



NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATOR

May 1998



The Scoop!!

Bel Air General Meeting

At our May 9, 1998 meeting and ice cream social we will be electing six new Association Board Members. You need to be 18 years old and a resident of our neighborhood in order to vote. Ballots are available in this issue and will be available at our meeting. Remember your ballots only have five candidates listed so be sure to have a write-in candidate in mind. You can always write in your own name and help out the Association and your neighborhood. Also be prepared, someone else might write in your name. Board Members serve a two year term, attend monthly meetings and get involved in neighborhood happenings. In addition to meeting new friends, you have access to all sorts of city and state information.

After our brief meeting we will be serving homemade ice cream and the yummy desserts that you provide. Please bring your homemade desserts to the church parking lot between 5:30 and 6:30pm.

Two Arizona Diamondback tickets will be raffled off during this event. They are for the Saturday, May 24th game against the L.A. Dodgers. The raffle drawing will be held at 8:00p.m. If you will not be present, be sure to put your name, address and phone number on your tickets.

The display boards from our 50th Anniversary Celebration will be available once more for those who missed our last meeting.

Bel Air Neighborhood Association

1998 Board Election Ballot

Please indicate your vote by placing an "X" beside the name or entering your candidate(s) in the space provided
Vote for not more than six (6)

Anna Blevins	_____
Betty Dales	_____
Jeannie Garcia	_____
Rick Jackal	_____
Jerry Price	_____
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Please remember all children must be accompanied by an adult and everyone needs to stay on the church parking lot.

If you need transportation please leave your name and telephone number on the hotline or call any board member.

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The Bel Air Neighborhood Association publishes the Bel Air Neighborhood Communicator monthly. Many thanks to all of the volunteers in Bel Air that make this project possible.

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ASSOCIATION BOARD

President

Betty Dales (1998)
4235 N. 16th Drive
265-4856

Vice President

Marie Chapple Camacho(1998)
4228 N. 16th Drive
279-4640

Treasurer

Clara Wolf (1998)
4232 N. 16th Drive
265-1444

Secretary

Nancy Chambers (1999)
4112 N. 18th Avenue
265-0466

Members

Stacy Ayers (1999)
Anna Blevins (1998)
Tim Blevins (1998)
Susie Foltz (1999)
Jeannie Garcia (1998)
Bill Heedy (1999)
Bob McBane (1999)
Jack Redmond (1999)

Minute To Minute

By
Nancy Chambers

The April 11, 1998 meeting was called to order at 9:05a.m. at the home of Anna and Tim Blevins. The minutes were corrected and approved. The General Fund and the 1997 Block Watch reports were approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

Ice Cream Social - Our Ice Cream Social/General Meeting will be held on May 9 from 6 to 8:30p.m. We will be having home made ice cream and cake. The committee will start setting up at 4:00p.m.

Neighborhoods That Work - We will be presented an Honorable Mention Award for District 4. We will also receive \$100.00. The Recognition Ceremony is on April 21 at 5:30p.m. in the City Hall Lobby. After the ceremony there will be dinner and live music.

Bulletin Boards - One of our bulletin boards will be installed at the corner of 18th Avenue and Glenrosa. We will install it May 18 at 7:00a.m.

Survey - As of today, we have had 34 surveys returned.

NEW BUSINESS

National Night Out/GAIN - Arizona's version of National Night Out will be held Saturday, October 24 from 3 to 9:00p.m. It will be called GAIN (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods). The Board carried a motion to support GAIN in October.

Other - Use Budget for District 4. Meetings will be held: Thursday, April 16 at 6:00p.m. at the Sunnyslope Community Center and Thursday, April 23 at 7:00p.m. at the Washington Adult Center.

Access to the Arizona Legislative Information System on the Internet is <http://www.azleg.state.az.us/>

The Drowning Prevention Coalition of Central Arizona in conjunction with the valley fire departments is sponsoring their annual April Pools Day on April 25. We have been asked to help distribute materials about water safety and drowning prevention. The Board agreed to help if we could distribute the materials during our Yard Sale on April 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05.

Bel Air Neighborhood Association Financial Status

Balance as of 4/10/98

General Fund	\$1,425.86
301 Grant	\$1,957.45

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

INFORMATION CORNER

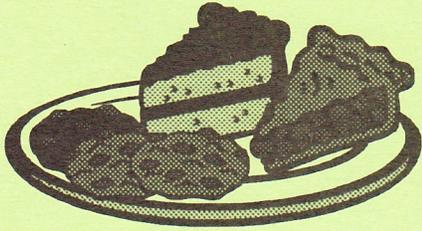


Bulk Trash Pickup - May 9-24

Put trash out only between this two-week period. If you do not have an alley, place trash at the front edge of your property, behind the sidewalk or curb and make sure all vegetation is less than 4 feet in length and 12 inches in diameter.

City Offers Incentives For Hiring Youths

The city will fund the Small Business Youth Employment Program in which small business owners who hire someone between the ages of 16 and 21 will receive \$500 from the city after the employee completes 200 hours of work. To qualify, a business must employ fewer than 100 people and have been in a Phoenix commercial or industrial location for at least a year. Participating small business owners will be responsible for paying at least minimum wage and providing workers' compensation insurance. For Information, call Metro Tech Vocational Institute at 271-2670.



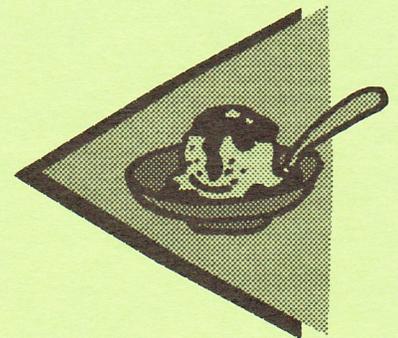
Come to the Bel Air Neighborhood Ice Cream Social & General Meeting!

**Date: Saturday, May 9,
1998**

Time: 6:00--8:30pm

**Place: 1830 West Glenrosa
American Ev. Lutheran
Church**

- *6:00--6:30pm --General Meeting & Election of new Boardmembers
- *6:30--7:30pm--Enjoy homemade ice cream and desserts
- *Win two tickets to see your Arizona Diamondbacks???
- *Listen to 40's music and meet your neighbors



All children must be accompanied by an adult!

City Councilman, Phil Gordon

recently notified the Neighborhood Association of his commitment to lead the fight against irresponsible rental property owners who are harming our neighborhoods.

Most "slumlords" operate similarly. They purchase a deteriorating property for very little down, and see to it that the seller carries the note. Rents are frequently required to be paid in cash. The slumlords collect the rents each month, make no effort to maintain the property, and walk away from it when authorities become too persistent that the condition of the property be improved.

Blighted properties contribute to neighborhood crime. For example, drug dealers are attracted to properties that show signs of neglect; their activities will go largely unnoticed at a property like this. Paying cash for exorbitant monthly rental amounts is not a problem for the average drug dealer (particularly if it insures that he will be left alone). Along with drug dealers comes other crime like prostitution, burglaries and thefts.

Such neighborhoods have a more difficult time maintaining the overall quality of the area. Property values of adjacent buildings are adversely affected and gradually infects the community.

Slum properties are home to many people who are unaware of their rights as tenants. The City of Phoenix spends thousands of taxpayer dollars each year to relocate tenants to new apartments, when the slum property they have been living in is shut down for uninhabitable conditions.

Phil Gordon is convinced that eliminating the existence of problem rental properties will halt the deterioration of neighborhoods reeling from crime and blight, an essential element in his plan to protect families and preserve our neighborhoods.

277-8911

BUSINESS AS USUAL

By Anna Blevins

Tucked away in the northeast corner of 18th Drive and Indian School Road at 1822 West Indian School Road is the office of Sam Schwartz, D.O. Over 40 years ago Dr. Schwartz chose our neighborhood in which to locate because of the accessibility to Phoenix General Hospital where he practiced medicine.

Dr. Schwartz specializes in the evaluation and treatment of neck, back and extremity pain. Although he does practice acupuncture, Prolotherapy is his main means of treatment. The doctor treats only areas of the body that are painful to touch. Prolotherapy involves injecting an irritant solution, usually dextrose, into a painful area. The inflammation that results promotes the body's growth of collagen. This collagen growth helps reduce pain and increases joint stability. Treatment is usually once a month. Dr. Schwartz finds he is most successful in the treatment of low back pain.

Physicians and osteopaths that practice prolotherapy are scarce. There are only a few practicing in Arizona and approximately 300 in the U.S. and Canada.

Yoga and Chinese medicine are of particular interest to the doctor. He has studied medical treatment in China and feels they offer exceptional care.

Dr. Schwartz and Sally, his office manager for 28 years, who is assisted with insurance duties by Diane, truly exude a feeling of caring and sincerity. Imagine, a kind and caring "small town" doctor is located right here in our neighborhood!

Diane

My name is Jeannie Garcia.

I live at 4110 N. 16th Drive next to the vacant lot that now has a big block wall. I have been reading the surveys and that's why I feel I need to write an article.

I moved here three years ago and had a lot of extra time. My family and I plan on living here a very long time. The one thing I love to do is walk in the neighborhood and talk to anyone I see. When I first moved in, I felt no one would be my friend. That is a terrible feeling. I started going to the neighborhood meetings and only volunteered for one thing, the Fall Festival Committee. I went to the committee meeting and met the friendliest people. It felt like I knew them forever already. From then on, I knew what I was going to do with my extra time. I am a Board Member, Neighborhood Coordinator, neighbor, wife, mother, grandmother and have a full time job.

The Neighborhood Association belongs to us. It's not for me to say what should happen, it's for us. The key work is OURS. If you have just moved in or have been here for 50 years, the Association is OURS. Whether you call the Hotline one time to give us information or help deliver the newsletter, that makes you a volunteer. Whenever we have something like a General Meeting, it is to inform you and to meet you as well. I have been in charge of the Fall Festival for the last two years. My goal was to meet one person on every street and I have done that. Now, I'm trying to help neighbors talk to neighbors.

Security is the #1 concern in the neighborhood. What can help? One thing we can do is get out and say "Hi" to your neighbor and ask them to help watch out for you and, in return, you will watch out for them.

If there is anyone who would like to talk about anything I have written, please call me at 264-6413.

