

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Community Directory

The revised, up-to-date Bellasera Community E-Directory will be e-mailed this month to all homeowners with an e-mail address on file. The encrypted, password-protected Adobe PDF file will be attached to an e-mail message.

Homeowners with a valid e-mail address who do not receive the mass e-mailing by July 31 may request one via message to directory@azbellasera.org.

The Communications Committee produces a community directory annually. It's also always available on our web site, directory.azbellasera.org.

Board of Directors June Meeting Highlights

—*By Richard Hoffman, Board President*

Men's and Women's Steam Room Remodeling — The Board of Directors approved a contract to re-tile and remodel the Men's and Women's Steam Rooms located in the clubhouse. The work is scheduled to begin in the middle of July and should take approximately a month (two weeks for each Steam Room) to complete. While work is ongoing, the respective Restroom (Men's or Women's) in which each Steam Room is located will be closed. To minimize the inconvenience to clubhouse/pool visitors and to our on-site Manager, the remodeling will be done sequentially – one Steam Room remodeled and re-tiled before work begins on the other - so that one 'Unisex' Restroom will be available at all times. We will advise our residents via e-mail blast before the work begins and as it progresses.

New Pool Water Fountain --The Board also authorized the installation of an outdoor drinking fountain at the Pool in the area where the outdoor shower is located. Look for the new fountain to be installed sometime this summer.

No Scheduled Board Meetings for July and August — As is customary during the summer, the Board has no scheduled regular meetings during the months of July and August. Regular scheduled meetings of the Board will resume on September 17.

Easement Settlement Update — As I reported in the May Newsletter, after the Settlement with the owner of the adjacent 12-acre parcel was finalized, one of our homeowners who objected to the terms of the Settlement filed a Motion with the Court in our case to re-open the litigation and undo our Settlement. After oral arguments before the Court on June 5, the Court on June 9 denied the homeowner's motion. Unless the homeowner chooses to appeal the Court's decision by July 9, our Settlement will become final.

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet again on **Wednesday, September 17** at **1 p.m.**

Budget & Finance Committee will meet again on **Wednesday, August 27** at **2 p.m.**

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, July 8** at **1 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, July 2** at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, July 8** at **3 p.m.** Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, July 3** at **12 noon.**

Manager's Memo

There are several projects the Association will be working on this summer. The steam rooms in the clubhouse will be retiled. This project will begin mid-July with anticipated completion mid-August. Demolition of both steam rooms will be done at the same time. Once this portion is completed, the contractor will complete one and then the other. Please bear with us during this time. A restroom will be available as a uni-sex bathroom during the construction period.

A homeowner suggested a drinking fountain be installed outside of the building near the pool area and we are moving forward with this suggestion.

The stucco walls that have not been painted during the current fiscal year are anticipated to be completed within the next 30-45 days.

Management wishes each of you a safe and enjoyable summer.

—**Viola Lanam**

June Weather In Bellasera

(June 1—June 26)

Highest temperature: **105**

Lowest temperature: **64**

Rainfall this month: **0.00 inch**

Rainfall this year: **2.59**

Bellasera weather information is available 24/7/365 on our web site: weather.azbellasera.org.

Newsletter Copy 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 20th of the month. The monthly newsletter is produced by the Communications Committee. The editor is **Keith Christian, 480-382-9310.**

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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, July 7**, with the next pickup the week of **August 4.**

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, **480-312-5600.**

News Briefs from the City of Scottsdale

- The “Scottsdale 4th of July Celebration” at WestWorld promises to be the coolest family-friendly event of summer. Live music, more than a dozen interactive children games, a BMX/skateboard stunt show, an ice cream village and other fun activities will fill the air-conditioned North Hall of WestWorld’s Tony Nelssen Equestrian Center. Indoor activities begin at **2 p.m. July 4** in the recently expanded center, 16601 N. Pima Road. Fireworks take place at 9 p.m. just outside. A variety of food and drinks will be available throughout the celebration, which will also feature the Radio Disney Road Show and a corn hole tournament. General admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door; children 6 and younger are free. Reduced prices are available for Scottsdale residents who purchase advance tickets.
- The City of Scottsdale is currently working with APS, Cox and CenturyLink to design and construct the conversion of the existing overhead utility lines on Scottsdale Road, from Pinnacle Peak to Ashler Hills, to underground facilities as part of this road’s designation as a Desert Foothills Scenic Drive. That work is currently nearing completion. For more information related to the Desert Foothills Scenic Drive, please visit **www.ScottsdaleAz.gov/Construction/ScenicDrive**.
- Next steps for the Desert Foothills Scenic Drive include completion of the trail from Jomax to Carefree Highway. There are no planned changes to the existing concrete or decomposed granite (DG) trails, this work will only fill the gaps of the existing trail system. It is anticipated this trail construction will begin sometime during the summer.
- In addition, improvements will take place at all signalized intersections to include pedestrian/equestrian refuge areas and equestrian push buttons, and some utility screening for the area. Please note that not all utility cabinets will be screened. The existing traffic signal poles from Happy Valley to Carefree Highway will be painted Western Reserve.

Flood Hazard Study Underway in Our Area

People in our area have experienced flooding during the past 10 years. Have you?

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County is currently studying our area as part of their Pinnacle Peak West Area Drainage Master Study and they need your information to help better understand how flooding affects our neighborhood.

Tell them about your flooding experiences and help them learn what flooding issues you think need to be addressed. It's as easy as 1-2-3!

- Join the online conversation and take their survey, www.floodtalk.org.
- Sign up to receive project updates via e-mail, www.bit.ly/FCDupdates.
- Upload photos or videos you've taken of flooding in Maricopa County, www.reportaflood.org

Sign up to ensure you receive study updates and future meeting notifications. The next public meetings for the Pinnacle Peak West study will be held:

September 16, 6-8 p.m.

Grayhawk Elementary School, 7525 E. Grayhawk Dr, Scottsdale

September 18, 6-8 p.m.

Holland Community Center, 34250 N. 60th St., Scottsdale

Learn more about the study on the Pinnacle Peak West ADMS webpage, which you can find at www.fcd.maricopa.gov. Click on "Projects & Structures" and then "Pinnacle Peak West Area Drainage Master Study."

Questions? Contact Theresa Pinto, tmpmail.maricopa.gov.

Bellasera in the Rear View Mirror

A look back in Bellasera history that may bring back memories for long-time residents and be of interest to those not living in our community in prior years. Clips from past newsletters follow.

Bellasera Neighborhood News, July 2004, 10 years ago

- Bellasera will be assigned a new Community Manager by the community's contracted management company, CCMC. The management company notified Board President Dick Chenault on June 23 that Janyth Martin is being replaced. CCMC said it wanted to be sure the community gets the level of service that the community needs, Chenault related at the beginning of a special Board of Directors meeting called to interview candidates. The management company will have a temporary manager on site until a new permanent manager is assigned, Chenault explained after the meeting. It is anticipated that the transition will be seamless to the community.
- At the June 23 special meeting, the current board members interviewed Bruce Martin and Hal Schultz, two of the three candidates to fill the vacancy on the board created by the resignation of Bob Tack. A third candidate, Paul Hilf, was unable to attend the session. The board had hoped to name a new member for the one remaining year of Tack's term at a regular board meeting on June 28, but scheduling conflicts forced the postponement of the June 28 regular meeting, Chenault told the audience of four attending the special session.
- July and August are considered the "wet summer" months here in the desert. Soon drenching monsoon rains will occur from storms that bring much-needed moisture to the desert. "Monsoon" is an Arabic word meaning "a change in the wind direction." The wind patterns here change from blowing from the northwest to blowing from the south-east and bring with them moisture from the Gulf of Mexico. These rains occur when water is most needed by plants, animals and people. In some native cultures the new year begins with the monsoon season when the life-giving rains sprout seeds of crops, cactus, palo verde and mesquite and renew life from the parched "dry summer."

Bellasera Neighborhood News, July 2009, 5 years ago

- As expected, last month's column resulted in some responses on both sides of the dog leash issue. I would first like to make it clear that there is no confusion on behalf of the Scottsdale City Police regarding enforcement of the leash law within a private, gated community. They believe the law is clear and will steadfastly respond to all complaints about loose dogs whether they be in a public or private area.--Chuck Roach
- The Policy For the Use of Bellasera Community Association Recreational Facilities that was recently mailed to all residents was revised by the Board of Directors at their June 25 meeting.
- REVISED DATE AUGUST 1 - Burgers, Bingo and Beer, 6 p.m. Join your neighbors for a fun and enjoyable night of playing Bingo with prizes, munching on BBQ'd burgers and sipping cool, refreshing Root Beer Floats. Note - alcoholic beverages are BYO. Sign up sheets at the clubhouse offer 2 options - bring a side dish or pay \$5 per person at the door.
- As reported last month, there are two proposed Scottsdale General Plan Amendments for properties in our area. The first is very close to Bellasera on the southwest corner of Lone Mountain and Scottsdale Road and the second is at the northwest corner of Pima and Dynamite Road. Both of these applications are beginning to receive a lot of attention because, if approved, they would remove the parcels from the boundaries of the Desert Foothills Character Area and the Foothills Zoning Overlay. The Lone Mountain and Scottsdale Road parcel is requesting high density residential rezoning for an assisted living center, while the Pima and Dynamite Road parcel is requesting rezoning to commercial for a retail/gas station complex.
- The Bellasera community wishes to express its sympathy and condolences to the relatives and many friends of resident Bob Gillette, 75, who passed away on June 20, from sarcoma. Survivors include his wife, Pat, daughter Rebecca, sons Robert and Christopher, and five grandchildren.



July in the Garden

—By Joe McDade

We Await The Monsoon!

Our hot weather will continue into July until our “monsoon” season kicks in bringing us welcome summer rain. Gardening is almost at a standstill but there are a number of maintenance items you will need to address as well as some others to consider.

Native Tree Maintenance

Pruning- Summer is the recommended time to prune native desert trees because they are actively growing and can recover quickly. Things to consider before undertaking this task:

—Good pruning is both an art and a science.

—The result should be a safe, healthy and beautiful tree that complements its natural growth habit.

—If you prune your trees yourself, familiarize yourself with proper pruning principals and techniques. There is a lot of literature available, including the internet.

—If you hire someone to prune your trees, be sure **they** understand proper pruning principals and techniques.

—Remove no more than one-quarter of a tree’s branches in a year. Cutting

off too much foliage “starves” the plant by reducing its ability to synthesize and can leave it susceptible to disease.

—It’s advisable to hold off any pruning for at least one year after planting. Two years is even better. If you allow as many branches as possible to survive, the tree will develop strength and trunk girth.

Keep in mind that the longer you wait to prune your mesquites, the higher the risk of wind damage during the monsoon.

What To Plant

Well-Adapted Crops - Native Americans traditionally sowed summer crops right before the start of the monsoons. The desert’s brief summer season of extra rainfall and humidity promoted seed germination and encouraged plants to grow quickly. Native crop choices for today’s gardeners include: amaranth, devil’s claw, melons, squash tepary beans

Warm-Season Vegetables - Sow seeds for: black-eyed peas, cantaloupe, corn, miniature pumpkin, okra, squash.

All require careful attention to soil moisture throughout their growing season. Replenish mulch as needed to help maintain moisture and reduce soil temperature in the root zone.

The Saguaro

Nothing says Sonoran Desert, or makes a statement in the landscape, like the mighty saguaro cactus. With its unique sculptural form and seasonal blooms, this drought-tolerant native has not only become an increasingly desirable design element in our gardens but we are also able to enjoy the hundreds of saguaro that grace our open space here in Bellasera. Some facts:

—Saguaros have a relatively long life span and take up to 75 years to develop a side arm.

—Some specimens may live for more than 150 years.

—The night blooming white and yellow flowers appear April through June and the sweet, ruby-colored fruit matures by late June.

—Saguaro flowers are self-incompatible thus require cross pollination.

—The major pollinators are bats, primarily the lesser long-nosed bat, feeding on the nectar.

—Gila woodpeckers (yes, they have a distinctive loud screech) nest in the saguaro and create new nest holes each season rather than reuse the old ones, leaving convenient nest holes for other animals, such as elf owls, flycatchers, and wrens.

Build a Lizard Lounge

Yes, you can. Reuse rocks unearthed in your landscape while digging in the garden. Pile them in an out-of-the-way sunny area to create nooks and crannies where lizards can hide and sleep. A nearby flat boulder or cement block wall offers spots for sunbathing. Lizards will return the favor by consuming insects and providing entertainment. Male territorial rituals—performing push-ups to impress the “ladies” and scare away the competition—are fun to watch. Try it!

Miscellaneous

—Fertilization - Do not fertilize until the weather cools.

—Citrus - Water mature citrus every 10 to 14 days to a depth of three feet applying at the tree’s canopy and slightly beyond.

—Check your drip watering system. Verify the ground humidity around all plants. Check your drippers periodically to see if any popped out now that heat is making the hoses softer.

—Protect potted plants - Soil temperatures may exceed 150 degrees in direct sunlight, basically “cooking” roots. Move containers into morning sun/afternoon shade locations or cover with shade cloth.

(If you have a gardening question, please contact the Maricopa County Cooperative Extension Service at **602-470-8086**.)

Community Calendar—July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Communications 8:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	3	4 Fourth Of July	5
6 Brush & Bulk Collection Week	7 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	8 Building & Grounds 1 p.m. Modifications 3:00 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	9 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	10	11 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Potluck 6 p.m.	12
13	14 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	15 Poker 7 p.m.	16 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	17	18 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	19
20	21 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	22 Poker 7 p.m.	23 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	24	25 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	26
27	28 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	29 Poker 7 p.m.	30 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	31		

****Bellasera Classifieds****

This is the awesome deal of the century for a dark cherry wood Partner desk! It has tons of hidden storage along with three shelves for open display. Complete with locking pull-out drawers with keys and plenty of file drawers. It is a must see and a must have! Happy to have you come by and take a look. Text or call, **480-381-2058**.

Contemporary Armoire with built in shelves, power box, and swivel stand for TV. The doors open and slide inside the unit for ease of TV viewing. Also have the matching four poster queen size bed. Happy to have you come by. Text or call, **480-381-2058**.

Massage is a potent medicine. There is no question that proper massage can relax tense muscles, and decrease pain. Relaxing therapeutic massage is available in the privacy of your home or at the clubhouse Massage Room. For an appointment or further information contact: Bellasera resident **Jim Birkholz**, Licensed Massage Therapist, **480-244-9567**. Gift Certificates available.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to members of the Bellasera Community. Many of you will be leaving for the summer months. I am now living in this community and feel that I can take the worry out of your absence by checking your home on a regular basis. I started my Home Management Business in 1993 and have been successful in managing "Always There" for 21 years. I take care of homes in many surrounding communities. I also can provide you with a Reference List upon request. Please feel free to call me for a free estimate of my services that I provide. I also offer a complete list of vendors, all of whom have been with me for many years. I am happy to share these vendors with clients or meet your vendors who you have contracted with. I will be more than happy to visit with you regarding your Home Management needs. **Always There, LLC, Sharon Crowley, 480-363-4292, sharon@alwaysthereaz.com**.

Bellasera Residents: The Kiwanis Club of Carefree can pick up your unwanted furniture, clothing and other household goods. All items will be put in our Flea Market Sale held every 6-8 weeks in Carefree. Proceeds go to support local kids programs in the Cave Creek Unified School District. Call **Ron, 480-204-7877**, for information and to schedule a pick up..

Two fully furnished offices within growing professional suite at Pinnacle Peak and Pima. Ideal for attorney or accountant. Includes use of reception area/lobby, conference room, kitchen, copier/fax/printer, free parking. For more info, contact **ADMIN@KGKLaw.com**.

Top Five Things To Do When Buying Or Selling Real Estate: 1. Call **Jay Cole** with Russ Lyon Sotheby's International Realty. He'll take care of the other 4. **Jay Cole, jcoleshomes.com, jay.cole@russlyon.com, 480-433-9153**.

Bellasera residents - Take advantage of historically low mortgage rates. I am a Bellasera resident and licensed mortgage banker in Arizona for Quicken Loans. I can refinance your home in as little as 30 days. **Sam Krause, Quicken Loans, 480-305-9901, samkrause@quickenloans.com**.

Resident Realtors – **Steve** and **Joan Wallace** just sold **Mike** and **Maureen Simpson's** home. **Mike** and **Maureen Simpson**, said:

If you are buying or selling a home in North Scottsdale, Joan and Steve Wallace should be your realtor!

We selected them based on the recommendations of neighbors who had also sold their homes with the Wallace's. Our experience was similar to our friends.

The Wallace's are exceptional realtors and a pleasure to work with. We were impressed with their knowledge of pricing in the area and their marketing, but more importantly they have established a network of area realtors who know and respect them. These realtors know that the Wallace's are extremely knowledgeable on available North Scottsdale homes and do not hesitate to contact them with buyers. We highly recommend Steve and Joan. You won't be disappointed!

Call us if you are looking to sell or buy – we also work with new home builders and can represent you in purchasing a new home! **Steve, 602-463-5254, stevewallacehomes@cox.net. Joan, 602-361-8111, joanwallacehomes@cox.net**. Our website: **www.joanwallacehomes.com**.

(more Classifieds on next page)

****Bellasera Classifieds, continued****

Recommended by Bellasera resident **Steve Lewis: Bobbie Friedman**, PT Certified in Dry Needling, Plantar Fasciitis, Headache, Shingles, TMJ, Orthopedics, Post Mastectomy Pain. **480-540-8697**, **bobbiefriedmanpt@gmail.com**, treatment in your home or my office?

Bellasera resident **Brona Lewis** highly recommends **Sylvia Blaszak**, **602-763-2580**, for house cleaning services.

If you've always dreamed of playing the piano call Marcia's Studio in Bellasera. I specialize in teaching absolute beginners as well as advanced students, getting them to play with "that professional sound" quickly. Lots of theory and chord study. My father was a well known piano teacher who wrote books many years ago that are fabulous to get your fingers moving and rhythms getting into your "essence." References supplied. Call **480-595-7738** or contact **marci-amuse@cox.net** today!

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Pet sitting: responsible 8-year Bellasera resident, 18 year old Mayo Clinic volunteer and student at the Barrett honors college at ASU. I would love to take care of your pets whenever you need. I love animals and have three of my own. Please call **Katie Kaufman**, **480-544-9330** or e-mail **katie.k704@hotmail.com**.

Cabin available for rent in Munds Park. Enjoy fall foliage or plan ahead for snow adventures. 3 bedrooms 2 sleeper sofas/2baths; Gas fireplace; Fabulous deck; Full kitchen; Washer/Dryer. \$300 weekend/\$500 for 3 night Holiday weekend. Cleaning fee negotiable. Call Bellasera resident **Marti Bening**, **480-488-4297** for details.

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*E-mail your ad to **editor@azbellasera.org**. Ads only accepted from Bellasera homeowners; real estate for sale, non-resident business or commercial ads are not accepted; Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.*

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—Office Hours—
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Questions regarding your Homeowner's Association Account?
Contact AAM, LLC: **602- 906-4940**
AAM, LLC Emergency : **602-647-3034** or toll free **866-553-8290**

**** Bellasera Community Volunteers ****

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

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