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We are located in the City of Phoenix's Encanto Village. Our neighborhood covers the area from Indian School Road north to the Grand Canal between 15th and 19th Avenues. This area is comprised of over 300 single family residences and a combination of approximately 150 rental units and business locations. **See our web site @ www.belairneighborhood.com !**

Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Training



July 12, 2014

Mountain View Precinct

2075 E. Maryland Ave (between Glendale Ave &
Bethany Home Rd)

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Class 8:00 a.m.—Noon

RSVP to deborah.iodice@phoenix.gov

Seating is limited to 45 people.

SAVE THE DATE!

G.A.I.N. EVENT
Saturday, Oct. 17th
9:00am-10:30am
at Redemption
Church, 1830 W.
Glenrosa Ave.
**DOOR PRIZES
& MORE!**

Coffee with a Cop

8:00-9:00 a.m.

July 9, 2014



Join us for
coffee and
conversation

Location TBD

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Reprinted from Mountain View Precinct Bird's Eye View

April 2015



Hello everyone, and happy spring! I hope that all is going well for you in 2015. For us in the Mountain View Precinct, the first quarter of the year has passed with some real challenges. As we are strained with less than ideal manpower, we have seen a burglary spike in some of our neighborhoods. Despite excellent, and hard working officers combating these problems, we still need your help and participation. Crime prevention at the citizen/resident level will always be an important issue to us as a Department, and I hope that we all stay vigilant for ourselves and each other.

As many of you are aware, our city has seen difficult financial times in recent years. An unfortunate effect has been the reduction in our street uniform presence, and our patrol officer ratio is now approximately 1 officer per 5000 residents. Many of the typical "patrol" activities that we took for granted 5 years ago, are sometimes impossible to accomplish today. Where officers were available to drive through neighborhoods, check alleys, stop suspicious persons, conduct follow up on investigations, there are now many times when officers do not have free time to do this typical patrol work.

As we try to do more with less, I encourage you to stay vigilant and engage in some tenets of crime prevention.

Know your neighbors, next to you, across the street, and behind the alley. Know what vehicles they drive, so that if you see their car or truck in the alley, it will not look strange. When you do see a strange person or vehicle in your alley, please consider watching the behavior for a minute and call Police and request an officer check on it, if the behavior is concerning or criminal.

Get out into your neighborhood! Walk with your dog(s), children, significant other, ride a bike and be seen. Crime thrives on anonymity, opportunity, and apathy. Simply by being out in the neighborhood and watching, this removes an element of perceived apathy in your neighborhood. Calling Police about suspicious persons, vehicles, or incidents leads to removing the anonymity and opportunity.

Lock locks, close doors and windows, set alarms! Things out of sight, are out of mind, and home alarms that are not set will not deter a burglar. Regarding home alarm systems, if you do not have one there are many products on the market that are not the traditional systems that require contracts, or have expensive monitoring agreements. Some of these systems can be purchased online, tailored to you specific needs, and set up and installed by you. There are also video monitoring systems available online and in local retailers that link to your smart phone and give alerts.

Keep a record of your valuables, especially those with serial numbers. We have requirements with pawn shops and other resellers that they record precious metal purchases and serial numbered items, and report them to us. We find stolen property in this way and this results in burglary suspects being identified. If we arrest one burglar, we often prevent 10 more burglaries! Document serial numbers and photograph valuables! This can be done with some of our block watch forms, <http://www.phxblockwatch.org>.

Look for more information at Block Watch meetings.

Ben Harris, Community Action Officer

Phoenix Police Department

Mountain View Precinct



Large sunflowers adorn this fountain making a fantastic summertime sight.

Bel Air Yard Recognition

They have cheered up holiday season nights with lights decorating the trunk and branches of the large tree in their front yard. Santa Claus has been seen riding in a classic convertible with wrapped presents in the back seat. During the Halloween season, our neighbors created an eerily scary display with monstrously large spiders crawling all over their house, yard, and tree. The spiders even had multiple "victims" in cocoons hanging in the tree. This summer, the huge sunflowers that are growing next to the beautiful fountain are a great attraction. The Yard Recognition is well deserved! They will soon be given a pleasant yard recognition package.

Curb Painting of Bel Air House #s

Arizona Curbs Services is the company that did the work for the Bel Air Neighborhood Assoc. If you would like to personally hire them to re-paint your curb, please call 602-357-8810 (7 days/week, 8am to 9pm) or e-mail AZ Curb Services at Service@AZCurbs.com. Their web site address is <http://www.azcurbs.com/>.



It's easy to join our mailing list! Get neighborhood news in your e-mail inbox! Text BELAIR to 22828 to get started.



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Looking To Purchase A Bel Air
Style Metal Chair?

Check the following web-sites:

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www.retrolawnchairs.com

www.retrometallawnfurniture.com

Help our neighborhood establish

a unique identity

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metal lawn chair

on your front porch!

Vacation Checklist



- ☐ It's time to escape the heat for as long as possible. For those who can get away, whether for a day or a month, Officer Aaron Stevens want us to pay attention to some important details. We need to:
- ☐ Have good locks on doors and windows – and use them
- ☐ Ask a neighbor or friend to watch the house and give them your house key, location, address, and phone number
- ☐ Never leave your house key hidden outside your home.
- ☐ Either stop the mail and deliveries or have someone pick them up
- ☐ Use timers to turn on and off lights, radio or TV over the day and night
- ☐ Turn your phone's ringer off or at least low
- ☐ Don't advertise your vacation plans on Facebook, Twitter, phone message, or on any other device
- ☐ Close and lock garage and other doors and windows. Have a neighbor park in your driveway periodically, or move your car sometimes
- ☐ Leave blinds, shades and curtains the way you would if you were at home.
- ☐ Lock any storage sheds, attic entrances and gates
- ☐ Ask for a vacation watch by your police precinct
- ☐ Ask your police precinct about Operation I.D. for engraving devices for your valuables, or visit www.conceptek.com/opid

On the Road Again....

by Virginia Anders

Officer Aaron Stevens has great advice for the travelers among us:

- At home or away, stay alert to save the day!
- Have your vehicle trip-serviced before heading out of town
- Keep specific directions and accurate routes at hand
- Lost? Call the local police for directions and/or assistance
- Keep doors and windows on your vehicle locked
- Leave room between you and the car in front of you to maneuver out of the way in case of an emergency
- Leave a description of your routes and vacation plans with a friend - not on Facebook - in case someone needs to contact you
- Expect and plan for: weather, fatigue, lodging, food and fuel. Count the costs ahead of time and expect to need more
- When making reservations, ask the staff person about security measures
- Consider using the hotel/motel safe to store valuables

Enjoy your vacation!



Hearing a cheer go up from the crowd at a sporting event is exhilarating! I love it when “my team” makes a great play and scores (or blocks their opponent). Recently, I have been quite proud of the Arizona United soccer team. They have won their last two home games in the Scottsdale Stadium. I hope their streak continues!

This time of the year, there are Diamondbacks, Mercury, Rattlers, and Arizona United games to attend. Soon, the Arizona Cardinals’ football and Phoenix Suns’ basketball seasons will begin. I hope they all have memorable seasons!

Having a former Bel Air neighbor stop by and reminisce about the past is also a nice surprise! Jeannie Garcia is a name that some of you will remember. She may not live in Bel Air at this moment but keeps Bel Air close to her heart.

Spending time with my family is also one of my most favorite things! The 4th of July weekend is a fantastic time to do just that either at home or at a cooler destination (such as San Diego).

Creating a personalized piece of pottery while enjoying the air conditioning at As You Wish is also a great idea! The whole family can participate. The designs, paint colors, shapes, and techniques are many. Use your imagination and have fun!

Practicing intentional kindness is a wonderful thing to do! That’s what Ben’s Bells in Phoenix is all about. Drop by their studio at 417 E Roosevelt during Open Studio Hours to help with the creation of Ben’s Bells! Their projects vary day to day, but typically include painting or working with clay - No artistic ability needed! Their Open Studio Hours are:

Wednesday 10am - 6pm

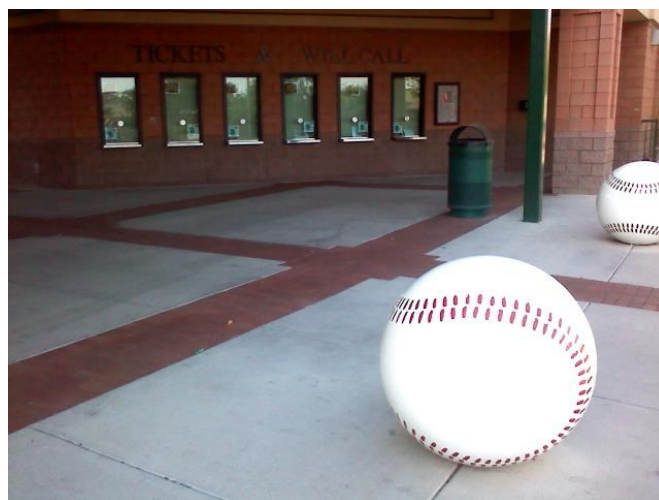
Friday 10am - 6pm

(*Noon - 9pm on First Fridays)

Saturday 10am - 6pm

For more info about Ben’s Bells go to:

<https://bensbells.org/phoenix>



The Scottsdale Stadium is home to San Francisco Giants Spring Training. This is the first year it’s also home to Arizona United Soccer.

In Case Of Emergency ...

by Virginia Anders

I don't know about you, but I don't always remember details when I am stressed. If I need help, I need to know who to call and what I need to say. So, here are tips for three kinds of calls.

A 911 call is for:

- A serious crime
- A fire
- A heart attack
- Any serious medical condition
- Any situation requiring immediate response or police, fire, or emergency medical personnel

The operator needs:

- The address of the emergency
- The phone # you are calling from
- The nature of the emergency
- Your calm, clear voice and attention until you are told to hang up

A Crime Stop call [602-262-6151]:

- After the fact reports, not immediate help for burglary, theft, stolen vehicles, loud parties, non-urgent traffic reports

A Silent Witness call

[480-948-6377 or 1-800-343-TIPS]:

- Report information on unsolved felony crimes
- Rewards are offered for information resulting in an arrest in an indictment
- All callers to Silent Witness are guaranteed anonymity

Treasurer's Report

BEL AIR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
2014 BLOCK WATCH GRANT REPORT
PERIOD COVERED: 05/16/15 - 06/25/15

DATE	ACTIVITY		EXPENSES	INCOME	BALANCE
5/16/2015	BEGINNING BALANCE				\$2,453.30
	GEN MTG POSTCARD POSTAGE		\$127.50		\$2,325.80
	INTERNET SERVICE 05/15-06/15		\$19.99		\$2,305.81
	NEWSLETTER PRINTING (MAY)		\$186.28		\$2,119.53
6/25/2015	ENDING BALANCE				\$2,119.53

Cherry Tree Smokehouse BBQ

1923 E. McDowell Rd Phoenix AZ 85006 * 602-252-2493



cherrytreesmokehouse.com

cherrytreesmokehouse@yahoo.com



Upcoming Neighborhood Service sponsored workshops...

July 2014

Paint Sprayer Training (Hands on!) Saturday, July 12 8:00-9:00 a.m. NSD West Facility 3325 W. Flower St.

Landlord/Tenant Workshop: Know Your Rights Thursday, July 17 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington Street

Treasurer's Report

BEL AIR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL FUND REPORT
PERIOD COVERED: 05/16/15 - 06/25/15

DATE	ACTIVITY		EXPENSES	INCOME	BALANCE
5/16/2015	BEGINNING BALANCE				\$297.43
	MONTHLY BANK FEE		\$5.00		\$292.43
	MONTHLY BANK FEE		\$5.00		\$287.43
6/25/2015	ENDING BALANCE				\$287.43

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