

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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BACK GATE, CLUBHOUSE REPAIRS, AUDIT, PAINTING

—By Chuck Roach, President , Bellasera Board of Directors

There are several things I need to inform you about so I'll get right to it.

Back Gate Operation. We continue to operate with a temporary card reader that does not have the power necessary to function properly all the time. We've had several complaints about it not working. Unfortunately, we will not have a new reader until sometime in November.

Clubhouse Repairs. The roof leak saga continues! After the last rain, another leak was found and has now been repaired. The fitness room ceiling will be redone as soon as our contractor and Board are convinced all leaks have been located and repaired. For those of you concerned about the cost of this project, everything after the first repair is covered under our warranty.

The Board concluded the tile work in the men's shower was unsatisfactory. The installing contractor, TPM, was terminated without compensation and the shower will be redone by another contractor.

Audit. The Board decided a formal, independent audit of the Association's financial records should be conducted. This will include a review and evaluation of the internal controls of the Association and its management company. The selection of an auditor will take place at the October 26 Board meeting.

In accordance with the Bylaws requirement, unaudited financial statements will be available for review by any member by October 31. The requirement that these statements include a "statement of changes in financial position..." will be met upon completion of the independent audit.

Wall and Home Painting. We received three bids for the common wall and mailbox painting-a selection will be made at the October 26 Board meeting. Work will begin in November.

In the next two weeks, we will conduct a second inspection of homes to determine which homes are still in need of painting. Our thanks to all residents who responded to our first inspection and either had their homes painted or advised us of their plans to schedule the work. We will be sending out another notice upon completion of our inspections. Please respond by scheduling your home painting or advising us of a future time period when you plan to have your house painted.

I want to welcome back our residents who have been away for the summer and any new residents to the community.

MEETING NOTICES

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Activities Committee will meet on **Thursday, November 2, at 10 a.m.**

Governance Committee has not scheduled a future meeting.

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

Board of Directors regular board meeting is on **Thursday, November 16, at 7 p.m.** The date/time of the monthly study session will be posted.

Modifications Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 14, at 5:30 p.m.** Modification applications are due no later than the Friday (10) before the meeting.

Budget and Finance Committee will meet on **Friday, November 17, at 2:30 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet **Wednesday, November 29, at 8:30 a.m.**

MANAGER'S MEMO

Our Management Company has now experienced the first summer with quite a few homeowners being gone for the entire summer. Unfortunately we have also viewed quite a few overgrown front yard landscaping in need of much TLC. Due to the dry environment here in the Phoenix area, please make sure to have your yard attended to on a frequent basis. We can understand and appreciate how difficult it is to maintain a residence while away, but we had a few homes that met fire hazard conditions with their landscaping. Overgrown landscaping also provides habitats for vermin and other unsightly creatures. Routine maintenance is not only appreciated by the Management Company, but for community pride by the entire Bellasera Community Association.

As a reminder, please place all questions/suggestions/comments sheets in the plastic box in the clubhouse. Please **DO NOT** place under the door. The box is checked on a regular basis.

We'd also like to wish you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving holiday. Be safe and happy.

--Patti & Sheila

COMMUNITY ACTIVITES

BOOK CLUB

Will meet at the clubhouse on **Wednesday, November 15**, at **7 p.m.** This month's book for discussion is "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" by Lisa See.

There will be no meeting in December. If anyone has any questions they may contact **Maureen Simpson** at **480-575-7693** or e-mail <maureensimpson@cox.net>

VETERANS' DAY BRUNCH

On **Sunday, November 12**, at **10:30 a.m.**, the Activities Committee will host a Veterans' Day brunch in the clubhouse. If you are a veteran or have served in the armed forces in any capacity, you are invited, with your significant other, to join us to commemorate this holiday. Please sign up at the clubhouse by November 9.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON — IT'S FREE!

On **Thursday, November 9** at **12:00 noon** to introduce **Jyl Steinbeck**, "The Healthiest Mom in America". She has written over 20 cookbooks and will discuss nutrition, health, physical fitness and skincare. A catered lunch will be served at no cost to residents. This event is in place of the monthly luncheon and is a week earlier than the usual event scheduled for the third Thursday. Please sign up at the clubhouse by November 13.

There will be no Pot Luck dinner in November.

HIKING

Bellasera Hikers enjoyed a 4 mile trail at Lake Pleasant last month, with lunch overlooking the lake while soaking in the nice breezes.

Thursday, November 16 is the date for the next hike. Depending on the weather, one of two destinations:

1. If the weather is nice in Sedona, group will travel there and hike the Bell Rock--Courthouse Butte Trail, which is a 4.2 mile trek, rated easy.
2. If too cool for the Sedona hike, the Taliesin Overlook via Lost Dog Trail in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. This is a 4 mile hike, also rated easy.

After either hike, the group will lunch at a nearby restaurant, and leave from the clubhouse at **8:00 a.m.**

There will be a sign up sheet at the clubhouse, or you can notify **Vivian Kurtz**, **480-575-1391** or e-mail <Roy312@Cox.net> if you wish to attend or need additional information.

COOKIES IN DECEMBER

Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m. to Noon, at the clubhouse. Annual Toys 4 Tots Toy Drive & Cookie Exchange. Please bring your unwrapped gift to donate, and a dozen cookies to exchange with your neighbors. Sponsored by THE DALE TEAM. Please contact **Sharon Dale**, **(480-620-8106)** with any questions.



NOVEMBER IN THE GARDEN

—By *Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener*

Shrubs

Planting-In November you can continue to plant frost-hardy and native woody shrubs. Some suggestions are: Apache Plume, Jojoba, Texas Mountain Laurel, and Texas Ranger.

Transplanting-If you have shrubs that need to be relocated, transplant them from now through January. To do so, follow these steps.

1. Begin by digging the hole for the shrub. Make the hole wider than the root ball but just as deep. Do not add amendments or mulch, but scratch the sides and bottom of the hole to rough it up. Fill the hole with water and let it drain completely before planting.
2. Remove the shrub, taking it out with as much soil as you can. If conditions are dry or the soil is light and subject to falling away from the root ball, water the shrub deeply before lifting it. This will help keep as much soil as possible around the root zone.
3. Place in the new hole and check to be sure the shrub is no deeper that it was in the original hole. Fill in with the backfill, firming it gently to remove air pockets and secure the shrub. Build a basin around the shrub and mulch heavily. Water well, and keep well watered for the first two weeks after transplanting. After that, water them every week for a month, then every eight to ten days until they begin growing in the spring.

Do not prune any part of the transplanted shrub until it has begun to grow in the spring. And, if it is a spring blooming shrub, do not prune until the bloom period is over.

General Care -Most insect pests and diseases are inactive during the coldest part of the year but you should keep the areas around shrubs free of any diseased pruning, or fruit to prevent future problems. Also, do not prune or fertilize shrubs this month.

Succulents

Continue to plant cool-season succulents like Aloes, Gasteria and Dudleya. Native succulents can be planted this month, but be careful that they are not too over watered during the winter. Do not plant cold-tender succulents this month.

Christmas Cactus

This wonderful houseplant of Brazilian ancestry requires special care this time of year. Flower buds should start to show late this month and, once buds are set and are about ½ inch long, gradually move the plant into more light over a week or two. Plants grow best in a spot with bright, indirect light that is cool and away from drafts. Also, avoid hot spots like a fireplace, west facing window, heater vent, top of a television or refrigerator.

Sudden changes in temperature or light, or both, will cause the buds to fall off.

Water Christmas cactus when the surface of the soil is dry. Fertilize with a water soluble fertilizer, mixing a solution at 1/4th of what is recommended for houseplants. Apply fertilizer every two weeks while they are blooming.

Spring Color & Vegetables

Bulbs- If you desire some spring color from bulbs, now is the time to prepare them. Buy Dutch iris, hyacinth and long-stemmed varieties of daffodils and tulips. Chill their bulbs in the refrigerator for five to six weeks before planting.

Vegetables- If vegetables are on your garden list, this a good month to sow seeds or set out plants of asparagus, beets, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, endive, garlic, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuce, mustard, parsley, peas, radishes, spinach, Swiss chard, and turnips.

Questions about plants? Call (480-575-0404) or e-mail <PlantPerson@prodigy.net> me.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
	City Bulk & Brush Collection Week		Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Activities 10 a.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	
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2006 COMMUNITY DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

The 2006 Bellasera Community Directory is now available. Local residents can pick up their copy (1 per household) in the Community Manager's office — note office hours on page 8 —or anytime at the guard office. Homeowners away for the summer will find a copy waiting for them when they return. For those who prefer not to wait, a copy will be mailed upon request: send an e-mail to <directory@azbellasera.org>.

Any corrections or changes to the directory content should be e-mailed to <directory@azbellasera.org>, or reported by phone to the Community Manager's office. In February 2007, Revision 1 to the directory, as well as an electronic copy of the directory, will be provided.

The directory content was compiled by members of the Communications Committee. Committee members also solicited advertisers, whose financial support covers the cost of commercial printing. Remember to support these advertisers...they support Bellasera!

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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 20th of the month. The monthly newsletter is produced by the Communications Committee. The editor is Keith Christian, 480-575-7109.

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CITY OF SCOTTSDALE BRUSH & BULK COLLECTION

The city of Scottsdale will pick up **brush and bulk items** in the Bellasera area during **the week of Monday, October 30.**

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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