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Bel Air Neighborhood Communicator

HOTLINE 266-9733

ADDRESS: 4333 N. 17TH AVE.

Association Name

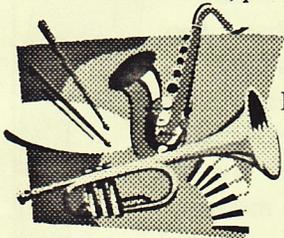
As you may have noticed by the title of the newsletter we have a name!! According to Fred Godwin, an original member of our neighborhood, approximately 85% of our neighborhood was originally known as Bel Air. The Womack Co. developed this area from 1947 - 1950. So, that is why BEL AIR has been chosen as the name of our Neighborhood Association. Now that we have a name, all information distributed by the Association will have the name BEL AIR.

First General Meeting Held

Approximately 80 of our neighbors attended the Neighborhood Meeting held June 21st, at Encanto School Cafeteria. Many neighbors cited Crime, Gangs, Blight, and Neighborhood Beautification as motivation for wanting to form an organized association. An officer from the City of Phoenix Police Dept. and a representative of the City's Neighborhood Services Dept. were guest speakers. A special thanks goes out to those neighbors who brought food and drinks for the meeting.

Coming Events

In an attempt to develop a schedule of activities for the neighborhood, the steering committee has come up with the following tentative events. If you have any suggestions on these or other events, please let us know.



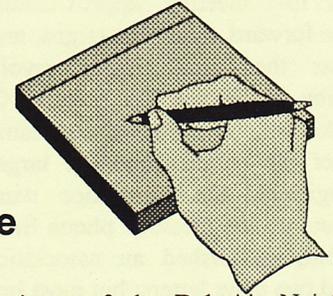
Fall Carnival : Nov. 4

**Neighborhood Beautification Days:
Feb. 3rd & 4th**

Community Yard Sale: Apr. 13

More information on these events will be distributed as it becomes available, but mark your calendars now.

**Next General Meeting:
Wednesday Sept. 13, 1995
7:00pm**



Letter from the President

Welcome to the first issue of the Bel Air Neighborhood Communicator!

First and foremost, thanks to everyone who attended the June 21st meeting. It is through your support that we will be successful.

The steering committee has held two meetings since the June 21st general meeting. We have begun to realize that the association will require a great deal of time to plan. In order to meet everyone's expectations the steering committee is meeting every Sunday.

Based on the input of a number of our neighbors, the Bel Air Neighborhood Association will seek to be a support group, not a policing agency. We need to uplift the community through positive ideas and support. That does not mean, however, that we cannot be a serious, formal organization.

By being well organized we can capitalize on grant monies available, increase our visibility with the City, and apply to be recognized as a historical district.

In order to begin the process of becoming formally organized the Steering Committee has appointed an interim Board:

President - Bryan Vincent

Vice President - Glenn Baucom

Secretary - Melinda Cekandar

Treasurer - Fred Godwin

Mark Williams - Facilitator

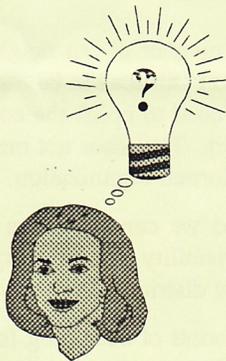
The primary goal of this interim board is to "jump start" the association, prepare bylaws, and organize general elections for the November meeting.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments please give me a call at 234-1457.

Bryan Vincent

Steering Committee

Since our first meeting, approximately twenty individuals have come forward, taken the reigns, and formed a committee to address the initial issues involved in starting an organization of this type. The Steering Committee, as they are formally known, have chosen our name, organized the first meeting of the neighborhood at large, elected an interim board, registered the association name with the City of Phoenix, set up the message phone line, registered for a Tax ID Number, established an association checking account, distributed two news letters; but most importantly, have begun to address the concerns voiced by our neighbors. The meetings are open to anyone in the neighborhood. If you would like to attend we ask you hold your comments until the meeting agenda has been accomplished. There will be approximately thirty minutes at the end of each steering committee meeting for comments. Please make sure to check the **HOTLINE** for meeting time and place.



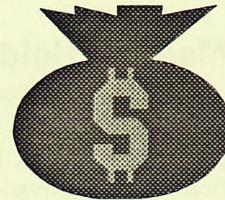
Ideas!! We Need Yours!!

What would you like to see this Association accomplish? What would you like to see appear in this newsletter? Please take the time to call the **HOTLINE** number above or write us a note with any Suggestions or Questions that you have. Someone will respond.

When writing or calling in, please include your Name, Address, and Phone number so that we may respond. The association address is Bel Air Neighborhood Association, 4333 N. 17th AVE, Phoenix 85015.

Donations

As you are no doubt aware, there are administrative expenses involved in a project like this. Items like this Newsletter, Meeting Flyers, Message Phone Line, Postage, etc. all cost money to produce. If you are interested in helping this group flourish, volunteer donations are now being accepted. Please contact Fred Godwin at 266-0493 or mail your check to the association address: Bel Air Neighborhood Association 4333 N. 17th AVE, Phoenix 85015. All monies received will be issued a receipt and deposited into the association checking account.



Make checks payable to:

BEL AIR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

If Fred is unavailable, contact Robert or Kristi James at 279-4644.

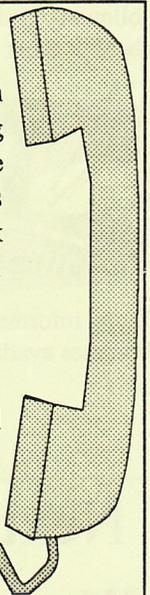
Neighborhood Hotline

A phone message line has been established as a means of communicating important information to the neighborhood between Newsletters. It is also a means for us to call in and ask questions or leave constructive messages.

So,

PLEASE USE THE HOTLINE !

The number is 266-9733. Message will be updated weekly on Monday mornings.



**See you at the Next Meeting !
Wed. Sept. 13th**