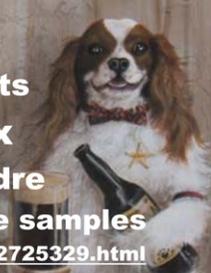
Nextdoor is a tool for us to effectively share crime prevention and safety updates, free events, and emergency notifications. You can expect to receive crime and safety updates from the Phoenix Police Department on Nextdoor specific to your neighborhood.

Information is empowering! Providing you with vital information relative to your neighborhood is extremely important to me and to Phoenix officers. Policing is not the sole responsibility of the police, but rather a shared responsibility between the police and the entire community.

As a reminder, calling 911 should remain your priority to request emergency services, to report criminal or suspicious activity, file police reports, etc.

We look forward to using Nextdoor to build stronger, safer neighborhoods throughout Phoenix.

**Murals of all kinds!**  
**15 years experience**  
**I work with varied budgets**  
**928-420-9980 Phoenix**  
**Melanie Thomson LeGendre**  
**See my craigslist ad for more samples**  
<http://phoenix.craigslist.org/evl/art/3112725329.html>



**AMERICAN LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL  
& DAYCARE CENTER**

**1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.**  
**Phoenix, AZ 85015**  
**(602) 275-9978**

Monday - Friday,  
6:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.

- Nutritious food program for each child
  - Ages - 6 weeks to pre-K
  - Christian-based program
  - Creative curriculum
- DES Approved / DHS LICENSED