

Bellasera Neighborhood News

October 2003

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Town Hall Meeting: Our second Town Hall meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 13 at 6:30 pm at the **Legend Trail Community Center** (we had an overflow crowd for our facility in 2001). As before, the meeting is to discuss issues of general interest to the community. The purpose of the meeting is informational only. No decisions will be made or considered by the Board. We are providing a forum for exchange of ideas and concerns. Any action which may be desirable will be considered by the Board at a subsequent meeting.

The meeting will include discussion of a few pre-selected topics of general concern. It appears at this time that we will be discussing:

- The possibility of the Modifications Committee revising the current Design Guidelines regarding awnings and shade devices.
- Some ideas from the newly formed Long Range Planning Committee on ways in which the community may grow and some projects that may be desirable as time goes on. See related article below.

There will be a general question/answer period in addition to the pre-selected topics. It's not too late to submit topics you wish to discuss to the Board and Management. Please give any such topic, in written form, to Community Manager **Janyth Martin** or to me.

— **Dick Chenault**

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LRPC PRESENTATION PLANNED

The Long-Range Planning committee will present information at the Town Hall Meeting set for Nov. 13 on projects it is considering for inclusion in a plan that will be offered to the community and directors in the future.

The presentation will also offer a proposed time frame for projects and an estimated cost for each.

The meeting will provide a forum to discuss these ideas suggested by your fellow homeowners.

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MANAGER'S MEMO:

The Modification's Committee approved Amendments to page 21 of the Design Guidelines at their September 17 meeting. These approved changes include the installation of "**rabbit fencing**" on the front courtyard gates and the **prohibition of protective fencing on plant material in the front yard** landscaping. That page will be mailed out to each owner for your records.

E. Walls & Fences.

3. No alterations, changes or additional shall be allowed to walls constructed by the Declarant for or ad-

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MEETING NOTICES

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

No meeting in October. Next regular meeting will be **Monday, Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

Budget and Finance Committee

The Budget and Finance committee will meet **Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 4 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds committee meeting will be **Monday, Oct. 6 at 3 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

Modifications Committee

The Modifications committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 5:30 p.m.** at the clubhouse. Modification applications are due no later than the Monday before the meeting.

Long Range Planning Committee

The Long Range Planning Committee will meet **Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 3 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

Activities Committee

The Activities committee will meet **Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 10 a.m.** at the clubhouse.

Communications Committee

The Communications committee will meet **Thursday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

SOCIAL SCENE

RESIDENTS' LUNCHEON: **Thursday, Oct. 16,** at **Fosters Seafood Grille**, 10510 N. 90th St. Scottsdale. If you can't come after signing up, or if you don't want to carpool please contact **Dottie Schultz** at 575-5753 as soon as possible. *Sign up by Oct. 13.* We will meet at the clubhouse at 11:30 to carpool.

POT LUCK: **Friday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.** will be a "Welcome Back" Cocktail-Style party. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert. Coffee and soft drinks will be provided. Those who would like something stronger, bring your own beer, wine or whatever. Please sign up by October 21. For more information call **Jean Grutta** at 488-5523 or **Caryn Briedis** at 488-5033.

EVENING BRIDGE GROUP: **Wednesday, Oct. 8 and 22 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, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m.** The book that will be discussed is: Plainsong by **Kent Haruf**. Contact **Marge Segal** at 575-1776 if more information is needed.

GOLF: **First Tee-off** is scheduled for **Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 9 a.m.** at **Dove Valley**. In addition, tee times have been reserved for Oct. 21 and 28. Please contact **Paul Broad** at 595-2955 or **Paul Anetsberger** at 595-2472 to reserve your spot.

HIKE: **Tuesday, Oct. 21.** An easy 6-7 mile hike along the **West Fork of Oak Creek**, north of Sedona. The trail has almost no elevation gains and wanders through forest crossing the shallow creek a number of times. **Leave from the clubhouse at 7 a.m. Sign up at the clubhouse.** For more information, contact **Bart Sotnick** at 575-7040.

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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.

[NOTE: There will be no yoga class on Saturday, Nov. 1, to accommodate the Creative Hands arts and crafts exhibit and show that day.]

STRENGTH TRAINING: **Cory Schidler** has returned from military duty and resumed as instructor for the class, which meets **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 a.m.** The group 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.

"NEW" POWERBALL PILATES: Call Community Manager **Janyth Martin** or visit the clubhouse for more information about this new, energetic class on **Tuesday and Thursday** mornings.

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QUEST TO DISCUSS DSL SERVICE

Representatives of **Qwest**, the local telephone utility, will discuss the company's new services for the Bel-lasera area, including DSL internet service, **at the clubhouse on Saturday, Oct. 25.**

The representatives will be there **between 1 and 2:30 p.m.** to answer questions about the new high-speed internet product and other communications services. Residents can bring their current phone, wireless, long distance and internet bills for a no-obligation evaluation of the services.

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities committee will offer entertainment books containing discount coupons for restaurants, e-sorts and other entertainment. Many of these coupons offer two-for-one savings on dining and similar savings from local establishments.

This is a means of raising funds for the committee's sponsorship of community events.

Books are available through Community Manager **Janyth Martin**. The price is \$20 per book.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
City Bulk & Brush Collection Week			1 Strength 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m. Activities Cttee 10 a.m. Long Range Planning Cttee 3 p.m.	2	3 Strength 7 a.m.	4 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
5	6 Strength 7 a.m. Buildings & Grounds Cttee 3 p.m.	7 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	8 Strength 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m. Bridge 6 p.m.	9 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.	10 Strength 7 a.m.	11 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
12	13 Strength 7 a.m.	14 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Golf 9 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	15 Strength 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m. Book Club 7 p.m. Modifications Cttee 5:30 p.m.	16 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Resident's Luncheon 11:30 a.m.	17 Strength 7 a.m.	18 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
19	20 Strength 7 a.m.	21 Hike 7 a.m. Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Golf 9 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	22 Strength 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m. Bridge 6 p.m.	23 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Communications Cttee 6 p.m.	24 Strength 7 a.m. Pot Luck Cocktail Party 7 p.m.	25 Yoga 8:30 a.m. Qwest Presentation 1 p.m.
26 City Bulk & Brush Collection Week	27 Strength 7 a.m.	28 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Golf 9 a.m. Poker 7 p.m. Budget Cttee 4 p.m.	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN	

OCTOBER IN THE GARDEN

By Pauline Marx

Agaves and yuccas are outstanding desert ornamentals that fit well into our gardens here in Bellasera. There are dozens of species available; the following are some of the best.

Agave paryi has tight regular rosettes and the leaves have a blue-green cast. It blooms with reddish orange buds which open to bright yellow. It blooms after it is about 25 years old and then dies. New plants already formed on the root system will then take over.

Agave vilmoriniana is a large plant with leaves that curve gracefully from the base.

Agave attenuata is a delicate plant with a long white stem and wide pale-green leaves without teeth or spines.

Yucca recurvifolia is native to the eastern United States, but has acclimated perfectly to growing in the desert southwest. The dark green leaves and short size make it useful in a garden of any size.

Yucca baccata and *Y. elata* are native throughout most of this region and will thrive in gardens in the area. *Y. baccata* is usually a low growing, big headed plant with stiff gray-green leaves, while *Y. elata* has thin grass-like leaves that are smothered with fine white filaments.

Yucca rigida is one of the prettiest of all yuccas. A tall plant with a big head of stiff blue-gray leaves it is a gorgeous specimen in any garden.

Best Month to Plant

October is the best month to plant agaves and yuccas. The warm days and mild nights allow these plants to become well established before the rigors of their first summer. In addition, plants that establish in the fall have the entire winter to acclimate their leaves to the sun and are much less prone to sunburn.

Dig a hole that is just deep enough to accommodate the root systems and three to five times wider than the container. Soil amendments and other additives are not necessary. Be sure to place the crowns of the agaves well above the soil line.

Pups of agave can be potted up this month. Do not remove yucca offsets during cool weather.

Ready Christmas Cactus for Bloom

If you have Christmas cactus and would like to encourage them to bloom at Christmas, put them in a location that is cool at night — 55 degrees to 65 degrees is ideal. They should be placed where they are completely in the dark for 12 to 14 hours. If it doesn't get too cold out of doors, that may be the ideal spot to put them. Water them regularly but allow them to dry out slightly between waterings. Buds should form in four to six weeks.

Fertilize Container Succulents

Any container-grown winter-growing succulents can be fertilized monthly starting this month. Use a soluble fertilizer at 1/4 to 1/2 the strength that is recommended for houseplants. Do not fertilize plants in the ground this month.

Do not prune warm-season succulents this month; remove spent flowers at any time.

Continue to monitor cactus for cochineal scale, the insect hidden beneath white cottony fuzz on the plants. The best remedy is a strong jet of water, but you must be vigilant and repeat until all of the insects are gone. You will most likely not see any insects moving on the plant. These insects attach themselves to the plant and suck its juices which can eventually kill the plant.

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

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TIME TO SHAPE UP

Cooler weather is around the corner and that means people here will be out enjoying their favorite sport or activity. Now is the time to start conditioning for it. Whether it is golf, tennis, or hiking, proper conditioning can help you perform better and reduce risk of injury.

Proper conditioning for golf includes strength, balance and flexibility. With this type of conditioning, you are able to create more club head speed and reduce your risk for injuries to the lower back and shoulders. The added benefit of proper conditioning for golf is that you have more energy later in the game.

Conditioning for tennis is especially important because of the need to move quickly and properly return the ball. With tennis, there are a lot of quick side-to-side movements. These are movements that many people are not conditioned for and can cause injuries to ankles, knees and hips. Additionally, tennis players often experience rotator cuff problems from weak shoulders.

Hikers can condition themselves by properly using the stair stepper machine or the treadmill at moderate inclines. Also, strength and flexibility training will help to create strong joints that have a good range of motion.

You will perform better by giving yourself two months to condition. Also, you will reap the many other benefits of exercise. If you have any questions regarding health and fitness please call 480-620-3000 or email me at cory.m.schidler@us.army.mil. I also offer free 30 minute orientations at your clubhouse. Remember to consult a physician or an exercise professional before you start an exercise program.

— Cory Schidler

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The committee has provided the Board of Directors with a broad list of topics under discussion, to give a sense of the committee's direction. **The Board has not endorsed or acted upon any of the proposals.**

Among the short-term projects under consideration by the committee are:

Median Lighting: Additional low voltage lighting of trees in designated median or sidewalk areas.

Third Shift – Phone Guest Access Control System: Install a phone system for guest entry at gates between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. *only*, instead of incurring the cost of guard service during that period.

Benches Near Clubhouse: Install three or four benches along the walk around the grassy area near the clubhouse.

Security Cameras/Alarms in Clubhouse: Install several surveillance cameras and/or door alarms to improve security

Solar Heating of Pool: Install solar heating for the pool to reduce gas expenses.

Survey to be Made

A survey will be sent to all owners after the meeting to obtain preferences and opinions on short-, mid- and long-range projects and to gather other information that may help the committee in its future work. The committee hopes to finalize a proposal for presentation to the Board of Directors by the first quarter of 2004.

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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 by computer only, send an e-mail to Keith Christian at klc@cts.com, indicating your choice.

adjacent to any Lot without the prior written approval of the Modifications Committee.

(a) "Rabbit" fencing may be installed inside wrought iron view fences and on front courtyard gates. The fencing material must not exceed 24 inches in height as measured from the top of the knee wall and may not be opaque. Fence material must conform to color guidelines found on page 6 (Section J. colors, Light Reflectivity Value (LRV) of 40 or less.) and page 15 (A)(7) requiring treatment of "Bright unfinished copper and other metallic surfaces to reduce reflections". Any material used to attach rabbit fencing to the view fencing must meet the same color requirements.

(c) Protective fencing is prohibited to be installed on plant material located in the front yard landscaping and/or outside the courtyard. The prohibited protective material shall include, but is not limited to, mesh (any color), plastic - including domes, chicken wire -opaque or otherwise, wooden crating, rabbit fencing, or any similar devices.

To help maintain the aesthetic beauty of Bellasera, it is imperative that these guidelines be implemented and administered in a timely manner. If you have installed any form of protective fencing in your front yard landscaping – please ensure that it is removed as soon as possible, but not later than mid-November.

A QUICK REMINDER:

TREE AND GARAGE LIGHTS are an important aspect of the beauty of Bellasera. Within the community, lighting consists primarily of landscape lighting. **Please do your part to check that your exterior lighting is functioning properly.**

In many instances the photo-cell controlling the lights has gone bad, and/or the timer for your tree and garage lights may need to be adjusted. Please inspect on a regular basis to ensure the lights are working properly.

— Janyth Martin

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VIOLANDA BARRACO

With great sadness we report the death of Bellasera resident **Violanda Anita Barraco** and extend our deepest sympathy to her husband **Anthony**.

She passed away Sept. 6. Services were private.

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LESTER HERZIG

With great sadness we report the death of **Lester Herzig**, father of Bellasera resident **Carol Sotnick** and extend our deepest sympathy to his wife **Bess** and daughters **Barbara Korn** and **Carol Sotnick**.

He passed away Sept. 7. Services were private.

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HOME WATCH SERVICE OFFERED

Bellasera resident **Dick Secor** is part of a new company that will provide short- and long-term house management services in Bellasera and north to the community of Anthem.

Secor, who has 15 years experience in property management, will be the contact for homeowners in Bellasera. The organization is named While You're Away Home Watchers LLC and is a family-owned service company specializing in periodic personal residence visitations for absentee or vacationing homeowners. He can be contacted at 595-6357 or emailed at waterclrcamera@aol.com for additional information.

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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:

editor@azbellasera.org

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WHISPER ROCK PARK ON HOLD

A new City park project slated for development at Scottsdale Road and Ashler Hills Drive has been put on the back burner by the City because of a drop in sales tax revenues.

The Whisper Rock Park, sometimes called The Summit Park, could be the site of another branch of Scottsdale's public library, an art and cultural performance facility and a children's playground.

While parks such as these get capital funding from property tax revenues, funding for their maintenance comes from sales taxes.

Currently, funds for this 15-acre park are simply designated for a 'future year'—*beyond* the City's Five-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2004 to 2008. So it is likely that it will be six to 20 years before it becomes a reality.

The City Council seemingly has not given much attention to the smaller parks planned or located in the northern section of Scottsdale. It has prioritized capital funding to build the CAP Basin Park adjacent to the TPC, the McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatic Center and the Chaparral Park expansion.

This park, so close to Bellasera, *could* have a *positive* effect on *our* community by providing excellent recreational and cultural facilities only minutes from our doors. There is, however, some opposition to the development of the park.

Bellasera's Board of Directors at the August meeting chose not to take a position on the matter, but some residents who support the park have begun a campaign to urge the City Council to raise the park's priority in next year's budgeting process. A letter or e-mail to the Council members on the subject would be appropriate. Contact Melissa Price at dmelissaprice@msn.com for a copy of an e-mail letter that can be personalized. She can also supply the e-mail addresses for the council members.

— D. Melissa Price

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“CREATIVE HANDS” CO-OP GROWING

Bellasera’s first arts and crafts cooperative, called “Creative Hands,” has signed up 15 artists from the community for the November 1 exhibit and sale at the clubhouse.

The show, planned as the first of a twice-yearly event, still has a few spots for additional Bellasera artists or craftspersons, according to **Janet Biondo**, the Bellasera resident who spearheads the group.

All the participants are to meet at the clubhouse on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 2 p.m. to discuss the room setup for the event, Janet said.

Participation in the show is limited to Bellasera residents although the exhibition and sale will be open to guests of Bellasera residents.

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TRICK-OR-TREAT AT BELLASERA

The tradition continues as the Bellasera “ghouls” and “goblins” will be out roaming on Halloween once again.

The evening will begin with a Pot Luck to be held at the home of **David and Valerie Neumann**, 7732 E. Ponte Bella, from 5 to 6 p.m. on Oct. 31. Then comes the trick-or-treat parade, beginning at the **corner of 74th Way and Corva** and continuing east.

Please **put your front door light on if you wish to participate.** Call **Valerie** at **575-7880** for additional information.

Remember – especially this night – DRIVE SLOWLY AND DRIVE SAFELY.

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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: Melissa Price
Modifications: Jim Gleason

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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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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. 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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SCOTTSDALE LISTS BRUSH AND BULK REMOVAL DATE

Scottsdale will pick up **brush and bulk items** in the Bellasera area **during the week beginning Monday, Sept. 29.** The **November** collection will be during the week **beginning Monday, Oct. 27.**

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 at **(480) 312-5600.**

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REVISIONS TO NEW BELLASERA DIRECTORY PLANNED

The Communications committee is preparing updates for the new Bellasera Community Directory issued in July.

The revisions will be included in future Bellasera Community Association membership billing statements. New directories are to be issued only once a year.

If you have **any corrections or changes to your listing** — the way your name is listed, new e-mail addresses, phone number corrections, for example — **or new listings** for recent owners, please give them to Community Manager **Janyth Martin** or to Communications committee chairman **Keith Christian**.