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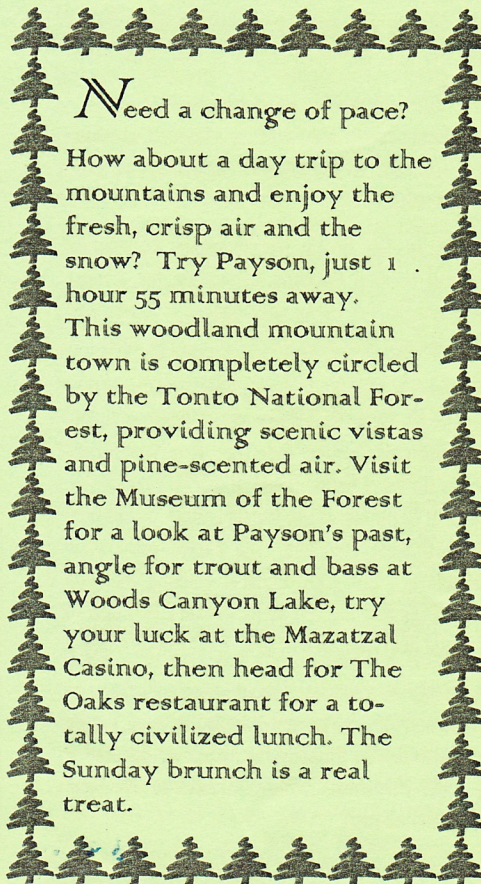
Message from the President...

Another year has past and no matter whether we had a great 2002 or a terrible 2002 we all look forward to a better year to come in 2003. I'm excited about the prospects of the coming year. The BelAir Neighborhood has a Board that is active and interested in our Neighborhood. Interested in making it better, safer, cleaner, friendlier, more neighborly and more active. The Holiday bows and greenery that the Board Members assembled and hung were well received by many of our neighbors. This year the challenge will be getting more of our neighbors to the BelAir General Meetings and to provide interesting and informative speakers at each of these meetings. Help us make this year interesting for all of our neighbors by getting involved, participating and giving us your recommendations.

Happy New Year!

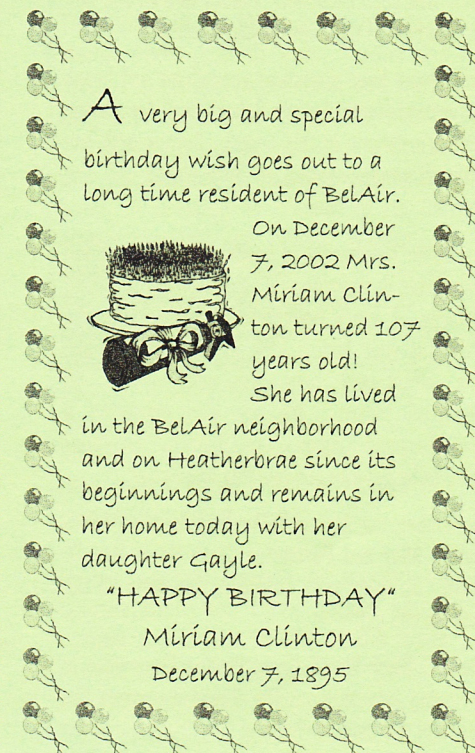
Jim

A Happy New Year!

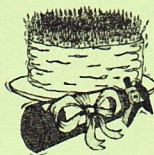


Need a change of pace?

How about a day trip to the mountains and enjoy the fresh, crisp air and the snow? Try Payson, just 1 hour 55 minutes away. This woodland mountain town is completely circled by the Tonto National Forest, providing scenic vistas and pine-scented air. Visit the Museum of the Forest for a look at Payson's past, angle for trout and bass at Woods Canyon Lake, try your luck at the Mazatzal Casino, then head for The Oaks restaurant for a totally civilized lunch. The Sunday brunch is a real treat.



A very big and special birthday wish goes out to a long time resident of BelAir.

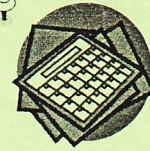


On December 7, 2002 Mrs. Miriam Clinton turned 107 years old! She has lived

in the BelAir neighborhood and on Heatherbrae since its beginnings and remains in her home today with her daughter Gayle.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

Miriam Clinton
December 7, 1895



Dates To Remember

2nd Saturday of each month Board Meeting

January 14 - General Planning Committee Meeting

February 8 - General Meeting - BelAir Birthday

February 8 - Bulk Trash Placement begins

February 17 - Bulk Trash collection begins

May 17 - 2003 Neighborhood Perimeter Cleanup

2003 General Meeting Calendar

Feb 8, 2003—Happy Birthday BelAir

May 10, 2003—Mother's Day Celebration

August 9, 2003—Back to School

December 2003—BelAir Holiday Affair



Please Note: Yard Sale signs must be removed the same day as the sale. They become unsightly and are illegal postings.



Minute by Minute

BelAir Neighborhood Association

FINANCIAL STATUS

BALANCE AS OF 12/1/02

GENERAL FUND: \$1155.92

The BelAir Neighborhood Association publishes the *Neighborhood Communicator* monthly. Many thanks to all of the volunteers in BelAir, who make this project possible.

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The December 14, 2002 BelAir Neighborhood Association Board Meeting was called to order at 9:45 am (After a wonderful breakfast at 9:00 AM, at Jim and Judi Mathew's house at 1642 West Monterosa.

The Minutes were approved as amended as usual. The Treasurers Report was approved as presented as usual.

Thanks to The BelAir Neighborhood Association General Meeting Planning Committee for a most excellent Holiday Party December 7th! It was well attended and everyone there had a great time!

The General Meeting Planning Committee wants to remind all BelAir Neighbors about our next BelAir Neighborhood General Meeting. It is our annual Happy Birthday BelAir Bash! It will be February 8, 2003 at 10:00 AM, at the Martin Luther School Gym at 1830 West Glenrosa. So please mark your calendars! Our next General Meeting Planning Committee Meeting will be on January 14, 2003 at Jim and Judi Mathew's at 1642 West Monterosa.

The BelAir Neighborhood Association collected can goods and food for a needy family this year, but no one volunteered a needy family, so we donated it to CASS Homeless Shelter. Thanks to everyone who donated food.

Feedback on our monthly Neighborhood Communicator has been excellent! Thanks to Judi and Jim and the rest of the Communicator crew!

There have been a rash of vandalisms and break ins around Martin Luther School (look for Pastor Wilfong's column in this issue). Anyone with any information or wanting to help please call the hotline.

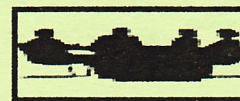
Our BelAir Neighborhood Association Conservation Committee is mapping our neighborhood by taking pictures of every household. Please make the fronts of your homes look as nice as possible. This effort will help our neighborhood go "Historic" faster. We are also preparing a "Neighborhood Conservation/Historic" questionnaire to be put into our monthly newsletter.

Remember, our Annual BelAir Neighborhood Association Alley and Perimeter Clean Up is May 17, 2003. So mark your calendars, we need all the help we can get!

The 301 Block Watch Grant Writing Committee is springing into action. The Board discussed the needs of our neighborhood at length and found the

following concerns: the need for a daily BelAir Neighborhood Block Watch program, an anti vandalism and break-in partnership with Martin Luther School and Church, a neighborhood water conservation and education program involving low water use toilets (do you know the city has a program where they replace your old toilets with new low water use toilets?), a neighborhood gravel and dust prevention program for our front yards, back yards and alleys and more street lighting. Call the Neighborhood Hotline if you have ideas or want to help out.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM. Our next BelAir Neighborhood Association Board Meeting will be Saturday, January 11, 2003, at 9:00 AM. It will be held in the Fireside Room off the Martin Luther School Gym, at 1830 West Glenrosa.



COMMUNITY UPDATE

Shortly before Thanksgiving, someone stole over \$1000 worth of meat and poultry from the Martin Luther School Kitchen. The items were part of a Hot Lunch Program. Anyone with information about this please call CRIME STOP 602-262-6151.

A week later the Pepsi Machine in the Martin Luther School Gym was completely destroyed in an attempt to get at the money inside. Anyone with information about this please call CRIME STOP 602-262-6151.

Graffiti taggers have been hard at work on the Martin Luther School Playground area. They are signing their work; "Artistic Painters Krew or APK." Anyone with information about this please call CRIME STOP 602-262-6151.

There have been a rash of tire slashings in the area also. Rick's Auto reported 16 tire slashings, Childress Buick had 67 tires slashed, and Bill Luke had over 100 tires slashed. Anyone with information on this please call CRIME STOP 602-262-6151.

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New Year Traditions

The beginning of the new year has been welcomed on different dates throughout history. Great Britain and its colonies in America adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1752, in which January 1st was restored as New Year's Day. Ways of celebrating differ as well, according to customs and religions of the world. People in Moslem societies celebrate the new year by wearing new clothes. Southeast Asians release birds and turtles to assure themselves good luck in the twelve months ahead. Jewish people consider the day holy and hold a religious ceremony at a meal with special foods. Hindus of India leave shrines next to their beds, so they can see beautiful objects at the start of the new year. Japanese prepare rice cakes at a social event the week before the new year.

Whatever the custom, most of people feel the same sentiment. With a new year, we can expect a new life. We wish each other good luck and promise ourselves to do better in the following year.

New Year's Eve (December 31)

In the United States, the federal holiday is January first, but Americans begin celebrating on December 31. Sometimes people have masquerade balls, where guests dress up in costumes and cover their faces with masks. According to an old tradition, guests unmask at midnight.

At New Year's Eve parties across the United States on December 31, many guests watch television as part of the festivities. Most of the television channels show Times Square in the heart of New York City. At one minute before midnight, a lighted ball drops slowly from the top to the bottom of a pole on one of the buildings. People count down at the same time as the ball drops. When it reaches the bottom, the new year sign is lighted. People hug and kiss, and wish each other

"Happy New Year!"

New Year's Day

On January first, Americans visit friends, relatives and neighbors. There is plenty to eat and drink when you just drop in to wish your loved ones and friends the best for the year ahead. Many families and friends watch television together enjoying the Tournament of Roses parade preceding the Rose Bowl football game in Pasadena, California. The parade was started in 1887, when a zoologist who had seen one in France suggested to the Valley Hunt Club in Pasadena, California that they sponsor "an artistic celebration of the ripening of the oranges" at the beginning of the year. At first the parade was a line of decorated, horse-drawn, private carriages. Athletic events were held in the afternoon, and in the evening, a ball where winners of the events of the day and the most beautiful float were announced. In later years colleges began to compete in football games on New Year's Day, and these gradually replaced other athletic competitions. The parade of floats grew longer from year to year, and flower decorations grew more elaborate.

The theme of the Tournament of Roses varies from year to year. Today the parade is usually more than five miles long with thousands of participants in the marching bands and on the floats. City officials ride in the cars pulling the floats. A celebrity is chosen to be the grand marshal, or official master of ceremonies. The queen of the tournament rides on a special float which is always the most elaborate one of the parade, being made from more than 250,000 flowers. Spectators and participants alike enjoy the pageantry associated with the occasion. Preparation for next year's Tournament of Roses begins on January 2.

In the warmer regions all around the country there are other games whose names are characteristic of the state. People watch the Orange Bowl game in Florida, the Cotton Bowl in Texas, and

the Sugar Bowl in Louisiana. In most cultures, people promise to better themselves in the following year. Americans have inherited the tradition and even write down their New Year's resolutions. Whatever the resolution, most of them are broken or forgotten by February!

COMMUNITY UPDATE (cont.)

There were two arson fires on Camelback and 15th and 18th Avenues.

All the items above show us we can not let our BelAir Neighborhood Association efforts slack off in 2003. We need to continue to work together to keep our neighborhood safe!

The American Lutheran Pre School received a generous donation of nearly \$500 from Chuck at Rick's Auto to purchase new cots for the children. Chuck and Rick's Auto has been very supportive to our neighborhood children! *Thank you Chuck.*

We Need Your Help!

Are you interested in joining any of the neighborhood committees? The neighborhood is always looking for new faces to bring new ideas that would then turn around and benefit the neighborhood. We are looking for members to assist with the writing of the 301 Grant, the General Planning committee, the Historic Preservation committee, plus substitute Communicator delivery folks.

Another big area that is needed is Block Watch. Right now we have no active Block Watch. With the recent rash of theft from the local church and the graffiti, we believe that we should try and get this program started again. Each of us, on a daily basis, can help by keeping our eyes and ears open for strange things happening in our neighborhood. If you see any strange activity please call CRIME STOP 602-262-6151. Anyone interested contact the hot-line or any board member.

Is this like your list of New Year's Resolutions?

Ah, my collection of failed resolutions. Here they are in all their tarnished glory. Why don't you check off the ones you've tried to see how we compare.

You could also use the following as a checklist. Having checked your goals, come back in a few months re-check them and see how you're doing!

Exercise (Jogging? Swimming? Using the Hamster Wheel?)

Get in Shape (the sequel to Exercise. But what shape? Square? Rectangle? I understand ovals are popular this year. . .)

Help Medical Science - Join a clinical trial... Hangovers?

Smile more (Enjoyed a career as a fast food cashier)

Change Careers (see Smile More above)

Quit Smoking (I keep this one. Of course, I've never smoked.)

Get a Life (No one was willing to give me theirs, so that fell through . . .)

Feeling Guilty (I kept this one! Maybe I should have specified not feeling guilt . . .)

Save Money (I was going to start keeping this right after Christmas, really . . .)

Make More Money (after Smile

More and Change Careers? Are you joking?)

Increase Productivity (I ate more fiber . . .)

Go Back to School (A huge mistake. Turns out my Grade One teacher remembered me . . .)

Be Happy (I kept this one for three months. My friends threatened to institutionalize me . . .)

Honesty (Warning! I was arrested once, sued twice and almost divorced because of this one . . .)

Lose Weight (I wore lighter shirts and weighed myself in the nude. Gained ten pounds . . .)

Eat Better (Gained ten more pounds . . .)

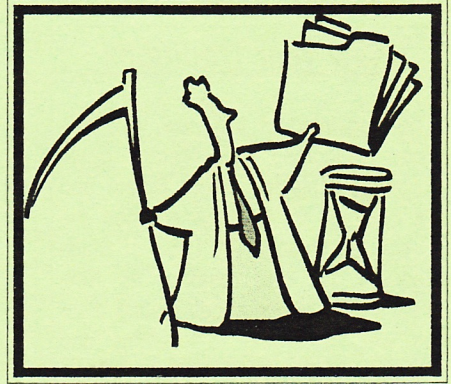
Relax More (Notice how those two little words make your muscles tense and your blood pressure rise?)

Healthy Lifestyle (Amazing! Eat better, lose weight and exercise all wrapped up in one ego-draining package!)

Get More Sleep (Was doing well until the boss heard me snoring in my cubicle . . .)

Get a New Job (See Get More Sleep above . . .)

Stress Management (I managed so well I reported a 150% increase in stress by the end of the first quarter. Who says I'm not cut out to be CEO?)



The General Planning Committee wishes to thank the following people who helped hang the ribbons around the neighborhood during the holiday. Nick and Debbie Dumone, Sharon and Dick Bushouse and Jim and Judi Mathew. The committee has received many thank-yous from different neighbor stating how festive it looked.

Thank you Dick and Sharon for taking all of them down!

Until next year's festivities, have a safe 2003!

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