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**General Fund Account:**

Balance 07/31/11	\$1,470.28
+ Ad Revenue	+ \$164.00
Balance 08/31/11	\$1,634.28
GAIN Event Supplies	-\$225.56
End Balance 10/31/11	\$1,408.72

**Block Watch Grant Account:**

2011-2012 Grant	
Balance 08/16/11	\$8,570.00
- July Board Mtg.	- \$15.00
- August Board Mtg.	- \$15.00
- e-Newsletter Service	- \$222.96
- Sept/Oct Newsletter	- \$112.80
- Annual Insurance	- \$670.80
- GAIN postcard mailing	- \$203.96
- Paper & ink	-\$99.95
- Oct. Board Mtg.	-\$15.00
End Balance 10/31/11	\$7,214.53

## G A I N E v e n t B l o c k P a r t y B B Q w a s a s u c c e s s !

**Thanks to all the neighbors that participated in the GAIN Block Party on October 15th! You made it a success!**

We are grateful to the neighbors that:

- gave their permission to temporarily block off the section of Westview Dr.,
- helped move & set up tables & chairs,
- volunteered to man the grills,
- brought potluck desserts/side dishes,
- donated canned goods for St. Mary's Food Bank,
- dressed up for the costume contest,
- voted for the contest winners,
- ZUMBA danced,
- and contributed in lots of other ways!

***This was a great community event because of our community!***

## R e d e s i g n e d W e b S i t e !

The Bel Air Neighborhood Association recently redesigned our web site.

It has a much friendlier design.

New neighborhood information and forms have been added. Check it out!

**[www.belairneighborhood.com](http://www.belairneighborhood.com)**

Sign up to join the discussions, start a discussion, and/or add yourself to the "Our Neighbors" section!

**Top Costume Category Winners**

**Cutest** - Indi as a pirate

**Funniest** - Emme as a bunny

**Most Original** - Evelyn as a purple fairy

**Prettiest** - Kimberly as Tinker Bell

**Scariest** - Anthony as a zombie ninja

**Best Overall** - Alexis as Snow White

**Best Themed** - Albert as Thor

*We would also like to extend our thanks to the following companies for their donations:*

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**Yard of the Quarter  
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By Melanie LeGendre**

Do you have neighbors who work hard to have a really beautiful front yard? Nominate them for Yard of the Quarter! The Bel Air Neighborhood Association gives the award in appreciation and encouragement to those who take special care of their landscaping, thereby improving the whole neighborhood.

The winners have a special sign in their front yard for two weeks, recognition in the Bel Air newsletter, and receive a Bel Air style lawn chair. They also get a gift certificate generously donated by Southwest Gardener, a specialty garden shop located on Thomas and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

So help us say "Thank You", and make someone's day – Nominate him or her for Yard of the Quarter!

For rules and nomination forms, visit our web site at: [www.belairneighborhood.com](http://www.belairneighborhood.com)

Email us your nominations to [melanie.thomson.legendre@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.thomson.legendre@gmail.com)

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**Board Meeting  
Minutes - August**

**Prepared by:** Virginia Anders

**Date:** August 29, 2011

**Call to order:** 6:30 p.m.

**In attendance:** Jeanne Greene, Mike Radtke, Sharon Bushouse, Carrie Frazer, J Brown, Sebashtzen Rowan, GUEST: Carolyn McBane

**Absent:** Juanita Soto-Ayers, Melanie Legendre, Pamela Wigley, Katie Hamm, Wayne Harmon

**New Business:** The July meeting minutes and the Treasurer's Report were approved without comment or change. They had been distributed to the board by e-mail ahead of time. Jeanne assigned basic timeline guide to each agenda item, which helped the board stay on task throughout the meeting. Carrie reported that she attended the Block Watch Grant workshop, and signed the City of Phoenix paperwork for the grant. She said we will be given 50 free checks. The account is now open, with a beginning balance of \$8,570.00.

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**Yard of the Quarter Winner**  
*July - Sept. 2011*



Jack Brown in front of his home on Heatherbrae Dr.

The Bel Air Neighborhood Association is very pleased to announce our sixth Bel Air Yard of the Quarter recipient! Please join us in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Brown, as the Yard of the Quarter winner for the July - September 2011 quarter.

The Browns received an official "Bel Air Yard of the Quarter" lawn sign, to be placed on their property for the first two weeks after awarded, and one Bel Air style lawn chair. In addition, they received a gift certificate generously donated by Southwest Gardener®, a local gardening specialty shop at 15th Ave and Thomas.

For rules and nomination forms, visit our web site at: [www.belairneighborhood.com](http://www.belairneighborhood.com), or to nominate, contact [melanie.thomson.legendre@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.thomson.legendre@gmail.com)

***Special thanks to the Browns for enhancing the neighborhood with their well-maintained and attractive front yard. Mr. Brown takes special pride in his roses.***

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*November 19th*

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**Encanto Elementary School  
 Community Yard/Bake/Craft Sale**

When: Saturday, November 19th  
 Encanto Playground, NE corner of 15th Ave/Osborn  
 Time: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm



## Board Meeting Minutes (cont.)

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**Old Business:** Virginia has not heard from Lisa Huggins-Hubbard yet about the canal access project. In their last conversation she had told her she expected to have held the bidding meeting by the end of the first week in September, if not sooner. She will check back with her then at the end of next week.

**G.A.I.N.:** Jeanne checked with Sheri in the church office, who said the gym is available for the G.A.I.N. event from 5p.m. - 7p.m. on October 15, but there won't be any air conditioning. The board discussed the merits of holding it inside versus outside, as a street event. The two or three prior outdoor G.A.I.N. events were quite successful. Since the church kitchen isn't available for cooking, only coordination of already-cooked items, and the kitchen would be too warm, the board opted for a street barbecue instead. Jeanne will check with the police about blocking off the street. Sharon made a motion to set aside \$150.00 for event supplies. The board unanimously approved the motion.

**Community Garden:** Jeanne was pleased to see the community garden discussion started on the BelAir website. She is developing a questionnaire on a possible BelAir garden for the neighbors.

**Crime Prevention:** Virginia wants to try a new approach to the committee since very few neighbors have been involved in the past. The purpose of the committee is open-ended, so it needs to be re-formed.

**Block Watch Grant Committee:** Carrie reported that the insurance payment is due shortly. She is waiting for the checks to arrive to pay some pre-approved expenses.

**Newsletter-Website Committee:** Carrie and Virginia have met twice so far. Virginia has familiarized herself more with the BelAir web page. We will include monthly information on gardening.

**New Business:** Carolyn McBane, our neighborhood guest for the meeting, brought us an opportunity to participate in an informal survey being conducted by V.I.P., Valley Interfaith Project. She volunteers with them through her church, Asbury UMC. V.I.P. a twenty-year-old, bi-partisan organization, conducts annual information-gathering sessions as house-to-house interviews and in small groups through neighborhoods, churches, synagogues, schools, and other public settings. The information is then forwarded to the State legislature to educate the elected representatives on community problems and issues. The year Asbury is contacting neighborhood associations in Central Phoenix to send facilitators for small group conversations on such issues at general meetings. Carolyn asked if her group could attend our G.A.I.N. event and facilitate one of these neighborhood conversations. She and perhaps another volunteer would listen and take notes to add to the current V.I.P. survey. Mike made a motion to include the V.I.P. workshop at the conclusion of the G.A.I.N. event's business meeting. The board unanimously approved the motion.

**Old Business:** Jeanne said we need to start gathering the cactus plants neighbors have offered for the canal access beautification. The plants will form an organic fence rather than constructing an artificial wall. This is a preferable design in accord with the environmentally focused plan for the canal crossing.

**Computer Purchase:** The board is still researching a laptop for the board's use, which is part of the Block Watch grant.

7:37 p.m. Sharon moved, J seconded, and the board approved the meeting's adjournment.

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## Board Meeting Minutes - October

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**Prepared by:** Virginia Anders

**Date:** October 3, 2011

**I. Call to Order** 6:30 p.m.

**II. In attendance:** Katie Hamm, J Brown, Carrie Frazier, Jeanne Greene, Wayne Harmon, Melanie Legendre, Sharon Bushouse, Virginia Anders

**Absent:** Juanita Soto-Ayers, Sebashtzen Rowan, Pamela Wigley, Michael Radtke

**Guests:** Nicholas Radtke, Gary Knight

### III. New Business

August meeting minutes approved, after minor corrections  
Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented

**Old Business** – Most of the meeting concerned ongoing preparations for the G.A.I.N. event later in the month. The board approved an added distribution of \$110. for road barrier rental. This is beyond the \$150. already approved for expenses such as food, drinks, cups, etc. Juanita has acquired 2 cases of water bottles. The tables and chairs and other large items will be brought to the site by J Brown, Wayne Harmon, and Sharon Bushouse. Sebashtzen has 2 plastic tubs of BelAir picnic materials he will bring to the event. Melanie, Sharon, Jeanne, and J will bring grills. Melanie, Aaron, and Wayne will do the cooking on the grills. Carrie will run the children's games area. The barricades will be delivered at 5p.m. and picked up at 7 p.m., by TrafficAide.

The board determined that any unspent money allocated for the event would be donated to the American Evangelical Lutheran Church for the use of their chairs and tables. Officer Aaron Stevens will be our Police Department speaker. We have the official letter from the City of Phoenix approving the street closure for the event. Virginia will contact Lisa Huggins-Hubbard for the BelAir canopy. Carrie will bring BelAir "goodie bags" for new residents.

### IV. Committees

Canal Access Engineering - Virginia expects a response from Lisa Huggins-Hubbard about the footbridge project this month.

#### A. Community Enhancement –

Melanie brought her laptop to facilitate the board voting on the Yard of the Quarter.

**B. Crime Prevention** – There is nothing new to report on the committee this month. Virginia missed the PNP training due to a work trip to Tucson the same day.

**C. Newsletter Committee** – Carrie and Virginia did not meet due to last-minute scheduling conflicts.

**V. Website** – Carrie is waiting for articles and information expected from a couple of contributors.

**VI.** Gary Knight, from North Park Central neighborhood, invited BelAir to the Phoenix Police Department V.I.N. etching on November 19, in the Bashas' parking lot on the SW corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and Osborn Rd., co-sponsored by North Park Central Neighborhood Association.

**Adjournment** 7:25 p.m.

**Next Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m. November 7, 2011**  
**American Evangelical Lutheran Church, Modular Unit,**  
**1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.**

#### IF YOU WERE WONDERING ABOUT CURB PAINTING OF BEL AIR'S HOUSE #'S...

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