

ABEVA BRIEF

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ABEVA Mission Statement

ABEVA pledges aggressive leadership to nourish and enhance our Biltmore Lifestyle by preserving and protecting the ambience and environment, and by maintaining standards which benefit all members of ABEVA.

Highlights from the November 21st Meeting

- Since President Jim Bell was unavailable, Vice President Mark Monserez chaired the meeting.
- A homeowner asked the ABEVA Board to adopt the policy of the City of Phoenix prohibiting construction on holidays and weekends. The Board agreed and the motion passed with one abstention.
- The Board voted to support Biltmore Area Partnership in their holiday sponsorship of the Sojourner Center. The Board voted to donate \$100.
- A homeowner living on Arizona Biltmore Circle close to Lincoln Dr. requested that the Board restrict truck traffic on that route. The Board voted against this request, concluding that directing traffic to another route would place an extra burden on homeowners living along that route. The homeowner also wanted the Board to install more speed bumps. The ABEVA Board voted against that request as well since a recent traffic study commissioned by ABEVA demonstrated conclusively that we do not have a speeding problem.
- Another homeowner asked the ABEVA Board to intervene with perceived traffic problems on Claremont. The Board refused to intervene, deciding that this issue must be dealt with by the sub association.
- Regarding the Annual Meeting, the Board decided to invite two speakers: Incoming Mayor Stanton and Andrew Stegen, General Manager of the Arizona Biltmore Resort.
- The Resort has enforced safety guidelines regarding where trucks can wait to unload. The Resort has provided two areas on their property, so the streets are now safer for pedestrians. In addition, more specific signage will be in place on Arizona Biltmore Circle directing trucks to the staging areas. The Board voted to support the new signs on ABC.
- Finally, the Board was informed that President Jim Bell has moved his primary residence to a house outside the ABEVA area. The Board voted to suspend the by-laws which will allow Jim Bell to fulfill the remainder of his term, which is up in February. ■



Annual ABEVA Meeting

The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2nd, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Grand Canyon Room at the Arizona Biltmore Resort. Notices and ballots will be mailed prior to the end of the year.

There will be six director positions to fill with five of the six current members re-running. If you are interested in running for a seat on the ABEVA Board of Directors for a two year term, the criteria includes:

1. Candidates shall be members of the association in good standing.
2. Candidates must occupy their homes as their primary residence.
3. Candidates should have a sincere interest in the well-being of the community.
4. Candidates should have an active willingness to participate in the governance of the Master Association.
5. Candidates need to be available to attend monthly meetings the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the ABEVA office.

If you are interested in serving the community, please submit a short biography of 200 words or less along with your address and contact numbers by email to rpeterson@abeva.com or by fax to 602-955-1144 no later than Monday, December 19, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. so your name can appear on the ballot.

Should you have any questions, please call the ABEVA office at 602-955-1003. ■

SECURITY

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY BEGINS WITH EACH RESIDENT. MOST CRIMES ARE CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY.

Please read the example below sent to us by Officer McLachlan demonstrating the power of vigilance on the part of individuals

Recently, a heads up citizen observed six young males walking around a neighborhood in the area of 28th Street and Oak. The citizen was concerned due to the fact that the suspects were walking up to houses and knocking on the doors checking to see if anybody was home. While they were knocking on doors they also were checking and looking at the side gates.

The police sent in several unmarked vehicles and located the suspects getting into a SUV vehicle, we initiated a surveillance around the neighborhoods as they were casing the area. They ultimately stopped in the area of 36th Street and Oak and parked the vehicle. The suspects began to fan out in the area again checking front doors. Plain clothes officers and undercover detectives watched the six suspects disappear into an alley. While frequently checking the alley the suspects disappeared into

From the ABEVA Office

With the holidays upon us, we remind you to remember your association guards who work hard all year long for you.





a back yard.

The police waited for the suspects to reappear in the alley from the rear of the house. They retrieved the vehicle they left parked down the road and drove it into the alley. The suspects loaded up the vehicle and all climbed inside. The police stopped the vehicle as they departed the alley and arrested all six of the suspects. We found multiple items inside the vehicle, as well as in the suspects possession.

During questioning the suspects admitted to committing the crimes and said they take and immediately sell all the property on the street. This is a very typical way to quickly get rid of stolen property. Officer McLachlan stated that the police also believe the suspects are very active burglars and commit their crimes daily if not multiple times a day.

Unfortunately, we don't have follow up information regarding the other burglaries as they didn't have any property, that did not belong to the original victim, with them....again this is very typical. The suspects would also not tell officer's additional locations.

Officer McLachlan highlighted a couple of key points for all citizens to remember:

- The suspects knocked on doors prior to committing the burglary (ie casing the house). They were checking for alarms, dogs, looking in windows and seeing if anybody was home.
- They parked a vehicle in a separate location and entered the area on foot, entering through the rear of the house in the alley to avoid detection.
- They didn't carry the property out of the alley but pulled the vehicle into the alley and loaded it quickly.
- The suspects spent a good amount of time inside the house and there was no alarm or the alarm wasn't set...this allowed them time to search all they wanted and would have enabled them to leave easily if a vehicle returned home.

Officer McLachlan concluded, "The citizen who called the police initially did an outstanding job and should be commended!! Working "together" is the name of the game....please keep your eyes open and call when something doesn't look quite right. A group of individuals knocking on random doors, checking gates and walking down alleys are all great indicators."

IF YOU HAVE A SECURITY SYSTEM AND DO NOT TURN IT ON, THEN YOU DO NOT HAVE A SECURITY SYSTEM.

Should you see anything suspicious call Roving Patrol at 602-369-4776 or Phoenix Crime Stop at 602-262-6151. For your safety please program both of these numbers in your home and cell phones. ■

NORTH POLE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

c/o Mr. B.A. Humbug, Glacial Management Company

Dear Mr. Claus:

We are instructed by the Board of Directors to inform you of the following violations:

Your sleigh is a recreational vehicle, which is prohibited by the covenants. When we told you to move it from your yard, we clearly did not intend for you to place it on your roof. Please remove it from your premises.

Red and green colors on your house clash with the common scheme of the neighborhood. You must choose colors from our approved color list and submit an application for repainting to the Architectural Review Committee.

You are feeding wild animals which appear to be diseased. The sickest is the one with the shiny red nose. Some would even say it glows. You must discontinue this practice immediately, or

we will call animal control.

You are storing toys and games in a huge canvas sack in your yard. Be advised that all outdoor storage must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee, and must be of the same style and finish as your house.

It appears that you are operating a day care center and/or workshop in violation of the CCRs. Through the fence, we hear the sound of laughing, playing games and shouting out with glee. There are numerous small persons on your property and the clatter and activity is disruptive.

The amount of mail you are receiving exceeds what will fit in your architectural approved mailbox, so you must make arrangements with the postal service for alternate delivery at a post office box or a business address.

You have made unauthorized modifications to your home which allow you to enter and exit through the chimney. You must submit an architectural request for your new entry, including evidence that this modification meets all state and local codes and is in harmony with other homes.

You have been observed making a list and checking it twice, finding out who is naughty or nice. You have no authority to do that, and it is divisive. It is the function of the Compliance Committee to determine who is naughty or nice.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. If you do not comply within ten days, we will refer these violations to our attorney.

Respectfully,
North Pole Homeowners Association ■

From ABEVA's Landscaper

5 Tips for Winter Landscaping

By ValleyCrest Landscape Maintenance

1. Plants require three to five times less water during the winter than they do in the summer.
2. Many people don't change their irrigation clocks from the heavy summer watering schedule and end up overwatering, potentially harming their plant material and wasting money.
3. You can monitor your soil moisture throughout the winter by inserting a screw driver into the ground.
4. If the screw driver easily goes in deeper than six inches, your soil is too moist; if it is difficult to push in beyond three inches, your soil is too dry.
5. Adjust your irrigation according to what you learn from the soil. ■

ABEVA Board of Directors Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for January 16, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the ABEVA office. ■

MEETINGS & LUNCHEONS

Camelback East Village Planning Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Devonshire Senior Center, located at 2802 E. Devonshire (one block north of Indian School Road.) The meetings are open to the general public. For additional information or to confirm the meeting has not been cancelled or changed, please call Marc Thornton, Camelback East Village Planner at 602-261-8701 or visit the website at www.phoenix.gov/PUBMEETC/indxhtml.html. ■

Biltmore Ladies Lunch Club (BLLC)

For women who live or work in the Biltmore area, the BLLC (Biltmore Ladies' Lunch Club) meets for lunch at Frank and Albert's each month at 11:45 a.m.

The ladies will be ordering off of the menu, with separate checks. Depending upon the size of the group each month, in exchange for the privilege of being able to order off of the menu, have separate checks and use the ABEVA discount cards, the meals may be delayed for up to an hour, depending





upon how busy the restaurant is on that particular day. So, please, be patient if that happens!

Frank and Albert's - Thursday, December 8th at 11:45 a.m. - on the Patio with Sherry Hauser as Coordinating Hostess.

You must RSVP by contacting La Rita Mason at lrmason@arn.net by Wednesday, December 7th if you're planning on attending.

Future Luncheon Dates:

Frank and Albert's - Arizona Biltmore Hotel - Friday, January 8th at 11:45 a.m. - Main Restaurant - Sherry Hauser as Coordinator Hostess. ■

Biltmore Networking Group

The Biltmore Networking Group organizes a monthly happy hour for professionals, businesspeople, residents and anyone who enjoys the Biltmore area to meet and network. Professionals from a wide variety of industries attend including finance, fine arts, government, hospitality, law, marketing, medicine, real estate, technology and many more. There is usually a group of about 60-80 people attending. With the demographics of the Biltmore community, you are sure to make the contacts you desire.

This month's happy hour is planned for December 1st from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Omaha Steak House Garden Lounge inside the Embassy Suites Phoenix Biltmore, located at 2630 East Camelback Road. You can reach them by calling (602) 955-3992. There is no need to RSVP, and there is never a charge to attend these events, so please feel free to stop by.

If you have any questions or would like to be added to the email list for monthly announcements, please contact Shahpar Shahpar at Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at ss@tblaw.com or call her at (602) 255-6020. ■

Biltmore Area Partnership Luncheon at Black Chile Grill



The December Biltmore Area Partnership holiday networking luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 13th at the Black Chile Mexican Grill located at Biltmore Fashion Park.

As in the past several years, the Biltmore Area Partnership has made it a practice of remembering charities that help the less fortunate. Biltmore Area Partnership will again recognize the Sojourner Center overcoming the impact of domestic violence, one life at a time. Beth Rodriguez, Community Partnership Coordinator will join them at the luncheon to collect items of clothing, school supplies, personal use items, toys (no toys of violence or Barbie doll-type toys). All luncheon attendees are asked to contribute to the Sojourner Center.

The Black Chile Grill Mexican Grill is located at 2502 East Camelback Road at Biltmore Fashion Park. Reservations will be required by Friday, December 9th. Networking will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon, when lunch will be served. The cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members and guests. For additional information, please call Ed Rossi at (602) 957-6483. Guest reservations and checks must be sent prior to the luncheon. Send checks to the Biltmore Area Partnership, 3104 East Camelback Road, #174, Phoenix, AZ 85016. ■

NEWS FROM ABEVA NEIGHBORS

Biltmore Fashion Park

The following schedule is a list of dates and free classic Movies in the Park favorites under the stars on Friday nights:

- December 2 *Christmas Vacation*
- December 9 *It's a Wonderful Life*

Movies are shown in their original, unedited format. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at Movies in the Park. ■

Adobe

Join them for Doggie Yoga and Yappy Hour on Tuesday, December 20th at The Adobe Restaurant starting at 6:00 p.m. For event details and to RSVP, please visit www.theadoberestaurant.com/events.

The Adobe now offers happy hour nightly at The Adobe Restaurant from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with \$3 drafts, \$5 glasses of wine and retail pricing on all wine. The views from the patio are complimentary! Book your holiday party at The Adobe by calling Jim Gallen at 602-468-9160.

Are you interested in becoming a member at the Arizona Biltmore Golf Club? The Biltmore is hosting a Prospective



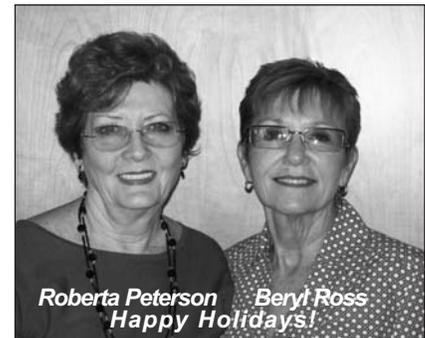
**ABEVA
Board of Directors**

- James Bell, President**
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- Police Dept. Non-Emergency:
602-262-6151**
- Resort Truck Parking on ABC Hotline
602-954-2573**



*Roberta Peterson Beryl Ross
Happy Holidays!*

Website Information

Sign on to visit the website by going to www.abeva.com. If you do not yet have a login name and password, from the menu on the left choose e-forms, then choose login request, fill out the required information and click submit. We will send your pre-assigned login name and password back by email. You may read board minutes and the ABEVA Brief online. ■





Member Party the evening of December 7th. For further details and to RSVP, contact Dick Bates at 602-955-9655 or dbates@jdmgolf.com.

Did you know that they offer gift cards? Pick up an Arizona Biltmore gift card this holiday season for the golfers in your life. ■

Embassy Suites Biltmore

The Embassy Suites Biltmore offers ABEVA members a special rate of \$ 139.00 + tax rate based on availability for any Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through December 31st. This special rate will include the following:

- All suite accommodations with choice of one king or two double beds
- Full cooked-to-order breakfast each morning
- Manager reception each evening
- Complimentary parking ■

Ritz-Carlton

Special Discount Rate for ABEVA! The discounted rate through year end is only \$219! The rate will include the \$27 daily valet parking fee. For reservations, you may call either central reservations at 800-542-8680 (24/7) or Randy Ichiuji at the hotel, 602-468-0110. ABEVA guests will have the option of upgrading to Club Level Access on the 11th floor for only \$30 if available. This level service comes with personal concierge staff, exclusive access to the Ritz Carlton Lounge with five daily food presentations and an elevator key for club lounge access. ■

Arizona Biltmore Resort

Holiday rates for ABEVA members are based on availability and run from Thanksgiving through December 31st. Rates begin at \$199.00. For additional information, visit www.arizonabiltmore.com as they often have better deals, or call 602-955-6600.

The Festival of Trees is the premier holiday event for Phoenix Children's Hospital showcasing holiday evergreen trees decorated by local interior designers that will be auctioned off to raise money for the hospital. This assortment of holiday trees will be on display this year at the Arizona Biltmore Resort through Sunday, December 11. The public is invited to attend the kickoff for the Festival of Trees on Sunday, December 4 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Arizona Biltmore Ballroom. There will be holiday music, visits from Santa and your chance to bid on a fully-decorated tree for your home or office. All of the proceeds from the Festival of Trees will benefit Phoenix Children's Hospital. For more information, visit www.arizonabiltmore.com/holidays. ■

Hotel Highland

Need an extra "bedroom" for the holidays? Hotel Highland has holiday rates available through January 29, 2012. Stay one night for \$79.00, two nights for \$69, three nights for \$65.00 and four nights for only \$59 per night. The address is 2310 E. Highland. For more information, call 602-956-5221 or visit www.HotelHighlandatBiltmore.com. ■



ABEVA MEMBER DISCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER 2011

The following businesses and ABEVA partners have graciously offered to provide discounts to ABEVA members. **THERE IS NO ABEVA-ISSUED CARD. TO SHOW YOU ARE A MEMBER OF ABEVA, BRING THIS SECTION OF THE BRIEF WITH YOU.** If you forget, you can try showing your resort or Wrigley Mansion card. To view menus, log onto the ABEVA website at www.abeva.com and click onto Hot Links.

Restaurants

- **Omaha Steak House** - 2630 E. Camelback - Embassy Suites - 10% food only - not valid holidays - 602-553-8970. 
- **L'Amore Restaurant** - 32nd Street & Lincoln Drive - 10% - (bring your business card and enter a drawing to win a free dinner) - 602-381-3159. 
- **City Market Deli** - In the Esplanade - 2425 E. Camelback Road, #103 - Just mention this ad when you purchase any specialty sandwich/wrap combo or gourmet salad and receive a free homemade cookie of your choice or free drink upgrade! Open for breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Phone: 602-242-2300 Fax: 602-242-2301. 
- **Baby Kay's** - 2119 E. Camelback - Town & Country Shopping Center - 10% - 602-955-0011.
- **Maui Dog** - 3538 E. Indian School Road - 15% - 602-464-3063. 

Partners & Businesses

- **Inspired Bodies Massage - Therapeutic Massage & Reflexology** - Hot Winter Special for ABEVA Members only - Now through December 31st, relax and renew yourself with in-home one-hour massages for \$60, as well as a special package, buy 4 one-hour massages get the 5th FREE. Contact Natalie Lawson LMT at 602.451.5436 or visit <http://www.inspiredbodiesmassage.com>
- **Danny's Family Auto Wash** - The 25th year celebration is being continued for 2012. Sign up for program and \$6.00 on any car wash. 
 1. Visit the website at www.Dannys25th.com
 2. Complete the Registration (click on Registration in the upper right corner) in full then input the ABEVA group number of 151062. (You must register each vehicle separately)
 3. Begin visiting Danny's 7 days after your registration.

You do not need to show anything as your group discount is linked to your license plate. Your discount will automatically be given at the checkout once your license plate is entered.

- **UPS Store** - 3219 E. Camelback Road (next to Tomaso's) - 10% - 602-952-8830. 

