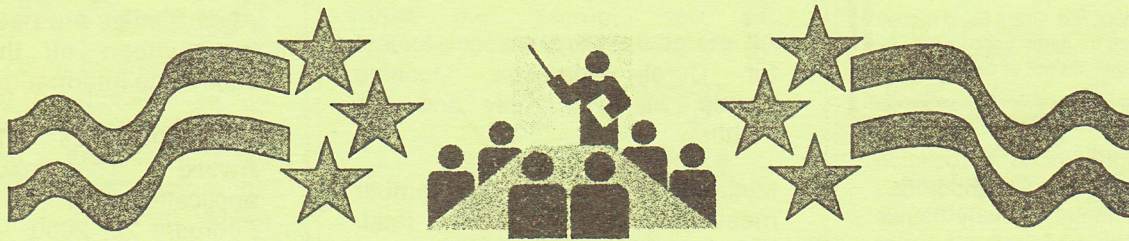




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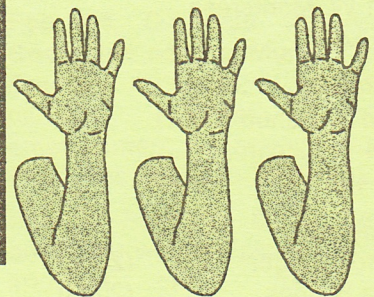
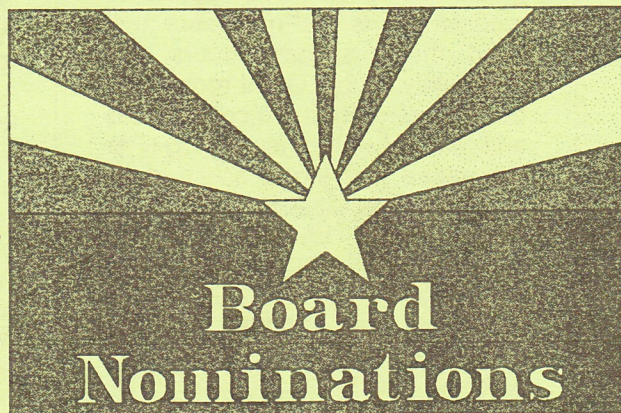
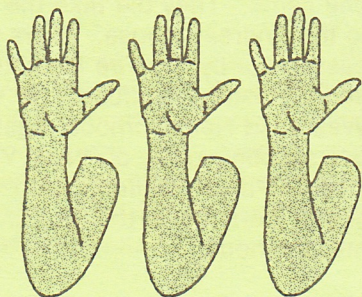
Minutes of Association General Meeting



January 20, 2000

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was opened with a welcome from President Carol Adamson. Reports were heard from Treasurer, Laurel Moran. Project 301 Committee 1999 by Betty Dales who reported that 12 alley lights will be installed in the near future. Laurel Moran also reported on Project 301 Committee 2000 saying that additional alley lights will be requested and asked for other ideas for the neighborhood. Anna Blevins reported that six new board members will be needed as several terms of office will expire in May. She asked for nominations and received several from the floor. Elections will be held soon. Betty also reminded everyone of the Alley Cleanup on February 19, 2000. Meet at Jeannie Garcia's on the corner of 15th Avenue and 16th Drive at 7:00 a.m. Bring gloves, rake, etc. The Bel Air Singers will resume practice on Monday, January 31 at 4:00 p.m. A raffle was held in which 8 snowman center pieces were given away. Tim and Anna Blevins reported on Block Watch Patrol. Music Trivia was played, followed by refreshments. The meeting closed at approximately 8:00 p.m.



Nominations for the 2000 Board Member elections are now being accepted. Call the Hotline or contact any current board member with the name and telephone number of the nominee. The deadline for nominations will be February 15th.

Please consider giving some time to your neighborhood.

Neighborhood Hotline 392-8338

email BANEIGHBOR@AOL.COM

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**Bel Air Neighborhood
Association
Financial Status
Balance as of 1/22/00**

General Fund \$1,854.90
301 Grant \$7,211.03

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

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277-4904

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Betty Dales (2000)
Jeannie Garcia (2000)
Maureen Kelly (2000)
Jim Matthew (2000)
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Pastor Charles Wilfong (2001)

Minute To Minute

By Todd Brueshoff

The January 8, 2000 Board Meeting was held in the Fireside Room at Martin Luther School, 1830 W. Glenrosa. The meeting was called to order at 9:08a.m.

All members were present except for Carol Adamson, Jeannie Garcia, Maureen Kelly and Jim Matthew.

Minutes from the November meeting were approved as read. The financial report was accepted as submitted.

General Meeting - The committee updated the Board on the General Meeting that to be held on January 20, 2000. They are keeping this meeting as a fun approach to get involved. Anna stated that she would have the police appreciation book there again to continue to fill the blank pages.

301 Grant 2000 - The committee for the grant continues to meet to discuss possible ideas for the new grant. Some of the ideas include medical alerts for neighbors that need them, security doors and more alley lights. Grant money will be requested for office supplies and the cost of the newsletter. The committee is going to solicit ideas at the General Meeting.

Newsletter - There was some discussion about the delay of the newsletter this month. It was determined due to the holidays; the process got slowed down. The print shop we use was closed and they do not rush our order. In return for that, they do not charge the Association as much for printing.

Spring Neighborhood Clean Up - The spring cleanup is scheduled for

February 19, 2000 at 7am. We will be meeting in front of Jeannie Garcia's house. Look for an article in this newsletter for more information.

301 Grant 1999 - The committee has located the poles that the lights will be located on. Betty Dales and Anna Blevins are now going to get the numbers off the poles and submit the information to APS.

Neighborhoods That Work Award - The deadline for the application for this award is February 25, 2000. Laurel Moran volunteered to write the grant for the Association this year. Sharon Barger offered her assistance. This is the award that our neighborhood was the District 4 winner last year.

Announcements - Anna Blevins announced that the facility that was going to be located on the 7th Avenue/Osborn area was denied a zoning permit. The facility was to be a transition area from prison back to society. They are appealing the decision. Pastor Charles Wilfong stated that the police did a sweep of the Westwood Neighborhood on December 17 and 18. The high school kids had a meal planned for the homeless on the 19th and no one came. They did take the food to the Andrea House. Fliers were passed out by the Fire Department and Pastor Wilfong in the Westwood Neighborhood regarding not shooting guns on New Year's Eve. Pastor Wilfong also took some fliers door to door in our neighborhood.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50am. The next Board meeting will be held on February 12, 2000. Please check with any Board member as to location.





Census 2000



We all Count!

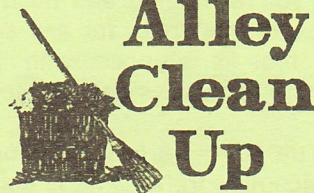
The national count begins in March with a mailing of a questionnaire to households throughout Phoenix and the United States. Completing the form and returning it before the April 1 deadline is important. Make sure everyone in your household is counted, including children, undocumented workers and winter visitors. No one will see your responses. It is illegal for the Census Bureau to share information with INS or police.

In just five years, Phoenix has grown from 984,000 to 1.15 million, straining city resources. By counting all residents, the city will be assured of getting its share of all federal and state funds that are distributed to communities based on their population. For every resident counted, the City of Phoenix will receive \$4,150.20 over the next ten years. That money pays for police and fire protection, streets, parks and recreation programs.

For every person missed in the county, Phoenix will lose \$415.00. In the last general census in 1990, Arizona was the fourth most undercounted state in the country, and lost about \$35 million because of the undercount.

Enumerators and office workers are needed for Census 2000. Jobs paying from \$12 to \$14 an hour will be available March-July. If you or someone you know is interested, call 602/379-4131 or (toll free) 1/888/325-7733.

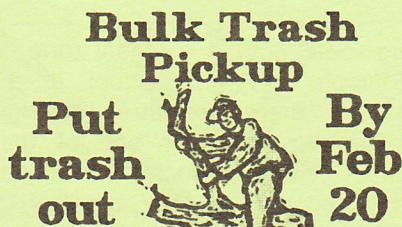
To help get out the word about the census and the importance of every citizen being counted, the Mayor and City Council appointed a Census Complete Count Committee of more than 150 volunteers and established a Census Hotline 602/534-2319 or visit the Internet web site, www.ci.phoenix.az.us/CITYGOV/census.html.



The next alley clean up is scheduled for Saturday, February 19 at 7:00am. We are all meeting in front of Jeannie Garcia's house, 4110 N. 16th Drive.

We need all the volunteer help we can get. If you have an alley behind your house, try to be available to help the crew or even clean up right behind your house. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated.

Let's keep our Neighborhood Beautiful.



Neighborhood Weed Spraying will be done in March. If you do not want your sidewalk or street grass and weeds sprayed, please leave your name and address on the hotline 392-8338.

Connie's Corner

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent



The caroling party on December 23rd went very well. We had a great turn out with 9 children and approximately 12 adults. We met at 5:30pm and caroled around the neighborhood until about 7:00, then returned to Adamsons' for hot chocolate and cookies.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to Gabriela Paez, Leonard Collier, Stuart Lockhart and Shelby Mann as charter members of Bel Air Singers.

Parents seem happy with the experiences given the children. We hope that we continue to grow.

Rehearsals resume on Monday, January 31, 4 to 5 p.m., at Adamsons, 4240 N. 16th Ave. We invite all children from pre-school through 6th grade to participate.

If you have questions, call Carol Adamson 277-4904.

CALENDAR EVENTS

Feb 4-6, Glendale 5th Annual Chocolate Affaire, Murphy Park - Gourmet cuisine, horsedrawn carriage rides, national entertainment, Cerreta's Candy tours, free, 623/930-2299

Feb 5, Buckeye Duck Race - prizes for winning plastic ducks in irrigation canal, free, 1pm, 623/386-2466

Feb 5, Goodyear 5th Annual Balloon Fest - Wigwam Outlet, lift off at dawn, day arts & crafts show, 623/935-9733



Feb 5-March 26, Apache Junction 12th Annual Renaissance Festival - 16th century European Village, music theater, comedy, hearty food & drink, crafts, knights jousting, \$5-13, 5 & under free, weekends, 10a-6p, 520/463-2700

Feb 10-13, Phoenix 48th Annual Sports, Vacation & RV Show - AZ State Fairgrounds, 602/514-7809

Feb 11-13, Peoria Have A Heart Fest - Sports Complex, 100 arts, crafts, imports displays, live music, food court, free, 10am-5pm, 480/488-2014

Feb 11-13, Wickenburg 52nd Annual Gold Rush Days - senior pro rodeo, gold panning, carnival, western dances, arts & crafts, BBQ, contests, parade, 520/684-5479

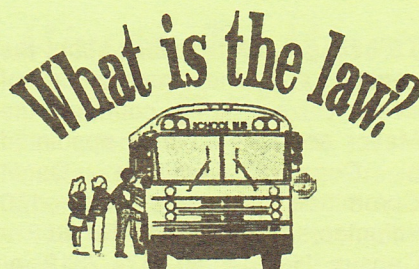
Feb 12-13, Benson Territorial Days - City park, local celebrities, crafts, auto show, music, food, reenactments, exhibits, balloon festival, 10a-4p, 520/586-9706

Feb 18-20, Cave Creek High Desert Fest - downtown, 300 arts, crafts, imports, foods, music, free, 10a-5p, 480/488-2014

Feb 18-27, Scottsdale 45th Annual All-Arabian Horse Show - WestWorld, 2000 of the world's most beautiful Arabians, Half-Arabians & National Show Horses, celebrities, barn parties, artwork, jewelry, gifts, \$7-10, 8am, 480/515-1500

Feb 19-20, Phoenix Fairgrounds Antique Market - \$2, 602/943-1766

Feb 25-27, Fountain Hills 22nd Annual Great Fair - 425+ artists & crafts, magician, jugglers, rides, hot air balloons, skydivers, free, 480/837-1654



The Arizona Revised Statutes say, you must stop, no matter which way you're headed and no matter how wide the road, for any school bus that is stopped with lights flashing and stop sign extended.

You do not have to stop if you are in oncoming traffic, that is going in the direction opposite of the bus, and the road is divided by a physical barrier, "such as a fence, curbing or separation of the pavement" according to the Arizona Drivers' Manual. Pavement striping does not count as a physical barrier.

So, for instance, if you're southbound on 7th Street way over in the outside lane and there is a school bus stopped way over in the outside northbound lane, lights flashing, etc., you had better stop.

The speed limit in a school zone is 15 mph. When school is in session, there are three roll-out signs, two at either end of the school zone announcing the speed limit and one in the crosswalk. What's the speed limit after you pass the crosswalk, but are still in the school zone? Answer: Once the rear bumper of the car has passed the crosswalk sign, you may accelerate back to the posted speed for the area.

One last thing about school zones, the signs say "no passing". If the car next to you is going 5 mph, then the new posted speed limit is 5 mph, because you cannot overtake that car in a school zone

under any circumstances. And if there's a car stopped in the turn lane waiting to pull into the school parking lot, you may not simply cruise on past, no matter how safe it seems. No Passing.

1999 Squaw Peak Precinct Crime Statistics

(Glendale to Osborn, I-17 to 7th Ave)

6 Homicides, 23 Sexual Assaults, 134 Aggravated Assaults, 89 Robberies, 856 Burglaries, 966 Thefts, 701 Auto Thefts, 792 Traffic Crashes.

Board of Adjustment Clarification



By
Anna Blevins

As a member of the Phoenix Board of Adjustment I feel I should explain a ruling the board made on January 6. The decision I am referring to was a determination of whether the provisions of the "Phoenix Zoning Ordinance" allowed for a private community corrections center located at 3333 North 7th Avenue. The owners of the proposed facility called it a "recovery home". The property is zoned C1. All C1 zoning allows recovery homes by matter of right. It was our task to determine if the facility was indeed a recovery home. We were not deciding "if a prison could be located in a neighborhood area" as some media coverage indicated. The board upheld the decision of the zoning administrator. We decided that this facility was more like a private prison than a recovery home. Private prisons are not allowed on C1 properties. This case may be appealed to Maricopa County Superior Court. This decision relates not only to the above mentioned property, but all C1 properties.