

Bellasera Neighborhood News

August 2004

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

This month I'd like to give you an overview of what your Association — the Board, its committees and the Community Manager — will be working on during this new fiscal year in addition to normal maintenance items. You may have heard about some of them:

- Landscape projects:
 - Add/replace some trees in the open spaces along Scottsdale and Lone Mountain roads.
 - Remove mistletoe from some trees in the wash areas inside Bellasera.
 - Add some trees in selected cul-de-sacs and gravel near mailboxes.
 - Repair storm damage in some washes.
 - Define project to camouflage (with paint) large utility boxes in the Common Areas.
 - Define project to install accent lighting in selected road medians.
- Clubhouse projects:
 - Select and purchase some new furniture for the Activity room.
 - Construct a sun shade over the pool heaters outside to extend their lifetime.
 - Resurface part of the roof to prevent additional leakage.

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MARTIN NAMED TO BOARD

Bruce Martin was chosen by the Board of Directors to fill the vacant seat on the Board until the next election in April.

He was named at the July 13 board meeting to take the post vacated by **Bob Tack** in June. He will serve the remaining period of Tack's term.

Martin had been a candidate for one of the three positions on Board in the April 2004 election but was not elected. He has been serving as a member of Bellasera's Modifications committee.

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NEW COMMUNITY MANAGER NAMED

Bellasera has a new Community Manager — **Anne Marie Fitness**.

She has been with Bellasera's management company Capital Consultants Management Corporation (CCMC), for 2 1/2 years. She began her CCMC assignment as Director of Activities/Administrative Coordinator for Legend Trail. She moved to the Corporate Headquarters a year ago in the capacity of Manager in Training with the Regional Vice President and assisted in many aspects of

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MEETING NOTICES

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Next regular meeting will be **Monday, Aug. 23** at **6:30 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

Budget and Finance Committee

The next Budget and Finance committee meeting will be **Tuesday, September 7** at the clubhouse.

Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds committee meeting will be **Monday, Aug. 9** at **3 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

Modifications Committee

The Modifications committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, Aug. 11** 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, Aug. 4** at **10 a.m.** at the clubhouse.

Communications Committee

The Communications committee will meet **Wednesday, Aug. 25** at **4 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

SOCIAL SCENE

RESIDENTS' LUNCHEON: **Thursday, Aug. 19,** at **Jalapeno's, 23587 N. Scottsdale Road, at Pinnacle Peak Road, Scottsdale.** The luncheon will be at **12 noon.** *Sign up before Tuesday, Aug. 17.* 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. The group will **meet at the clubhouse at 11:30 a.m. to carpool.**

POT LUCK: **Sunday, Aug. 29, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Clubhouse. The theme will be a Hawaiian Luau, but attendees are not limited to the dish they bring. The Activities committee will be providing non-alcoholic fruit punch. Bring a dish for about six to eight servings and the serving utensils. *Sign up by Wednesday, Aug. 25.* For additional information, contact **Jean Grutta** at **488-5523.**

POKER NIGHT: Every **Tuesday at 7 p.m.** in the clubhouse. If interested in playing, give your name to Community Manager Anne Marie Fitness. 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 22 meeting** will be **Madam Secretary: A Memoir** by **Madeline Albright.** For further information, contact **Maureen Simpson** at **575-7693** or **maureensimpson@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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LET THE COMMITTEE KNOW

Do you want a community New Year's Eve party? Can you assist in the arrangements?

It seems somewhat strange to be asking in the middle of summer — but if there is to be such an event, planning is needed now, before bands, caterers and disc jockeys, for example, get booked up.

Initial ideas for the celebration are: **A catered buffet dinner and music provided by a disk jockey. The cost is expected to be about \$90 per couple.**

Outside guests will be welcome to join the party.

The Activities committee would greatly appreciate your feedback to help it in its planning. The first call for information didn't generate much response. Please contact **Sheila Lavin** at **473-0348** or by e-mail at **mel-sheila@aol.com**, or **Shari Rotherham** at **209-1873** or by e-mail at **eprother@aol.com** with your comments by Aug. 31.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 City Bulk & Brush Collection Week	2 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	3 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	4 Activities Cttee 10 a.m.	5 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.	6 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	7
8	9 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Buildings & Grounds Cttee 3 p.m.	10 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	11 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Modifications Cttee 5:30 p.m.	12 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.	13 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	14
15	16 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	17 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	18 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	19 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Residents' Lunch 11:30 a.m.	20 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	21
22	23 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Directors Meeting 6:30 p.m.	24 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	25 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Communications Cttee 4 p.m.	26 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.	27 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	28
29 Pot Luck 6:30 p.m.	30 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	31 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.				

AUGUST IN THE GARDEN

By Pauline Marx

Many beneficial insects show up in the garden throughout the year. It is important to recognize these "good guys" and give them a home in your garden. Some are voracious predators on much more destructive insects; while others are entirely benign with no impact on any of your garden plants.

Some of the most common **beneficial insects** and a few other beneficial "critters" include the following:

-**Praying mantis** are odd-shaped insects with large splayed legs and disproportionately large heads. They generally remain still, waiting for insect prey to move within range, and it takes a sharp eye to find them on a stalk.

-**Ladybugs** are renowned for eating aphids. Releasing purchased ladybugs is extremely difficult and if not done at precisely the right time, they simply fly away. It is best to have a healthy place for them to live and wait for them to come around in their own time.

-**Lacewings** are small, delicate creatures with finely webbed wings that give them their name. They are, however, terrific predators of aphids, spider mites and other hungry critter that feed on your plants.

-**Earthworms** are not insects, but they are very helpful. They plow through the soil, eating it, and their tunnels create necessary air spaces while their excretions help increase soil nutrients. They do not live in soils that are too hot or too dry or those that are without organic matter. Purchased earthworms, also called red crawlers are sensitive to heat and rarely live over the summer months in the hottest areas like ours.

-**Almost any kind of spider** is a helpful partner in the garden. Because the poisonous black widow lives in much of the area, many people think all spiders are a problem. It is just the opposite. Most spiders are fierce predators of other insects and can be a boon to the garden. Give plenty of room, and leave them undisturbed to spin those webs to trap marauding pests.

-**Ants** are such admirable insects that it is hard to think badly of them until they sting you. Many are the garbage collectors of the area, taking in old leaves, dead bugs and other detritus and turning it into food for their young. It is sometimes tempting to think that ants are the problem with a plant because they are what you see, when most of the time the plant has begun to rot and die and the ants are attracted by the various other bugs and bacteria that are part of the decay. But ants often find themselves living right where you want to stand, sit or work in the flower bed.

When ants become a problem, there are more benign ways to get rid of them than using dangerous chemicals. Cut up one or two oranges and put them into a blender. Add enough water to make a thick slurry. Take this concoction immediately to the ant hole and pour it on the top. Volatile oils from the rind swirl through the tunnels and chambers, killing the ants. Once the slurry has dried, remove it and put it on the compost pile.

Air and Water

Plants need oxygen as well as water; this is why allowing the soil to dry slightly between waterings is advisable.

* **Citrus trees** tend to drop their leaves when they get new ones. These leaves may be left on the ground under the tree or incorporated with other plant materials as part of a compost pile which would provide an excellent mulch for other areas of the garden as well.

***Water herbs** twice a week to about 12 inches. August die-off is common in some perennial herbs of Mediterranean origin so do not over water.

***Continue planting** native or desert-adapted plants.

Stingers and Biters

***Scorpions** and **black widow spiders** are active during hot summer nights. Both are effective predators of other insects. Black widows can be seen at night with a flashlight; scorpions fluoresce under ultraviolet light.

Although the sting of a scorpion is painful, it is generally not life-threatening. One species of scorpion is potentially dangerous - the **bark scorpion**. If you believe you have been stung by a bark scorpion, call your local **Poison Control Center (1-800-362-0101)**.

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

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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, Aug. 2.**

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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- Continue to evaluate solar heating for the pool as a possible supplement.
- Define a project to install additional security alarms on certain Clubhouse doors.
- Roads:
 - Select a contractor to reseal the second half of Bellasera roads.
- *Ad hoc* committees:
 - Reserves — Work with a professional company to review our Replacement Reserve Plan and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.
 - Governance — Review the Association documents (CC&Rs and By-Laws) for possible changes. New Arizona laws will require that we make at least a few changes.
 - A sub-committee of Budget & Finance will consider recommending a type of “transfer fee” on turnover of Bellasera homes to raise additional funds for the Association.

As you can see, it will be another busy year. If you wish to have more information, you may contact Community Manager **Anne Marie Fitness**, any Board member, or members of the appropriate committee.

— **Dick Chenault**

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He was on the board of the homeowners' association at his previous home in Colorado for five years and that board's president for two years.

Martin worked in both government and private industry as a manager of community development and training programs nationally and internationally. His experience includes Director of Training for Standard Oil and associate professor at Denver Community College and Regis College, Denver. International experience includes Director of Academic Programs in England, Denmark and Zimbabwe and director of Peace Corps training programs in Zambia, Zimbabwe, Uganda and Poland.

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twelve communities under the guidance of **Stephanie Fee**, ARVP for the Western Region.

Anne Marie is very enthusiastic about her new position and looks forward to getting to know the residents of Bellasera.

“This is a beautiful community with exceptional facilities,” she said. “I look forward to working with the Board of Directors and the residents of Bellasera to enhance their quality of life while protecting their assets.”

A Maryland native (“Nothing will drag me back to the East”), Anne Marie has been living in Arizona for almost 15 years.

Board president **Dick Chenault** introduced her to the community at the July 13 board meeting. He noted that the change-over in the on-site community manager was extremely smooth and the community only had a single day without a manager.

She told the meeting that she was “glad to be here and I hope to bring some new ideas” to the community.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**If you have meeting dates or articles for publication, please turn them in to the Association of-
fice 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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FRANCES RUOTOLO

With great sadness we report the death of **Frances Ruotolo**, mother of Bellasera resident **Michael Ruotolo**, and extend our deepest sympathy to him and his family.

She passed away July 21.

BOOK CLUB LIST — SEPT.-MAY

Meetings are at the clubhouse at 7 p.m.

Sept. 22, Autobiography
Madam Secretary: A Memoir, Madeleine Albright.

October 20, Fiction
Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons, Lorna Landvik.

November 17, Fiction
Life of Pie, Yann Martel

December - No Meeting

January 19, Fiction
Under the Banner of Heaven, Jon Krakauer.

February 16, Poetry
Share a favorite selection of poetry with the group.

March 16, Fiction
Tortilla Curtain, T. C. Boyle.

April 20, Classic
East of Eden, John Steinbeck.

May 18, Fiction
The Photograph, Penelope Lively.

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EVENTS AND MILESTONES

Marsha and Michael Aloni are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on Aug. 16.

Paul Anetsberger scanned the green on the par-3 sixth hole at Dove Valley golf course in early July after his tee shot with a 7-iron but couldn't spot the ball. He did find it, though — in the cup. He sunk it for a hole-in-one.

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COMMUNITY DIRECTORY AVAILABLE THIS MONTH

Bellasera's second annual Community Directory will be available for residents early this month, the Communications committee reported.

Copies of the spiral-bound booklet can be picked up at the Community Manager's office. A notice will be posted on the mail box bulletin boards when the directories arrive from the printer.

Local residents can pick up their copy from Community Manager **Anne Marie Fitness** in the clubhouse. Homeowners who are away for the summer will find a copy waiting for them when they return. For those who prefer not to wait, please let Anne Marie know and she'll mail it to you upon request.

The committee thanked the advertisers that participated in this year's directory. They made it possible to produce the directory at no cost to the community itself.

The directory has an alphabetical listing of homeowners, with lot number, address, phone number and e-mail address. There's also a street address listing with the owner's name and a section with out-of-town mailing addresses. The introduction includes information about our community organizations and frequently called local phone numbers.

A listing of updated information is planned for year-end, as was done last year.

The directory is for the exclusive use of Bellasera homeowners. It must not be made public outside the community and shall not be used for any commercial purpose.

To minimize printing cost, **only one copy per address is available.**

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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Board of Directors appointed **Emily Shriver** to the Communications committee at its July 13 meeting.

The board also appointed **Clayton Loiselle**, **Charles Schroeder** and **Dennis Lamb** to the *ad hoc* Reserve committee, noting that additional appointments would be made to that committee.

In other committee-related actions, the board said it would discuss creating a Governance committee at the next meeting. The purpose of this committee would be to review Bellasera's governing documents and draft changes, where needed, for Board consideration.

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HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

Bellasera's committees are continuing the search for new members.

Volunteers are specifically needed for the Modifications committee and the Long Range Planning committee.

Contact Community Manager **Anne Marie Fitness** at the clubhouse for a committee membership form.

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STILL SEARCHING FOR THOSE GLASSES?

If you've misplaced something, especially in or around the clubhouse and pool, check with Community Manager **Anne Marie Fitness**.

Right now, there are eyeglasses, goggles and other articles waiting in the office for their owners.

Anne Marie 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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YOUR COMMUNITY

Board of Directors:

Dick Chenault — President
Jim Gleason — Vice President
Al Ricciardi — Secretary
Paul Agranoff — Treasurer
Bruce Martin — 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:

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

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