

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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NEW YEAR, LOVE RESIGNS, VOLUNTEERS, BOARD BUSINESS, PEDERSON PROGRESS

—By Carol Sotnick, President, Bellasera Board of Directors

The new year will bring some exciting and some unsettling changes. I will begin with the exciting changes. The Board completed its debate on upgrades to the community clubhouse and authorized **Patti Smith**, the Community Manager, to proceed with hiring a painting contractor for the inside of the clubhouse and ordering replacement carpeting for the activity room and the exercise room. In addition several Board members and **Patti** will have completed an inspection of the clubhouse on December 20 to recommend any additional replacements or upgrades that may be required.

The Board completed its discussion and approval of Bylaw changes at the Special Board meeting on December 12. All the changes must now be incorporated into the master document, and both our management company and our attorney will review the document. Therefore, it will still be a while before you see these changes and have the opportunity to vote on them.

It was with a great deal of sadness that the Board accepted the resignation of **Crawford Love** as a Director and Vice President effective at the close of business at the December 12 Board meeting. He has placed his home on the market and is looking at other homes in North Scottsdale. **Crawford** has played the lead role in negotiations with the Pederson Group on the commercial development on Lone Mountain as part of his responsibility on the Modification Committee. As your President, I had been providing back up on this project to ensure community-wide interests were represented. Since the majority of work has been completed and the Modification committee is not fully staffed, the Board voted to appoint me lead liaison on this project with back up assistance from **Crawford** while he remains a resident. On behalf of the entire community, I extend my warmest congratulations for all of his efforts on this time-consuming project, which would not have had such a positive outcome without his superior negotiating skills. (continued on page 5)

—PEOPLE OF BELLASERA—

Melissa Price has lived in Bellasera for the past 5 years and moved here after 17 years in Northern California (Fremont- East Bay). Previously she worked for Lockheed Martin in Data Management and then Communications world. She's currently a REALTOR and Accredited Staging Professional. One thing she'd like her neighbors to know: I LOVE Arizona! Love the sunshine and warmth of neighbors and friends; love the variety of architectures; and love what is happening to the Valley with added restaurants, shops and communities.

Paul and Eleanor Broad have lived in Bellasera for seven years. Paul's a former Public School Administrator, and would like his neighbors to know he enjoys people.

Carol & Steve Padwe have lived in Arizona for 32 years, 5 1/2 at Bellasera. They moved to Bellasera from the Scottsdale Country Club area. There they had an acre of land, 4 fruit trees, pool, volley ball court, and lots of grass. They moved to Bellasera to live in an area that was "desert" again. The Padwe's did not like encroachment that was happening in Shea/Cactus area. Carol has been a financial advisor for Morgan Stanley in Scottsdale for 23 years. Steve is a CPA in Scottsdale and has his own tax practice. Both of their children live here, and they have 6 grandchildren.

—Just a few of the people who call Bellasera home. If you'd like to be included, answer the four questions posed on page one of last month's newsletter. E-mail to: editor@azbellasera.org. Past newsletter issues are always available on our web site: www.azbellasera.org.

MEETING NOTICES

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Activities Committee will meet on **Thursday, January 5**, at **10 a.m.**

Governance Committee (ad hoc) will meet on **Tuesday, January 17**, at **10:30 a.m.**

Building and Grounds Committee meeting date & time will be posted.

Board of Directors meeting will be on **Monday, January 30**, at **6:30 p.m.**

Modifications Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 10**, at **5:30 p.m.**
Modification applications are due no later than the Monday before the meeting.

Budget and Finance Committee will meet on **Thursday, January 19**, at **3 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet **Tuesday, January 24**, at **3 p.m.** in the clubhouse.

****MANAGER'S CORNER****

Greetings in 2006 Bellasera homeowners!

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and we are looking forward to the New Year with many great changes. First we will be repainting the interior and replacing the carpeting in the clubhouse. Our goal is to start this project at the end of January 2006 and we will keep you posted through the monthly newsletter and signage at the clubhouse as to when we will need to shut down the clubhouse.

We are also moving forward with a new pool company, Arrowhead Chlorination, that will be working closely with the Management Office on ensuring that our pool looks immaculate and stays warm for our early morning swimmers.

We would like to commend all of you as during our December inspection we found the street scapes of the neighborhood in pristine condition. We loved the holiday décor and great spirit that resonates throughout the community.

Here's to a healthy and happy New Year to you all,

—Patti & Sheila

PILATES CLASSES BEGIN

Start the New Year with a total new outlook on life. PILATES BY BERNADETTE will build up your core strength, give you more energy and better balance all around. This workout is for all age and body types.

Bernadette is a certified Personal Trainer from Chicago who will make sure you reach your goals. The PILATES classes begin **Tuesday, January 3**, at **7 a.m.**, and will continue **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at the same time. A sign up sheet will be in the clubhouse. Come join the fun and stay fit for life!

BUNCO

Please join us for a fun night of playing Bunco in the clubhouse on **Saturday, January 7**, at **7:00 p.m.** This is a simple game that is played with dice. There are 2 couples to a table which constantly rotates. \$5.00 per person will be collected at the door for prize money. We will serve dessert, nosh and drinks. Please sign up at the Clubhouse by Wednesday, January 4. Any questions, please call **Sheila** at **(480) 473-0348**.

JANUARY LUNCHEON

This month's luncheon will be on **Thursday, January 19** at **12:00 noon**. Residents will be going to the Lariat Grill in the Carefree Resort. Please meet at the clubhouse at 11:30 a.m. to carpool. If you wish to drive yourself, please let us know. Sign up by Tuesday, January

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JANAURY POTLUCK

Friday, January 27 at **7:00 p.m.** Pot luck dinner. Bring your favorite dish . The committee will supply drinks. Please sign up by Wednesday, January 25.

TAKE A HIKE



Please join us for a hike in the **Spur Cross Ranch, Cave Creek**, on **Monday, January 16**. We will hike one of the fairly easy hikes that are located in the area. There is a \$3.00 fee per person to enter the Ranch area. As always, bring water, sunscreen, hat, snacks, and wear appropriate hiking gear. We will meet at the Clubhouse at **9:00 a.m.** For information contact **Vivian Kurtz** at 480-575-1391, or e-mail Roy312@cox.net.

NEXT MONTH

Heads-up: Valentine Cocktail Party, **Saturday, February 11** at **7:00 p.m.** in the clubhouse. This is a catered affair with no charge to residents.



JANUARY IN THE GARDEN

—By *Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener*

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As we move into winter, we are presented with a new set of gardening tasks as well as some opportunities. It's also the time of year when rainfall amounts and temperature are key factors to consider when caring for your trees and shrubs. This is when your trees will undergo change and you should think about harvesting your citrus.

Trees

If winter rains are abundant, established desert-adapted trees do not need supplemental watering this month. Otherwise, water once deeply during the month. For non-desert trees, water deeply once this month. Continue to water newly planted trees every two to three weeks depending on the temperatures. Watering mature trees now, even native trees, keeps them vigorous through the warm season to come. It is considered by some horticulturists to be the most important watering that trees will receive. Long slow soaks in the region around the tree are best while being sure that you water to a depth of at least three feet.

This month, do not prune frost-sensitive, evergreens, or leguminous trees like mesquite, ironwood, acacias and palo verdes.

Mesquites begin to lose their leaves this month as they fade to yellow or brown and begin to fall off which is normal leaf loss in these plants. While screwbean mesquite is completely deciduous each year, velvet mesquite lose their leaves gradually, often as the new leaves emerge.

Shrubs

Continue planting cold-hardy shrubs. Cold-hardy deciduous shrubs should be planted before they leaf out. Be prepared to protect tender shrubs like red bird of paradise and yellowbells. On cold nights, throw a sheet, blanket, or frost cloth over the plant to provide temporary protection. Water shrubs every three to four weeks depending on the temperatures but do not fertilize or prune this month. Wait to clear out any frost damage until all danger of frost is past.

Harvesting Citrus

The best place to keep most citrus is on the tree as long as possible. Citrus will grow sweeter on the tree even after ripening. Tangerines will not stay on the tree as long as other citrus.

Once you pick oranges store them in a sturdy open carton or box in as cool a place as possible. Citrus stored this way should keep for 10 days to three weeks. Lemons keep best in the refrigerator where they will remain fresh for about six weeks.

Citrus can be frozen in sections with the membrane removed and packed in its own juice. If you want to keep it for more than six months, add ½ teaspoon powdered ascorbic acid to each quart of juice used to cover the sections.

Orange, grapefruit or lemon juice can be frozen in glass containers to prevent "off flavors". Orange juice may separate after thawing because of enzyme action. There is no way to prevent the juices from separating but it does not affect the safety or flavor.

Cacti

If your saguaro or other cacti have a reddish color during the winter, it may simply be a response to the cool dry conditions of winter and nothing needs to be done.

Bougainvillea

If you would like to take some of those magnificent Bougainvillea flowers inside the house to enjoy, the trick is to immerse the bracts (floral part) in water for one hour before placing them in a vase

Pre-emergent Herbicides

As rainfall here occurs primarily in the winter and early spring months, it is appropriate to apply pre-emergent weed control to prevent germination. Water it in to a depth of one inch to activate it but do not cultivate the soil. Once these products are watered in, they are safe around pets and children. Pre-emergent herbicides will control grasses and broadleaves, making gardening easier. And remember, don't apply pre-emergent herbicides anywhere you will be growing plants from seed.

(Questions about plants? Call me at **575-0404** or mail me at **PlantPerson@prodigy.net**)

(NEW YEAR, LOVE RESIGNS, VOLUNTEERS, BOARD BUSINESS, PEDERSON PROGRESS, p 1)
The Board is advertising for a replacement to complete **Crawford's** term that expires in April 2006. Applications can be obtained from the website (www.azbellasera.org) or from the clubhouse office. All applications should be returned to the Community Manager no later than January 16, and all candidates will be interviewed at the January 30, 2006 Board meeting.

This brings me to my list of unsettling changes. In the December newsletter, I informed you about **Paul Broad's** resignation at the end of his term in April. We need volunteers to help maintain and enhance our beautiful community so I respectfully urge you to consider what role you can play in that - up to and including running for a Board position.

The Board does appreciate all past and current volunteers and will be acknowledging all volunteers at a brunch on January 15 in the clubhouse at 11 a.m. For a list of those volunteers who along with one guest of their choosing are invited to this volunteer-only brunch, please see page 7.

There are also a number of open committee positions that have been advertised for months. With the resignation of **Anna Ingram** from the Modifications Committee, that committee barely has a quorum to act on homeowner requests for changes to landscaping and modifications to the outside appearance of homes.

I offer congratulations to the Activities Committee headed by **Sheila Lavin** on the well-attended Neighborhood Network brunch on December 4 as well as the Dancing class proposed by **Marcia Lefkowitz**. Some of us turned out to show grace on the dance floor, and no one really stepped on anyone's left foot. **Lou Vigna** and **Audra Breslin** won a door prize of free dance lessons, which is like sending coals to Newcastle.

Save the date of February 11 for a special Valentine's celebration that will be a catered event, free to Bellasera residents.

Several issues previously raised by homeowners were finalized at the December 12 meeting. First, the pack rat issue raised by **Dot** and **Bob Messinger**: The Board determined based on communication from the City of Scottsdale, the Center of Disease Control, and talks with the State Office of Infectious Diseases that the Community Association could not disturb the NAOS and remove the pack rat nest as these rats do not cause hantavirus nor do they carry bubonic plague and are therefore not a public health issue.

The Board also resolved the ongoing issue of the clubhouse dumpster issue. Buildings and Grounds came back with a resolution to leave the dumpster padlocked, but the Board defeated that resolution to accommodate part-time residents who need to remove their garbage and are not here on trash days. The dumpster will no longer be padlocked so part-time residents can be accommodated. But we ask that if you see landscape crews leaving their clippings behind or other abuses of the clubhouse dumpster, please report this to either **Sheila Nazareth** or **Patti Smith**. I do thank **Paul Anetsberger** and Buildings and Grounds for all their efforts on this issue. And I hope this is the last time that I have to talk trash to you.

The Board also approved a new pool maintenance contract as well as the replacement of additional pool parts.

This is the latest news on the Pederson commercial development on Lone Mountain. All the feedback to the Board from the most impacted neighbors on the design and construction elements has been positive. Gary Pederson is working directly with those most impacted on landscaping elements that will provide additional screening to their properties.

The Board's next regular meeting will be January 30 and will include a review of items to be placed in the 2007 Reserve Budget.

** JANUARY 2006 **

1	2 Christmas Tree Removal Week	3 Pilates 7 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	4 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	5 Pilates 7 a.m. Activities 10 a.m.	6 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	7 Bunco 7 p.m.
8	9 Water Aerobics 11 a.m. City Bulk & Brush Collec- tion Week	10 Pilates 7 a.m. Modifications 5:30 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	11 Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	12 Pilates 7 a.m.	13 Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	14
15	16 Hike—9 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	17 Pilates 7 a.m. Governance 10:30 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	18 Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	19 Pilates 7 a.m. Residents' Luncheon 12 noon B & F 3 p.m.	20 Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	21
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GENERAL NEWS UPCOMING EVENTS

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT

The following volunteers, along with a guest of their choosing, are invited to a brunch recognition event on January 15, 2006 at 11 a.m. in the club- 7 house. This brunch is open only to volunteers and their guest as a thank you from the community for the many hours of effort they have contributed to Bellasera.

Please **respond no later than January 9** with **regrets only** if you are unable to attend to: snazareth@associatedasset.com.

Norma Agranoff	Brad Gazaway	Dee Luse	Marge Segal
Paul Agranoff	Jim Gleason	Patrick Manion	Bob Shriver
Paul Anetsberger	Mary Gleason	Bruce Martin	Emily Shriver
Joanne Anetsberger	Bob Greenspun	Herb Marx	Michael Simpson
Frank Biondo	Jean Grutta	Pauline Marx	Bonnie Sisson
Janet Biondo	Paul Hilf	Joe McDade	Bart Sotnick
Ellen Bornstein	Jane Hillerson	Brian Ong	Carol Sotnick
Paul Broad	Richard, Jones	Melissa Price	Gary Stettner
Paul Castrovinci	Roy Kurtz	Patrick Quinn	John Storer
Anne Chernis	Vivian Kurtz	Al Ricciardi	Robert Tack
Morrie Chernis	Dennis Lamb	Carlton Rooks	Rick Tilton
Keith Christian	Sheila Lavin	Jerry Rose	Ken Wagner
Steve Comstock	Marcia Lefkowitz	Shari Rotherham	Ken Willig
Bill Chung	Marvin Lefkowitz	Thomas Rotherham	Walt Winston
Steve Dale	Clayton Loiselle	Michael Ruotolo	Jean Young
John DeNio	Susan Loiselle	Paul Schreiber	
James Felter	Crawford Love	Charles Schroeder	
Sandy Fox	Karl Luebking	Dottie Schultz	

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have meeting dates, or articles for publication, please e-mail to: editor@azbellasera.org, or turn them in to the Association office no later than the 15th of the month. The monthly newsletter is produced by the Communications Committee. The editor is Keith Christian, 480-575-7109.

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CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

Christmas trees will be removed from the curb during the **week of January 2.**

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE BRUSH & BULK COLLECTION

Note early in the month pick up

The city of Scottsdale will pick up **brush and bulk items** in the Bellasera area during the **week of Monday, January 9.**

Brush and bulk items to be picked up should be at curbside by 5 a.m. at the start of the week. It will be removed during the week.

For more information, contact Solid Waste Management at **(480) 312-5600.**



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BELLASERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Secretary—**Bruce Martin** (marbru@cox.net)

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Budget & Finance: Carlton Rooks

Buildings & Grounds: Paul Anetsberger

Communications: Keith Christian

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—Office Hours—

Administrative Assistant: M thru F, 8:30-12:30 Community Manager: Tu & Th, 12-4

Questions regarding your Homeowner's Association Account?

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