

Bellasera Neighborhood News

June 2004

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

As many of you know, there have recently been several changes in our Board of Directors and in some of the standing committees that provide such valuable service to the Association and to all of us. I would like to highlight a few points.

First, we should all give thanks to our two long-time directors, Jane Hillerson and Dennis Lamb, who, primarily due to other commitments, did not choose to stand for re-election. Jane and Dennis served from 2000 through this year, and both contributed greatly with their time and talents to the successful member take-over of the Association from Del Webb and to its smooth functioning since then. We all owe them a major measure of gratitude. Many thanks, Jane and Dennis.

New Directors

Along with myself, two new directors, Paul Agranoff and Jim Gleason, were elected this year to serve a two year term until 2006. Both of them have been active in Association activities, Paul serving on both the Transition and the Budget and Finance committees and Jim chairing the Modifications committee. I'm sure the new Board will work diligently and faithfully for the continued success of the Association.

Bob Tack Resigns

Bob Tack, another long-time director since 2000, has recently announced his resignation from the Board for personal reasons. The Board will soon be appointing a new director to fill out the rest of Bob's term until 2005. Speaking for the Board, as well as the community, I would like to thank Bob for his service on the board and as Treasurer these past three-plus years. He can be proud of the work he has done on behalf of the community's interests. Many thanks, Bob.

All standing committees have been re-appointed for the next year. There are new members, new chairs, and a few vacancies. As always, we rely on you to staff our committees that do so much good work. Please contact Janyth if you think you can help.

The Board looks forward to working together, and with you, to keep Bellasera beautiful and a great place to live. Please feel free to contact any director with your
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MANAGER'S MEMO:

Gate Highlights:

Enhancements to the gate access system are underway with completion on the horizon. The main card reader has already been relocated to improve the function of the gate access/pass system. New computers and software installations are underway and will also enhance the functionality of the gate access system. Sgt. Kevin Peterson (OIC) has pointed out that he has seen a tremendous improvement with the relocation of the card reader and can't wait to have the new computers in

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MEETING NOTICES

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Next regular meeting will be **Monday, June 28** at **6:30 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

Budget and Finance Committee

The Budget and Finance committee meeting will be **Tuesday, June 22** at **4 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds committee meeting will be **Monday, June 28** at **3 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

Modifications Committee

The Modifications committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 9** 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 meeting date has not yet been set.

Activities Committee

The Activities committee will meet **Wednesday, June 2** at **10 a.m.** at the clubhouse.

Communications Committee

The Communications committee will meet **Wednesday, June 23** at **4 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

SOCIAL SCENE

RESIDENTS' LUNCHEON: **Thursday, June 17**, at **Carefree Station**, in **Spanish Village, 7212 Ho Hum Road, Carefree**. The luncheon will be at **12 noon** *Sign up before Tuesday, June 15*. If you can't come after signing up or if you don't want to carpool, please contact **Jeanne Young** at **575-7363** as soon as possible. The group will **meet at the clubhouse at 11:30 a.m. to carpool**.

POT LUCK: **Friday, June 25** at **7 p.m.** in the clubhouse. Bring an entrée for about six to eight servings and the serving utensils. *Sign up by Wednesday, June 23*. This pot luck will be an Independence Day theme, and the Activities committee asks that you **not bring a dessert — a special July 4-themed cake will be served**, as will the usual soft drinks and coffee. Jean Young (575-7363) will be hosting the event and can answer additional questions.

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: There will be no meeting in June, July or August. The book for the **September 15 meeting** will be **Madam Secretary: A Memoir** by **Madeline Albright**. For further information, contact **Maureen Simpson** at **575-9791** or **maurensimpson@cox.net**.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

YOGA CLASS: Instructor Valerie Neumann has stopped Yoga classes for the duration of the summer. Look for classes to resume in the fall.

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

GROUP CIRCUIT TRAINING: This class, combining aerobics with strength training, meets **Mondays, Wednesdays** and **Fridays** at **7 a.m.** with Cory Schidler. Cost is \$7-\$9 per class depending on sessions purchased. Please remember to be there 10 minutes before the class begins.

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MOVE THAT SNAKE!

A new snake removal group has taken over for J.R. Reptile Rescue, which has gone out of business.

The new group, called **Heyoka**, has been assisting Bellasera residents with wandering snakes. The organization is owned by **Paul Tootalian**, a Terravita resident. He can be reached at **(480) 595-1999** — his home number, or **(480) 650-1450** — his cell phone; or **Brandon Zanith** at **(480) 229-5405**, his cell phone number.

There is no charge for the removal service, but donations are gratefully accepted.

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June 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
City Bulk & Brush Collection Week		1 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	2 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Activities Cttee 10 a.m.	3 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.	4 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	5
6	7 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	8 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	9 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Modifications Cttee 5:30 p.m.	10 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.	11 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	12
13	14 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	15 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	16 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	17 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Residents' Lunch 11:30 a.m.	18 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	19
20	21 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	22 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Poker 7 p.m. Budget 4 p.m.	23 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Book Club 7 p.m. Communications Cttee 4 p.m.	24 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.	25 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Pot Luck 7 p.m.	26
27	28 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Buildings & Grounds Cttee 3 p.m. Directors Meeting 6:30 p.m.	29 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	30 Group Circuit 7 a.m.			

JUNE IN THE GARDEN

By Pauline Marx

Quail on the Run: Gambel's Quail can be seen all over Bellasera. They are charming little birds that will fly short distances, especially if disturbed, but they primarily live and nest on the ground. They are remarkably adapted to desert living and are native only to the Sonoran Desert. They eat a wide variety of tiny seeds, small insects and an enormous variety of small green plants. Most of their water intake is from the plants that they eat, but if a source of water is nearby they will also drink from that.

They usually make their nests on the ground, under plants such as bougainvillea, cacti, rosemary, ferns, ivy or any other plant that offers shelter and privacy. But you may find them disturbing the dirt in your flower pots to lay their eggs.

A quail hen will lay between 8 to 20 eggs before she starts to incubate them. She will then sit on the nest for 21 days, and they will all hatch within several hours. You may see families of quail with mom in the lead, followed by some barely inch-tall fuzzy buff and brown striped chicks, then the dad, who will be chattering away giving orders.

Sometimes an egg or two doesn't hatch with the rest of them, but may hatch from the summer heat several hours or even days after the rest of the family has left the nest. This is the point at which the chick can be taken to a rehabilitator with good results. The hard fact is that not many of these chicks will survive.

The quail chicks have many predators including road-runners, woodpeckers, grackles and javelina. Even ants will kill and consume them. And then there's the danger from the human factor — the stress from being disturbed by people.

Occasionally the parents choose a nest site that is dangerous or even fatal to the newly hatched chicks. Adult quail can fly to safety to find food and water, but **newly hatched chicks are confined to the ground for the first three weeks.** Remember that these little fluff balls are up and running as soon as their fluff dries.

It is best to leave a nest undisturbed. Put out some **“Game bird Starter”** which is a very fine mash. This is **available from a feed store or wild bird store**. You should also provide **very shallow containers, such as jar lids**, so the family can have water available.

During spring and summer you may find some quail chicks that need help to survive. The wildlife rehabilitation volunteers will help you. Catch the chicks **before** you call them. Baby quail without their parents will not

survive. They will get cold, starve, or be killed by predators. Put them in a warm dry towel and call the number below.

If you turn the chicks loose with quail other than their parents they will be pecked and chased away and will not survive. Resist the temptation to try to raise them yourself.

Keep the chick warm and dry and **don't try to water or feed it until you talk to a rehabilitator.** Don't let people handle them or play with them. There are only temporary measures until you can reach help.

Call **ARIZONA COVEY** at **(602) 996-1934**. **Jeani Garrett** is the Director and Volunteer Quail Rehabilitator for the Covey. If she has not returned your call within an hour, call one of the following drop-off locations:

WILD BIRD CENTER - (480) 922-4910, or

WILD AT HEART - (480) 595-5047.

Nights and weekends, call the **Paradise Valley Emergency Animal Clinic - (480) 991-1845.**

Garden Chores

*Remember to **adjust settings on automatic watering** systems as temperatures rise and plants require more water.

*Clean up leftover winter annuals.

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

***Provide shade cloths for tomatoes** to encourage a longer production season. Remember that they will not set fruit once the daytime temperature is above 90 degrees.

*Apply a pre-emergent herbicide to control summer weeds.

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

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

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comments, good or bad, at any time.

— **Dick Chenault**

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BOARD ACTIONS

Among the actions at the **May 24** regular board meeting, the Directors:

Approved a policy to heat the swimming pool to 82 degrees during the period from Labor Day to Memorial Day.

Approved a revision to the bulletin board policy to cover use of the new mailbox bulletin boards.

Accepted a revised plan from the Long Range Planning committee.

Rescinded the establishment of an ad hoc committee on future financing, and directed the standing Budget and Finance committee to take up consideration of a transfer fee on home sales in the community.

Rescinded a policy that specified board members assigned to committees could only vote to break a tie in committee voting.

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LAST CHANCE TO UPDATE

Bellasera's **community directory** will be going to the printer for a July delivery date. Please check your directory listing for changes or corrections.

The **deadline for changes or corrections is June 23.**

Has your e-mail address changed? Or your phone number? Want to drop your formal name for the name you use with friends? **Here's your chance to fix your listing.**

Send changes — **in writing** — to Community Manager **Janyth Martin** or Communications committee chairman **Keith Christian**. Changes are accepted by e-mail (**klc@cts.com** for **Keith** or **manager@azbellasera.org** for **Janyth**) or can be dropped off at Janyth's office in the clubhouse. And expect confirmation phone calls from committee members as the printing time approaches in an effort to avoid errors.

If you do not wish to be listed in the directory, you must specifically request, in writing, to be excluded.

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place. Following these changes we ask homeowners to let either the gate personnel or me know if you are experiencing difficulty in accessing the gates. We will work with you to determine and correct the problem. We greatly appreciate your extended patience.

A Huge Thanks!

On behalf of the entire Association I would like to extend a huge "Thank you!" to homeowner **Roger Deane** who dedicated his expertise, attention and hours of hard work to get the sound system working around the clubhouse and pool facility. Roger and his wife, **Kim**, recently moved in to Bellasera. They own and operate their own business, Wired Communications, and have over 25 years experience. In addition to repairing sound systems, they work on computer networks; relocate phone systems, do other communications repairs, installations and updates for home theatres, CATV and speaker installations. They can be reached at (480) 209-1700 or visit their website at www.wiredco.com.

Committee Memberships

I don't believe we can say "Thank you!" enough to the community's committee volunteers and we just couldn't do it without them. The following committees and their members deserve a great deal of recognition for the time and dedication that they give to the Board of Directors, the Association and me.

Activities: Jean Grutta, Sheila Lavin, Shari Rotherham, Dottie Schultz, Jeanne Young and Board member Jim Gleason.

Budget & Finance: Paul Broad, Bob Greenspun, Clayton Loiselle, Tom Rotherham, Carlton Rooks, Charles Schroeder and Board member Paul Agranoff.

Buildings & Grounds: Paul Anetsberger, Frank Biondo, Marvin Lefkowitz, Mike Ruotolo, Jerry Rose, Bob Shriver and a Board member to be named.

Communications: Keith Christian, Jane Hillerson, Patrick Manion, Joe McDade, Bart Sotnick and Board member Dick Chenault.

Long Range Planning: Dave Johnson, Sharon Luse, Melissa Price, Mike Simpson, John Storer and Board member Jim Gleason.

Modifications: Phillip Castrovinci, Bruce Martin, Walt Winston and Board member Al Ricciardi.

— **Janyth Martin**

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FILL THE BOARD OPENING

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CANDIDATES HAVE UNTIL JUNE 14 TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ON QUALIFICATIONS

AN OPEN BOARD SESSION WILL BE SCHEDULED SHORTLY AFTER THE JUNE 14 DATE FOR INTERVIEWS OF THE PROSPECTIVE DIRECTORS

A NEW DIRECTOR IS EXPECTED TO BE NAMED AT THE JUNE 28 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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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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, indicating your choice.

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 31.**

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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YOUR COMMUNITY

Board of Directors:

Dick Chenault — President

Jim Gleason — Vice President

Al Ricciardi — Secretary

Paul Agranoff — Treasurer

Vacancy — Director

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Current Committee Chairpeople:

Activities: Jean Grutta

Budget: Carlton Rooks

Buildings & Grounds: Paul Anetsberger

Communications: Keith Christian

Long Term Planning: To be named

Modifications: To be named

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Community Manager:

Janyth Martin

(480) 488-0400

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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Internet Web Site:
www.azbellasera.org

BOB TACK RESIGNS FROM BOARD

Bellasera's Board of Directors is short one director as a result of the resignation of Bob Tack in early May.

Bob was serving his second term on the board, having been elected most recently in April 2003.

The board, at its May 24 meeting, officially declared the vacancy and called for applicants to submit their qualifications. An open meeting will be scheduled at which the board will interview the candidates, and plans are to name a new board member at the June 28 meeting.

According to the community's by-laws, the board will appoint a member of the Community Association to fill the remaining portion of Tack's term, which runs until the election in April 2005.

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[Ed. Note: The following is Bob Tack's letter of resignation sent to the Board of Directors.]

Fellow Board Members,

For the past three years it has been a pleasure and an honor to represent the interest of the community as a board member.

Having accomplished the majority of my goals and looking forward to increased travel and new interest, it is time to step down as a board member effective immediately.

I wish all current board members success in directing the community affairs to the benefit of all residents.

Thank you all for your past support and camaraderie.

*Sincerely,
Bob Tack*

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BOARD AFFIRMS BUDGET ACTION

Board members at the May 24 meeting reaffirmed their previous approval of the 2004-05 budget that calls for a reduction in the amount of money placed in the reserves fund.

A discussion of the earlier action arose from a letter questioning whether the Board had violated state law and the community's by-laws concerning appropriate fiduciary responsibility.

Former Board member **Dennis Lamb** submitted the letter to the Board, which then obtained legal counsel about Lamb's question. He suggested that by holding the dues at last year's level while increasing the operating budget and reducing the amount going into the reserves fund, the Board may have acted without ordinary care, and thus violated its duty of acting in the best interest of the community.

Board member **Paul Agranoff** insisted that the Board, and the Budget committee that prepared the budget, had spent a great deal of time considering the steps taken and had given due diligence to the subject before acting to approve the budget in April.

Director **Al Ricciardi**, reviewing some of the comments made by the Board's legal counsel on the subject, suggested the legal opinion saw some potential merit in Lamb's contention.

Following the discussion, the board undertook no action to reconsider the budget resolution, thus closing the subject.

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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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