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COMMUNICATOR

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Neighborhood!**

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.

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CALENDAR

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| Board Meeting 7 p.m. @ American Ev. Luth. Church | 7/13 |
| Placement Begins for Bulk Trash Pickup | 8/01 |
| Squaw Peak Block Watch Leaders Training 7:30am-11:30am at the FOP Lodge #2, 12851 N. 19th Avenue, Phoenix. Please register to attend by emailing deborah.iodice@phoenix.gov or jill.fowler@phoenix.gov Or call (602)495-0597 or (602) 495-0440 | 8/01 |
| Board Meeting 7 p.m. @ Neighborhood Services Dept.'s Bel Air Neighborhood Office 1950 W. Heatherbrae Dr., #6 | 8/03 |
| Bulk Trash Collection Begins | 8/10 |
| Vice Mayor Tom Simplot's Breakfast Meeting @ Hometown Buffet 1501 W. Bethany Home Rd. | 8/27 |
| Labor Day Holiday Collection Schedule Recycle - Tuesdays collection Moves to Wednesday 9/9 | 9/7 |
| Squaw Peak Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Training Please register to attend by e-mailing jill.fowler@phoenix.gov | 10/3 |

You are invited to join any of the Bel Air

**FIGHT BACK
COMMITTEES!**

**Our committees need you to be involved!
Please contact any of the Committee Chairs
shown below for more details.**

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meet on Monday, May 18th.

Crime Prevention – Lisa/Virginia

Street light petitions that were distributed at the February General Meeting have not all been returned. Lisa will bring the street light petitions and a sign-in sheet for them to the General Meeting. Bond funds were received in an exchange for Fight Back funds. So, a minimum of four street lights should be installed. The bond funds are available only for infrastructure. Virginia had no new information on the PNP Patrol for now. A second safety audit needs to be organized. The Planning Department officer that attended the last safety audit has retired. Lisa and Officer Stevens can go out again. Virginia will provide Lisa with three different potential dates for a second safety audit.

Traffic Committee – Lisa/Roshelle

The bonded and licensed contractor that was hired to paint the house numbers on the curbs in Bel Air is ready. He will be painting the house numbers with the Bel Air logo's chair next to the numbers. The alley gates are also almost ready to go. Hurricane Fencing is working on the prototypes for wrought iron fences. Lisa may have prototypes by the General Meeting so voting on the designs can take place at the General Meeting. The proposed speed hump on 15th Drive is still being opposed by Sharon Barger.

Community Prevention - Don

Sidewalk weed control - Roshelle plans to talk to Charles about it. Blight violations – a homeowner has asked for help with house. Possible referrals/ assistance info will be offered. Not enough nominations have been received for the "Yard of the Quarter". Lisa mentioned a sign shaped like the Bel Air logo chair announcing the Yard of the Quarter could be a part of the project. Fast Signs near 32nd St. & Indian School Rd. makes the very noticeable signs. Lisa suggested that six photos of homes in Bel Air could be taken and displayed for voting on at the General Meeting. She knows

of another neighborhood that has good results this way. Don and Lisa will organize this for the General Meeting.

Old Business/New Business

Blight Buster Orientation, Saturday May 9th, 8am-11:30am @ 64 N. 48th Ave.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.



Date: June 1, 2009

Location: American Evangelical Lutheran Church, meeting room to the west of the gym

The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM.

In Attendance: Mike Orth, Wayne Harmon, Carolyn McBane, Gary Hall, Don Hilton, Roshelle Johnson, Beverly Brown, Marney Redmond, Todd Shealy, Virginia Anders, Charles Wilfong, Carrie Frazer, Mike Radtke, Nicholas Radtke, Lisa Huggins-Hubbard

Roshelle welcomed the new board members for the June 2009- May 2010 (09-10) year.

Roshelle convened a special meeting. She announced that two people had asked to have their names removed as board members. Charles Wilfong and Virginia Anders have both recently completed serving two consecutive 2-year terms. They have each served a total of 8 years or more on the BelAir board. They will continue to serve BelAir on the Crime Committee for the 09-10 year. Sherry Pavlasek has declined to serve on the board. Theresa Martinez has indicated that she will not be able to serve the remaining year of her 2-year term. Roshelle Johnson was elected a member of the board. There is currently one opening on the board for someone to serve for the remaining year of Theresa Martinez' vacated position. The special meeting was adjourned.

Officer Elections: Elections were held for officers for the 09-10 year. Roshelle Johnson was elected president, Todd Shealy was elected vice president, Carolyn McBane was elected secretary, and Don Hilton was elected treasurer.

May's General Meeting: The pros and cons of the May General Meeting were discussed. The general opinion was that the meeting went well and it was decided to keep the General Meetings on a Saturday morning with activities for the children.

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Growing Feral Cat Population By Sharon Bushouse

Nearly all humans have an innate love of babies, whether it be human or animal. It seems to be a natural thing to want to pick it up and cuddle it. However we know that just isn't always possible. Take Lions, Tigers, Wolves and other similar "wild things".

There is a much smaller animal that as a neighborhood we need to consider. It is the Feral Cat. This is a cat that is unowned and untamed. They are no longer domesticated as they have been born in the wild, abandoned or lost from its original owner. Even though they are unowned, they still exhibit the similar characteristics as an indoor housecat. Failure to spay and neuter cats has allowed them to breed uncontrolled.

Many people feel that by abandoning their animals that they will automatically be able to fend for themselves. This is just not true! Animal shelters are forced to kill around 15 million homeless cats and dogs every year. Many others die from starvation and disease.

I recently read that 1 pair of breeding cats, which can have two or more litters per year, can possibly produce 420,000 offspring over a seven-year period. Our tax dollars are paying for animal control agencies and shelters for these expenses to the tune of many millions of dollars a year.

People have voiced the opinion that the cats should be trapped and killed. This simple does not work. Not only is it cruel and costly, but when cats are removed in this manner, other cats move in and this "vacuum effect" is well documented.

Our neighborhood has become quite a haven for the feral cat population. They have found homes in sheds, culverts, between buildings and walls and any other place where they have a measure of safety.

The most viable solution is what is referred to as the trap-neuter-release program. The cats remain in the area they normally live in, but no longer reproduce and eventually the colony decreases in size.

There are organizations in our area that do the TNR program. As a neighborhood we need to get involved in taking care of this problem. Humane traps are used, the cats are then taken to a facility where a veterinarian will "fix" them, "eartip" them (so you will be able to see they have been neutered). They are then brought back to their area and released. Fresh water and food will show that we are also being a good neighbor.

Check out the Bel Air newsletter archives @
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Bel Air History &/or Interesting Stories

There is now a Discussion area just for Bel Air History &/or Interesting Stories on our website at
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As many of you, Bel Air neighborhood residents, are original owners or descendants of original owners, you have the key to unlocking our neighborhood's history in a very personal way. If you have any interesting stories/history about our neighborhood's past, please share them with all of us!

Curb Painting of Bel Air's House #'s

In an effort to help improve the safety of all residents in Bel Air, house numbers have been being painted/repainted on the street curbs. Arizona Curbs Services is the company doing the work for the Bel Air Neighborhood Association. Arizona Curb Services is a licensed company with the City of Phoenix. Bel Air's Fight Back funds will be used to cover the cost of the painting. If you have any special requests or do NOT want your curb re-painted, please call 602-357-8810 (7 days/week, 8am to 9pm) or e-mail AZ Curbs at Service@AZCurbs.com. Their web site address is <http://www.azcurbs.com/>.

If your curb painted house number includes a special graphic design/picture, it will not be painted over. If your curb is not painted for some reason and you would like it to be done, please call AZ Curbs with your request and address.

Please keep in mind that the house numbers on the curbs are only meant to be an additional aid for police and fire services. House numbers are required to be displayed on all homes/buildings.



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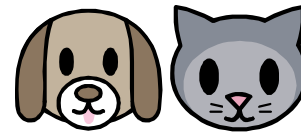
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**Lost & Found
Pets In Bel Air**

There is now a Discussion area just for Lost & Found Pets in Bel Air on our website at <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/phoenix/belair/>

Please feel free to communicate with your neighbors to help get our wonderful companions back home!

Important Phone Numbers

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| Emergency | 911 |
| Crime Stop | 602-262-6151 |
| Community Action Officer, Aaron Stephens | 602-361-0043 |
| Abandoned Vehicles <i>Private Property Streets, Alleys</i> | 262-7844 262-6151 |
| Child Safety Seat Info. | 602-495-5007 |
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| Traffic Complaint Hotline | 602-534-7733 |
| Water Safety Hotline | 602-534-7665 |
| Zoning Enforcement | 602-262-7344 |

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Fight Back

A. Community Enhancement: Theresa Martinez will be staying on as chair and Gary Hall will be joining the committee. The sign toppers are up except for those on Indian School Road. Bigger signs on Indian School mean the sign holders have to be configured differently and they are now being done. Ideas for the GAIN event in October are being discussed.

The yard of the quarter designation was discussed. Lisa said a sign for the yard is being made in the BelAir colors with the chair as a prominent feature. There has been difficulty getting nominations from the neighborhood and the board and committee members want the voting to be done by the neighborhood as a whole. It was suggested that pictures be taken of yards in the neighborhood and put on a board to be voted on at the General Meetings.

B. Crime Prevention: One street light petition has been turned in and Roshelle is working on others. Virginia said she would be taking petitions around now that she has the remainder of the BelAir notepads as she wants to hand them out to those she talks with.

Marney reported on PNP. The next training date is June 6 and classes are now also being offered on back-to-back nights for those who can't spend a full Saturday taking the training. PNP is going through many changes as citizens are taking the program over from the City of Phoenix due to budget cuts. A corporation needs to be set up in order to get funding and PNP is looking for a new logo since it can't use the City logo any more. Marney will report on PNP as things develop.

She and Virginia are still working to find people they can ride with to get in the hours they need to patrol with each other.

A date is being set up for the next safety audit.

C. Traffic Committee: A request for painting the house numbers has been sent to purchasing and the painting will take place some time after July 1.

The gates for the alleys and the canal at 17th and 18th Avenues have been put out for bid. ASU is interested in making a presentation to the Board by some of their architect students. The Board will invite them to the July 13 meeting. Mike and Nicholas Radtke attended the meeting to speak against having gates at the canal. Nicholas stated that many people like to use the canal for biking and walking and the gates would keep them from doing that. A discussion followed and various members of the Board said that the gates were necessary to keep crime out of the neighborhood and to keep criminals from using the canal as an escape venue. They said the canal can

still be accessed from 15th and 19th Avenues and that the lock will be a combination lock with those who need access to the canal for irrigation and such being given the combination.

The Association is looking into planting thorny plants along the alleys in order to keep people from accessing back yards in the neighborhood. This will probably be done in the fall and we will talk with the neighbors whose yards adjoin the alleys about keeping the plants watered. The planting could be done at the same time that the sidewalk weeds are removed. Lisa said we could probably get probationers to help with this.

D. Community Preservation: The sidewalk weed-ing and the yard of the quarter had already been discussed. Don said he and Susan Thompson-McHugh had driven the neighborhood and made a list of blight violations. These will be reported to the inspector.

Old Business/New Business: A blight buster orientation and discussion of BelAir shirts were postponed until the July meeting.

Pastor Wilfong gave the community report from Councilman Simplot's meeting on May 28. A ribbon cutting was done for the new shops at Camelback and Central. Light rail is expanding its hours until 2AM on Friday and Saturday nights beginning July 1. The City is taking over waste management from Allied in the central city, including BelAir. A test program is being implemented in Maryvale where recycle trash is weighed and residents having over a certain weight will be given coupons to use at local businesses. A third, brown, container may be added for grass clippings and other material that can be composted. The discussion is still ongoing about the reversible lanes on 7th Street and Avenue and Pastor Wilfong passed around a map showing the many biking trails in the county.

Don said the Block Watch Grant for next year was ready to be turned in and we will be asking that \$818 unused in this year's grant be returned to us for paying the electric bill for the alley lights.

Lisa told about grants/loans the City has available for weatherization and/or home improvements for those over 65 and for the disabled. The funding is based on a family of four making up to \$44,100 annually.

The next meeting will be held July 13 at 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52PM.