

# Bellasera Neighborhood News

May 2003

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Congratulations to our two newly (re)elected Directors, **Al Ricciardi** and **Bob Tack**. They will serve until April 2005.

Also, I'd like to give a special thanks to **Gary Stettner** and **Brad Gazaway**, two Association members who stepped up and volunteered to run for a Board position. It speaks well for our community that they were willing to do this.

### COMMITTEES

Committee memberships for the most part were determined and approved by the Board at the recent April Board meeting. See the bulletin board at the clubhouse or check the web site [www.azbellasera.org](http://www.azbellasera.org) for lists of

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## 2003-04 BUDGET APPROVED

The budget for 2003-04, presented at this year's Annual Meeting last month by **Bob Tack**, the Association's Treasurer, was approved without change at the Board of Directors meeting on April 28. The new budget will mean association membership dues will increase \$20 per month, to \$142 from the current \$122.

Tack explained the increase is primarily to meet increasing costs of gate guards and landscape maintenance and to recover from this year's shortfall, due principally to greater than expected repair costs.

Next year's planning includes an increased contribution to the reserve fund. A new contingency fund is proposed to enable future improvements to our community.

Higher cost estimates for parts and supplies and contract services in the coming fiscal year prompted budgeting larger amounts for those line items.

The final budget will be mailed with the next quarterly statement in early June.

— **Keith Christian**

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## MANAGER'S MEMO:

### LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE IS KEY

Don't overlook the landscaping! I can only imagine how many of you greatly appreciate how the Community looks when you pass from home to home and admire the landscaping, more specifically – how nice it's maintained.

Once again I'm writing to get your attention and to reiterate **how important it is to maintain the landscaping**, not to mention that it's required of EVERY HOME. It's your home and you are responsible for your landscaping. It doesn't matter if you're a part time or full time resident, it is each owner's responsibility to

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## MEETING NOTICES

### Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Because the Memorial Day holiday falls on the normal Board meeting date, the next meeting will be **Monday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.**

### Budget and Finance Committee

The Budget and Finance committee's next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 20 at 4 p.m. at the clubhouse.**

### Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds committee is to meet **Monday, May 12 at 3 p.m. at the clubhouse.**

### Modifications Committee

The Modifications committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 14 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, May 5 at 11 a.m. at the clubhouse.**

### Communications Committee

The Communications committee meeting will be **Thursday, May 22 at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse.**

## SOCIAL SCENE

**RESIDENTS' LUNCHEON:** Thursday, May 22 at noon at Nelly Cashman's in the Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, 6902 E. Greenway Parkway, Phoenix, west of Scottsdale Road. *Sign up no later than Wednesday, May 14. If you are unable to attend the luncheon after the signup deadline, the restaurant will charge for your reservation. Therefore we will have to pass that meal charge on to you.* If you can't come after signing up, or if you don't want to carpool, please contact Caryn Briedis at 488-5033 as soon as possible. Otherwise, be at the clubhouse by 11:30 a.m. to carpool.

**POT LUCK DINNER:** Friday, May 30 at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. We are making this a "theme" pot luck with Mexican food — a late celebration of Cinco de Mayo. *Sign up by Monday, May 26.* Bring a dish plus the serving utensils and feel free to bring your own wine or beer. Contact Larry Portnoy at 575-8754 if more information is needed.

**EVENING BRIDGE GROUP:** Wednesday, May 14 and 28 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 Flo Kostel at 488-0061, or 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, May 21 at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. The book is Marie Antoinette — The Journey, by Antonia Fraser. Contact Marge Segal at 575-1776 if more information is needed.

**GOLF:** Tuesday, May 6 — location to be announced. Also, Tuesday, May 13 at Dove Valley. Sign up for all play by contacting Ellen Bornstein at 575-9848 for tee times, additional information and cost. The golfing arranged by Ellen will end play for the summer following the May 13 date and resume in October.

**HIKES:** Monday, May 12 at 8 a.m.: Spur Cross into Tonto National Forest. A pleasant walk along Fire Road 48. Meet at the clubhouse at the start time. Sign up in advance at the clubhouse.

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## HEALTH & FITNESS

**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 instructor, Valerie Neumann at 575-7880 if you have any questions.

**PILATES MAT CLASS:** Class has been cancelled due to non-participation. If you are interested and would like to participate in Pilates, please contact Lindy Hedley at 595-0710 for more information.

**AQUAFIT CLASS:** Class has been cancelled due to non-participation. If you are interested and would like to participate in Aquafit, please contact Lindy Hedley at 595-0710 for more information.

[Note the phone number change for Lindy to 595-0710]

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## ANOTHER PLACE TO SEARCH

If you've misplaced something, especially in or around the clubhouse and pool, check with Community Manager Janyth Martin.

Janyth maintains a Lost and Found facility at her office in the clubhouse. Residents can turn in items that they find in the community or check there to see if the missing item has been given to her for safekeeping.

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### WHAT'S SNAKIN'?

It's "snake time" once again, and there have been plenty of sightings in Bellasera already.

If one becomes an unwanted visitor to your property, you can call:

**J & R Reptile Rescue/Relocation**  
**(480) 585-0148**

Jeff or Rachel Almond will respond to remove it and relocate it.

Rural Metro will respond if there is a snake inside your home; otherwise they refer calls to J & R.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
4	5 Activities Cttee 11 a.m.	6 Golf Poker 7 p.m.	7 Yoga 8:30 a.m.	8	9	10 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
11	12 Hike 8 a.m. Building & Grounds Cttee 3 p.m.	13 Golf Poker 7 p.m.	14 Yoga 8:30 a.m. Bridge 6 p.m. Modifications Cttee 5:30 p.m.	15	16	17 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
18	19	20 Budget Cttee 4 p.m.	21 Yoga 8:30 a.m. Book Club 7 p.m.	22 Resident's Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Communica- tions Cttee 6 p.m.	23	24 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY	27 Poker 7 p.m.	28 Yoga 8:30 a.m. Bridge 6 p.m.	29	30 Pot Luck 7 p.m.	31 Yoga 8:30 a.m.

## MAY IN THE GARDEN

By Pauline Marx

With their elegant curving branches and striking appearance, **ocotillos** (*Fourquieia splendens*) make wonderful accents in the desert landscape. Drive north up the Beeline Highway (Route 87) and you will see many that are indigenous to the Sonoran desert. In the spring the long, leafy canes of this desert shrub burst forth with bright-orange blooms — favorites of hummingbirds.

Ocotillos do not have the ability to store water in their tissues, so during a drought their leaves drop to reduce evaporation. The thorny canes turn gray, giving the impression that they have dried up and died. Once watered, it takes only a day or two for new leaves to appear. Ocotillos prefer full sun and good drainage. Water transplants weekly. Once the shrub is established, supplemental watering will help the leaves stay green. **Be careful not to overwater, as they are prone to root rot in heavy soils.**

New plants can be started by simply placing a piece of an ocotillo branch into the ground and watering. Often you will see fences made in this fashion. They are very effective as a barrier because of their thorns.

### Night Garden

If you like to sit out in your yard in the evening, create a night garden in your yard. Our perception of color changes when the sun goes down. Red and orange tend to look gray or black at night, but white, pale yellow, blue or violet seem to glow come twilight. Surrounding tall flowers with short, light-toned foliage will allow plants to play off each other. Some plants to think about are dusty miller (silver-leafed foliage), evening primrose, (yellow or white flowers) lobelia (electric-blue blossoms), morning glory (violet blooms) and sweet alyssum (masses of small white blooms).

Our sense of smell becomes more sensitive in the evening garden too, so look for plants with pleasant fragrance.

### Check Irrigation System

Make sure your irrigation system is functioning properly now before the weather warms up. Reset timers in increase the frequency as temperatures get hotter. Turn your system on and examine drip emitters. It's likely the emitters will have a white deposit from the minerals in our water; clean that off and be sure the water flows freely.

If the drip emitters are still within inches of a tree's trunk after it has been in the ground for a year, the water is not reaching the roots. **The emitters need to be regularly moved out just past the edge of the tree's can-**

**opy.** Picture an imaginary line from the edge of the foliage down to the ground where raindrops would drip off the plant; this is known as the drip line. You may need to add additional emitters or add ones that allow a greater flow rate.

### Transplant Natives

You may transplant native and desert-adapted plants this month. Water deeply and maintain even soil moisture until fall so that the root systems can become established.

Fertilize Bermuda grass lawns while actively growing about every six weeks with 1/2 pound of nitrogen and 6 ounces of iron per 1,000 square feet.

Water turf deeply and as infrequently as possible. Water should penetrate 8 to 10 inches into the ground and soil should dry out briefly between waterings. It is **best to irrigate early in the morning** as grass watered late in the day may stay moist overnight allowing fungi to grow.

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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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**REMEMBER — PLEASE OBEY THE SIGNS**

**THE SPEED LIMIT ON ROADS WITHIN  
BELLASERA IS 25 MILES PER HOUR.**

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**STOP SIGNS MEAN STOP.  
DON'T RISK AN ACCIDENT  
OR PLACE OTHERS IN DANGER.**

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members. THANKS AGAIN TO ALL VOLUNTEERS!

**CC&R VIOLATIONS**

Although this has not been a big problem, we have had some cases which require action by the Association.

As you know, the Community Manager is obligated, as is the Board, to enforce the rules and restrictions established in the CC&Rs. These can range from parking violations and unkempt yards (frequent) to architectural violations (infrequent) and all in between. **Janyth and the Board will be giving increased attention to fair, consistent, and reasonable enforcement.** If you know you have weeds in your yard, get rid of them. If you have burned-out light bulbs, please replace them.

If you plan a new architectural change or have an unapproved change, please get it approved by the Modifications Committee now. **SAVE JANYTH THE TROUBLE OF GIVING YOU A CALL OR SENDING YOU A VIOLATION NOTICE!**

**TOWN HALL MEETING**

Although it is not yet definite, a Town Hall meeting will probably be scheduled for late October or early November to discuss issues of general concern to the Association members. If you have subjects you think would be of general interest, please submit them in writing to Janyth in sufficient detail to make the issue clear.

— Dick Chenault

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GOOD NEIGHBORS...

PICK UP AFTER THEIR DOGS.

WIN A GOOD NEIGHBOR LABEL

*(Manager's Memo — continued from page 1)*

ensure that the front and back landscaping is maintained at all times. Remember — you need to control weeds, trim the bushes and shrubs, and don't forget to trim those trees too.

**LONE MOUNTAIN LANDSCAPING UPGRADED**

I'm sure you've all noticed the upgrades recently completed at the Lone Mountain entry gate. The Buildings & Grounds Committee worked diligently on specific actions and obtaining contractor bids to complete the project. In addition to extra landscape lights, additional mounding and granite were added to enhance the area, as well as concrete bollards installed to eliminate motorized vehicles from using the sidewalk as their point of entry. **Paul Anetsberger**, chairman of the Buildings & Grounds Committee, has put an extended effort into this particular project and takes his role as chairman very seriously. **Thanks, Paul, for all of your hard work.**

— 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**  
(480) 488-0400

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**Security/Front Gate:** (480) 488-3663

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**Internet Web Site:**  
[www.azbellasera.org](http://www.azbellasera.org)

## 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.

**Sonoran Symphony 2003 program, featuring the Phoenix Symphony and Rex Allen Jr., and dinner** to benefit the **Desert Foothills Land Trust, at Rancho Mañana Golf Club, Cave Creek.** The \$200 per person tickets for the **May 3** fundraising event are partially tax-deductible. **Call for tickets at 488-6131.**

**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.**

**Arizona Archaeological Society, Desert Foothills Chapter:** May 14, 7:30 p.m., **Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 6528 E. Cave Creek Rd., Cave Creek.** Program: "New Strategies for Monitoring Impact to Spur Cross Ranch," by Eric Cox.

**Phoenix Art Museum:** "El Greco to Picasso" special exhibition, Jan. 26-May 4.

**Heard Museum:** "A Revolution in the Making: The Pottery of Maria and Julian Martinez." Exhibit of black-on-black works by the San Ildefonso potter that revolutionized the look of pottery, opens May 10. The museum is at 2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix.

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

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## QUINN'S SON, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW IN IRAQ

The events in Iraq are being followed especially closely by Bellasera residents **Pat** and **Janice Quinn**. Their son **Mitchell** and his wife **Debbie** have been assigned to military duty there.

Mitchell is a Chief Master Sergeant in the Air Force, and is a supervisor of tactical air controllers in northern Iraq. Debbie is a Master Sergeant, assigned to a location in southern Iraq.

Mitchell, who has 26 years in the Air Force, already knows his way around Iraq. He was assigned there during the Desert Storm fighting as well.

The couple went to Iraq from their permanent base in Heidelberg, Germany. He had been in Kuwait prior to the start of the fighting, while Debbie's assignment there started in February.

But now they're sweating out a reassignment to Hawaii, Pat explained. The couple had been scheduled to move from Heidelberg to a four-year tour in Hawaii beginning in early May. "They're concerned that they may lose the opportunity, though," said Pat.

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### Schidler at Ft. Bliss

**Cory Schidler**, who runs several fitness classes in Bellasera, is currently on active duty at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. He was called up at the start of the Iraq fighting as part of a medical reserve unit.

He is the son-in-law of Bellasera residents **Jan** and **Brian Swenson**.

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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:

**b.sotnick@worldnet.att.net**

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## EVENTS & MILESTONES

**Doug** and **Elizabeth Woods**, among the early residents of Bellasera, are moving back to one of their favorite cities, Portland, Oregon. But they don't want to lose touch with the many friends they've made here in the past few years.

They asked the Bellasera Neighborhood News to print their new address and phone number:

**0527 Southwest Nevada Street  
Portland, OR 97219  
(503) 293-4022**

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**Barbara** and **Marshall Turoff** celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary last month at a surprise anniversary party given by their daughter **Michelle Lang**.

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## DIRECTORS ADOPT VIOLATION ENFORCEMENT POLICY

A formal policy for CC&R violations was adopted by the Board of Directors at the April 28 directors meeting.

The policy is designed to provide guidance to Bellasera's Community Manager on enforcing the community's Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and its by-laws, explained **Dick Chenault**, the association's president.

Among the other items of business at the meeting was the election of Association officers following the re-election of two directors earlier in the month. All of the current officers were re-elected: **Dick Chenault**, President; **Dennis Lamb**, Vice President; **Bob Tack**, Treasurer, and **Jane Hillerson**, Secretary.

The board also appointed members of the standing committees — Modifications, Buildings & Grounds, Budget & Finance, Activities and Communications. It also named members of the recently created Long Term Planning Committee.

Details of the Board's actions are available at the Community Manager's office in the clubhouse.

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## COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, LONE MT. ROAD DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The city of Scottsdale has no development requests before it for the 15-acre commercial-zoned parcel at the southeast corner of Scottsdale Road and Lone Mountain Road, said City Councilman and Bellasera resident **Bob Littlefield**.

He offered the information in a message to Community Association President **Dick Chenault**, who read it at the Association's annual meeting.

Littlefield further said that Scottsdale has no improvements to Loan Mountain Road in its current 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

"The idea of Lone Mountain Parkway, extending Loan Mountain Road east of Pima Road, it pretty well scrapped," he said. "There is diminishing need for it from a capacity standpoint and also because of concerns about an adverse environmental impact on the [McDowell Sonoran] Preserve."

During the candidate's night presentation prior to Bellasera's annual meeting, Littlefield offered to check on the plans and report to the community.

Concerning the commercial property adjacent to Bellasera's north-west property line, Littlefield said that the property is for sale and "we anticipate that whoever buys it will present a development request to the City at some point.

He explained that although the property is zoned "Planned Community Commercial" — essentially the same zoning as the Bashas center at Grayhawk — there are some additional restrictions imposed on it by the Environmentally Sensitive Lands ordinance.

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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, May 5.**

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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### **HELP BELLASERA CONSERVE MONEY**

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