

December 2003

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Welcome back to all those who missed the long, hot summer. It's good to have you here again. Since I have no particular horn to blow this month, I'll just wish you all **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

— Dick Chenault

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## TOWN HALL SESSION HELPS PROVIDE DIRECTION

A group of approximately 100 residents, representing about 15 percent of Bellasera's homes, discussed topics of general concern to the community and gave the Board and Association committees their view on where the community as a whole may stand on the topics.

The nearly 3-hour-long Town Hall Meeting on Nov. 13 covered proposals presented by the Long Range Planning Committee, the Board and other committees as well as comments from the attendees. After each presentation, the attendees indicated by a show of hands their general support or lack thereof for the topics. These opinions will translate into further study and consideration by the Board and Association committees in the future.

One of the proposals that will likely be dropped, based on a large majority against it, was consideration of a phone-access gate control system that could facilitate the reduction of the late-night guard shift at the Scottsdale Road entrance. Several residents said they believed the 24-hour guard coverage was important for safety reasons as well as giving the community a bit more "class."

The group did indicate support for further action towards upgrading the existing card reading system at the gates. Although there would be an expense in providing new card readers to all residents, a new system would improve the gate operations, the group learned.

Support was also given to have the Modifications Committee work on revisions to the design guidelines that would allow installation of screening and shade devices

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## MANAGER'S MEMO:

### HOLIDAY HINTS

#### LIGHTS

1. Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety.
2. Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections.
3. Turn off all lights on trees and other decorations when you go to bed or leave the house.

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### MEETING NOTICES

#### Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Next regular meeting will be **Monday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

#### Budget and Finance Committee

The Budget and Finance committee will meet **Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 4 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

#### Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds committee meeting will be **Monday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

#### Modifications Committee

The Modifications committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, Dec. 17 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, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

#### Activities Committee

The Activities committee will meet **Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m.** at the clubhouse.

#### Communications Committee

The Communications committee will resume meetings in January 2004.

## SOCIAL SCENE

**RESIDENTS' LUNCHEON:** Thursday, Dec. 11 at T. Cooks, in the Royal Palms Hotel & Spa, 5200 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix. There will be seating for only 20 guests and ordering from a pre-selected menu. The luncheon will be at 1 p.m. *Sign up before Dec. 8.* If you can't come after signing up or if you don't want to carpool, please contact Caryn Bredis at 488-5033 or Dottie Schultz at 575-5753 as soon as possible. We will meet at the clubhouse at 12 noon to carpool.

**POT LUCK:** A Pot Luck Brunch on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. *Sign up by Monday, Dec. 8.* For more information call Jean Grutta at 488-5523 or Dottie Schultz at 575-5753.

**EVENING BRIDGE GROUP:** Wednesday, Dec. 10 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:** No meeting in December. Contact Marge Segal at 575-1776 if more information is needed.

**GOLF:** Tuesdays, Dec. 2, Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 at Dove Valley; Monday, Dec. 8 at Tatum Ranch, and Tuesday, Dec. 16 at The 500 Club. Please contact Ellen Bornstein at 575-9848 for tee times, cost and other information.

**HIKES:** No hike in December. For additional information, contact Vivian Kurtz at 575-1391 or Sid Charnock at 595-8746.

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## POT LUCK BRUNCH SCHEDULED

A Pot Luck Brunch on Sunday, Dec. 14 will replace the pot luck dinner for December, the Activities committee announced.

The brunch will start at 11 a.m.

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## HEALTH & FITNESS

**YOGA CLASS:** Yoga classes are conducted on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. and Mondays at 7 p.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.

**STRENGTH TRAINING:** The class 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. Cory Schidler is the instructor.

**"NEW" POWERBALL PILATES:** This new energetic class is held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings beginning at 8 am in the clubhouse. Instructor, Carol Enderle offers a dynamic and challenging workout for all levels of exercisers. Contact Carol at 201-2385 if you have any questions.

## GOLFERS USING THREE COURSES

Bellatera's golfing group is back in action, and this season is traveling to three different courses in the area, with special rates at each course.

The group, which is looking for additional participants, has fun tournaments each week, with prizes awarded. In addition there will be a year-end party.

If you or your friends would like to play, contact Ellen Bornstein at 575-9848 for additional information.

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# DECEMBER 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>City Bulk &amp; Brush Collection Week</b>	<b>1</b> Strength 7 a.m.  Yoga 7 p.m.	<b>2</b> Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.  Golf Poker 7 p.m.  Budget Cttee 4 p.m.	<b>3</b> Strength 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m.  Activities Cttee 10 a.m.  Long Range Planning Cttee 3 p.m.	<b>4</b> Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.	<b>5</b> Strength 7 a.m.	<b>6</b> Yoga 8:30 a.m.
	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Strength 7 a.m.  Golf  Buildings & Grounds Cttee 3 p.m. Directors Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>9</b> Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.  Poker 7 p.m.	<b>10</b> Strength 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m.  Bridge 6 p.m.	<b>11</b> Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.  Residents' Lunch 1 p.m.	<b>12</b> Strength 7 a.m.
<b>14</b> Pot Luck Brunch 11 a.m.	<b>15</b> Strength 7 a.m.  Yoga 7 p.m.	<b>16</b> Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.  Golf Poker 7 p.m.	<b>17</b> Strength 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m.  Modifications Cttee 5:30 p.m.	<b>18</b> Hike 7:30 a.m.  Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.	<b>19</b> CHANUKAH First Night Strength 7 a.m.	<b>20</b> Yoga 8:30 a.m.
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Strength 7 a.m.  Yoga 7 p.m.	<b>23</b> Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.  Golf Poker 7 p.m.	<b>24</b> Strength 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m.	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY	<b>26</b> Strength 7 a.m.	<b>27</b> Yoga 8:30 a.m.
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Strength 7 a.m.  Yoga 7 p.m.	<b>30</b> Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.  Golf Poker 7 p.m.	<b>31</b> NEW YEARS' EVE  Strength 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m.		<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

## DECEMBER IN THE GARDEN

By Pauline Marx

Occasionally here in the desert we get frost. Plants indigenous to the desert are fairly immune to short term frost damage, but some of our desert-adapted plants may need help to survive even a light frost.

**Saguaros that are already stressed from drought** or from recent transplanting are likely to be damaged by freezing temperatures, but this damage won't show up until warm weather returns.

Desert natives such as **organ pipe cacti, totem pole or cereus may need frost protection on their tender growing tips.** Buy some styrofoam drinking cups and place them over the tips of their arms and main stem. **Century plants** and **aloes** also need protection. They may be covered with a breathable fabric which is available at local nurseries.

Those plants which we love to grow but are not native to the Sonoran desert need protection from freezing. These include **bougainvilleas, lantana, and hibiscus.** They may get a lot of frost damage to their leaves but will recover nicely when growth begins again in the spring. You do need to **guard against stem damage if it gets and stays below freezing. Cover them before evening darkness settle in on the nights when freezing temperatures are expected.**

Frost tender plants in pots should be moved to a protected site such as a courtyard or under a tree. Another alternative would be to cover them where they are with breathable fabric.

**Succulents and cacti should not be watered before a freeze.** If a freeze occurs soon after watering, the water inside the cells freezes and expands, causing structural damage to the cells. Frost damage to cacti and succulents will show up in about a week, appearing as lesions or sunburn. No repair is recommended. Just remember to cover them again should a frost threaten.

Frost damage can be the entry point for bacterial rot. If the damaged area is increasing in size it's likely that bacterial rot has begun and you will need to take steps to save the plant. Cut out the rotting tissue, wipe the wound with **diluted** bleach water and then let the sun heal the wound.

**Watering woody plants such as citrus is a recommended way to help them through freezing nights.** How often have we seen pictures of orange groves in Florida and California with leaves covered in ice to help prevent frost damage? But this is usually not necessary here in the desert. Watering the tree wells or soaking the ground around the plants actually gives off

enough heat to prevent damage at least through two or three consecutive nights of freezing weather.

If your leafy plants have a little frost damage, don't be in a hurry to prune off the damage. Unless it is absolutely necessary to remove the frost-scorched leaves and stems, leave them unpruned until spring.

**NEVER use plastic to cover plants as it conducts cold and will promote freezing** wherever it touches a plant. Invest in some breathable fabric from a nursery, often called frost cloth, or use sheets and pillowcases. Newspaper is also a good insulator, but it does have a tendency to blow away. A small plant can be covered with a paper grocery bag. **All of these coverings need to be removed early the next day** to let your plant revive with fresh air and sunlight.

**Cold** — but not freezing — **nights can be a good thing** for frost-sensitive plants. A few **chilly nights slow down the plants' metabolism and hardens them against light frosts.** The worst frost damage happens during that cold night out of the blue when the plants are still growing. The damage from a 29-degree frost when plants are actively growing is worse than when the same temperatures hit the same non-growing 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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## RABBIT FENCING REMINDER

The time has come, inspections are underway and letters will soon be issued to those homeowners who have failed to adhere to the guidelines on rabbit fencing. Along with rabbit fencing, various forms of protective barriers have been installed in the front landscaping and on the view fences that do not meet the guidelines established. Previous newsletter articles provided owners with the approved changes to the Design Guidelines to ensure compliance. Bellasera is a beautiful community and we ask for the cooperation of all owners to maintain its beauty and curb appeal.

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under certain conditions. Currently, homeowners are not allowed to install awnings or affixed canopies.

Modifications Committee chairman **Jim Gleason** summarized some of the awning guidelines in place or planned for neighboring developments, including Grayhawk and Terravita.

Among the Long Range Planning Committee's mid-range programs, presented by chairperson **Melissa Price**, was a proposal to investigate solar heating of the community pool. This subject won support from the attendees as well.

The attendees indicated they were not interested in looking into creation of a children's play area in the community's common area.

A majority of the attendees wish to have further study on a proposal from the Budget and Finance Committee that would create a special fund for community enhancement projects. This would be funded by a fee charged by the community whenever a home is sold. Committee chairman **Paul Broad** noted that several communities already have such a fee, based on the selling price of the home. He suggested a percentage of the selling price that would amount to about \$125 per \$100,000 sale price.

Board president **Dick Chenault** noted that creation of such a fund and fee structure would require changes to Bellasera's CC&Rs, which would need approval of 67 percent of the homeowners in a formal vote.

Further investigation was called for on a proposal to replace 43 trees that have died or are dying along the community's frontage on Lone Mountain Road and Scottsdale Road. About 30 percent of this project's cost – currently estimated at about \$6,700 – would be spent in the repair of the existing watering system serving the areas involved.

Board member **Dennis Lamb** noted that steps to eradicate mistletoe from the community-owned trees are being pursued as a separate project.

A discussion of possible additions to security in the clubhouse, presented by Board member **Robert Tack**, drew mixed reactions from the audience.

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4. Make sure to read the instructions on light sets before using.

#### **PARTIES.**

1. Provide the front gate with your Guest List.
2. The gate can print directions to your home in advance.
3. Be a good neighbor and inform your neighbors in advance of your event (hopefully they're already on your list).

**MOST OF ALL, I HOPE YOU ALL  
HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE HOLIDAY**

#### **IMPORTANT HOME LIGHTING INFO.**

Whether you are a seasoned Bellasera homeowner or have just recently moved in, one very important and sometimes overlooked requirement are the illumination of your front landscaping trees and garage lights. Not only should owners frequently check to ensure that the bulbs are burning, but the time will come when you may need to replace the photo-cell (if utilized) and remember to re-set the time clock to allow the photo-cell to turn on your landscaping lights as the sun goes down. These lights are the homeowner's responsibility and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Janyth Martin, Bellasera Community Manager.

#### **HELP BELLASERA CONSERVE MONEY**

**Many of our residents have opted for electronic delivery of the newsletter, saving our association printing and postage costs while reducing 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](mailto:klc@cts.com), indicating your choice.**

### CHANA ALONI

With great sadness we report the death of **Chana Aloni**, mother of Bellasera resident **Michael Aloni**, in November. We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband **Pinchas** and the entire Aloni family.

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### REVISIONS TO 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**.

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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:

**editor@azbellasera.org**

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### EVENTS AND MILESTONES

**Mike and Maureen Simpson** are a little more than a month into learning the techniques of grandparenting now that they have their first grandchild. Maureen's daughter **Michelle** and her husband **Jeff Gillespie** are the proud parents of **Maxwell Steele Gillespie**, who was born Oct. 15. They live in Baton Rouge, LA.

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### NEW NEIGHBORS

As this year comes to an end, we would like to extend a special welcome to our new neighbors. Here are the names and addresses of those who have new homes in Bellasera in 2003.

7569 E Balao Dr	Jonathan & Deborah Kaslove
7577 E Balao Dr	Hugh Atkins
7649 E Balao Dr	Johnneen Bowe
7693 E Balao Dr	Larry & Lena Junker
7716 E Balao Dr	Terry & Mary Witkowski
7877 E Balao Dr	Steven & Sharon Dale
7299 E Brisa Dr	Wayne & Jane Cox
7314 E Brisa Dr	Robert & Jamie King
7527 E Corva Dr	Ralph Ray & Suzanne Squires
7608 E Corva Dr	Mark & Diane Meister
7639 E Corva Dr	Eric Faunce & David Kenefick
7759 E Moura Dr	Stewart & Sandra Metosky
7527 E Pasaro Dr	Steve & Karen Miller
7562 E Pasaro Dr	Robert & Amy Skelton
7694 E Pasaro Dr	Jeremy Morganegg
7612 E Ponte Bella	Don & Linda Parks
7628 E Ponte Bella	John & Staci Pignotti
7689 E Ponte Bella	Alan Lang
7689 E Ponte Bella	Alfred & Mary Lakomskis
7692 E Ponte Bella	Douglas & Tiffany Burts
7438 E Visao Dr	Carolyn Passero
7535 E Visao Dr	King Street LLC
7546 E Visao Dr	Jerrold Kaufman & Rebeca Nordqvist-Kaufman
7630 E Visao Dr	Joe & Mary Ann Keesee
7678 E Visao Dr	Linda Lambardo
7783 E Visao Dr	Rade & Millie Vignovic
7834 E Visao Dr	Benjamin & Jean Marie Grutta
7882 E Visao Dr	Barry Rhonemus
30737 N 77th Wy	Janet Post
30821 N 77th Wy	Barbara Quale
30961 N 77th Wy	Robert & Michelle Shank

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## UPDATE — HYDRAULIC FLUID SPILL

The hydraulic spill that occurred along Ponte Bella Drive and continued up to Balao Drive has been revisited by the City of Scottsdale. The City of Scottsdale has assigned an independent contractor to work with Management to address the fluid spill that occurred in October.

### BOARD APPROVED CHANGE TO FACILITY USE POLICY

At the November 3, 2003 Board of Directors Meeting, the Board approved to modify the Activity Room/Kitchen Reservation Contract to include an indemnification clause as an additional means of protecting the Association from liability. There are no further changes to report.

## 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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### Community Manager:

**Janyth Martin**  
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**manager@azbellasera.org**

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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**www.azbellasera.org**

## GET OFF THAT COUCH!

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

### Arizona Archaeological Society, Desert Foothills

**Chapter:** Meeting **Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m.** at **Good Shepard of the Hills Episcopal Church**, 6528 E. Cave Creek Rd., Cave Creek. Program: "**Hilltop Sites in Central Arizona**" by David Wilcox.

**Heard Museum North:** A new exhibit pays tribute to innovative artist T.C. Cannon, a Kiowa/Caddo tribe artist. He is credited with being one of the most influential artists of the modernist movement. The exhibit of nearly 50 pieces, including paintings, poems and woodcuts, will run until March 7, 2004. The museum branch is at **el Pedregal Festival Marketplace**, Scottsdale Road at Carefree Highway.

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## CREATIVE HANDS READY FOR MORE

The group of 15 artists and craftspeople that launched Bellasera's first Creative Hands show and sale in November are ready to make it a spring and fall event.

All the participants were gratified that so many Bellasera residents attended the show and got to meet some of the community's creative neighbors, said **Janet Biondo**, who was the moving force behind the event. "All were enthused and are looking forward to having other Bellasera artists join to help the event grow," she said.

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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, Dec. 1.**

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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