

Bellasera Neighborhood News

March 2003

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

A VISION FOR BELLASERA

What will Bellasera be like in 2013? 2023? I know some of us may think that's further down the road than we need to think about, but Bellasera will still be here and people will be living here. *What can we do now to assure that Bellasera residents of 2023 will enjoy and be as proud of their community as much as we are today?*

Your Association's Board of Directors, at February's meeting, created a **Long Range Planning Committee** to look towards the future and develop goals, plans, and funding options for the continuing preservation and improvement of Bellasera. This committee will:

- Review all of Bellasera's Common Areas with the intent of determining any need for future changes, improvements, or enhancements which would improve the quality of life for residents or help maintain or increase property values in Bellasera.
- Consider both the mid-range (2-5 years) and the long-range (6-20 years) requirements.
- Consider the "aging" of the community. As current residents age or move out, how will the nature of the community change? How should any plan accommodate these changes?
- Identify both the costs and benefits of all potential changes, improvements, or enhancements.
- Develop a written Mid/Long Range Plan covering the entire 20 year period.
- Include in the plan a Project Sheet for each potential project.
- Update the plan at least annually. This plan will be used to help define Operating Fund and Reserve Fund requirements.

The recommendations from this committee will form the basis for adopting projects to enhance the community and to keep Bellasera an attractive place to live. Projects such as renovation/modernization of the clubhouse area, landscape improvements, and creation of additional amenities need advance planning and targeted

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MANAGER'S MEMO:

RAIN + WARM WEATHER = WEEDS

Those weeds seem to just crop up overnight, don't they? Take the early rain we received in January and follow it up with warmer weather, and we are bound to see more weeds.

The Community's landscapers are working diligently to ensure we maintain the common area "weed-free." It's a large area to control, therefore chemical spraying is used to cover most of the area. But we also deal with the more visible traffic areas by having the landscapers manually maintain the area.

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MEETING NOTICES

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

The next meeting will be **Monday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.**

Budget and Finance Committee

The Budget and Finance committee's next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 18 at 4 p.m. at the clubhouse.**

Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds committee is scheduled to meet **Monday, March 10 at 3 p.m. at the clubhouse.**

Modifications Committee

The Modifications committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.** Modification applications are due no later than the Monday before the meeting.

Activities Committee

The Activities committee will meet **Monday, March 3 at 11 a.m. at the clubhouse.**

Communications Committee

The Communications committee's next meeting will be **Thursday, March 20 at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse.**

SOCIAL SCENE

RESIDENTS' LUNCHEON: Thursday, March 20 at noon at Furio, an Italian-style bistro, located at 7210 E. 2nd Street, Scottsdale (near Scottsdale Rd.). Sign up no later than Wednesday, March 12. If you can't come after signing up, or if you don't want to carpool, please contact Carol Sotnick at 575-7040 as soon as possible. Otherwise, be at the clubhouse at 11:15 a.m. to carpool.

EVENING BRIDGE GROUP: Wednesday, March 12 and 26 at 6 p.m. in the clubhouse. Join us for an evening of social bridge, normally on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Call Virginia Rodriguez at 575-7837, Kathy Littlefield at 951-2549, or Bonnie Jones at 595-6103 for information.

POKER NIGHT: Every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. If interested in playing, give your name to Community Manager Janyth Martin. Contact Paul Broad at 595-2955 or Marv Lefkowitz at 595-7738 for more information.

BOOK DISCUSSION: Wednesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. The book is The Family by Mario Puzo. Contact Marge Segal at 575-1776 if more information is needed.

GOLF: Tuesdays, March 4 (tee: 8:54 a.m.), 18 (tee: 9:34 a.m.) and 25 (tee: 9:10 a.m.) for play at Dove Valley. On Monday, March 10, play will be at Tatum Ranch, with tee time at 12 noon. Sign up for all play by contacting Ellen Bornstein at 575-9848 for additional information and cost.

HIKES: Saturday, March 15 at 10 a.m.: Brown's Mountain. Clayton Loisselle will lead the hike.

Friday, March 21 at 9 a.m.: Squaw Peak Circumference Trail. Sid Charnock & Vivian Kurtz will lead the hike.

Meet at the clubhouse at the start time. Sign up in advance at the clubhouse.

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NO POT LUCK DINNER IN MARCH

There will not be a Pot Luck Dinner in March because of other activities, including the special St. Patrick's Day feast, the Activities committee announced.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

STRENGTH TRAINING WITH CORY: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 7 a.m. Also available is an 8 a.m. class on Mondays & Fridays. This is a full body workout with stretching; you choose the intensity. Fee is \$6 per class. Sign up at the clubhouse. Please be there 10 minutes before class starts.

YOGA CLASS: Yoga Classes are conducted on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. A great way to increase your strength, flexibility and attitude. Please contact our new instructor, Valerie Neumann at 575-7880, if you have any questions.

PILATES MAT CLASS: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. Pilates focuses on strengthening the core muscles of the body, giving the benefits of strength training and improving flexibility and posture. Contact Lindy Hedley at 595-7919 for more information.

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BOOK CLUB LISTS COMING MONTHS' SELECTIONS

The book discussion group announced the books to be discussed for the next few months. They are:

April: **Atonement** by Ian McEwan

May: **Marie Antoinette—The Journey** by Antonia Fraser

Summer Read: **John Adams** by David McCullough .

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Special Event:

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FEAST

A St. Patrick's Day feast on Sunday, March 16 at the clubhouse will prepare the entire community to become Irish for the official holiday on March 17.

The dinner, at 7 p.m., will feature the traditional corned beef and cabbage as the main course.

Admission is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child under 12. Sign up — and have a check, made out to the Bellasera Community Association in Community Manager Janyth Martin's hands — no later than March 7.

If you have any questions, contact Joanne Anetsberger at 595-2472 or Susan Loisselle at 575-1202.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
2	3 Strength Train 7 & 8 a.m. Activities Cttee 11 a.m.	4 Pilates 8:30 a.m. Golf Poker 7 p.m.	5 Strength Train 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m.	6 Pilates 8:30 a.m.	7 Strength Train 7 & 8 a.m.	8 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
9	10 Strength Train 7 & 8 a.m. Golf Building & Grounds 3 p.m.	11 Pilates 8:30 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	12 Strength Train 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m. Bridge 6 p.m.	13 Pilates 8:30 a.m.	14 Strength Train 7 & 8 a.m.	15 Yoga 8:30 a.m. Hike 10 a.m.
16 St. Patrick's Day Dinner 7 p.m.	17 Strength Train 7 & 8 a.m.	18 Pilates 8:30 a.m. Golf Poker 7 p.m. Budget Cttee 4 p.m.	19 Strength Train 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m. Book Club 7 p.m. Modifications Cttee 5:30 p.m.	20 Pilates 8:30 a.m. Residents' Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Communica- tions Cttee 6 p.m.	21 Strength Train 7 & 8 a.m. Hike 9 a.m.	22 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
23	24 Strength Train 7 & 8 a.m.	25 Pilates 8:30 a.m. Golf	26 Strength Train 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m. Bridge 6 p.m.	27 Pilates 8:30 a.m.	28 Strength Train 7 & 8 a.m.	29
30	31 Strength Train 7 & 8 a.m. Directors Meet- ing 6:30 p.m.					

MARCH IN THE GARDEN

By Pauline Marx

Be aware that the **last frost date** for our area is around **March 15**.

Prune **frost tender** tropical plants such as bougainvillea, hibiscus, and natal plum as they begin to leaf out with warmer temperatures.

Prune frost damage from perennial herbs.

Plant **vegetable** seeds. Try lima and snap beans, beets, carrots, corn, cucumbers, jicama, okra, green onions, peanuts, pumpkins, radishes, and summer and winter squash.

Prickly Pear Problems: A white fuzzy growth that looks like cotton is actually the byproduct of a small cactus-feeding scale insect called cochineal. The actual body of the insect, hidden beneath the fuzz, is a brilliant red which Indians have long collected to make a red dye. If not removed from the cactus, eventually this scale will harm and disfigure it.

The first line of defense is to scrape the material from the cactus. If that doesn't work, try to discourage the insect by spraying it with forceful jets of water. The last line of attack is spray with insecticidal soap. (You can make your own by placing 5 Tablespoons of Murphy's Oil Soap in a gallon of water. Do not do this when the sun is shining directly on the plant) Cochineal is generally worse during the warmer months, so get a head start on it this spring.

Saguaros may have an oozing rot usually near the base, but it can be seen on the upper part of the cactus also. This is known as bacterial necrosis. The best remedy is to cut out the affected tissue and rinse the wound with a solution of **nine parts water to one part household bleach**. You could hasten the drying of the wound by dusting it with powdered sulfur which is available in garden centers.

A good indication that a cactus is dying is when there is no new growth as winter turns into spring. Some saguaros, though, bloom as they are dying. Growth occurs at the top center of the plant in the form of fresh, colorful shoots. Cactus should be throwing out new green growth in that top center region during the warmer months.

If a **cactus** is not growing but appears to be in good health, the most likely causes are insufficient watering or deteriorated roots. If you have not watered in a while and the soil is bone-dry, try a deep watering first. If you don't see improvement, check the soil for pests.

If your cactus is potted, you may want to change the soil to a more porous mixture. Keep in mind that most

cacti go through a natural dormancy period during the colder months.

If you have been planting the same **annual flowers**, for instance petunias, in the same spot for two or three years, it is important not to continue planting the same plant in that spot. More than likely, a fungus has invaded the soil if you begin to have trouble. Check the stem of one of the wilting plants at the soil line. If it is shrunken and brownish, fungus or water mold is the problem. Recommended fungicides are Captan, Banrot and Subdue.

If you replant with another annual, do not use pansies in winter or vinca in summer as they are susceptible to the same fungi. Also, be sure not to overwater, and do not plant any deeper than the top of the root ball.

As the weather warms and the days lengthen, adjust your irrigation timer to water more frequently. **Be sure to run your system long enough to wet the top foot of soil for ground covers, two feet for ornamental plants, and three feet for trees.** Deep, infrequent watering is much, much better than a daily sprinkling.

Follow this time-tested method for easing plants out of nursery pots (you may need to cut the pot off seriously root bound plants). Lay the pot on its side and roll back and forth, placing pressure on the side of the pot. Turn the pot upside down while holding one hand across the top of the root ball; carefully slide the plant out. If it doesn't come out the first time, repeat the process.

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(Questions about these or other plants? Call me at **575-0404** or e-mail me at **PlantPerson@Prodigy.net**)

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A DAY AT THE RACES

Plan on attending a day at the races at **Turf Paradise** with your neighbors on **Monday, April 14**.

The event will cost \$16.50 per person and includes a three-course lunch (salad, entrée, sides and dessert), free parking, clubhouse admission, reserved seating and a group photograph. Betting money is not included.

Sign up no later than **Wednesday, March 26** and have your check made out to Bellasera Community Association. Your check should be given to **Janyth Martin** when you sign up.

We **need a minimum of 15 participants** for this event. Plan to meet at the clubhouse at 11 a.m. to carpool. If you have questions, contact **Anne Chernis** at **488-6565** or **Carol Sotnick** at **575-7040**.

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funding. These will be the goals of this committee. The Long Range Planning Committee will be most important to the future of Bellasera. We will need to staff this Committee with residents who have the organizational and leadership talent and the interest and time to produce meaningful results. Your Association will be actively seeking such people. If you feel you could be one of these forward-looking residents, please contact me, any other Board member, or Janyth Martin.
— **Dick Chenault**

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WALL PERMISSION GIVEN

A community-wide referendum gave the needed 51% that will allow owners of lots backing on Lone Mountain Road to apply to Modification Committee and to the City of Scottsdale for permission to replace their view fence with a solid block wall. There were 296 votes cast in the two-part referendum. The final vote for the initial application was 232 in favor, 64 opposed. For the broader referendum, which would allow others to apply for the same change without requiring the community's approval in each case, 189 votes were cast in favor.

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Now what about the rest of the Community? Whether you're a full time or part time resident in Bellasera, *you* have the responsibility to ensure that your landscaping is maintained at all times. This includes, but is not limited to, weed control and removal, shrubbery and tree trimming and the removal and replacement of dead vegetation. One special note: If you own a home adjacent to the sidewalk, make sure you keep tree limbs trimmed back so they don't hang over the sidewalk. It's for everyone's safety.

Are you renting, or do you have renters living in your home? In most instances, there is an arrangement between the parties to the lease agreement that clearly defines who is responsible for property maintenance. Since the Association is not a party to the lease agreement, though, the Association always deems maintenance of the property as being the owner's responsibility. As a renter, be sure you clearly understand what your responsibilities are or you will be jeopardizing the owner's good standing within the community. The Association will send correspondence to the owner of record at the address that's on file with the office.

We appreciate your cooperation and attention to ensure that your landscaping is always maintained.

— **Janyth Martin**

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YOUR COMMUNITY

Board of Directors:

- Dick Chenault** — President
- Dennis Lamb** — Vice President
- Jane Hillerson** — Secretary
- Robert Tack** — Treasurer
- Al Ricciardi** — Director

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Current Committee Chairpeople:

- Activities:** Carol Sotnick
- Budget:** Paul Broad
- Buildings & Grounds:** Paul Anetsberger
- Communications:** Keith Christian
- Modifications:** Jim Gleason

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Community Manager:

Janyth Martin
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DIRECTOR CANDIDATES FILE

Five residents have filed to be candidates for the Bellasera Community Association's Board of Directors as of the newsletter's deadline, including the two incumbents whose terms expire in April.

Association members in good standing can become candidates any time before the election at the Association's annual meeting in April., and write-in votes are allowed in the election.

The first five candidates for the two two-year terms are: **Brad Gazaway, Patrick Quinn, Al Ricciardi, Gary Stettner** and **Robert Tack**. Ricciardi and Tack are currently on the Board of Directors.

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GET OFF THAT COUCH!

(A sampling of events and activities in our area for you or your guests.)

Sears-Kay Archeological Site: Combine a short hike with exploration of a small, ancient Hohokam Indian hilltop fortification. Drive east on Cave Creek Rd, continuing beyond the turn-off for Bartlett Lake. Road becomes a maintained gravel road. Continue about 1 1/2 miles to the entrance of the site, on the right. There is a sign at the entrance. Self-guided, with informational signs about the Hohokam culture and fortifications. No fees are charged.

Deer Valley Rock Art Center: A great place to see vast numbers of ancient petroglyphs during a short walk at the base of the Hedgepeth Hills, plus interpretive exhibits about rock art. Sponsored by the ASU Anthropology Dept. Binoculars help. Closed Mondays. Located on **Deer Valley Drive, 1/2 mile west of 35th Avenue.**

Desert Awareness Speaker Series: Cave Creek Rock Art, March 12 at 7 p.m. . **Cave Creek Town Hall.**

Arizona Archaeological Society, Desert Foothills Chapter: March 12, 7:30 p.m., **Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 6528 E. Cave Creek Rd., Cave Creek.** Program: **“Fertility Themes in Rock Art”** by Dennis Slifer.

Native Trails program: Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 12 noon - 1:30 p.m., through March 22. **Scottsdale Civic Center Mall.** Cultural dancing and singing programs by members of Native American tribes, sponsored by Scottsdale Convention and Visitors Bureau and Scottsdale Center for the Arts. Native American vendors will offer their wares on the Mall.

Phoenix Art Museum, “El Greco to Picasso” special exhibition, Jan. 26-May 4.

Heard Museum: 45th Annual Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market is **March 1 & 2**, with single day adult admission of \$10. 2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix.

Heard Museum North, El Pedrigal: Metal Work: Containers of Form, Function and Beauty. February-July.

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EVENTS & MILESTONES

Janet and Frank Biondo are back on the grandparenting track with **Sophia Katherine**, who was born in January to their daughter **Brenda** and her husband **Sean KcKeown**. She's Brenda and Sean's first child. They live in Manitou Springs, Col.

Mary and Jack Hodel, too, have a new grandchild, **Grace Elizabeth**, born in December to their daughter Kathleen and her husband John Boyle. They live in Clarks Summit, Pa.

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SCOTTSDALE LISTS BRUSH AND BULK REMOVAL DATE

Scottsdale will pick up **brush and bulk items** in the Bellasera area **during the week beginning Monday, March 3.**

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.

The city's Solid Waste Management department urged homeowners to help by separating the brush or “green” items from the bulk items. The brush material can be diverted from landfills and converted into mulch, ground cover or soil blend.

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

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have meeting dates or articles for publication, please turn them in to the Association office no later than the 13th of the month.

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The newsletter editor is **Bart Sotnick**. He is available at **575-7040** or by e-mail at:

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WEAR A RED HAT

“The Red Hat Society,” which began with a few women deciding to greet middle age with verve, humor and *élan*, is arriving at Bellasera.

So, women, if you have read the poem, “*Warning*” by Jenny Joseph, and felt a kinship with the poem’s narrator who threatens to “... wear purple and a red hat which doesn’t go, and doesn’t suit me...,” email **Melissa Price** at dmelissaprice@msn.com, or call her at **575-6716** and express your interest in becoming a member of the Red Hat Society at Bellasera.

The main responsibility of this group is to have fun, she explained. “This group is an opportunity for those who have shouldered various responsibilities in the home and in their communities to say goodbye to burdensome responsibilities. This is a place to have fun and enjoy.”

The Red Hat Society is a group that believes there is fun after fifty —and before — for women of all walks of life. They believe silliness is the comedy relief of life, and, since all are in it together, they might as well join red-gloved hands and go for the gusto together.

There are no official rules, although there are some strong suggestions, the first of which is wear a red hat and a clashing purple ensemble at all meetings to keep up the spirit and purpose of the organization. It is also strongly suggested that women under 50 stick to a pink hat and lavender attire until THE birthday.

If enough interest is generated, Melissa said, “we can all buy a red hat, wear purple, and once a month we’ll do something fun such as afternoon tea, a movie, an art show, a book signing or a dinner, be outrageous, and share a few giggles.”

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GLEASON TO HEAD MODIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

Jim Gleason has been named chairman of the Modifications Committee. He replaces **Steve Dale**, who had served as chairman for more than a year.

The committee — and several other committees in the community — is looking for candidates to become part of the committee.

Bellasera Community Association members in good standing are eligible to serve on committees. To apply, contact Community Manager **Janyth Martin**.

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NEW NEIGHBORS

(Editor’s Note: This is another in a series of occasional features to introduce new residents to the Bellasera community.)

Combining the best of two households has been a challenge for **Janet Jackim** and **Jeff Pearson** but their new house at 7712 E. Moura Drive has quickly become a home.

Jan, an attorney with a business law firm in Scottsdale, and Jeff, a district manager of 15 Ross Dress for Less stores in the Valley, bought their home here in November. She has two children — **AJ**, 9, and **Annie**, 6 — as does Jeff — **Shauna**, 15, and **Scott**, 13. Rounding out the family are two tabby cats.

“While we’ve completed most of the interior decorating, now we’ll be focusing on cleaning up the front and back yards and making sure the Jacuzzi is ready,” Jan explained. “The garage is still full of excess furniture, toys and other paraphernalia we collected over the years, but someday soon we’ll be able to park *both* cars in the garage.”

Jeff enjoys weight lifting and running, and plays golf every Saturday with the Men’s Club at the TPC. He’s originally from Minnesota and grew up in Illinois. He and Jan had been next-door neighbors in a residential neighborhood near the Princess resort for two years prior to their December wedding.

Scott, too, is an exceptional golfer for his age, and is great with Playstation games.

Shauna, who attends Saguaro High School and is almost a straight-A student, enjoys dance, swimming and babysitting.

Jan, meanwhile, loves aerobics and long distance hiking. Her family lives in northwest Indiana.

AJ, an avid reader, recently won his class’s Leadership Award at Sonoran Sky grade school for his special assistance to new classmates and schoolwork helper.

Annie, who also has discovered the joys of reading, enjoys swimming.

“Our children are very interested in finding some playmates,” Jan said. “They’re really good playing with younger kids, too.”

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**DOGS
ARE NOT ALLOWED
WITHIN THE FENCED
TENNIS AREA**

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**BELLASERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

Please complete this form for the new, improved directory.

Lot # _____

Owner's Name(s): _____

House Address: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Office _____

E-mail Address: _____

Alternate Address: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Office _____

Signature

Date

*Please return this form to the gate house or the Association office
or fax to (480) 488-2103*