

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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EIGHTH ANNUAL ELECTION ANNUAL MEETING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 7

The eighth annual election of the Bellasera Community Association will be held on Thursday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. at:
Terravita Community Center

Two members of the community's Board of Directors will be elected, each for a two year term. Five persons have filed for the vacancies. Their application information has been mailed to all residents, and was also included in last month's Bellasera Neighborhood News. Ballot and proxy forms were included the mailing. Thirty percent (108) of the association's members must vote to validate the election.

Members are asked to return the ballot/proxy no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 4th. If you wish to change your vote, or are able to attend the election, your ballot/proxy will be returned to you at sign-in the night of the election.

Following the election, the new board will have only three members, with two vacancies existing due to past resignations. The board will then meet to appoint two directors to fill those vacancies. Tentative date for that meeting is April 8, the day after the election.

Note from Jim Gleason, Acting Board President

Dear Residents,

This year is a very important election year for Bellasera. You are being asked to vote for two people to serve for two year terms. The two people elected will have a voice in the selection of individuals to fill the two existing vacant positions. At the March 28th Board of Directors meeting the Board voted to delay the approval of the Budget for 2005-2006 Budget and Reserve Fund until the new board is in place.

The path for Bellasera is at a crossroad and your understanding and involvement in this funding proposal is essential. At the annual meeting we will present the Budget proposed by the Budget & Finance Committee. We have also requested that a representative of the Ad Hoc Reserve Study Committee explain their proposed Reserve Fund, and approach to funding the Reserves.

The Board urges your attendance at this meeting as well as your participation in voting in this election. We must all be mindful of the importance of having our voices heard, understanding the importance of community involvement and knowing how important to our future these decisions will be.

Bellasera is a dynamic community in a wonderful location in North Scottsdale and we are able to boast about how our homes have appreciated in value over the years. The success of any community as the saying goes is the sum total of it's parts...I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting on the evening of April 7th at Terravita Community Center.

Sincerely,
Jim Gleason, Acting President

MEETING NOTICES

Board of Directors Meeting will be **Monday, April 25th** at **6:30 p.m.** in the clubhouse.

Budget and Finance Committee will meet **Thursday, April 21st** at **3 p.m.** in the clubhouse.

Building and Grounds Committee meeting will be **Monday April 18th** at **3 p.m.** in the clubhouse.

Modifications Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 12th** 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 in the clubhouse.

Activities Committee will meet **Wednesday, April 6th** at **10 a.m.** in the clubhouse.

Communications Committee meeting date will be **Wednesday, April 20th** at **4 p.m.** in the clubhouse.

Governance Committee (*ad hoc*) will meet **Tuesday, April 19th** at **10 a.m.** in the clubhouse.

Additional dates will be posted.

COMMITTEE CHANGES

At the February 28 Board of Directors meeting, the board accepted the following resignations: **Jean Grutta** and **Dottie Schultz** from the Activities Committee; **Walt Winston** from the Modifications Committee. The board appointed **Crawford Love** to the Modifications Committee.



ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

With committee members rotating off the group, the Activities committee needs new members.

This committee strives to provide enjoyable activities for our community. To keep this momentum, it needs new members who can bring their ideas and energy to the group. Why not take a role in helping Bellasera continue to be a premiere community in the area. Please call Community Manager **Anne Marie Fitness** at 488-0400 and volunteer to make fun happen.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE NEEDS MEMBER

The *ad hoc* Governance committee is seeking to fill a vacancy .

The now two-person committee is reviewing Bellasera's by-laws and CC&Rs to bring them in line with new state laws and improve governance of the community. A special need is for help explaining the changes to the community in preparation for the approval process.

Contact Community Manager **Anne Marie Fitness** to volunteer.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

SOCIAL SCENE



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, Apr. 20, at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. The book is a classic, East of Eden, John Steinbeck For further information, contact Maureen Simpson at 575-7693.



HIKING GROUP:



April hike is in South Mountain Park--the Ranger Trail--on April 8th. We'll leave the clubhouse at 9:00 A.M.

For more information contact Vivian Kurtz at 575-1391.

GOLF:

Monday, April 4, 10:00 a.m., at Tatum Ranch.

Tuesday, April 12, 8:26 a.m., at Dove Valley.

Tuesday, April 19, 8:48 a.m., at the 500 CLUB.

Tuesday, April 26, 8:26 a.m., at Dove Valley.

Contact Ellen Bornstein at 575-9848 (e-mail:

embornstein7@att.net) a few days prior to the day or days you are interested in playing - or at anytime for more information.



APRIL POTLUCK



The April Potluck will be held on Friday, April 22 at 7:00 PM. Please bring a dish for about eight to ten people and the appropriate serving utensil. Sign up at the clubhouse by April 20 if you plan to attend.



By Pauline Marx

Spring planting is the most desirable time for planting everything from annuals, vegetables and herbs to low-water-use desert plants, citrus and tropicals. Basic to your spring planting is the soil in which your plants will grow. There are many pockets of caliche here in the Valley and probably several in your yard.

If you have severe soil conditions, evidenced by rock-hard ground, low productivity and chloric or yellow looking plants it's a good idea to start with a soil test. This will give you data and recommendations as to the amount and type of soil amendments (any of a class of materials which are used to adjust the soil for increased fertility) needed for optimal production. Contact your favorite garden center for advice on a soil test as the Maricopa County Cooperative Extension service no longer provides this service

Caliche

What is it and how do we deal with it? Caliche is a soil condition commonly found in the Valley. It is a deposit of calcium carbonate (lime) that lies at or below the soil surface. This is an indirect product of drought and looks like and can be as impenetrable as concrete. A thin layer of soil may conceal it but roots cannot penetrate the hard layer and water cannot drain through it. If the caliche layer is thin, you probably can break through it with a shovel before planting.

Improve/Amend Soil

In order to improve the soil, dig up the area to a depth of 18 inches and thoroughly mix in organic matter. It is easier to dig in our soil if you moisten it a few days before digging. Once the hole is dug, fill it with water **as** this will accomplish two things. It creates a moist environment in which to plant and points out any drainage problems. If the water hasn't soaked in after 2 hours, bail it out and dig deeper to check for caliche. Caliche can occur in layers from an inch to several feet thick and may be on or below the surface. .

If the caliche layer is too thick to break through, the best course of action is to select another site, or go ahead and plant realizing that you will have to be very careful not to over water and that large plants placed here may be stunted. Only the worst soils or the most delicate plants benefit from amending the soil. In such cases use about 25 percent organic matter by volume. Planting in a raised bed to which you have added good soil is another solution.

Roses

Roses in particular will benefit from soil amended with a soil acidifier, such as Disper-sul or First Step, to achieve a pH between 6.5 and 7.0. They always benefit from the addition of organic matter in the form of nitrified mulch. Roses are tremendous bloomers and therefore need to be fed frequently for extended bloom activity. I have 9 roses in a raised bed and use Jackson and Perkins ONCE following the label directions.

My roses reward me with many blooms on healthy plants. Water deeply once a week to leach salts from the root zone. Keep the ground surface mulched to keep the soil cooler. If aphids, whiteflies, or thrips threaten your roses, use a systemic insecticide or Greenlight Rose Defense with Neem oil. Neem oil is a safe, organic insecticide that works well on numerous ornamentals. Aphids can be washed off daily with a strong stream of water

Fruit/Citrus Trees

Remember to fertilize your citrus trees with both major and minor nutrients, using a balanced citrus food to ensure tree development.

If you have deciduous fruit trees remember to thin them so that you have one fruit for every 8 to 12 inches on the branch. Thinning prevents over crowding and results in larger better quality fruit.

Focal Points in Your Garden

Try creating a focal point in your garden if you want to transform an ordinary garden into an unforgettable one. Make a visual statement that draws the eye. Plants of contrasting colors and differing heights, sculptural cacti, climbing vines, ornamental plants and unusual vegetation will accentuate a space.

Other elements that can illuminate a garden area are an arbor, bird bath, birdhouse, fountain, gazebo, glass globe on a pedestal, grouping of potted plants, hammock, hanging baskets, potting bench, raised planting beds, statue, sundial, topiary, or urn.

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

Other News & Activities

HEALTH & FITNESS

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 **Marilyn Schletzer**. Please remember to be there 10 minutes before the class begins.



WATER AEROBICS: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. at the pool. There is no charge for the sessions, which uses audio tapes as part of the class. For more information, contact the instructor, Janet Geretti, at 488-2805.

What Massage Can Do for You

Stress at home, work or play can have detrimental effects on your body. No matter the cause, the body reacts with tension or pain—a sign that some body part has been pushed past its limits. Massage can help you relax but can do so much more!



Massage is helpful in reducing stress; increasing endorphins to help alleviate depression; reducing muscle tension and stiffness; improving sciatic pain; and alleviating migraine headaches. Many other physical, and emotional conditions respond positively to massage therapy.

Discuss with your massage therapist which type of massage is best for you; Swedish massage for relaxation or Deep tissue massage for chronic tension and pain

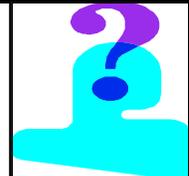
Massage therapy is now being offered at the Bellasera clubhouse by appointment with licensed massage therapist Jennifer Griffin. She has over 6 years of experience, having worked in spa settings, corporate chair massage and her own practice. Now working at the Spa at Rancho Manana Wednesday and Friday, Jennifer is available for appointments outside of these hours at Bellasera. Please call her directly at 602-318-3401 or e-mail her at hands2knead@flica.net. Please allow 24 hours advance notice.



GOOD NEIGHBORS...PICK UP AFTER THEIR DOGS. WIN A GOOD NEIGHBOR LABEL!

**How do you like this format for the Bellasera Newsletter?
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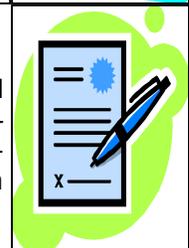
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Anne Marie**



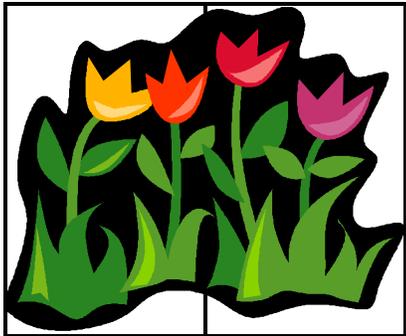
THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING...SIGNED UP

Don't be a walk-in for Community events that ask for sign-ups.

Planners for events that ask for sign-ups at the clubhouse do so to make sure they will be ready to handle the attendance. It affects everything from the amount of food available to the number of chairs that must be set up. A walk-in is not considerate to the organizers or those who took the time to sign up. If you have forgotten to sign up but wish to attend, check with the contact person before showing up to see if it will be a problem.



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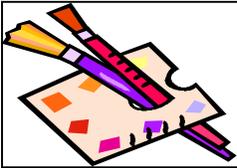
GENERAL NEWS • UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY

The new Desert Broom Branch of the Phoenix Public Library System opened recently at 29710 N. Cave Creek Rd. (SW corner of Tatum & Cave Creek). The location is about five miles southwest of Bellasera.

A free Phoenix Public Library card is available to all Maricopa county residents with proof of identification. Your card allows you to borrow books, DVD's, and access the Internet.

Library hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. For more information, call 602-262-4636 or check their web site: www.phxlib.org.



ART SHOW AND SALE PLANNED FOR EARLY NOVEMBER

The Creative Hands of Bellasera, an informal cooperative made up of artists and craftspeople living in the community, is planning its next show and sale in early November.

The group will meet again April 8 for additional planning and will be selecting spaces in the clubhouse for the show, said **Janet Biondo**, the organizer. It will be the last opportunity to become a part of the show.

If you are interested in joining; or if you cannot make the April meeting, please contact Janet at 488-0259 or by e-mail at arizonajrb@cox.net.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

A new editor for Bellasera's monthly newsletter is urgently needed.

Anyone interested in assuming the editorship should contact Community Manager Anne Marie Fitness or Communications Committee Chairman Keith Christian for further information.



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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NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

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 Bellasera Neighborhood News by computer only, please send an e-mail to Keith Christian at klc@cts.com indicating your choice.



SCOTTSDALE LISTS BRUSH COLLECTION DATES

The city of Scottsdale will pick up **brush and bulk items** in the Bellasera area during **the week of Monday, April 25th**.

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:

Open — President
Jim Gleason — **Acting President**
Al Ricciardi — Secretary
Open — Treasurer
Bruce Martin — Director

Current Committee Chairpeople:

Activities: To be named
Budget: Carlton Rooks
Buildings & Grounds: Paul Anetsberger
Communications: Keith Christian
Long Term Planning: To be named
Modifications: To be named

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**

Security/Front Gate • (480) 488-3663

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BELLASERA News Flash

COMMITTEE UPDATE – MODIFICATIONS

Your response is requested with regard to the proposed Pederson development at the corner of Lone Mountain & Scottsdale Rd

The Modifications committee continues to monitor the progress of the Pederson Group and the proposed development at Lone Mountain. & Scottsdale Rd. The Pederson Group has continued the process of enrolling neighbors and interested citizens as required by the City of Scottsdale development process. They have contacted the Bellasera Board and are awaiting a response with our community inputs and needs.

The committee is targeting the end of April to have final community recommendations ready for the board.

The Committee will be reviewing the current PROJECT status at the next Modifications committee meeting scheduled for APRIL 12TH.

In an effort to insure we have a complete community point of view we are seeking one last round of additional feedback and are asking for specific responses to a few remaining questions.

Please provide your response to the following questions, please return via fax or e-mail or drop your response by the office or guard house ASAP. Your responses are critical to insure we represent the community needs and preferences.

As always, we are seeking interested neighbors to join the committee on this project . IF YOU HAVE EXPERTISE IN ANY FIELD THAT MAY BE OF SERVICE PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE & OR EMAIL ONE OF THE MODIFICATION MEMBERS. We are also seeking volunteers to act as block captains. These volunteer block captains will assist in communication with their neighbors and assist in mobilizing community support and action should we need help with letter writing campaigns and/or meeting attendance. Special thanks to Karen Husted & Jim Botten for championing this idea and taking the lead on this important element with their blocks!

The following questions remain and we're looking for inputs on these issues before we move forward. We have also included space for additional comments.

Do you support the installation of a gate allowing vehicle access from Bellasera directly into the development?
YES _____ NO _____

Do you support the installation of a gate allowing pedestrian access from Bellasera directly into the development?
YES _____ NO _____

If you support gate access, Do you support Bellasera community expenditure to maintain and operate a gate?
YES _____ NO _____

Do you support the installation of a stop light at the intersection of Pontebella & Scottsdale Road?
(Main entrance to Bellasera)
YES _____ NO _____

