



NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATOR

DECEMBER 1998

*'Twas the night before Christmas,
when all through the house not a creature was stirring, not
even a mouse.*

*The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.*

*The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
while visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads.*

*And mama in her kerchief and I in my cap had just
settled our brains for a long winter's nap, when out on the
lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to
see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a
flash, tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.*

*The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow gave
a luster of midday to objects below.*

*When what to my wondering eyes should appear, but
a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, with a little old
driver so lively and quick I knew in a moment it must be St.
Nick.*

*More rapid than eagles his coursers they came and
he whistled and shouted and called them by name, "Now,
Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On,
Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen! To the top of
the porch, to the top of the wall! Now dash away, dash
away, dash away all!"*

*As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
when they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky. So up
to the house top the coursers they flew, with the sleigh full
of toys, and St. Nicholas too.*

*And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof the
prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my
head and was turning around, down the chimney St.
Nicholas came with a bound.*

*He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot
and his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.*

*A bundle of toys he had flung on his back and he
looked like a peddler just opening his pack. His eyes how
they twinkled! His dimples how merry! His cheeks were
like roses; his nose like a cherry. His droll little mouth
was drawn up like a bow and the beard on his chin was as
white as the snow. The stump of a pipe he held tight in his
teeth and the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.*

*He had a broad face and a little round belly that
shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly. He was
chubby and plump; a right jolly old elf, and I laughed
when I saw him in spite of myself. A wink of his eye and a
twist of his head soon gave me to know I had nothing to
dread.*

*He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work
and filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk, and
laying his finger aside of his nose, and giving a nod, up the
chimney he rose.*

*He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
and away they all flew like the down of thistle. But I heard
him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,*

**"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a
good night!"**



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Minute To Minute

By
Betty Dales

The November 14, 1998 Board Meeting was held in the Library of the Martin Luther School on Glenrosa. (Location changed from Fireside Room due to scheduling conflict.)

Minutes from the October Board meeting were approved as written. Treasurer's reports for the General Fund and 301 Grant were approved as submitted.

Meth House Update - Defendants 3 and 4 have had their hearings postponed to January 1999.

Smith's Store Update - Smith's Food & Drug Centers' Price Rite Store has delayed their opening date to December 2, 1998.

"I'm Board" Buttons - A motion was made and approved to appropriate \$35.00 plus tax of General Funds to 20 buttons. These will be worn by Board members at all events and meetings to help neighbors identify us more readily.

New Neighbor Packets - We need more copies. Up to \$50.00 from the General Fund was approved to purchase paper, large envelopes and labels. Stacey Ayers will get copies printed.

Stationary - Secretary reported that we have envelopes but are out of stationary. Up to \$10.00 of the General Fund was approved to purchase a ream of paper to match the envelopes. We have the letterhead/logo on disc so will not pay to have the letterhead printed.

Neighborhood Restoration Project - Distribution of \$20,000.00 from fine levied on Adult Bookstore in the Westwood Neighborhood. Deadline

for submitting a project is 11/30/98. Westwood has two projects: \$10,000.00 toward building a neighborhood park and \$10,000.00 for Project Wake Up (a program in conjunction with the Phoenix Police Department to "wake up" children to the dangers of drugs and gangs). This would be an addition to existing after school activities. We will write a letter to the Project committee supporting Westwood's request.

301 Block Grant 1999 - Jeannie and Betty reported back to the Board on a meeting that took place between the Bel Air 301 committee, Martin Luther School and American Evangelical Lutheran Church officials. We met to discuss the possibility of jointly applying for Block Watch funds in 1999. We will meet again in December along with the Campfire organization to discuss these ideas further.

GAIN/Fall Festival - Committee chairman Stacey Ayers reported that thank you letters have been sent to all who donated gifts for door prizes and the costume contest.

Curbside House Number Painting - Jeannie Garcia submitted a proposed schedule for the project. Weather permitting, the committee should be finished in March 1999. They will have painted approximately 315 house numbers when completed.

Volunteers - Bob McBane has joined the 301-1999 committee. Board members Todd Brueshoff, Laurel Moran and Rick Jackal have signed up to organize the Spring election and general meeting.

The next meeting will be Saturday, December 12, 1998, 9:00am in the Fireside Room.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.

The deadline for submitting articles for the January Newsletter is December 20

BUSINESS AS USUAL

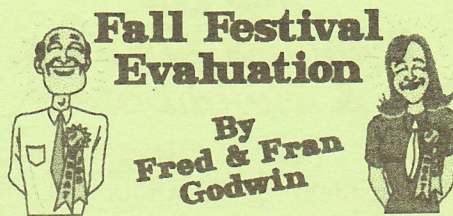
By Anna Blevins

Your neighborhood (quasi) business, The Bel Air Neighborhood Association is having a difficult time doing business as usual. We need STORAGE. We do not have an office or a storage space to store all of the supplies, equipment, etc. we have accumulated through the years. Presently "your" neighborhood possessions are being stored at Board Member's homes. This worked in the past, but we have accumulated more STUFF than we have room to store. We definitely need a neighborhood office, storage room, shed or even closet.

I am asking you to please help us find an inexpensive or free storage facility. It could be a room or a closet in a neighborhood business, a storage shed in your back yard, or a guest house that you are not using.

If we do not find space soon, we may no longer be able to store "leftovers" for future events. "Leftovers" we presently have are plates, utensils, cups, napkins, handouts, decorations, banners, signs, powdered drinks, paper and balloons. Other items we presently store are a sign-in book, photo album, copier, copier cabinet, file cabinet, weed eater, hedger, 3 sprayers, 8 tables, 2 scanners, cell phone, a-frame signs, barricades, T-shirts, etc.

We really need storage space! If you cannot help us, please try to find someone who can. If you are a neighborhood business or know a business owner who can help, please let us know. Call the hotline at 392-8338 and leave a message or call any Board Member. By storing YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ITEMS we save you and the association money! Please help us do business as usual.



Fall Festival Evaluation

By
Fred & Fran
Godwin

Positive

Good location

Balloons are eye-catching and attractive

Food and music was excellent
How about Michael Alyn singing?
Perhaps alternating with the young lady who sang this year?

Cake walk is always a winner
It was nice to see the police officers and talk with them.

For all who attended it was a very pleasant, neighborly afternoon.

For Next Year

Shorter hours! 3:00 business meeting; 3:30 - 5:30 Festival. Finish all events in the daylight.

Schedule several events at the same time. This gives people a choice of what they wish to see or participate in and shortens the hours.

There is a need for events just for children. Events should be divided according to age.

Deliver a special flyer to the neighborhood several days before the event.

It is well worth the time and effort to continue the festival for another year or two, at least to see how the attendance holds up.

Connie's Corner Quips, Quotes & Questions

Too many people get their exercise by jumping to conclusions, running up bills, stretching the truth, bending over backward, lying down on the job, sidestepping their responsibility and pushing their luck.

CALENDAR EVENTS

Dec. 3-4, Fourth Annual Renaissance Holiday Fare - Part of the Phoenix APS Fiesta of Light Celebration; food by A.J.'s, Duncan Family Farms, Stout's Cider Mill and more, chefs doing demos and offering samples, arts and fashion, corner of Central & Washington, Phoenix, 257-8819

Dec. 4, Holiday Tree Fest - An exhibition of brightly decorated trees appearing in downtown Peoria; festival includes carolers, Kountry Krafts fair, entertainment, door prizes, hayrides, food vendors and more, Johnny Osuna Park, Peoria, 979-3601.

Dec. 4-6, Tempe Fall Festival of the Arts - More than 500 fine artists and fine/traditional crafters, KidVille, food vendors, live bands, beer and wine gardens, Holiday Zone, Arizona Avenue featuring local Arizona artists on Tempe's Mill Avenue, 967-4877.

Dec. 5, APS Fiesta of Light/Electric Parade - Enjoy more than 80 lighted parade entries, Central Avenue, Phoenix, 534-3378.

Dec. 5-19, Fifth Annual Living Nativity - Every Saturday, real sheep, cows, chickens, donkeys and more bring "Away In A Manger" to life for you and your family, Crow's Dairy Farm, Tolleson, 936-4435.

Dec. 12, Holiday Magic - The Mesa Symphony Orchestra offers families a delightful medley of popular holiday tunes, sponsored by the City of Mesa and Target Stores, free admission, Mesa Amphitheatre, Mesa, 897-2121.

Dec. 15-30, The Nutcracker - Presented by Ballet Arizona, Symphony Hall, Phoenix, 381-0184.



Arizona Public Service offers discount tickets

Because you are an APS customer, you can receive a reduced rate on tickets to six Phoenix Coyotes home games at America West Arena:

Sunday	Dec. 20	1:00 PM	NY Islanders
Monday	Jan. 11	7:00 PM	Buffalo
Saturday	Feb. 6	1:00 PM	Chicago
Saturday	Mar. 13	7:00 PM	Anaheim
Monday	Mar. 15	7:00 PM	Carolina
Friday	Apr. 9	7:00 PM	Nashville

You can purchase a \$28.75 ticket for just \$25.00 or a \$9.50 ticket for just \$6.50.*

Include the following information with your order:

1. Your check or money order payable to Coyotes Tickets.
2. The game date.
3. The number of tickets you are ordering.
4. Whether ordering \$25 or \$6 tickets.
5. Your return address.
6. Your phone number.

Send your order to:
APS Appreciation Night
Phoenix Coyotes
Cellular One Ice Den
9375 E. Bell Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85260
or call
(602)473-5600

* All tickets are subject to availability and some seats may be limited view.

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
Cortes
Permanentes
Tintes
Rayitos

Unisex Hair Designs
Hair Cuts
Perms
Colors
Highlights

Walk-Ins Welcome

Bel Air Business Owners & Neighbors

Our next Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 19, 1999 at 7:00pm.

After our general meeting, which will include BOARD NOMINATIONS, the Neighborhood Association will be holding a CRIME & FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM. We are asking neighborhood businesses for their participation and support of this project. We are seeking a cash donation of \$5 or more from each Bel Air Business to help us purchase safety devices to be raffled at this meeting. Your generosity and support will be greatly appreciated. All businesses and individuals that contribute will be formally thanked in our February newsletter. Donations can be mailed to The Bel Air Neighborhood Association at 4235 North 16th Drive.

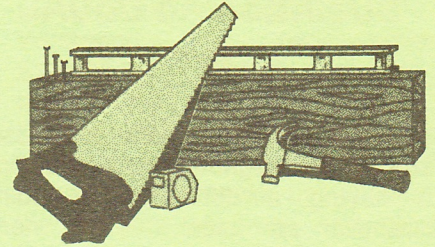
Hi Neighbors!

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



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A non-profit organization

Stardust Building Supplies is a great new way to buy building materials. Because all of our inventory is donated by manufacturers, distributors, homebuilders, remodelers and individuals, we're able to sell it to the public for 50% to 80% off retail. Then, our net proceeds are donated back into the community, to groups like Habitat for Humanity, and Christmas In April. Our store offers 25,000 square feet of new and recycled building materials, including lumber, doors, windows, tile, carpet, light fixtures, paint, hardware, bathtubs and more.

Come in and see how our tools can make a difference in your world.

3840 N. 28th Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85017
(28th Avenue, just south of Indian School)

To donate or volunteer, call
(602)604-0605

Bel Air Neighborhood Association Financial Status Balance as of 11/22/98

General Fund	\$1,401.38
301 Grant	\$2,022.81

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