

Bellasera Neighborhood News

July 2003

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

HONOR OUR FLAG

Having just celebrated Flag Day and getting ready to celebrate the Fourth of July, it's a great time for those of us who proudly fly the U.S. flag to take a look at those flags. Some look great, but others are not looking so good. *If your flag is faded, frayed, or wrapped around the flag pole, it's time for action. Replace it, untangle it, and make sure the blue field of stars is in the upper left corner if displayed against a wall or window. Take a few minutes to show you care!*

Community Manager's Role

Some residents may not completely understand the role of our Community Manager, Janyth Martin, plays in making things run smoothly at Bellasera. Let me explain.

Our Association employs a management company, CCMC, to help us run the community. Briefly, they do all our detailed administrative work (accounts, records, taxes, legal, etc.) at their Scottsdale office. Our manager is an employee of CCMC, responsible and accountable to them and paid by them, but charged with managing our community. Her many duties include the following:

Prepare for and attend all Board meetings and Association meetings.

Keep full and complete membership, financial and administrative records for the Association.

Maintain Board and Committee Meeting Minutes, Resolutions, and Reports.

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GARBAGE PICKUP DAY CHANGED

The City of Scottsdale is switching Bellasera's garbage pickup day to Tuesdays instead of Mondays, effective July 7.

Notices about the permanent change of pickup days were to have been placed on trash containers by the city on June 30.

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MANAGER'S MEMO:

STREET RESURFACING JULY 7-11

Ace Asphalt must return to resurface our streets again.

The streets that were resurfaced in September 2002 will be targeted once again because of premature wearing of the material. It is difficult to determine why the resurfacing product didn't hold up; therefore, the contractor will be re-doing our streets under the warranty.

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MEETING NOTICES

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

No meeting in July. The next meeting will be **Monday, Aug. 25 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 chairman will attempt to arrange a late-July meeting because of vacation schedules.

Modifications Committee

The Modifications committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 16 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, July 2 at 10 a.m. at the clubhouse.**

Communications Committee

The Communications committee will meet **Thursday, July 24 at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse.**

SOCIAL SCENE

RESIDENTS' LUNCHEON: Thursday, July 17 at noon at Squash Blossom in the Hyatt Regency Gainey Ranch, 7500 Doubletree Ranch Road, Scottsdale. Sign up no later than July 10. If you can't come after signing up, or if you don't want to carpool, please contact Jean Grutta at 488-5523 as soon as possible. We will meet at the clubhouse at 11:30 to carpool.

POT LUCK DINNER: Sunday, July 20 at 7 p. m. in the clubhouse. Bring a dish plus the serving utensils and feel free to bring your own wine or beer. Sign up by Wednesday, July 16. Contact Jean Grutta at 488-5523 if more information is needed.

EVENING BRIDGE GROUP: Wednesday, July 9 and 23 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.

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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.

STRENGTH TRAINING: Class continues to meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 a.m. with back-up instruction. It isn't known when instructor Cory Schidler will return from military duty, but the group is meeting and would like to have new participants. This is a full body workout with stretching; you choose the intensity. Please be there 10 minutes before the class begins.

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TUBING DOWN THE RIVER

July 13 will be the time to put those tootsies in the cool water of the Salt River.

That's the day of Bellasera's Salt River Tubing Outing arranged by the Activities committee. The leisurely journey down the river on inner tubes is almost a tradition for those brave Valley of the Sun residents that remain here through the summer.

The group will meet at the clubhouse at 8:30 a.m. for car pooling to the starting point. The cost is \$12 per tube, to be paid at the river.

The tubing adventure will be approximately 2 to 3 hours. Remember to bring sun screen, a hat, water shoes or old tennis shoes, an old sheet or beach towel to cover the tube and plenty of water to drink — in an ice chest if you want it cold.

The group will go to lunch on the way back home, at a place to be determined at the end of the river trip.

Sign up at the clubhouse by Thursday, July 10.

For more information, call Caryn Briedis at 488-5033.

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

JULY IN THE GARDEN

By Pauline Marx

When we have monsoon rains in the summer, which come in different amounts in different areas we may think that a lot of water has fallen on our garden and cut back on the weekly amount of irrigation. *We should* do this **if there is significant rain in the garden** But very often vegetable gardens, lawns, small shrubs and flower beds may get enough water while the trees will need more water than Mother Nature has provided.

Water does not penetrate deeply into soil in the valley. One inch of water moves about 6 to 8 inches into the soil. Trees should be deep watered to about 3 feet so you can see that the trees are not getting enough water from a light rain. **Rainwater does a good job of wetting the root zone of smaller plants but it is not always enough to wet the root zone of larger plants.**

Open Pores

Rainstorms and the water that they bring clean the air, wash the grime and dust off the leaves, give us a temporary break from the sun and heat and supply some nitrogen for plants. **Rain can also trigger a reaction in plants to literally open up their pores to get more water.** This actually increases the plants demand for water. If the storm that causes this reaction does not give enough water to supply the demand, some plants can actually wilt.

Light rains can cause more salt damage to plant roots. Rainwater is similar to distilled water. It is purer than the water we normally use to water our plants. The problem is that distilled water dilutes the salt in our soil quicker than tap water, which is already salty to some extent.

One inch or less of rainwater can dissolve much of the excess salt in the soil and create a saltier solution than before. These salts can settle at the roots of plants and also seal up the surface of the soil. A more substantial rain, say two to three inches, leaches these suspended salts deeper into the soil beyond the root zone.

Measure

The best method for determining how deeply the water has penetrated is to poke a steel rod into the soil until it doesn't go further down. This will indicate how deeply the water has penetrated.

A general rule of thumb is: for perennials, the rod should go down 1 foot; for small shrubs, 2 feet, and for trees, 3 feet.

During hot weather you may need to irrigate within the following ranges, depending on soil depth texture and rainfall:

Grass every 5-10 days

Shrubs every 5-10 days

Flowers every 3-6 days

Trees every 10-15 days.

Monitor

Monitor the water needs of all of your plants. Look for signs of stress such as wilting, wrinkling or yellowing. Adjust automatic irrigation systems if rains are heavy, both to conserve water and to prevent plant roots from becoming waterlogged. In addition to water, roots need oxygen to thrive. If the soil is too wet, the roots will rot as the soil will be saturated with water and there will not be any oxygen available for the roots.

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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.**

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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Contract for necessary work or supplies and request, evaluate, and recommend contracts for Board approval, and keep expenses within the approved budget.

Ensure that the policies, resolutions and other acts of the Board are properly executed.

Supervise contractor activities to be sure all necessary repairs and corrective work are done.

Purchase supplies, materials and equipment for pool, clubhouse and gates.

Maintain the community in accordance with the standards specified by the CC&Rs, the By-Laws, and the Board by periodic property inspections and by following the approved Violation Enforcement Policy when necessary.

Serve as primary point of contact on association matters.

Maintain businesslike relations with owners to receive and respond promptly to Association-oriented requests from owners.

Receive and forward owner requests for architectural changes to their homes to the Modifications Committee and coordinate results with owners.

Oversee the scheduling and set-up for activities and functions in and around the clubhouse.

Coordinate with the Communications Committee to publish a monthly newsletter, including a calendar and schedule of events.

As you can see, our Manager has a wide range of responsibilities. It's an extremely challenging job. Janyth's office is in our clubhouse. Her normal work hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, but she may be required to work outside these hours in case of Association meetings, special events or emergencies. She will also be out of the office or off premises periodically to inspect the community or to conduct other Association business. She does not stay constantly in her office like a concierge in a hotel.

It is natural that many residents may wish to contact the Manager, either in person or by phone, to discuss issues related to the Association. **To ensure the highest probability that she will be available for such discussions, I have arranged with Janyth that she will be in her office, available to residents, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon every day except Wednesday.** Her availability at other times will depend on the other demands on her time.

Thanks for understanding, and remember, we're all rowing the same boat!

— Dick Chenault

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The project will take three days:

Day One - Monday, **July 7**

Day Two - Wednesday, **July 9**

Day Three - Friday, **July 11**

A color-coded map will be posted at each of the mailboxes. Please note the dates, times and locations and prepare your schedule in advance with these dates in mind.

If the map is unclear, feel free to contact me at the office at **488-0400**.

Even though not all the streets within Bellasera will be resurfaced now, **the entire community will be impacted in some form or fashion due to street closures.** We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause – but it must be done. We really appreciate your cooperation.

Approximately one-third of the scheduled project will be completed on each of the days.

Remember, preventive maintenance is a necessity. Seal coating is designed to protect asphalt pavements from the damaging effects of the environment, including moisture and ultraviolet oxidation. Protecting the pavement with seal coating has basically the same effect as using sun block on your skin or varnish on wood – it slows the destructive effects of our extreme southwestern climate. Benefits include creating a uniform color and appearance for all paved asphalt surfaces and increases the visibility of curbing. Seal coating will help to reduce long-term maintenance expenses. Industry experts recommend that pavement be seal coated every two to five years.

More information about the procedure can be found on page 8 of this newsletter.

— Janyth Martin

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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.**

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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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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COMMUNITY OFFICE TO CLOSE FOR JULY 4 HOLIDAY WEEK

The Community Manager's office at the clubhouse will close at noon on Tuesday, July 1, and will reopen on Monday, July 7 at 8:30 a.m.

Community Manager Janyth Martin extends her wishes for a safe and happy Independence Day to the Bellasera community.

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TURF PARADISE PHOTO AVAILABLE

If you want a print of the Bellasera group that attended the Turf Paradise racetrack outing, contact Ann Chernis at 488-6565 as soon as possible.

The photo of the group in the Winner's Circle at the track is on display on the clubhouse bulletin board.

The cost of the print is \$12, plus 97 cents sales tax. There will be a \$3 charge per order for postage and handling.

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ACCESS TO WRIGLEY MANSION

Bellasera's Activities committee has a membership at the Wrigley Mansion that can be used by Bellasera residents.

Access to the Mansion's dining facilities requires a membership, which the Activities committee purchased in the name of Bellasera for a Residents' Luncheon in April. As a result, the membership will allow a Bellasera person and any number of guests to arrange a dinner at the historic Phoenix home.

Contact **Dottie Schultz** at **575-5753** to make arrangements to use the membership.

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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.**

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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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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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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Community Manager:

Janyth Martin
(480) 488-0400

Questions regarding your Homeowner's Association Account? Contact Capital Consultants Management Corporation (CCMC) — **(480) 921-7500**

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Security/Front Gate: (480) 488-3663

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Internet Web Site:
www.azbellasera.org

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 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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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON STREET RESURFACING

Beginning at **7 a.m. Monday, July 7**, crews from Ace Asphalt will arrive to prepare and clean areas to be seal coated once again.

ALL vehicles must be removed from the designated areas on the day that your street is scheduled for resurfacing. Also, please do not allow excessive water to flow in to the streets for any reason during the days immediately preceding the scheduled work.

Please make arrangements in advance and park in an area not immediately affected by this project. **If it is necessary for Ace Asphalt to tow your vehicle, the cost will be charged back to the owner through the Community Manager.**

***WARNING:** Do not drive, park or walk on the fresh sealer until 9 a.m. the following morning. The sealer will splatter onto your vehicle and track onto your driveway. If you walk in it, your footprints will stain both the concrete and carpeting. It is very difficult to remove.

Ace Asphalt will not repair damage to vehicles, concrete driveways or carpeting. Please make sure that your windows are closed because there may be blowing dust from the equipment. **Please STAY OFF** the streets the days they are paved. (During our previous job we had a number of vehicles that drove around the barricades and did not obey the signs and information posted.)

Efforts will be made to minimize inconvenience to you and we ask for your utmost cooperation during this very important maintenance program. It is beneficial for all of us to cooperate since the entire area will look much more attractive.

— **Janyth Martin**