



BelAir Neighborhood Communicator

Neighborhood Web Site
<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/phoenix/belair/>

We are a Fight Back Neighborhood!

GENERAL MEETING and BLOCK WATCH Thursday May 15, 2008 7pm

American Evangelical Lutheran Church
1830 W Glenrosa Avenue

Firefighter speaker to discuss Water and Vegetation Safety

Elections will be held and Ice Cream Social after the meeting

BelAir Logo Contest

See inside for Details



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Ode to BelAir

By Sherri Gallagher

Hi BelAir Neighbors,

I write this letter to sadly announce my departure from editing the newsletter and the BelAir board. I have enjoyed editing the newsletter for the past two and a half years and serving on the board for the past three years. Since we arrived into the neighborhood, we have seen BelAir become a community where people connect with each other. Maybe that is just my perception, but I hope that other neighbors also feel a sense of pride when they talk about where they live. BelAir is one of the best places to live in Central Phoenix. We were awarded the Fight Back Grant to make further changes to our neighborhood. I look forward to seeing how much our neighborhood is enhanced over the next year with the help of neighbors, committees and the Fight Back Grant. Keep it going BelAir!

Thanks for reading-Sherri

Crime Prevention Committee

Crime Prevention Committee Report: April 17, 2008

The Crime Prevention Committee members determined that several tasks dovetail upon one another, so we would work on them simultaneously. Tasks 1 and 3 concern reducing transient traffic and creating the Crime Hotline. Once we have current reports from neighbors being reported to the Police Department we will have a better idea where the traffic tends to be, the frequency and an estimate of the numbers. Tasks 4 and 5 and 7: Safe House Program and completing the Phone Tree mapping and the elder support watch. As we gather information we are discovering with the mapping project the information for the other two. Our block helpers will ask if the household has a working computer, so that we can begin to move the newsletter online as much as possible. From this we can modify the number of hard copy newsletters we need to print in the future. Virginia will meet with the North Park Central neighborhood newsletter editor for advice, and with Sherri to learn how to use the program we are using presently. She will be looking for help on this project too. Marney will copy the phone tree sheet and helping identify neighbors who will help us gather the information. What we will be asking for is: the residents' adult and children names, home and work phone numbers, and whether or not they have access to the Internet. The phone tree will help us to distribute relevant information more efficiently and discover possible vulnerable residents who might appreciate periodic contact from a neighbor. Neighborhoods in which the neighbors know one another are safer places to live and grow families. Marney also will talk with her friend at the fire department about speakers for the neighborhood meetings, on safety around water and on fire hazards - weed overgrowth. We are also thinking about offering a personal defense course for women. Activating the Block Watch program will happen after all this because by then we should have enough information from the neighbors to be able to target some people to activate the Block Watch program again, rather than simply advertise to all the neighbors, which hasn't worked.

Community Enhancement Committee

The BelAir Community Enhancement Fight Back Committee is sponsoring a neighborhood logo contest. The logo will be used on new sign toppers, which will be attached to the top of all of our street signs and will help our neighborhood build our identity. And, the winning submission will win \$50! Any BelAir resident is welcome to submit their art work, due July 1. Here are some additional guidelines to follow:

- The logo needs to have "BelAir Neighborhood" on it and then some form of art work. Cut-out shapes are allowed.
- The sign toppers will be 10 x 24 inches, but your submission can be on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet or be sent electronically. Please give it to anyone on the committee or to Theresa at 1721 W. Montecito or by email to theresa_marpre@msn.com.
- The logo will be re-used on shirts and other signs and becomes the property of BelAir neighborhood.
- Must be a BelAir resident.
- Be creative and have fun!

For an example, you can take a look at St. Gregory's sign toppers, which is the neighborhood just south of Indian School. If you have any other questions, feel free to call Theresa at 602-358-9976. Be creative - your logo could be throughout our neighborhood! Don't forget to send it in by July 1.

BelAir Board Meeting Minutes

04/03/2008

In Attendance: Susan Thompson-McHugh, Mark Day, Sherri Gallagher, Aaron Goldman, Charles Wilfong, Virginia Anders. Meeting began at 7:10 p.m. Approval of minutes for January, February, and March.

Fight Back Project:

Community Enhancement Committee: participated in the Melrose Street Fair, next to City of Phoenix table. There was a good turn out; advertised the Yard Sale. Sign toppers: they are choosing colors, type style, and size. They are also working on the fall G.A.I.N. event and the BelAir website. They are investigating the historic preservation of the Martin Luther Evangelical Church. They will focus on three events per year from now on: the Yard Sale, G.A.I.N., and the Melrose Street Fair

Crime Prevention: The committee hasn't met for awhile, but plans to do so next week to decide who will work on which tasks.

Preservation: Three of the ten identified blight issues of single-family dwellings have been resolved. One of three commercial properties has been cleaned up. They will initiate a Neighborhood Lawn Award and are looking for a mobile sign to indicate the award.

The irrigation stand pipe between Glenrosa and Heatherbrae has been repaired.

Traffic Committee: There have been 2 petitions for speed humps, which are being discussed by the City planners. They have a Monday night meeting scheduled to talk about alley gates.

Grant Projects Status Update:

Committee Reports: Charles told us that Tom Simplot's March meeting hosted a BBB representative. There was a discussion of the Parks and Recreation budget. The City park swimming pools will be open only from Memorial Weekend through July this year, due to budget constraints. The monthly City of Phoenix meetings will have a nominal cost of \$5.00 per attendee.

Newsletter: Articles are due April 20, 2008. Sherri Gallagher steps down as newsletter editor with the May/June issue. The board and all the neighbors who read the newsletter on a regular basis extend our gratitude. Sherri has put up with late and missing articles and reports with patience and perseverance. Her intelligence and professionalism has taken our newsletter to new heights. Whenever someone outside BelAir – or new to the neighborhood – reads it, they are impressed, as are we. THANK YOU, SHERRI!

Old Business: There were no expenses for the annual BelAir yard sale. The trash clean-up project on March 29 and 30 went well. There is a second neighborhood clean-up scheduled for July.

New Business: We are looking for new recruits for the board year that starts June 1. At the May General Meeting we will all elect six new board members to replace the board members whose terms end at that point: Susan McHugh, Mark Day, Sherri Gallagher, Aaron Goldman.

MAY 15 = BELAIR GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

KUDOS KUDOS KUDOS KUDOS
 To Mark Fraiser for helping to unblock
 the irrigation pipe!!!
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**Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Program and Block Watch Leaders Training Dates**

All 2008 Trainings held at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #2

May 17, 2008; July 19, 2008

Contact Mary Roestenberg 495-6896 for details and sign-up

Yard Art

By Virginia Clifford-Anders

And so, summer months begin. Spring? Not in Phoenix. Our seasons are SUMMER, Summer-Fall, winter-spring. Planted anything recently? I recently acquired two publications from the Arizona Department of Water Resources which are not only full of beautiful photos, but specifically written for desert dwellers.

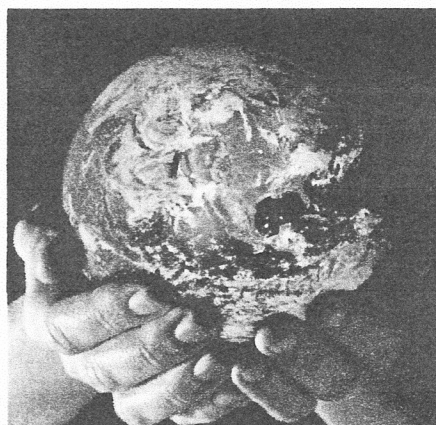
One publication is called "Landscape Plants for the Arizona Desert" and the other is "Xeriscape." I hadn't thought about planning a yard around what they call "hardscape" structures such as patios, boulders, low walls or fences, and pathways in awhile. A few years ago, I bought two flats of broken sandstone pieces which I had delivered to my home. I used them to create a rough-edged path between the driveway and the back yard. As I recall, Marvel Concrete has boulders for sale too. Hmm, I may have to go take another look.

A lush yard of desert plants looks wonderful, but I wouldn't position them too close together. Desert plants often have stickers and other sharp places. At some point a gardener must trim and clean up even in a desert landscape. The easier it is to reach between, under, and around such plants, the better. So, you need to consider the size of the space, and the expected mature size of the plants. When they are planted too close together, given those aspects, maintenance is not fun. The homeowner will be tempted to ignore the issue. However, as your bushes and such continue to grow, weeds and grasses will grow up between the planted materials

too. Not the look you intended, certainly.

Where you plant is important for other reasons. If a shrub or bush is poisonous, then you don't want it near a play area or pathway. The same would be true of any plants that have thorns on them. One of the common problems with bougainvillea bushes, as gorgeous and as fast-growing as they are, is the reality of their thorns, which really hurt when they snag or puncture skin.

Potted plants offer several advantages. You can move the pots around, thus changing the look of your yard. They can contain plants, such as aloes, which otherwise tend to take over the yard. If you have back trouble, you can raise the pots up on platforms so the joys of gardening remain accessible. My grocery store is having a sale on planting pots this week...



BelAir Board Members Needed

We need you

To run for the BelAir Neighborhood Association Board. Six seats are up for election at the May 15, 2008 General Meeting. Only requirements are that you be a resident and property owner in the BelAir Neighborhood and that you attend 10 Board meetings a year which are held the first Thursday of every month at 7pm (July and December excluded). Meetings last between 1-1.5 hours a month. We would also like board members to choose one of the Fight Back Committees (Crime Prevention, Community Enhancement, Preservation, or Traffic) to be on. Help us continue to enhance our neighborhood. Please contact any current Board member for more information or to place your name on the ballot.

La Oda a BelAir

By Sherri Gallagher

Hola Vecinos de BelAir,

Yo escribo esta carta para anunciar tristemente que mi salida de la redacción del boletín y el BelAir abordar. He disfrutado de redactar el boletín para el pasado dos y un medios años y sirviendo en la tabla para los pasados tres años. Desde que llegamos en el vecindario, nosotros hemos visto BelAir llega a ser una comunidad donde personas conectan uno con el otro. Quizá que es justo mi percepción, pero esperan que otros vecinos también se sientan un sentido del orgullo cuando ellos hablan de donde ellos viven. BelAir es uno de los mejores lugares de vivir en Phoenix Central. Fuimos concedidos la Beca de Espalda de Combate para hacer los cambios adicionales a nuestro vecindario. Espero ver cuánto nuestro vecindario es aumentado en el año próximo con la ayuda de vecinos, los comités y el Combate Apoyan Beca. ¡Manténgalo yendo BelAir!

Da las gracias para el lee-Sherri

Comité de Prevención del Crimen

El Informe del Comité de la Prevención del crimen: El 17 de abril de 2008 Los miembros del comité de Prevención del crimen determinaron que varias tareas machihembran sobre el uno al otro, así que trabajaríamos en ellos simultáneamente. Las tareas 1 y 3 conciernen reduciendo el tráfico y crear transitorios la Línea Directa del Crimen. Una vez que nosotros tenemos los informes actuales de vecinos para ser informados a la Policía que tendremos una mejor idea donde el tráfico tiende a ser, la frecuencia y una estimación de los números. Las tareas 4 y 5 y 7: El Programa del Piso franco y completar el Arbol de Teléfono que traza y el reloj mayor de apoyo. Cuando reunimos información que descubrimos con la cartografía proyecta la información para el otro dos. Nuestros ayudantes del bloque preguntarán si la casa tiene una computadora de trabajo, para que podamos comenzar a mover el boletín en línea tanto como posible. De este podemos modificar el número de boletines de impresión que necesitamos para imprimir en el futuro. Virginia encontrará con el Norte Aparca a redactor Central de boletín de vecindario para el consejo, y con Sherri para aprender a cómo utilizar el programa que utilizamos actualmente. Ella estará buscando ayuda en este proyecto también. Marney copiará la hoja de árbol de teléfono y ayuda a identificar a vecinos que ayudarán nosotros reúnen la información. Qué nosotros estaremos pidiendo es: los residentes' los nombres del adulto y niños, en casa y números de teléfono de trabajo, y si o no ellos tienen acceso al Internet. El árbol del teléfono nos ayudará a distribuir información pertinente más eficientemente y descubrir a residentes vulnerables posibles que quizás aprecie contacto periódico de un vecino. Los vecindarios en los que los vecinos saben el uno al otro son los lugares más seguros de vivir y crecer las familias. Marney también hablará con su amigo en el cuerpo de bomberos acerca de altavoces para las reuniones de vecindario, en la seguridad alrededor de agua y en peligros de fuego - deshiera hierba. Nosotros también pensamos de ofrecer un curso personal de defensa para mujeres. Activar el programa del Reloj del Bloque sucederá después de todo este porque para entonces debemos tener suficiente información de los vecinos para poder concentrar en algunas personas para activar el programa del Reloj del Bloque otra vez, antes que anuncia simplemente a todos los vecinos, que no ha trabajado.

Comité de Aumento de Comunidad

La Espalda de Combate de Aumento de Comunidad de BelAir Comité patrocina un concurso de logo de vecindario. El logo será utilizado en nuevos colmos del signo, que será conectado a la cima de todos nuestros signos de la calle y ayudará nuestro vecindario construye nuestra identidad. ¡Y, la sumisión victoriosa ganará \$50! Cualquier residente de BelAir es libre de se somete su trabajo de la arte, 1 debido de julio. Aquí están algunas pautas adicionales seguir:

-Logo necesita para tener "Vecindario de BelAir" en ello y entonces alguna forma del trabajo del arte. Las formas del recorte son permitidas.

-Colmos de signo serán 10 X 24 pulgadas, pero su sumisión pueden estar en una 8 1/2 X 11 hoja o son enviados electrónicamente. Déselo por favor a cualquiera en el comité o a Theresa en 1721 W. Montecito o por correo electrónico a theresa_marpre@msn.com.

-Logo será reutilizado en camisas y otros signos y llega a ser la propiedad de vecindario de BelAir.

-Sea un residente de BelAir.

-¡Creador y se divierte!

Para un ejemplo, usted puede echar una mirada a S. Colmos del signo de Gregorio, que es el vecindario justo al sur de Escuela india. Si usted tiene cualquier otras preguntas, siéntase libre llamar Theresa en 602-358-9976.

¡Sea creador - su logo podría estar a través de nuestro vecindario! No se olvide mandarlo por 1 de Julio.

Arte de Yarda

By Virginia Clifford - Anders

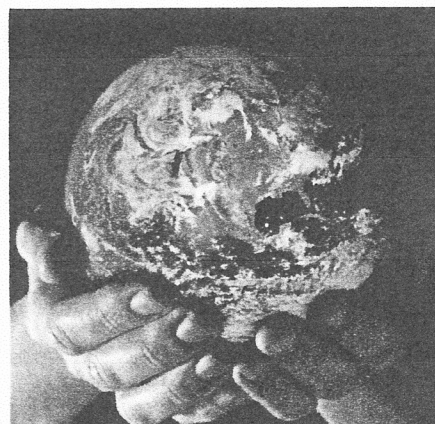
Y así, meses de verano empiezan. ¿La primavera? No en Phoenix. Nuestras temporadas son el VERANOS, la Verano-Caída, la invierno-primavera. ¿Plantado algo recientemente? Adquirí recientemente dos publicaciones del Departamento de Arizona de los Recursos de Agua que están no sólo llenos de hermosas fotos, pero específicamente escritos para habitantes de desierto.

Una publicación es llamada "Plantas de Paisaje para el Desierto de Arizona" y el otro es "Xeriscape". Yo no había pensado acerca de la planificación de una yarda alrededor de lo que ellos llaman "hardscape" las estructuras como patios, los cantos rodados, paredes o vallas bajas, y las sendas en un rato. Hace unos pocos años, yo compré dos plano de los pedazos rotos de la arenisca que había entregado a mi hogar. Yo los utilicé para crear un sendero áspero-bordeado entre el camino de entrada y el traspatio. Cuando recuerdo, Cemento de Maravilla tiene cantos rodados en venta también. Hmm, yo puedo tener que ir toma otra mirada.

Una yarda exuberante de plantas de desierto parece maravilloso, pero yo no los posicionaría cierran también juntos. Las plantas del desierto a menudo tienen pegatinas y otros lugares agudos. En algún punto un jardinero debe recortar y deber limpiar aún en un paisaje de desierto. El más fácil es de alcanzar entre, abajo, y alrededor de tales plantas, el mejor. Así, usted necesita para considerar el tamaño del espacio, y del tamaño maduro esperado de las plantas. Cuándo ellos son plantados cierra también juntos, dados esos aspectos, el mantenimiento no es divertido. El propietario será tentado a ignorar el asunto. Sin embargo, como sus arbustos y tal continúa crecer, las hierbas y los céspedes crecerán entre las materias plantadas también. No la mirada que usted pensó, ciertamente.

Dónde usted planta es importante para otras razones. Si un arbusto o el arbusto son tóxicos, entonces usted no lo desea cerca de una zona recreativa o senda. El mismo sería verdad de cualquier planta que tiene espinas en ellos. Uno de los problemas comunes con arbustos de buganvilla, como magnífico y tan de crecimiento rápido como ellos son, es la realidad de sus espinas, que dolió realmente cuando ellos enganchan o rompen piel.

Las plantas ofrecen varias ventajas. Usted puede mover las ollas alrededor, así cambiando la mirada de su yarda. Ellos pueden contener plantas, como áloes, que de otro modo tienden a tomar la yarda. Si usted tiene atrás problema, usted puede levantar las ollas en plataformas tan las alegrías de la horticultura se quedan accesible. Mi tienda de ultramarinos tiene una venta a plantar conserva esta semana...



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Nosotros le necesitamos

Para correr para la Tabla de la Asociación de Vecindario de BelAir. Seis asientos están arriba para elección en la Reunión el 15 de mayo de 2008 General. Sólo requisitos son que usted es un residente y el dueño de propiedades en el Vecindario de BelAir y que usted asiste 10 reuniones de la Tabla un año que son tenidos el primer el jueves de todos los meses a las 7 de la tarde (julio y diciembre excluyeron). Las reuniones duran entre horas 1-1.5 un mes. Nosotros también querríamos que a miembros de tabla elijan uno de la Espalda de Combate Comités (la Prevención del crimen, el Aumento de la Comunidad, la Conservación, o el Tráfico) estar en. Ayúdenos continuamos aumentar nuestro vecindario. Contacte por favor a miembro actual de la Tabla para más información o para colocar su nombre en la votación.

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An original home owner and neighbor of BelAir, Mr. Carl Johnson, passed away on April 17, 2008 at the age of 97. Mr. Johnson who lived on the west side of 15th Avenue (3 houses south of Glenrosa) in the pink house always had a beautiful yard. He performed his own yard work until he died.

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