



# Neighborhood Communicator

## February 2002

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY BEL AIR!!!

Our neighborhood will be celebrating a birthday in February. Join your neighbors and friends for a birthday party on Saturday, February 9th at 10AM. We will be celebrating at the church. Cake and ice cream will be served.



Along with the birthday party, our general meeting will be hosted by the fire department and they will be showing us the most current CPR procedures. In addition to all the wonderful events planned for the General Meeting, you can pick up your Safety Kit, if you haven't already received it.

**So, don't forget:**

**Bel Air Birthday Party!!  
Saturday February 9, 2002 10AM  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
1830 W. Glenrosa**

### MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM'S

Our 2001 Bel Air Neighborhood 301 Block Watch Grant provided funding for four Medical Alert Systems.

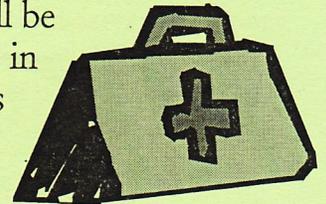


We're pleased to say that we have placed all of these systems in our neighborhood.

In our 301 Grant for 2002, we will be asking for funding for four more Medical Alert Systems. If we receive this next grant, the funding will be available by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2002. Look to the newsletter for information on how to get a Medical Alert System in the coming months.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DELIVER SAFETY KITS

Over the next several weeks, Emergency/Safety Kits will be delivered to each residence in Bel Air Neighborhood. As you may remember, these kits have been purchased through a 301 Block Watch Grant in partnership with the Phoenix Fire Department. If you are not home when we try to deliver the kits, we will leave a note with a phone number to call to either pick up the kit or ask someone to deliver it again. PLEASE call the number and tell us when would be a good time to contact you.



This is a very big project and we have only a few people who are willing to help to deliver these kits. If you can help with delivering kits please call the hotline and leave your name and number.

# Minute by Minute

The January 12, 2002 Bel Air Neighborhood Association Board Member Meeting was called to order at 9:08 am, in the library at Martin Luther School, at 1830 West Glenrosa. All members were present except Marjorie and Debbie.

The minutes from the December 8, 2001 meeting were approved as amended. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

The new 2002 301 Block Watch Grant committee has been meeting and writing next years Block Watch Grant. The 2002 grant is due February 1, 2002. Call the Neighborhood Hotline if you would like to help out or have suggestions.

The 2001 301 Block Watch Grant Alley Lighting committee has been busy getting signatures for the six new alley lights to be installed this year. This committee is ongoing and is looking for other innovative ways to light our neighborhood in the future. Call the Neighborhood Hotline if you would like to help out or have suggestions.

Thirteen people have expressed interest in getting a new security door. Five new security doors, paid for by the 2001 Block Watch Grant will be raffled off at our Happy Birthday Bel Air General Meeting, February 9, 2002 at 10:00 am at Martin Luther School.

Four people have received 301 Block Watch Grant 2001 Medical Alert Systems. We will be asking for funding for four more in 2002. If funded, they will be available June 30, 2002. Look to the Newsletter, or call the Neighborhood Hotline in the coming months for information on how to get one.

The Bel Air Neighborhood Association Board has put together and is distributing the new Safety

Kits paid for by the 301 Fire Department Grant. Every Home in the Bel Air Neighborhood will get one. Look for a board member passing them out.

The General Meeting Planning Committee wants to remind every Bel Air Neighbor that they are invited to our "Happy Birthday Bel Air" party, Saturday, February 9, 2002 at 10:00 am, at Martin Luther School. They wanted to thank Costco and Walmart for their generous contributions. They also want to remind every Bel Air Neighbor that our next Pizza Hut Fund Raiser Night is Friday, February 8th. So buy a pizza, the Bel Air Neighborhood Association gets a percentage of everything sold.

Look for Pastor Wilfongs Community Update Column every month in the Communicator.

The Perimeter Clean Up Committee has cleaned up the 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Indian School bus stop. The City of Phoenix Metro Transit Authority has been more than cooperative. They have promised to clean up two other bus stops at 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Indian School and 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Indian School. This committee is ongoing so call the Neighborhood Hotline if you want to help or have suggestions.

The Historic Neighborhood Committee is meeting with our Village Planner in early February. Call the Neighborhood Hotline if you want to help out or have suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am. The Board members then put together our new 301 Fire Department Grant Safety Kits. The next Bel Air Neighborhood Association Board Meeting will be at our "Happy Birthday Bel Air" General Meeting, February 9, 2002 at 10:00 am, at Martin Luther School, 1830 West Glenrosa.



## BelAir Neighborhood Association

### FINANCIAL STATUS BALANCE AS OF 12/31/01

GENERAL FUND: \$607.20  
301 BLOCKWATCH FUND: \$8,111.67  
301/Fire Department Fund: \$52.65

Please remember that 301 Grant Fund money can only be used for items specified in the contract at the time of the grant.

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

### ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

#### PRESIDENT

Jim Mathew (2002)  
1642 W. Monterosa  
263-0548

#### VICE PRESIDENT

Sharon Barger (2003)  
1525 W. Glenrosa  
274-0230

#### TREASURER

Tim Blevins (2002)  
4225 N. 15<sup>th</sup> Dr.  
266-6340

#### SECRETARY

Todd Shealy (2002)  
1628 W. Monterosa  
285-0995

#### Members

Susan McHugh	(2002)	604-8629
Marjorie Paez	(2002)	277-2707
Faye Robbins	(2002)	285-1902
Carol Adamson	(2003)	277-4904
Georgia Thomas	(2003)	264-3096
Pastor C. Wilfong	(2003)	266-9342
Debbie Dumone	(2003)	263-3588
Mauren McCabe	(2003)	266-3548

## Board Member Bio

Hello! My name is Maureen McCabe. I returned to Phoenix from the Bay area in California as a teen with my parents in 1948 and we moved into the Bel Air Neighborhood and the house I am still living in.

My parents chose this area for it's great central location; it is so close to good bus transportation and good schools. I was in the second graduating class at West High School.

I have seen a lot of changes in the Bel Air Neighborhood through the years. My favorite hangouts were Nelson's swimming pool on 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Roma by the canal and the West Drug Store and soda fountain on the south east corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Indian School.

At eighteen, I went to work for the claims department at Allstate Insurance Company and that career lasted forty-four years. I retired in 1995.

Being on the Bel Air Board allows me to contribute to the growth and prosperity of our neighborhood. It's also a great way to meet and get to know your neighbors more.

Mickie and I love living in our home on West Glenrosa.

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### 46<sup>TH</sup> Annual VNSA USED BOOK SALE

Long time Bel Air neighbor Georgia Thomas, cordially invites all her Bel Air neighbors to the 46<sup>th</sup> annual VNSA Used Book Sale, February 9 and 10, 2002, in the Exhibit Building at the Arizona State Fairgrounds. Enter at 17<sup>th</sup> and McDowell. Doors open at 9 am Saturday and Sunday.

VNSA (Volunteer Non Profit Service Association), collects used books all year to benefit the Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation & the Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County and Toby House.

**SUNDAY IS 50% OFF DAY!**

For more information call 602 265 6805 or go to their web site at:  
[www.vnsabooksale.org](http://www.vnsabooksale.org)

## Neighborhood Update

On Saturday, December 8, 2001, over 1000 people gathered at the Kids Street Park on 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave, for a Christmas party sponsored by the Westwood Business Alliance. Over 800 stockings were filled with presents and handed out to the children of the neighborhood. Refreshments were served to all in attendance.

On Thursday, January 10, 2002, over 100 residents gathered at Westwood Elementary School to celebrate the remodeling of the large apartment complex on Campbell Ave. and the 1-17 access road, and to welcome and congratulate the new owner of the complex, now called Emerald Park. Also in attendance were the representatives of the former owners, who expressed their apologies to the neighborhood for letting the old complex become an eyesore and health hazard. Had they not apologized, they would have been fined \$250,000. The new owners of Emerald Park invested \$1,700,000 in remodeling costs.

Also on Thursday, January 10, 2002, a drug bust went down in the Westwood neighborhood involving a drug ring from Canada. Several arrests were made.

On Saturday, January 12, 2002, at 12:30 pm, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the new Emerald Park Apartment Complex. Phil Gordon, our area City Councilman, shared in the festivities.

On Saturday, 19, 2002, a groundbreaking ceremony was held at the Kids Street Park, to begin construction on the new Community Center.

In early December, about 1500 bikers held a fund raiser for a monument for Kids Street park, in memory of Mark Atkinson, a police officer killed in the line of duty. Over \$10,000 was raised.

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# Hotline 602 392 8338

## GROCERY CARTS LEFT IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Lately we have started seeing grocery or Wal-Mart carts in the neighborhood. This is a terrible eye sore as well as a big loss to our local markets. If you find a cart call the following number **480-704-1555**.

They will ask your name, phone number & a description of whom the cart belongs to and the location of the cart.

Please help in keeping our neighborhood a first class place to live.

## BOPA COLLECTIONS PLANNED

Phoenix residents can dispose of household hazardous wastes and other items at BOPA collection events 9AM to 2PM February 7-9 at Hayden Park, 322 W. Tamarisk Avenue and March 14-16 at Deer Valley Park, 19601 N. 19th Avenue. Such items as batteries, oil, paints, and antifreeze, the event will accept five road tires per resident, computers, and household appliances, including refrigerators, stoves, evaporative coolers, air conditioners, washers, dryers and water heaters.

For more information call **602-262-7251**.

## IS IT SAFE TO BURN?

It's that time of the year again for owners of fireplaces and wood burning stoves to check for no burn days. To find out if it is safe to burn call **602-506-6400**.

## PIZZA PIZZAPIZZA FEBRUARY 8TH!

Help your Bel Air Neighborhood in this great fund-raiser and order Pizza on Friday, February 8th. For every coupon that is used on this date, our neighborhood will get a portion of the total amount spent that evening. We are using this fund-raiser to raise money for our General Meetings, and other special projects that are not funded by grants.

So, mark your calendars for a Pizza Family night, February 8th, with your very own families!

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR BEL AIR:

Mark your calendars for the coming events in Bel Air.

**February 9, 2002** - Happy Birthday

Bel Air & CPR instruction

**April 25, 2002** - Election Night! Vote for New Board Members

**August 1, 2002** - Event to be determined

**October 2002** - GAIN - "Western Ho Down"

## WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

The General Meeting and Coordination committee is looking for a few new people. This committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month to plan and coordinate the General Meetings and special events that are sponsored for the BelAir Neighborhood. If you would be interested in joining this fun group, please give Judi Matthew a call at **602-263-0548**. If you have a special interest and would like to join the team for just one of the planned meetings or events this would be great. New ideas and new people are always welcome.

## HAVING A BAD AIR DAY????

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