

Bellasera Neighborhood News

June 2003

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

LOOKING INTO BELLASERA'S FUTURE

The Long Range Planning Committee has been staffed with volunteers from our community and is ready to get moving.

You may recall the charter for this committee asks it to look into the future of Bellasera and to suggest ways to maintain and improve our community. Specifically it states that the Committee shall:

- 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 to 5 years) and the long-range (6 to 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.

Members of this committee are **Brad Gazaway, Melissa Price, Patrick Quinn, Gary Stettner, John Storer, Bob Tack, and Dick Chenault**. The committee had its first meeting May 21 and elected Gary as chair. The committee will meet at least monthly throughout the year.

Please contact any member of the committee, Community Manager **Janyth Martin**, or any other Board member with your ideas for the committee to consider.

— Dick Chenault

MANAGER'S MEMO:

OUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Community associations operate as a government, a community and as a business, making them a truly specialized type of organization. The major responsibility of the community association, though, is to protect the investment and enhance the value of the property owned by the association members. This is done by providing for the maintenance and operation of our common facili-

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MEETING NOTICES

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

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 will have its next scheduled meeting in September.

Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds committee is to meet **Monday, June 9 at 3 p.m. at the clubhouse.**

Modifications Committee

The Modifications committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.** Modification applications are due no later than the Monday before the meeting.

Long Term Planning Committee

The Long Term Planning Committee meeting schedule will be posted on the bulletin board.

Activities Committee

The Activities committee will meet **Wednesday, June 4 at 10 a.m. at the clubhouse.**

Communications Committee

The Communications committee will meet **Thursday, June 26 at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse.**

SOCIAL SCENE

RESIDENTS' LUNCHEON: Thursday, June 19 at noon at **Steamers** in the Biltmore Fashion Park, **2576 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix**. Sign up no later than June 12. If you can't come after signing up, or if you don't want to carpool, please contact **Anne Chernis** at **488-6565** as soon as possible. We will meet at the clubhouse at **11:15 to carpool**.

POT LUCK DINNER: Friday, June 27 at 7 p. m. in the clubhouse. We are making this a **light summer fare dinner**. Bring a dish plus the serving utensils and feel free to bring your own wine or beer. **Dessert will be provided**. Sign up by Monday, June 23. Contact **Anne Chernis** at **488-6565** if more information is needed.

EVENING BRIDGE GROUP: Wednesday, June 11 and 25 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: Will resume in September. The book that will be discussed at the next meeting is: **John Adams**, by **David McCullough**. Contact **Marge Segal** at **575-1776** if more information is needed.

GOLF: Formal group play will resume in October.

HIKES: Scheduled hikes will resume in the fall. For additional information, contact **Vivian Kurtz** at **575-1391** or **Sid Charnock** at **595-8746**.

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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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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.

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**IT MAY HAVE WORKED FOR
THE HOUND
OF THE BASKERVILLES,
BUT A BARKING DOG
IN BELLASERA
SIMPLY AGGRAVATES NEIGHBORS...
ESPECIALLY EARLY IN THE
MORNING.**

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 Board of Directors 6:30 p.m.	3 Poker 7 p.m.	4 Yoga 8:30 a.m. Activities Cttee 10 a.m.	5	6	7 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
8	9 Building & Grounds Cttee 3 p.m.	10 Poker 7 p.m.	11 Yoga 8:30 a.m. Bridge 6 p.m.	12	13	14 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
15	16	17 Poker 7 p.m.	18 Yoga 8:30 a.m. Modifications Cttee 5:30 p.m.	19 Resident's Luncheon 11:15 a.m.	20	21 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
22	23	24	25 Yoga 8:30 a.m. Bridge 6 p.m.	26 Communications Cttee. 6 p.m.	27 Pot Luck 7 p.m.	28 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
29	30					

JUNE IN THE GARDEN

By Pauline Marx

We will soon be treated to the flowers of the Red Bird-of-Paradise (*Caesalpinia pulcherrima*) with huge clusters of flowers above bright green, fernlike foliage. The vibrant blossoms are orange tinged with yellow and red and convey the feeling of heat.

Barbados Pride is another common name for this 6-foot high, 8-foot wide shrub — a reference to its origin in the West Indies. Some plant books say that it comes from Mexico because it has become naturalized there.

The Bird-of-Paradise is used extensively because it fits in a tropical-looking landscape accompanied by bougainvillea and palm trees, as well as in a desert landscape, where its companions may be creosote bush (*Larrea tridentata*), brittlebush (*Encelia farinosa*), and golden barrel cactus (*Echinocactus grusonii*).

The Bird-of-Paradise has one vulnerability: It does not thrive if the weather gets cold. Cool weather brings a bronze cast to the foliage, and when temperatures drop to the upper 20s it freezes to the ground.

It Can Be Pruned Severely

You can replicate nature's pruning by cutting the plant back severely in late winter. As warmer weather returns, the foliage and flowers also return and the plant once more becomes one of the most popular and beautiful shrubs we have here.

Texas Ranger (*Leucophyllum frutescens*) is another plant which is unfazed by the heat. When the humidity climbs during monsoon season, this variety of sage can be counted upon to burst into purple blooms within a few days, the reason it is often called Barometer Bush.

Gardening Tips

Adjust settings on automatic watering systems as temperatures rise and plants require more water.

Clean up leftover winter annuals.

Harvest onions and garlic as their tops begin to brown.

Hose off roses early in the morning to control spider mites and aphids and reduce the amount of fertilizer to minimize growth during the summer.

Provide shade cloth for tomatoes to encourage a longer production season.

Apply a pre-emergent herbicide to control summer weeds.

Native and imported heat-tolerant plants can be planted through the summer months. They will need to be watered on a regular basis until fall.

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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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HIKING GROUP COOLS IT FOR SUMMER

There will not be any scheduled hikes during the hot summer months, said **Vivian Kurtz** and **Sid Charnock**, who have taken on the roles of hike organizers for the community.

When the hikes resume in the fall, Vivian and Sid are aiming at scheduling two hikes a month but are looking for assistance.

"If you have suggestions for hikes or would lead one, please let us know," Vivian said. "As the hike leader, you choose the hike, time and date, and provide directions.

"We will look forward to exciting new hikes plus re-visiting some of the old favorites in the area."

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TUBING DOWN THE RIVER

A cool summer event is being organized for Bellasera residents on **July 13** — a leisurely journey down the Salt River in inner tubes.

The adventure is almost a tradition for those brave Valley of the Sun residents that remain here through the summer.

Please contact **Caryn Briedis** at **488-5033** if you are interested in this Activities Committee-sponsored event. There will be more information in the July newsletter and a sign up sheet will be available.

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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.**

BOARD APPOINTS COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors reconstituted all of the community's standing committees and appointed the members following the annual meeting of the Bellasera Community Association. Each committee has at least one Board member on it.

Named were:

- **Activities** Committee — **Caryn Briedis, Anne Chernis, Jean Grutta, Janet Jackim** and **Dottie Schultz**. **Dick Chenault** was named as the Board member serving on the committee.
- **Buildings & Grounds** Committee — **Paul Anetsberger, Frank Biondo, Marvin Lefkowitz, Jerry Rose, Mike Ruotolo** and **Bob Shriver**. **Dennis Lamb** was named as the Board member for the committee.
- **Budget & Finance** Committee — **Paul Agranoff, Paul Broad, Bob Greenspun, Carlton Rooks** and **Charles Schroeder**. Association Treasurer **Bob Tack** and **Dick Chenault** represent the Board on the committee.
- **Communications** Committee — **Keith Christian, Joe McDade, Clayton Loiselle, Bart Sotnick** and **Carolyn Stewart**. **Jane Hillerson** was named as the Board member on the committee.
- **Long Range Planning** Committee — **Brad Gazaway, Melissa Price, Patrick Quinn, Gary Stettner** and **John Storer**. **Dick Chenault** and **Bob Tack** represent the Board on the committee.
- **Modifications** Committee — **Steve Comstock, Jim Gleason, Bruce Martin** and **Walt Winston**. **Al Ricciardi** is the Board member on the committee.

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ties, such as landscaping and grounds, parking areas, private streets, swimming pool, clubhouse, and tennis and basketball courts.

Our association also provides common services such as guard gate staffing. In addition, other responsibilities include enforcing the master regulations (the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions — CC&Rs) and the landscape and architectural guidelines.

CC&Rs

These documents detail the owner's property rights, the conditions on use of the property, and the owner's rights and obligations in the association. The CC&Rs are important rules in your planned community living. They are designed to make sharing property convenient and fair for all involved.

Architectural Guidelines

Most CC&Rs provide for architectural control by the association. These controls are not set up to stifle your individual creativity, but rather to ensure the integrity of the original community design.

Please remember – if you are considering making exterior modifications to your home or landscaping, you must submit your written request and plans to the Modifications Committee before work commences. There is a prepared form — Appendix A in the Design Guidelines and available from my office — to simplify the application. The Committee meets on a monthly basis to review plans that have been submitted.

Remember that the key to a successful community is the support and enthusiasm of its members.

— **Janyth Martin**

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GET OFF THAT COUCH!

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

Heard Museum Film Festival: The first-ever Heard Museum Indigenous Film Festival opens **Thursday, June 19** with an evening event and runs **through Sunday, June 22**. The festival features the work of some of the finest emerging and established indigenous film makers in the world. It will be held on the **museum grounds and the AMC Arizona Center Theaters**. Additional information is available from the museum, (602) 252-8848.

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**.

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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ARTISTS TO EXHIBIT IN FLAGSTAFF

A Bellasera couple, **Dick Secor** and **Melissa Goodwin**, will be exhibiting their art at **Cafe Espresso Gallery**, 16 N. San Francisco St., Flagstaff, this month. Dick is a watercolorist while Melissa is a photographer.

They have created an exhibit they call "Two For The Road." It will consist of landscapes, still lifes and figurative works presented as a journey from the Southwest, to the Southeast, on to New England and up into Quebec, Canada.

The exhibit runs from June 5 to July 2, with a reception at Cafe Espresso on June 6 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Dick and Melissa moved from East Boothbay, Maine, to their home on E. Bakoo Drive three years ago.

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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.

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

Maureen and **Mike Simpson** are happily talking about Maureen's daughter's new graduate degree. **Michelle Gillespie** earned her Masters degree in Nutrition from Louisiana State University last month. Michelle and husband **Jeff** live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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Caryn and **Bob Briedis** are celebrating the graduation of their son **Jason** from the University of Arizona last month. Jason earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He is starting his career at TransCore in Tucson.

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NEWS FOR "EVENTS & MILESTONES" SOUGHT

Bellasera Neighborhood News is calling for material for its new column — brief notices of births, marriages and other events that touch the lives of residents.

Information for the column should be forwarded to the newsletter editor or the Community Manager.

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YOUR COMMUNITY

Board of Directors:

Dick Chenault — President
Dennis Lamb — Vice President
Al Ricciardi — Secretary
Robert Tack — Treasurer
Jane Hillerson — Director
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Current Committee Chairpeople:

Activities: Caryn Briedis
Budget: Paul Broad
Buildings & Grounds: Paul Anetsberger
Communications: Keith Christian
Long Term Planning: Gary Stettner
Modifications: Jim Gleason
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Janyth Martin
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HELP BELLASERA CONSERVE MONEY

If you're reading this newsletter on a copy delivered by mail, it means you either have elected to continue getting a mailed copy or you've not been given the choice of computer delivery.

Many of our residents have opted for electronic delivery, saving our association printing and postage costs, while at the same time reducing their postal mailbox clutter.

If you are willing to receive the monthly newsletter only by computer, send an e-mail to Keith Christian at klc@cts.com, indicating your choice.

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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, June 2.**

The **July pick-up** will begin **during the week starting June 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.

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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STREETS TO BE RESEALED IN JULY

Approximately 60 percent of Bellasera's streets will be resealed once again, beginning in the week of July 7.

The streets that will be resealed are the same ones that were sealed in September 2002. The same scheduling and parking rules will be used. More information will be provided in the July newsletter.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee and Association officers met with the contractor that did the initial resealed and arranged for the work to be redone.

The streets involved in this project are the oldest streets in the community. The newer streets will be resealed later.