
NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATOR



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Oh Yeah.....Who Says?

The Bel Air Board Members, volunteers and sponsors to the October 24, 1998 Fall Festival have elected to withhold their comments until the December Newsletter because they wish to hear your comments.

What did they think of the Fall Festival/G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods)? They liked it, of course. They had poured their hearts and souls into it. But their efforts don't mean enough unless you liked it too.

The Bel Air Neighborhood Association is waiting to hear from its' neighbors.

If you are unable to volunteer your time to your neighborhood, then please contribute to your neighborhood by submitting your comments and opinions. This is a helpful guide to the Bel Air Neighborhood Association to direct their efforts towards what you want.

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Minute To Minute

By
Betty Dales

The October 10, 1998 Board Meeting was held in the Fireside Room of the American Lutheran Church on Glenrosa.

Alexis Cartter of the Campfire organization made a brief presentation to the Board describing her group, their activities and purpose.

The Board meeting was called to order at 9:15am. Minutes of the September 12, 1998 meeting and financial reports were approved. New Board members Tom Bentley and Laurel Moran were introduced.

301 1998/9 - Jack Redmond delivered our first quarter's report to the Grant office and met several of the administrative personnel. Year-long event insurance was purchased with Grant money.

GAIN/Fall Festival - Committee chairman Stacey Ayers submitted a proposed budget, event schedule, and donation list. The Board approved expenditures up to \$200.00 from the General Fund.

Sidewalk Cleanup Project - Is completed. The committee requested and was granted \$125.00 from the General Fund to purchase Round-Up for quarterly spraying of the sidewalks to prevent regrowth.

Curbside House Number Painting - Jeannie Garcia and her committee have distributed flyers to zones 7 and 8 and will begin painting Saturday, September 19th. Volunteers from each zone or street are needed.

Meth House Bust Update - The 2nd defendant has been released on probation. Defendants 3 and 4 have a pre-trial conference set for October 20th; they are also expected to be released on probation.

Smith's Store Update - Smith's Food and Drug Centers' Price Rite Store will be open by Thanksgiving.

Volunteers - We are still looking for a few good neighbors to work on the 301-1999 grant application and spring general meeting. Pastor Wilfong and Hank Rauch of the American Lutheran Church will meet with the 301 committee to discuss the possibility of a joint venture in the 1999 grant year.

Other - \$10.00 from the General Fund was approved for the purchase of film and developing for the GAIN/Fall Festival. Four Arizona Cardinal tickets and a parking pass were donated by Linda DePierro for a raffle to raise money for next year's event.

Jack Redmond has purchased a file case and folders to store the 301 Grant and General Funds records.

Open Discussion - A new beauty salon on 15th Avenue has asked permission to post a flyer on our neighborhood bulletin boards. A reminder to the neighborhood personal ads in the newsletter are free.

The next meeting will be Saturday, November 14, 1998, 9:00a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.

Travel Bargains

Many Web Sites Now Offer Substantial Savings

For budget minded travelers willing to be a little flexible, Priceline airline ticketing service www.priceline.com allows you to get a cheap flight through a ticket auction. You punch in where you want to depart from and travel to, on what dates, and how much you're willing to pay. The service then runs your offer by all major airlines and within 24 hours notifies you of any takers. If Priceline finds a flight for you at the price you've bid, you're obligated to take it, and you only get one chance to bid on a particular flight. The downside: You don't get to pick which airline or flight times; only the days.

To access the same information travel agents use click on these sites www.reservationdesk.com or at Fairfinder www.previewtravel.com and at www.flightdiscount.com.

To receive e-mail updates on bargain fares, log onto The Epicurious Traveler www.travel.epicurious.com/travel.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

The Neighborhood Association will be spraying the neighborhood streets and sidewalks with a pesticide mid to end of February. They are trying to get the grass and weed problem under control and will be doing several sprayings this spring. If you can volunteer or if you do not want them to spray in front of your house, leave your name and telephone number on the hotline at 392-8338.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

By Anna Blavins

If you love seafood, especially Mexican seafood, be sure to stop by a new neighborhood business, **Mariscos Chihuahua** at 1834 West Indian School Road. After the completion of the extensive tile work, painting and a new driveway, the business opened on October 1. Owned and operated by Jesus, this family run restaurant offers raw and boiled seafood with a Mexican twist. Jesus chose this site because the size was right and the location good. He also happens to live nearby.

Those of you who frequent this type of restaurant may be familiar with other Phoenix restaurants owned by Jesus' family. His brother has owned and operated Mariscos Chihuahua at McDowell and 5th Avenue for 12 years. One of his sister's owns Las Glorias in south Phoenix and another owns San Carlos Bay at 19th Street and McDowell. The family also has three restaurants in Tucson and one in Nogales, Sonora.

Now to the food. The ceviche, shrimp marinated in lemon juice and mixed with onions, cucumbers, tomatoes, cilantro, salt and pepper is delicious. The specialty of the house, The Chihuahueta, a combination of raw and cooked shrimp, octopus, squid, sea snail, abalone, oysters and ceviche is sure to please the true seafood lover. The Horchata (rice water drink) is a sugar lover's delight.

Mariscos Chihuahua is open every day of the week until 9:00pm, but if you are like me, eager to try new food, but sometimes a little leery, be sure to visit Monday through Thursday. It's less busy then. Ask for Jesus, he will be more than willing to explain everything to you. He is a friendly guy and runs a good, clean business. Welcome him to Bel Air Neighborhood.

Connie's Corner Quips, Quotes & Questions

What I gained from G.A.I.N.

I went to the Bel Air Neighborhood October 24th Fall Festival. Those of you who didn't; missed out.

I met my neighbors and liked them all.

I listened to some good taped music and some truly excellent live music.

I watched kids blindfold each other to bat a pinata and saw the joy on the face of the successful child.

I chatted with the police officers that patrol my neighborhood and found they share the same concerns I do.

I sampled miscellaneous salads, pasta, chicken, chile, Mexican food and desserts and am still in dilemma about what I liked most.

I completely enjoyed myself and YOU WILL DEFINITELY SEE ME THERE NEXT YEAR!

Bel Air Neighborhood Association Financial Status Balance as of 10/21/98

General Fund	\$1,258.59
301 Grant	\$2,150.78

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

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME STATS

Once again, we remind you that this information is not current. These stats are for the month of September. Information is given not to scare you, but to alert you to the problems facing our neighborhood.

Our area is 19th Avenue to 15th Avenue between Indian School Road and Campbell Avenue. From August 1 to August 31, we had 0 homicides, 0 sexual assaults, 2 aggravated assaults and 0 robbery; this equals a total of 2 violent crimes this month. We have had 3 burglaries, 2 thefts, 1 auto theft and 0 arson; equaling 6 property crimes. We had 3 drug crimes, 0 gang related crimes, 2 domestic violence crimes and 2 traffic crashes. All total we had 103 calls for service in September.

Fax Net (the provider of these figures) no longer ranks neighborhoods in regard to total crimes committed.

Remember to report any suspicious activity. Call 911 for emergencies, call Crime Stop at 262-6151.



**Do you sometimes
let Fido roam a
little further
than his own
yard?**

Fido probably enjoys it and you might think it's cute, but your neighbors don't. Respect your neighbors. Keep Fido on a leash. It's the law.

**The deadline for submitting articles
for the December Newsletter is
November 21**

CALENDAR EVENTS

Nov. 6-8 Antique Toy Train Show
Chris Town Mall, Phoenix 242-9074

Nov. 10-15 Arabian Horse Show
Westworld, Scottsdale 483-8800

**Nov. 13-15, 19th Annual Bluegrass
Festival & Fiddle Championship**
Constellation Park, Wickenburg
(502)758-6200

Nov. 21-22 Phoenix Antique Market
Arizona's largest collectors' show with
more than 300 dealers, Arizona State
Fairgrounds, Phoenix 943-1766

**Nov. 26-29 Arizona International
Auto Show** Presented by the Valley
Automobile Dealers Association,
Phoenix Civic Plaza, Phoenix
(717)566-6100

**Nov. 27-28 Glendale Glitters
Spectacular** Enjoy three stages of
music and dance, food, seasonal
merchandise, children's wonderland,
shopping and visits with Santa
downtown Glendale, 930-2299

Nov. 27-29 Fiesta Of Light, Phoenix
Civic Plaza, Phoenix 261-8604

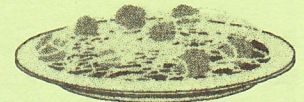
**Nov. 27-Jan. 16 Glendale Glitters
Holiday Light Display** Historic
Murphy Park glows under a canopy of
500,000 multicolored holiday lights,
Glendale 930-2299

**Nov. 28 APS Fiesta of
Light/Electromagic** Featuring
holiday arts and crafts, food vendors,
entertainment, a snowfield and more,
Phoenix Civic Plaza, Symphony Hall
Terrace, Phoenix 534-3378

Nov. 28 Christmas In The Park
Including a parade, music and fun for
the entire family, Litchfield Park
932-2260



First Annual Booster Club Variety Show & Spaghetti Dinner



The Martin Luther School Booster Club is sponsoring an "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Dinner and Variety Show on Friday, November 6.

Dinner will be served from 3 to 7pm. The Variety Show will begin at 6pm

The cost for dinner is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 2 and up. "To go" meals are also available. For more information, contact Wanda 248-0656.

Proceeds will benefit the school's sports curriculum.

Stuffed Whole Turkey Roasting Guide



Bake at 325 degrees

8 to 12 lbs	3-3 1/2 hours
12 to 24 lbs	3 1/2-4 hours
14 to 18 lbs	4-4 1/4 hours
18 to 20 lbs	4 1/4-4 3/4 hours
20 to 24 lbs	4 3/4-5 1/4 hours

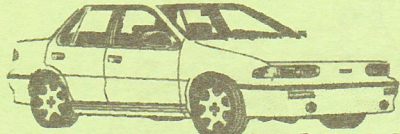
Turkey Questions?

Meat & Poultry Hot Line
800/535-4555

Butterball Turkey-Talk Line
800/323-4848

Reynolds Turkey Tips Line
800/745-4000

Need A New Car?



Just Point & Click!

The Internet now makes it easy to find a good deal. Here's a roundup of some of the best sites:

(www.autobytel.com) Auto-By-Tel offers no cost access to a network of more than 2,700 car dealers who've agreed to work with cybershoppers and who know you're not looking to haggle. Enter the make and model of the car you want. The participating dealer nearest you will respond within 24 hours with a reasonable, take-it-or-leave-it price on that car.

(www.autosite.com) The free features at this site include a helpful service that will create an information table comparing any two vehicles side by side.

(www.carpaint.com) This site provides free information including prices, warranties and safety test performance. It lets early stage shoppers input desired features, then lists the cars that might fit the bill. If any of them strikes your fancy, Carpoint can hook you up with dealers in your area who will meet the site's quoted price.

Hi Neighbors!

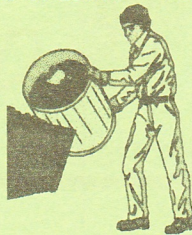
I am pleased to announce that I am your neighborhood **SHAKLEE** distributor.

Call me for vitamins, herbs, skin care products, and safe effective household cleaners.

All products are 100% guaranteed--you'll love them or your money back!! Also call me for an exciting and lucrative business opportunity.

SHARON BARGER 274-0230

Bulk Trash Pickup



Commences Nov. 22

Don't put out trash before November 7. Place trash in alleys or at the front of your property, behind the curb and sidewalk. Make sure all vegetation is less than 4 feet in length and 12 inches in diameter. For more information call 262-7251.

Loren's Beauty Salon
4112 N. 15th Ave.
532-9278

Mon-Fri 10:00am - 6:00pm
Sat 9:00am - 5:00pm
Closed Sunday

Servicio P'Toda la Fam	Unisex Hair Designs
Cortes	Hair Cuts
Permanentes	Perms
Tintes	Colors
Rayitos	Highlights

Walk-Ins Welcome

Phoenix is about to get a little less dusty!

Work crews have begun a \$6 million project of paving every dirt road in the city - all 90 miles of them - in two years and \$5.8 million has been set aside to treat about 4,000 acres of city-owned vacant land with dust suppressants in about a year.

Property owners will be notified before work starts in their neighborhood.

For additional information on the dust control programs call 256-5669.

New Faces In The Doctor's Office?



You've probably heard the terms "Physician Assistant" and "Nurse Practitioner", but you may not know what services these people are qualified to provide. Here's the scoop.

A physician assistant (PA) can treat about 80 percent of the patients in a primary care practice. Candidates study for two years in a medical program and must pass a certification exam. Physician assistants also must pass a national exam every six years to remain certified. They must be affiliated with a physician. In contrast, students studying to be medical doctors typically spend four years in medical school and are required to work as a resident of a hospital for three years.

A nurse practitioner (NP) is a registered nurse with advanced training, ranging from master's degree to up to two years of clinical training. They can perform physical exams, diagnose and treat infections and injuries, order and interpret lab work and X rays and write prescriptions. In most places they work collaboratively with a doctor.

Henchback Tortoise found on West Devonshire, Sunday October 18th.

For Information call Betty or Fred at 265-8224

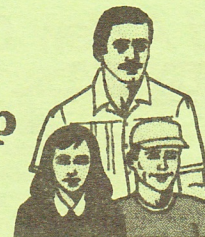


One Million Children Are Reported Missing Every Year

Five Rules For Parents

- 1. Keep up to date pictures of your children.** Facial recognition is the key to assisting in recovery. The best type of photo is a passport style one that focuses sharply on the face. Photos should be taken every six months, or at least once a year. If cost is a concern, organizations such as Kiwanis and the Rotary Club and the police department will take your child's photo for free.
- 2. Know your children's friends and their phone numbers.** Knowing this information enables you to arm the police with leads.
- 3. If you're going through a difficult divorce, warn school authorities.** If you're afraid he or she may try to take your child out of the country, you can file a "denial of passport" for the child by notifying the Office of Passport and Advisory Services. For more information call (202)955-0377.
- 4. Read "Five Rules For Kids" with your children, then discuss it together.** Raise your youngsters to know that nothing they tell you is going to alarm or shock you, otherwise they may be so embarrassed that they won't tell you what happened.
- 5. Talk with your children about rules for online safety.** When using the Internet, consider having them surf the net only in a family room, and learn everything you can about how they're spending time online. Many of the leading Internet service providers offer programs that block, filter and rate sites - make use of them.

Here's How To Help Keep Yours Safe



Five Rules For Kids

- 1. Don't go out alone.** Children of all ages are safer in groups. Stick with your friends to avoid danger - in the mall, on the street, at the movies, anywhere.
- 2. Always tell an adult where you are going.** Never accept an invitation to go somewhere with an adult unless you check with your parents or someone in charge first. Even when you head out with your friends, make sure to let an adult know exactly where you will be.
- 3. Say no if you feel threatened.** Parents usually teach their kids to be polite and have manners around other adults. But when your intuition, common sense and good judgment tell you that something is wrong or dangerous, say *No!* even if an adult insists it's O.K., trust your own instincts.
- 4. Tell your parents about problems.** If someone tries doing something to you that you don't like - especially if they try touching you in ways that make you feel frightened, uncomfortable or confused - tell your parents or another adult you trust. Don't keep secrets to protect someone who's hurting you.
- 5. On the Internet,** never give out information about yourself such as your home address, school name, telephone number or parents' work address/phone number. Never agree to get together in person with someone you met on the Internet without first checking with your parents. Tell your parents right away if anyone online makes you feel uncomfortable.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Phoenix Police received more than 55,000 calls for service for domestic violence incidents last year. Nationally, a woman is physically abused every nine seconds.

If you are a victim of domestic violence or are concerned about becoming one, the city and a number of social agencies in the community can help.

HELP AVAILABLE

Chrysalis at 944-4999, De Colores at 269-1515 and Soujourner Center at 244-0089 are available to assist victims.

Help is also available by calling the Parents Anonymous of AZ Hotline 1/800/352-0528 or the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1/800/799-7233.