

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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*****RESALE ASSESSMENT SURVEY ENCLOSED*****

Inside this month's newsletter you'll find the Bellasera Resale Assessment Survey. Please consider it carefully and respond as requested.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (AD HOC) FORMED

A committee of Bellasera residents is busy selecting a new management company to replace CCMC, which goes away July 30th. The committee reports they've had two meetings, and have sent out a Request For Proposal to sixteen companies. Several responses have been received, and the committee plans to meet on July 6, at 9:00 a.m., to evaluate the proposals and select three for referral to the Board of Directors for a final decision. Those three companies will be invited to make a presentation to the Board and the community on July 14 at 6:30 p.m. The committee is enthusiastic about the possibility of a new management company, and is looking forward to the transition. Bellasera residents who volunteered to serve on the committee are: Paul Anetsberger, Steve Comstock, Bruce Martin, Carlton Rooks, and Bob Shriver.

PROPOSED SHOPPING CENTER ON PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

The Modifications Committee reports it is imperative that Bellasera states its position on the proposed commercial development on Scottsdale and Lone Mountain Roads. It's urging residents to make their wants and needs known by attending the Scottsdale Planning Commission hearing on July 13, at 5 PM, at the City Hall Kiva, 3939 N Drinkwater Blvd. The committee urges those unable to attend to write to the planning commissioners and city council members.

Sample letters were provided to many residents via e-mail last month, and are still available in the Community Manager's office. Residents may call 480-312-7000 to confirm the date and time of the hearing.

The Board of Directors meeting on July 6, at 6:30 p.m., will be devoted to this issue as well.

MEET OUR ACTING COMMUNITY MANAGER

Benjamin Smith now occupies the manager's office on a temporary basis. Ben has lived in the Phoenix area for a total of 14 years, having recently moved back here from Connecticut. Most of his work experience has been in the medical field, but he's contemplating leaving that field indefinitely. He's accepted a temporary position with CCMC, our current management company, through July 30, 2005, in an effort to stay active while resolving this decision. He's had several clerical and management jobs, in addition to his medical experience, making him a worthy replacement for former manager Anne Marie Fitness. Ben reports he is enjoying his experience with the people of the Bellasera, and is working hard to meet the day-to-day demands of our community. The month of July promises to be a busy one for him prior to the expected transition to a new management company on August 1st.



MEETING NOTICES

Board of Directors meetings will be on Wednesday, July 6th, and Thursday, July 14th, both at 6:30 p.m., in the clubhouse.

Budget and Finance Committee will not meet again until September.

Building and Grounds Committee meeting will be **Monday, July 11th** at **3 p.m.** in the clubhouse.

Modifications Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 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 meeting date will be posted in the clubhouse.

Communications Committee meeting date will be **Wednesday, July 27th** at **4 p.m.** in the clubhouse.

Governance Committee (ad hoc) will meet again in October.

Management Committee (ad hoc) will meet on **Wednesday, July 6th,** at **9 a.m.**



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.

JULY LUNCHEON

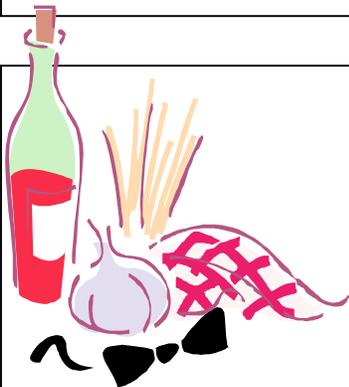
The July Residents' Luncheon will be Thursday, July 21, 12 noon, at Bahama Breeze, located at 21001 N Tatum Blvd, (Desert Ridge Mall), telephone 480-515-5440. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the clubhouse by Tuesday, July 19. Shelia Lavin (480-473-0348) can be contacted for any questions. Those who wish to carpool should meet at the clubhouse at 11:30 AM.

JULY POTLUCK

The Pot Luck will be on Friday, July 22, 7 p.m. Please bring a dish for eight to ten people and the appropriate serving utensil. Sign up at the clubhouse by July 19 if you plan to attend. Contact Shelia Lavin (480-473-0348) for information.

AUGUST ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Plans are underway for an ice cream social on Sunday, August 7 at 7:00 PM. Adults will be charged \$3.00 and children will be free. Goodies to be served will include ice cream, brownies, soda and like sweets.



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!



JULY IN THE GARDEN

By Pauline Marx

Irrigation System

Have you checked your irrigation system lately? You can water effectively and efficiently while saving a lot of water and money by inspecting the following key elements of your system.

Controller

Most of us have an automatic timer /irrigation controller. You need to periodically check and ensure that the controller program is correctly programmed. Instructions are usually on the inside of the panel. Most systems have a battery (9 volt) that safeguards against losing the program info. If not, it will definitely need to be reprogrammed after a power outage. Replace the battery yearly.

Leaks

Check for leaks throughout the entire system. Look for standing water, soggy ground, and eroded soil. Replace missing or broken sprinklers, bubbler heads, or drip emitters.

Drip Emitters

Move emitters out to the drip line as plants grow (the drip line is the outermost area where water will drip after a rain) or increase basin sizes for bubblers.

Sprinkler Heads

For those of you with grass, set sprinkler heads at the proper height to prevent them from becoming blocked or submerged by grass and other surrounding plants. They should be parallel with the soil surface, not tilted. Be sure your system is watering only the area intended, with no runoff on walks. If you have a sloped yard and have water runoff, then split the watering schedule. Water half at the calculated time and repeat after one hour.

Insects

To control aphids, mealybugs, mites, scales, and a host of other insects, use a Summer oil which is the lightweight of horticultural oils. It's classified as a suffocant because the emulsion readily breaks forming an oil coat on the insect and smothers them. It can be used all year round even in warm temperatures and it is not toxic to mammals. Best time to apply it is in the early morning before the sun is shining on the plants.

Scale Insects

Scale insects appear to be a white cottony substance which may spread across prickly pear and cholla cacti. It is a secretion from a tiny scale insect, barely visible among the fluff. Scale colonies spread over time and, if left unchecked, the entire cactus becomes enveloped in white and eventually dies. The white matter acts as a protective coating for the insects, rendering pesticides ineffective. The best control method is to hose off the cactus with a strong blast of water. You will probably need to do this regularly as it is difficult to eliminate the scale from all the nooks and crannies once it takes up residence.

The red dye that the insect makes has been used for dye in the past and the water will run red when you spray it off so be sure not to wear white gardening shoes or you may end up with pink gardening shoes....which is okay for the ladies but probably will distress the gentlemen!

Bermuda Grass

You still have several weeks to perform maintenance chores on Bermuda grass. Summer is the time to plant, fertilize and dethatch lawns. Bermuda begins to go dormant as the days shorten and the temperature drops in the fall.

Roses

Roses should be somewhat dormant by now. They still require deep watering, as often as every other day. They also like a blast of water in the morning to boost humidity and knock off spider mites. No fertilization is necessary for now.

Monsoon

July is usually the start of monsoon season with thunderstorms, increased humidity and blowing dust. It can be a demanding month for plants so monitor their watering needs carefully. If thunderstorms bring adequate rain you may be able to turn off your irrigation for a few days...just remember to turn it on again when the ground dries a little.

Iron Chlorosis

Overwatering combined with heavy summer rains can promote root rot, fungal diseases, and also iron chlorosis which is recognizable by new leaves that are yellow while their veins remain green. Iron chlorosis occurs when plants are unable to utilize existing iron in the soil because the soil is too wet or has a high pH (alkalinity). Plant roots need oxygen in order to absorb iron from the soil. If you are using correct irrigation methods and symptoms continue, apply iron chelates or ferrous sulfate to the soil. Both are readily absorbed by the roots of plants.

(Questions about plants? Call me at 575-0404 or mail me at 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

GOOD NEIGHBOR

Good neighbors do not park their vehicles in the street, as prohibited by our community CC & R's. The best looking streets in Bellasera have vehicles parked in the garage.

Be a good neighbor!

BELLASERA BULLETIN RECIPIENTS

In order to keep as many residents as possible informed of up-to-date happenings, a "Bellasera Bulletin" is sent periodically via e-mail to all residents with a **valid e-mail address**. Your address will not appear in the message "TO" header, and is not used for any other purpose.

If you do not receive the newsletter via e-mail, or your e-mail address shown in the 2004 Bellasera Community Directory has changed, or if you wish to be added to the list, please send an e-mail to **Keith Christian <KLC@cts.com>**. This will assure your receipt of future Bellasera Bulletins.



ANNUAL COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

The 2005 edition of the Bellasera Community Directory will be available in August. 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.

NEWS OF NEIGHBORS

The Bellasera community extends its sympathy to Vivian Kurtz and family, on the death of her mother, who passed away recently at the age of 92.

Marv Lefkowitz is celebrating a special birthday (we won't mention the number), as well as the graduation of a grandson from high school. These two events are being celebrated back on Long Island with family and friends this month.

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, July 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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Activities: Shelia Lavin

Budget: Carlton Rooks

Buildings & Grounds: Paul Anetsberger

Communications: Keith Christian

Long Term Planning: To be named

Modifications: To be named

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Questions regarding your Homeowner's Association Account? Contact Capital Consultants
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