

Bellasera Neighborhood News

November 2004

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

I'd like to call to your attention the current activities of our Association committees. They are mostly fully staffed and are at work supporting the Community Manager and the Board in their functions. You may be interested in attending one of their meetings, which are all open to residents and are held at the clubhouse. Here are some of the things the committees are working on now. *See the box on this page for the date/time of each meeting.*

The **Activities committee**, besides continuing to plan and support its normal activities (such as residents' luncheons and pot lucks) plans to augment these activities by adding speakers and seminars in 2005. The search is on to find various topics and activities that will be of interest to our community members and present

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RESERVE COMMITTEE DISSOLUTION VOTED DOWN

A move to eliminate the ad hoc Reserve Study committee at the Oct. 11 Board of Directors meeting was voted down by the majority of the board.

Paul Agranoff proposed that the committee be eliminated because, he said, its function was actually one of the duties of the Budget and Finance committee. He noted that he originally supported forming the committee earlier in the year but has since seen that it usurps the Budget committee functions. His was the only vote to disband the committee.

Other board members pointed out that one of the reasons the committee was established was to broaden community participation in the important work of determining the amount of money to set aside for major future repairs and replacement of community assets.

The board also decided not to act on a proposal presented by Nextel communications to lease a portion of Bellasera's property for a wireless communications antenna and related equipment building.

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MANAGER'S MEMO:

- I have received the "The Boulders Circle" Discount Passes for Bellasera residents. I think you will find the offer generous and the property is wonderful! You may pick up your discount card at the Clubhouse. If you are unable to stop by the Clubhouse, you can email me at *afitness@ccmnet.com* or give me a call at 488-0400 and I will make the pass available to you for pick up at the Guard House.
- The holiday season is upon us! Please save this date — Monday, Dec. 13 at 9:30 a.m. — you are invited to participate in decorating the
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MEETING NOTICES

Board of Directors Regular Meeting will be **Monday, Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m.** in the clubhouse.

Budget and Finance Committee meeting will be **Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m.** in the clubhouse.

Building and Grounds Committee meeting will be **Monday, Nov. 15 at 3 p.m.** in the clubhouse

Modifications Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 5:30 p.m.** in the clubhouse. Modification applications are due no later than the Monday before the meeting.

Long Range Planning Committee meeting date will be posted on the bulletin board.

Activities Committee will meet **Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 10 a.m.** in the clubhouse.

Communications Committee meeting date will be **Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 4 p.m.** in the clubhouse.

Governance Committee (ad hoc) scheduled meeting will be **Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 1:30 p.m.** in the clubhouse.

Reserve Study Committee (ad hoc) meeting date will be posted on the bulletin board.

SOCIAL SCENE

RESIDENTS' LUNCHEON: **Thursday, Nov. 11,** at **Wrigley Mansion, 2501 E. Telewa Trail, Phoenix.** The luncheon will be at **12 noon.** The cost for the luncheon is \$21 per person and includes a choice of three entrees, a desert, a nonalcoholic beverage, tax and gratuity. *Sign up before Thursday, Nov. 4.* 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 11:15 a.m. to carpool. Maps will be provided at the sign-up desk.** Valet parking is available for \$5 per car; other parking is free and will involve a walk up a fairly steep hill to the Mansion.

FUNDRAISER DINNER: Friday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. A meal of spaghetti, meatballs, bread, salad, a beverage, and dessert will be provided for \$10 per person. *Please sign up by Monday, Nov. 15* and give a check made out to Bellasera Community Association for your dinner(s) to Community Manager Anne Marie Fitness.

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, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse. The book will be **Life of Pi**, by **Yann Martel**. For further information, contact **Maureen Simpson** at **575-7693** or **maureensimpson@cox.net**.

HIKING GROUP: Monday, Nov. 8, at 8 a.m. at the clubhouse. It will be a moderate, relatively local hike, to be determined shortly. Additional information will be posted at the clubhouse, where hikers should sign up. For further information, contact **Vivian Kurtz** at **575-1391**.

GOLF: Monday, Nov. 1, Tatum Ranch; Tuesdays, Nov. 9 and Nov. 23, Dove Valley; and Tuesdays, Nov. 16 and Nov. 30, at The 500 Club.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

YOGA CLASS: Look for classes to resume later this fall.

COMPLETE BODY WORKOUT: 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.

WATER AEROBICS: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. at the pool. For more information, contact the instructor, Janet Geretti, at 488-2805.

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HELP FINANCE FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS

A **special fundraising dinner** by the Activities committee is set for **Friday, Nov. 19** at the clubhouse.

The spaghetti and meatball entrée, with bread, salad, a beverage and dessert will help to pay for the committee's pot luck dinner supplies and other community-wide social gatherings sponsored by the committee. The cost is \$10 per person, and the money will go into Bellasera's social activities fund.

Sign up at the clubhouse by **Monday, Nov. 15** and give a check made out to Bellasera Community Association to Community Manager Anne Marie Fitness. Further information is available from any of the committee members.

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GOLF WITH FRIENDS

Bellasera's golfing group is back in action this month, with games arranged at **Tatum Ranch** on **Monday, Nov. 1;** at **Dove Valley** on **Tuesdays, Nov. 9 and 23;** and at **The 500 Club** on **Tuesdays, Nov. 16 and 30.**

Anyone interested in playing, contact **Ellen Bornstein** at **embornstein7@att.net** or at **575-9848** for more information.

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NOVEMBER 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Golf Water Aero- bics 9 a.m.	2 Body Work- out 8 a.m. Poker 7 p.m. Governance Cttee 1:30 p.m.	3 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Water Aero- bics 9 a.m. Activities Cttee 10 a.m.	4 Body Work- out 8 a.m.	5 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Water Aero- bics 9 a.m.	6 Hazardous Waste Collec- tion
7	8 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Water Aero- bics 9 a.m. Hike 8 a.m.	9 Body Work- out 8 a.m. Golf Poker 7 p.m. Budget Cttee 2 p.m. Modifications Cttee 5:30 p.m.	10 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Water Aero- bics 9 a.m.	11 VETER- ANS DAY Body Work- out 8 a.m. Resident's Lunch 11:15 a.m.	12 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Water Aero- bics 9 a.m.	13
14	15 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Water Aero- bics 9 a.m. Buildings & Grounds 3 p.m. Directors Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16 Body Work- out 8 a.m. Golf Poker 7 p.m.	17 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Water Aero- bics 9 a.m. Book Club 7 p.m. Communica- tions Cttee 4 p.m.	18 Body Work- out 8 a.m.	19 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Water Aero- bics 9 a.m. Fundraising Dinner 7 p.m.	20
21	22 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Water Aero- bics 9 a.m.	23 Body Work- out 8 a.m. Golf Poker 7 p.m.	24 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Water Aero- bics 9 a.m.	25 THANKS- GIVING	26 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Water Aero- bics 9 a.m.	27
28 City Bulk & Brush Collec- tion Week	29 Group Circuit 7 a.m. Water Aero- bics 9 a.m.	30 Body Work- out 8 a.m. Golf Poker 7 p.m.				

NOVEMBER IN THE GARDEN

By Pauline Marx

Continue to **plant frost-hardy and native woody shrubs** such as Apache Plume, jojoba, Texas Mountain Laurel, and Texas Ranger.

If you have shrubs that need to be relocated, **transplant** them **from now through January**. Try to schedule transplanting to **avoid the coldest of the cold weather**.

1. Begin by digging the hole for the shrub. Make the hole wider than the root ball but just as deep. Do not add amendments or mulch but scratch the sides and bottom of the hole to rough it up. Fill the hole with water and let it drain completely before planting.

2. Remove the shrub, taking it out with as much soil as you can. If conditions are dry or the soil is light and subject to falling away from the root ball, water the shrub deeply before lifting it. This will help keep as much soil as possible around the root zone.

3. Place in the new hole and check to be sure the shrub is no deeper that it was in the original hole. Fill in with the backfill, firming it gently to remove air pockets and secure the shrub. Build a basin around the shrub and mulch heavily. Water well and keep well watered for the first two weeks after transplanting.

4. Water transplanted shrubs every week for a month, then every 8 to 10 days until they begin to grow in the spring. Do not prune any part of the transplanted shrub until it has begun to grow in the spring. And if it is a spring-blooming shrub, do not prune until the bloom period is over.

Continue to plant cool-season succulents like aloes, gasteria and dudleya. Native succulents can be planted this month but be careful that they are not overwatered during the winter. Do not plant cold-tender succulents this month.

Most insect pests and diseases are inactive during the coldest part of the year. Keep the areas around shrubs free of any diseased prunings or fruit to prevent future problems.

Do not prune or fertilize and shrubs this month.

If you desire **spring color from bulbs**, now is the time to prepare them. Buy Dutch iris, hyacinth and long-stemmed varieties of daffodils and tulips; chill the

bulbs in the refrigerator for five to six weeks before planting.

Sow seeds or set out plants of asparagus, beets, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, endive, garlic, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuce, mustard, parsley, peas, radishes, spinach, Swiss chard, and turnips.

Late in the month **Christmas cactus** should be showing flower buds. Once buds are set and are about 1/2-inch long, gradually move the plant into more light over a week or two. Plants grow best in a spot that has bright, indirect light; that is cool and away from drafts and hot spots like a fireplace, heater vent, the top of a television or refrigerator or in a west-facing window. Sudden changes in temperature or light, or both, will cause the buds to fall off.

Water Christmas cactus when the surface of the soil is dry. Fertilize Christmas cactus with a water soluble fertilizer, mixing a solution at a quarter of what is recommended for houseplants. Apply fertilizer every two weeks while the plant is blooming.

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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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the subjects in an enjoyable manner.

The **Budget & Finance committee** is considering a possible recommendation to the Board to establish a “transfer tax” that would impose a small fee (paid by either the seller or the buyer) on each sale of a house. The extra income could help to offset other expenses or be used to accumulate funds for future improvement projects. The committee also will soon begin considering the FY 2005-2006 budget.

The **Building & Grounds committee** continuously monitors all of our common areas to suggest maintenance or improvement projects. Among other things, they are currently looking at are new clubhouse furniture and new pool furniture cushions, and they are studying the Long Range Planning committee’s recommendations on median strip lighting and solar heating of the pool.

The **Communications committee** is heavily engaged in the modernization of our Bellasera web site and, after inaugurating advertising to help pay for our member directory, is looking at possible changes to the Bellasera newsletter.

The **Long Range Planning committee** will begin soon to look at the 2005-2006 fiscal year update to the 2004-2005 long range plan created and approved by the Board in May.

The **Modifications committee** meets, usually once each month, to review and approve member requests for modifications to the outside of their homes or yards.

The newly created **ad hoc Governance committee** has the short-term job of reviewing and recommending potential changes to our governing documents (CC&R's and By-Laws). Any changes would need to be approved by a 2/3 vote of the full Bellasera membership.

The newly created **ad hoc Reserve Study committee** is considering its recommendations on hiring a Reserve Study company to conduct a Reserve Study so we can update our Reserve Replacement Plan this year. It is also considering the acquisition of associated software to permit local updates in years when no study update is contracted.

As you can see, there are many things going on at the committee level that *could be of interest to you. Your attendance at these meetings could be useful to keep you up to date and to make sure the committees hear your views on these matters.*

— Dick Chenault

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Gates, Gatehouse and Clubhouse for the holidays. We would really appreciate your help! Please RSVP to me by Friday, Dec. 10, as we will be serving light refreshments.

I wanted to let you know I will be **out of the office** from **November 18 through December 2**. CCMC is putting in place a plan to cover the office at Bellasera on a reduced schedule. Should you need anything during my absence, please do not hesitate to call our corporate office at (480) 921-7500.

— Anne Marie Fitness

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HARRY SCHULTZ

We report with great sadness the death of **Harry Schultz**, the father of Bellasera resident **Hal Schultz**, and extend our deepest sympathy to him and his family.

He passed away Sept. 30 in Broadview Heights, Ohio.

QUINN, TILTON NAMED TO COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors at its Oct. 11 meeting appointed **Patrick Quinn** to complete the three-person *ad hoc* Governance committee. The committee is reviewing Bellasera's governing documents — the by-laws, CC&Rs and design guidelines — to recommend revisions for community ratification.

The board also appointed **Rick Tilton** to the Budget and Finance Committee after accepting the resignation of **Tom Rotherham** from that committee.

In other business, the board approved the purchase of a new phone system for the clubhouse and guard house and the hiring of a consultant to review and oversee bidding for clubhouse roofing repairs.

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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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SCOTTSDALE LISTS HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DATE

Scottsdale will have a Household **Hazardous Waste Collection Day** on **Saturday, Nov. 6, between 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.** at the city's facilities at **9191 E. San Salvador Drive**. **There will be directional signs posted at 91st Street and E. Via Linda.**

Residents **must deliver** the materials, which include **items such as oil paints, automobile oil and fluids, old household and auto batteries, insecticides, pool chemicals and other dangerous products**, to the facility. These items **can not** be put into the weekly garbage pickups.

Material should be tightly sealed in its original container, if possible, and placed in a cardboard box. Glass containers should be wrapped in towels, cloth or packaged in some other way to prevent breakage.

Additional information about the collection program is available at <http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/Recycle/HHWGuidelines.asp>.

Brush Pickup Scheduled

Scottsdale will pick up **brush and bulk items** in the Bellasera area **during the week beginning Monday, Nov. 29.**

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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A PLACE TO GOLF

Need a golf membership? Bellasera residents Paul Broad and Paul Anetsberger can help with information and details about Dove Valley Golf Course, which has a variety of yearly memberships available for Bellasera residents.

Contact **Paul Broad** at **595-2955** or **Paul Anetsberger** at **595-2472** for more information.

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EVENTS & MILESTONES

Who was that pedaling demon?? Why, **Mike Simpson**, of course. And you can tell by the Tour de Scottsdale tee-shirt he's proudly sporting. Mike completed the 67-mile bike race through Scottsdale, Carefree, Rio Verde and Fountain Hills on Oct. 17 in 4 1/2 hours. Approximately 600 cyclists participated.

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NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE EARLIER

If you're reading this newsletter on a copy delivered by mail, you've either made the choice to receive a mailed copy or you may not be aware computer delivery is possible.

Many of our residents have opted for delivery to their e-mail address every month, saving our association printing and postage costs while at the same time reducing their postal mailbox clutter and assuring an earlier delivery.

If you'd like to receive the newsletter every month via computer, please send an e-mail to **Keith Christian** at klc@cts.com. And the Bellasera volunteers who stamp and label each printed issue every month thank you for making their job a little bit easier.

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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: Jim Gleason
Modifications: To be named

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

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