

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

A portion of this page has been deleted at the request of the Bellasera Board of Directors.

RESIDENTS MEET WITH SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPER

A representative group of Bellasera residents attended a presentation and working session with Gary and Jim Pederson on May 16, to better understand the plans for the corner of Lone Mountain & Scottsdale Rd. During the session the Bellasera group provided community specific "wants and needs" as gathered via meetings and survey over the last 6 months.

Three priority issues were identified by the group as unacceptable to Bellasera in the Pederson plan:

1. The current L shape design does not meet the spirit of the PCC Zoning guidelines.
2. The current development orientation is not acceptable. At a minimum, the opportunity exists to relocate the "largest box" to the northwest corner of the property maximizing the distance between the development and Bellasera home sites, thus minimizing noise and traffic to homeowners.
3. Current Pederson plans which include a maximum height of 44 feet for Bashas' (Peak) building are not acceptable. The community does not support placement of AC units and other appurtenances on top of buildings and increasing development height to "screen" these appurtenances.

Pederson has committed to respond to Bellasera identified issues prior to the Planning Commission meeting. The community expects a response by June 15.

The first required Scottsdale City Planning Commission hearing has been scheduled for June 15. At this meeting Pederson will be asking for a revision to the current site plan, to approve a change from the original "circle" site plan. (CASE - 23-ZN-2004 - SCOTTSDALE & LONE MOUNTAIN)

The Modifications Committee is seeking resident support to attend the upcoming June 15 Planning Commission meeting. The committee will provide more information, and will be coordinating speaking efforts, at the next Modifications Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 14, at 5:30 p.m.

Crawford Love, spokesman for the group, says now is the time for Bellasera residents to take action. He urges residents to write the Planning Commissioners and City Council Members with our Bellasera wants and needs. Addresses of key city leaders, and a meeting summary, are on the Bellasera web site: www.azbellasera.org.



MEETING NOTICES

Board of Directors meeting will be on Wednesday, June 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the clubhouse.

Budget and Finance Committee will meet Wednesday, June 15th at 3 p.m. in the clubhouse.

Building and Grounds Committee meeting will be Monday, June 13th at 3 p.m. in the clubhouse.

Modifications Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th 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 meeting date is Wednesday, June 1st at 10 a.m. in the clubhouse.

Communications Committee meeting date will be Wednesday, June 22nd at 4 p.m. in the clubhouse.

Governance Committee (*ad hoc*) will meet at 10 a.m. on both Tuesday, June 14th, and Tuesday, June 21st.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee needs you! The committee currently has three vacancies. If you are interested in participating in planning and executing Activities for Bellasera; you have new ideas; energy; and the ability to plan and give a great party...Please call Sheila Lavin, Chairperson at 473-0348 and volunteer to be a part of the committee to make the fun happen.

BUDGET FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Budget Finance Committee currently has two vacancies. Contact Carlton Rooks, Committee Chair at 595-2132 for further information.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee currently has two vacancies. Please contact Keith Christian at 575-7109.

MODIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



POKER NIGHT: Every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. If interested in playing Contact Paul Broad at 595-2955 or Marv Lefkowitz at 595-7738 for more information.

JUNE LUNCHEON

The June Resident's Luncheon will be on **Thursday, June 16th, 12 noon**, at Ristorante Alberto, 7171 Cave Creek Road, in Carefree. It's an Italian Buffet, for \$9.00. Meet at the clubhouse at 11:30 a.m. to carpool. Sign up by June 13th, and contact Shelia Lavin (473-0348) for additional information.

SUNDAY BRUNCH

The Activities Committee is sponsoring a potluck Sunday Brunch on **June 26th at 11 a.m.** Residents are invited to bring a brunch-type dish, with soft drinks to be provided by the committee. You may contact Shelia Lavin (473-0348) for additional information.



SPECIAL OFFER FOR BELLASERA RESIDENTS

Alberto Italian Restaurant is offering all residents of Bellasera a 15% discount off the total bill for eat in orders only...for the summer months as a "Summer Reward".

The restaurant is open Tuesday through Sunday 4:00 pm to closing....

7171 E. Cave Creek Road
Carefree, AZ 85377 480-480-5800

Be sure to thank Dottie and Hal Schultz for arranging with the owner Alberto Liani Chef/Partner of the Restaurant for this most generous offer for the Bellasera Residents.

Bring this with you to the restaurant to receive your discount! Bon Appetite!



JUNE IN THE GARDEN

By Pauline Marx

Vegetables-Growing and Picking

The fun of growing vegetables is in the eating, but it is sometimes difficult to tell just when they are ready. Here are some tips.

-Pick cantaloupe when the skin is well netted and the fruit slips from the vine with little pressure.

-Use eggplant once the skin is firm, dark, and shiny and the fruit is no longer growing. Oriental type eggplants can be harvested any time after they are 3 inches long, and they keep longer on the plant without becoming bitter than do other varieties.

-Most peppers are sweeter after they turn color, but pick them when they are full

sized and the skin is firm and shiny.

-New potatoes should be pulled just after plants flower. If you want full-size tubers wait to harvest until the tops start to die.

-Watermelon is ready when the fruit has quit becoming larger, it feels heavy for its size, and the tendrils closest to the fruit begin to turn brown. Ripe watermelons often have yellow spots on the underside.

-Cucumbers and summer squash are best when they are small. Pick while the flower is still attached or when the fruit is less than 4 inches long.

-Tomatoes that are shaded will continue to ripen fruit, but most do not set new fruit because of high temperatures.

Watering Trees

Water established desert trees monthly, although many desert species like velvet mesquite, palo verde, and ironwood can live on natural rainfall once they are fully mature. Water deciduous trees deeply this month. Water newly planted or young trees weekly during the summer.

Roses

Cut back on fertilizing established roses to encourage plants to slow down for the hot summer. Water them deeply as the temperature climbs and hose them early in the morning to increase humidity and control spider mites and aphids.

Did you receive a miniature rosebush as a gift recently? They can be planted successfully outdoors here. The best spot for them is in a container rather than the ground. They need at least six hours of sunlight a day. Keep them moist but not soggy. Trim off the blossoms once they fade the same as you would trim hybrid tea roses and they will continue to bloom until early winter. If their requirements are met they will continue to grow for many years.

Spider Mites and Ants

Spider mites are difficult to see with the naked eye but their damage is apparent with webs and tiny yellow spots called "stippling" on the foliage. Severe cases may have distorted leaves. Spray them off plants with a forceful blast of water in the morning before the sun heats up, and not in the late afternoon or evening, which can create a fungal problem.

On the other hand, even though they are most annoying when they nibble on your ankles as you garden, ants can be looked upon as "the earthworms of the desert". They play an important role in improving soil structure. Their activities include soil movement, aeration and nutrient cycling. The species that gather seeds also foster distribution of native plants. Ants also kill and eat a significant number of insects, including flea and fly larvae. Some species of ants prey exclusively on other ants.

Iron Deficiency

Iron deficiency causes plants to develop chlorosis, which is typified by yellow leaves with contrasting green veins. Apply a chelated iron product to the soil around the root zone, following the package instructions.

Pauline Marx
Arizona Master Gardener

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



Other News & Upcoming Activities

BOOK CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2005-2006

The Bellasera book club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Bellasera Clubhouse. If you would like further information please call Maureen Simpson at 575-7693.

September 21st
October 19th
November 16th
December No Meeting
January 18th
February 15th
March 15th
April 19th
May 17th

HEALTH & FITNESS

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.

CREATIVE HANDS ART AND CRAFT SHOW SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH SAVE THE DATE

The Creative Hands Art and Craft Show is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th...mark your calendars for an exciting and fun day. The participants to date will be selling:

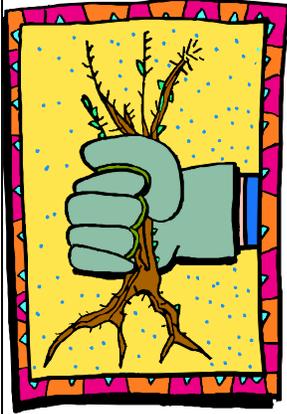
- Paintings in Oil, Watercolor and Pastels
- Photography
- Slide Presentations and Photo Montage.
- Creative Jewelry
- Decorator Pillows
- Scarves
- Stained Glass
- Floral Arrangements
- Exquisite Purses
- Hand Painted Aprons
- Decorated Gourds

These are just some of the unique items that will be available to purchase. We still have room for a few more creative people to join us, so give Janet Biondo a call if you are interested at 480-488-0259.

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GENERAL NEWS • UPCOMING EVENTS



GOT WEEDS...GET RID OF THEM!

Does your landscaping have weeds? This year the weeds are out in full force. Your cooperation in removing them now is important. If you have them please be a good neighbor and remove them **immediately**.



ANNUAL COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

The 2005 edition of the Bellasera Community Directory will be available in July. If you wish to change your listing in the directory, or are new to the community, please contact Communications Committee member Keith Christian (480-575-7109).

All residents names and addresses will be shown in the directory unless a request in writing to omit a name is received by the Community Manager. The address will still appear, showing only "Occupant" for that address. One phone number, e-mail address, and out-of-town address is listed at the option of each resident.

The 2004 directory printing cost was funded entirely by Bellasera residents with business interests. Those residents interested in advertising in the 2005 directory are asked to call Communications Committee member Emily Shriver (480-595-5728).



WOOD CARVING ANYONE?

If by chance you missed the opportunity to respond and want to further discuss signing up for the class in October please feel free to contact John Storer expert wood carver he may be reached at 575-1522.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have meeting dates, social news, or articles for publication, please turn them in to the Association office no later than the 13th of the month.

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City of 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, June 20th**.

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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Budget: Carlton Rooks

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Communications: Keith Christian

Long Term Planning: To be named

Modifications: To be named

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