

# Bellasera Neighborhood News

September 2004

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Well, it's nearly the end of summer (we hope!) and time to think about getting back to work. As I explained last month, the Association has a full plate of projects to keep Bellasera looking great. Some are underway; others will be kicking off shortly. I'd like to remind you that you, as residents and homeowners, can do many little things to enhance our lives here even more. You can:

- Keep your yards looking great – even when you're out of town.
- Drive safely and courteously and respect the 25 mph speed limit.
- Wave back when the gate officer comes out to greet you.
- Fold down the umbrellas at the pool before the wind gets them.
- Know where your children are in the evening.
- Stop in to say "hello" to our manager or call to thank her for doing a great job.
- Understand when one of the gates fails (it's always on a week-end).
- Serve on one of the many Association committees to help us to manage more effectively.
- Support Association activities with your attendance.
- Check your outside lighting periodically to help keep Bellasera safe at night.
- Believe that the Board is looking out for you.
- Observe the leash law and pick up after your dogs, always.
- Return the remotes to where they belong in the clubhouse.

Even if we don't succeed at each of these items at all times, I thank you in advance for trying.

— Dick Chenault

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## BOARD SETS SPEAKING RULES

The Board of Directors adopted formal regulations covering homeowner participation at public meetings of the board, in keeping with new state law that now estab-

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## MANAGER'S MEMO:

After six weeks at Bellasera I have had the opportunity to meet some of you. Thanks for stopping by to welcome me! This is an exciting time for the community with lots of projects on the horizon.

In recent weeks we have begun work on the following projects:

- Scheduling the resurfacing of the remainder of the roads in Bellasera. The project is scheduled to take place on October 11, 13 and 15. You will be receiving a detailed plan by mail including a map

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## MEETING NOTICES

### Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Next regular meeting will be **Monday, Oct. 11** at **6:30 p.m.** in the clubhouse.

### Budget and Finance Committee

The next Budget and Finance committee meeting will be **Tuesday, September 7** at **2 p.m.** in the clubhouse.

### Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds committee meeting will be **Monday, Sept. 27** at **3 p.m.** in the clubhouse.

### Modifications Committee

The Modifications committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, Sept. 8** at **5:30 p.m.** in 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, Sept. 1** at **10 a.m.** in the clubhouse.

### Communications Committee

The Communications committee will meet **Thursday, Sept. 30** at **5 p.m.** in the clubhouse.

## SOCIAL SCENE

**RESIDENTS' LUNCHEON:** **Thursday, Sept. 9,** at **The Grill at TPC, 17020 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale.** The luncheon will be at **12 noon** *Sign up before Tuesday, Sept. 7.* 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. The group will meet at the clubhouse at **11:30 a.m. to carpool.**

**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:** **Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse.** The book 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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## NO POT LUCK DINNER IN SEPTEMBER

There is no Pot Luck Dinner scheduled for September, the Activities committee announced.

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## ART SHOW PLANNING UNDERWAY

The creative residents of Bellasera are planning their Fall arts and crafts show and sale, which will take place in early November.

The first planning session will be Friday, Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. in the clubhouse.

**Jane t Biondo**, the organizer of the event, urged those who are interested in participating to attend the meeting to learn details and to offer suggestions to the group. If you cannot attend but want to participate, call Janet at 488-0259.

The show and sale will be the third put together by artisans living in Bellasera. It is open to residents and their guests. Among the arts and crafts expected to be represented at the show are paintings in various media, photography, jewelry, stained glass, furniture and gift items.

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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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# SEPTEMBER 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>City Bulk &amp; Brush Collection Week</b>		Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.  Poker 7 p.m.	1 Group Circuit 7 a.m.  <b>Activities Cttee 10 a.m.</b>	2 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.	3 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	4
5	6 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Group Circuit 7 a.m.	7 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.  Poker 7 p.m.  <b>Budget Cttee 2 p.m.</b>	8 Group Circuit 7 a.m.  <b>Modifications Cttee 5:30 p.m.</b>	9 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.  <b>Residents' Lunch 11:30 a.m.</b>	10 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	11
12	13 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	14 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.  Poker 7 p.m.	15 <b>ROSH HASHANAH</b> (Begins at sundown)  Group Circuit 7 a.m.	16 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.	17 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	18
19	20 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	21 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.  Poker 7 p.m.	22 Group Circuit 7 a.m.  Book Club 7 p.m.	23 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.	24 <b>YOM KIPPUR</b> (Begins at sundown)  Group Circuit 7 a.m.	25
26	27 Group Circuit 7 a.m.  <b>Buildings &amp; Grounds Cttee 3 p.m.</b>	28 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.  Poker 7 p.m.	29 Group Circuit 7 a.m.	30 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m.  <b>Communications Cttee 5 p.m.</b>		

## SEPTEMBER IN THE GARDEN

By Pauline Marx

### Prevent Mosquitoes From Breeding

Empty buckets, cans, and other receptacles to prevent water from collecting.

Cover wading pools but take care to drain water that may collect on pool covers.

Change water in bird baths every three or four days.

Keep roof gutters clear and draining properly.

Report standing water to your local health department.

Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas, and hot tubs. When they are not in use, keep pools empty and covered' or buy a "mosquito dunk" from a garden center or Home Depot and put it in the water to kill the mosquito larvae.

### Staking Young Trees

Plant any tree that is not frost-tender this month. Most desert species establish best when planted in the fall; although it may still be hot, temperatures will soon moderate and trees will have ample time to begin setting a solid root system.

Trees are sensitive to damage to their bark. Protect trees that are in the path of mowers and other equipment with plastic tree guards. **Do not use string trimmers near trees.** It is much safer for the tree to trim by hand near the bark.

**Staking is not required for every tree.** Sturdy trees with thick trunks or multi trunks do not require staking because they have good wind resistance. Spindly fast growers like eucalyptus and mesquite, though, are prime candidates for stakes.

1. If the tree came with a stake, do not use it. **Container stakes are not meant to be in-ground stakes.** You'll need at least two, possibly three proper stakes, 4- to 6-foot tall. Wood is okay; metal is better.

2. Hammer the stakes into the ground outside the planting hole. The stakes should be placed on opposite sides of the tree if you're using two stakes. If three are being used, place them in a triangle.

3. Most arborists recommend attaching a flexible loop of plastic tree tie or cord. A wire or soft rope could be used as long as the part that wraps around the trunk is padded. Try an old garden hose. The ties should be tight enough to hold the tree upright but must be loose enough so that the trunk is not rigid. **The young trunk needs to move in the wind for sturdy wood growth.** The ties should be secured at the same point on the tree.

4. If using just two stakes, some specialists suggest attaching a firm brace between the stakes near the bottom. The brace is intended to prevent the stakes from loosening.

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**Stakes should be taken off most trees after they have developed 4- to 5-inch wide trunks.**

Be sure to **check all of the trees on your property after a monsoon wind blows through.** Most can be uprighted immediately and continue to put down new roots and survive nicely.

### Plant Annuals Now

Annuals can be planted now for some winter color in your courtyard or on your patio. Planting them close enough to fill in all the spaces will give the area a lush array of color. Do not be afraid to plant generously and let all the colors blend together on their own. Use annual vines like canary creeper, morning glory, or sweet peas to give height and dimension to the space. Sweet peas will also add their lovely fragrance to the area.

Mix annuals of varying sizes to add interest. Tall species like poppies and coreopsis can form a backdrop for the smaller species like California poppies, clarkia, or allysum. A wide range of color and size will give the small space dimension, making it appear larger. The diversity keeps your eye moving around and adds to the illusion of spaciousness.

While the weather is still warm, water newly planted annuals daily until they begin to show new growth. Then water to a depth of 6 to 8 inches every three to four days, depending on the soil and temperature.

Continue to water container-grown plants often while the temperature is high. Check that the pot is dry an inch below the surface before you water. This is approximately the length of your finger to the first knuckle.

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(Questions about plants? Call me at **575-0404** or e-mail me at **PlantPerson@Prodigy.net** — I love to talk plants!)

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lishes the right of homeowners to talk at board meetings.

While the Bellasera board has always accepted comments from homeowners at its public meetings, this participation was a privilege granted by the board. State law, until late August, said that homeowners did not have the right to be heard by the homeowners association boards during public meetings although they were allowed to attend the sessions.

Bellasera’s regulations, adopted at the August 23 meeting, call for a period for homeowner questions and comments at each public meeting and allow homeowners to join in discussing specific agenda items before the board acts on the item. It does, however, stipulate that questions and comments must be addressed to the chairperson, who can then ask other board members to respond.

In addition, the regulations specify that a person must conduct himself or herself in an appropriate manner when talking to the board, including making no personal attacks and not using profanity. The chairperson can rule the person out of order and not allow further comments. The rules also limit an individual to two comments on a subject, but this limit can be waived by the chairperson.

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**NO SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING**

**Because of scheduling conflicts, the Board of Directors set its next public meeting for Monday, Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the clubhouse. Its normal schedule is the fourth Monday of each month.**

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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. 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.

For more information, contact Solid Waste Management at **(480) 312-5600.**

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that will outline the project in its entirety. We will also make the information available on the website.

- The upgraded gate software system will be in place by the time you receive this publication.
- The Building & Grounds committee and Activities committee are currently researching the purchase of new furniture for the activity room in the clubhouse.
- Some of the cul-de-sacs that currently have no landscaping will be spruced up with granite, plantings and trees.

We have accomplished the following:

- The men’s room sinks are now fully operable.
- The much needed replacement shower curtains in the men’s room make a wonderful improvement.
- The fitness equipment is in good condition with improvements and repairs as needed.
- The trees around the Clubhouse will be pruned so they will not suffer damage in the event we really get a monsoon storm.

We need help with the following:

- Please check your outdoor lighting. Many of the lights on garages and in your landscape need to be replaced. Your help with this would be appreciated and afford me time to improve other areas of the community.
- Some areas of the community are experiencing pack rats. If you make your yard unappealing to these rodents we will be able to make some headway in getting rid of our unwanted guests. A couple of suggestions...if you have a fountain and have noticed pack rats, you might want to discontinue the water source temporarily.

We still need volunteers for several of the committees including the Modifications committee, Long Range Planning committee, and the *ad hoc* Governance committee.

I truly look forward to meeting each of you; this is such a wonderful community with amazing possibilities and I believe together we can make the difference! I am excited to be your new Community Manager. If you have ideas, comments or suggestions please contact me by email at [afitness@ccmcnet.com](mailto:afitness@ccmcnet.com) or 480-488-0400.

— Anne Marie Fitness

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### CATHERINE ROOKS

With great sadness we report the death of **Catherine Rooks**, mother of Bellasera resident **Carlton Rooks**, and extend our deepest sympathy to him and his family.

She passed away August 21 in New York.

### PHONE DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

Bellasera's new telephone directory can be picked up at the Community Manager's office.

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.

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### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Appointments to several of the community's standing and *ad hoc* committees were made by the Board of Directors at the August 23 meeting.

However, there continue to be vacancies on some of the committees, board president **Dick Che nault** noted.

Named to the *ad hoc* Reserve Study committee were:

**Paul Anetsberger, Paul Hilf, Dennis Lamb, Clayton Loiselle, Mike Ruotolo, Charles Schroeder, John Storer and Bob Tack.** The committee was structured to have its members drawn from the Buildings and Grounds, Budget and Long Range Planning committees and two representatives from the community at large.

Named to the Modifications committee were:

**Phil Castrovinci, Steve Comstock and Walt Winston.** Representing the board on the committee will be **Al Ricciardi.**

Named to the Long Range Planning committee were:

**Paul Hilf, Dave Johnson, Mel Lavin, Sharon Luse and John Storer.** Representing the board will be **Jim Gleason.**

In addition, the Board appointed **Bruce Martin** as its representative on the Buildings and Grounds committee.

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### ROAD RESEALING SET FOR OCTOBER

Asphalt resealing of many of Bellasera's streets has been scheduled for October 11, 13 and 15.

The streets involved are those that were not resealed during last year's project. Details of the new project will be given to homeowners in the near future. As was the case during the earlier resealing project, residents will have to arrange to keep their vehicles off the streets during the resealing.

Directors approved the proposal at the August 23 board meeting.

About half of the community's streets will be resurfaced in the October project. In addition, the entrance from Scottsdale Road to the gates will be redone, as will the clubhouse parking lot.

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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.**

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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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## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE FORMED

The Board established an *ad hoc* Governance committee to review and suggest revisions to Bellasera's by-laws and CC&Rs.

Named to the new committee at the August 23 Board meeting were **Carol Sotnick** and **Ken Willig**. The Board is seeking a third committee member.

The committee is expected to draft proposed changes to the documents for presentation to the Board. Many of the changes proposed will have to be ratified by homeowner vote.

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## WRIGLEY MANSION DINING

Bellasera residents can use a membership at the Wrigley Mansion to arrange a dinner at the historic Phoenix home.

Access to the Mansion's dining facilities requires a membership, which Activities committee member **Dottie Schultz** and husband **Hal** purchased for the community. As a result, the membership will allow a Bellasera person to arrange a dinner for any number of guests at the facility.

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

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## A WATERLESS PORT OF CALL

**Emily** and **Bob Shriver** sailed into Albuquerque recently for a reunion with shipmates and families from Bob's first ship, the destroyer USS Henley. He's a retired Navy captain.

A long way from Henley's home port - Norfolk, VA - and a long time from Bob's days as an ensign. Needless to say, all needed name tags and all had a great port call in New Mexico.

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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:

**Anne Marie Fitness**  
**(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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