

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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TRASH TALK...PEDERSON UPDATE...COMMITTEE MEMBERS...BY-LAWS

—By Carol Sotnick, President, Bellasera Board of Directors

I continue to salute the efforts of homeowners who bring issues to the Board's attention so that problems may be addressed appropriately. At the Board meeting on October 18, I thanked Gerald Moczynski who e-mailed the community manager and copied the Board that the tennis court lights had been on all night and that the timer switch was very difficult to turn. And he followed up when he noticed the lights were on again the next day. So we took two steps to resolve the problem. We replaced the faulty timer and installed an override so the lights turn off automatically at 10:15 every night. Both these steps should save all of us money, reduce energy consumption, and avert light pollution at night for our neighbors who live closest to the courts.

Then I went on at the meeting to talk "trash." Actually the topic was garbage at the dumpster in the clubhouse parking lot. I am sure that some residents are inadvertently adding to our homeowner fees without realizing the effect they are having on their fellow residents. Let me explain. The dumpster in the parking lot is intended for clubhouse use when there are social functions and for clubhouse office use. The dumpster is not intended as a garbage can for part time residents or for full time residents who are going on vacation.

I realize that in the past when Bellasera was a smaller but growing community that managers had permitted part time residents to deposit a trash bag if they were leaving prior to the weekly trash pick up day. Two part time residents, Craig Klos and Mary Kalligan, pointed this out to us. And we are aware that other residents also use the dumpster at the clubhouse. This problem has grown to the point where the community has to pay almost \$3,800 a year for extra trash removal service for that dumpster. That works out to an average of \$10 in fees per homeowner. So if one of your neighbors is a part time resident, extend a helping hand and offer to add their trash to your municipal garbage bin. This is a wonderful opportunity for part time residents to get to know several of their neighbors as they spread their garbage around. An occasional bottle of wine or Starbucks gift card goes a long way to thanking helpful neighbors. And we all go away on vacation from time to time so reciprocity should take care of those situations.

The Board has asked the Buildings and Grounds Committee to develop a policy resolution to address this costly and growing problem. We have padlocked the dumpster so that only "authorized" garbage enters the dumpster. This Building & Grounds resolution is scheduled to be presented to the Board at its November 28 meeting. But I would much rather see one neighbor helping another, rather than having to implement a series of fines so that our trash removal fees don't cause a dues increase for all homeowners.

Enough trash talk. There are further updates on the Pederson project. Crawford Love provided an update to the Pederson development on Lone Mountain Drive. Crawford, Karen Husted and Sandy Rooks met with Gary Pederson, and City Planning staffers Randy Grant and Don Hatter on October 18. The purpose of the meeting was to finalize details on providing extra vegetation and berming in Bellasera's NAOS (Natural Area Open Space) land. Pederson agreed to provide additional screening on both his property and on ours at his expense. Additionally, he will provide three years worth of watering at his expense. The city agreed that this revegetation would allow us to maintain the NAOS classification for our perimeter property. Berms will be used only in those instances where the ground slopes require screening.

Gary Pederson will be sending a personal letter to each homeowner on Brisa and 72nd Place and then meet with them to discuss where they would prefer individual screening trees placed. In the event of disagreements between two homeowners, it will be the responsibility of those homeowners to arrive at a mutually agreeable resolution. **(continued on page 5)**



MEETING NOTICES

Board of Directors meeting will be on **Monday, November 28**, at **6:30 p.m.**, in the clubhouse.

Budget and Finance Committee will meet on **Wednesday, November 16**, at **3 p.m.**

Building and Grounds Committee will meet on **Monday, November 7**, at **3 p.m.**

Modifications Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 8**, at **5:30 p.m.** in the clubhouse. Modification applications are due no later than the Monday before the meeting.

Activities Committee will meet on **November 3**, at **10 a.m.**

Communications Committee will meet **Tuesday, November 22**, at **3 p.m.** in the clubhouse.

Governance Committee (*ad hoc*) will meet on **November 1**, at **10 a.m.**

MANAGER'S MEMO

—By Patti Smith, Bellasera Community Manager

Welcome back all the "Bellasera Escapees of the Summer Heat!" We're glad you're home, safe and sound, and just in time to savor the best weather of the year.

Over the summer, the subject of "front yard landscape" came up frequently and to set the record straight I submit the following:

Desert landscape, although beautiful, can get that "jungle overgrown" plants growing into one another look" if not attended to on a regular basis. This is especially important to recognize if you travel for long periods of time or take residence elsewhere during the hot summer months. While you are away, the community must maintain its streetscapes; with manicured grounds and trimmed back plant life. And unfortunately, this was not uniformly the case during the past several months.

Community pride [even for partial-year residents] provides harmonious living for all while it also assists property values retain their top dollar. Please: before leaving town be sure someone you can count on is keeping an eye on your landscape and that the responsibility of its upkeep doesn't fall behind. It's important for you - for your neighbors - and for your community. Thank you for your consideration.

LIGHTS ON

Shorter days are upon us, and it's time once again to adjust your landscaping lights for the earlier sunsets. Your lights should come on at dusk and remain on until at least 11 p.m. We are going to resume night inspections shortly for lighting of trees and garage light so I want to make sure that everyone is aware of our lighting guidelines.

Have a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

ART & CRAFT SHOW

Creative Hands at Bellasera, Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

The **noon November 17** luncheon will be at **McGrath's Fish House**, 7000 E Mayo Blvd at N Scottsdale Road and 101. Phone is 480-419-0282. Please **sign up by Monday, November 14** in the clubhouse. Those who wish to carpool should meet at the clubhouse at 11:40 AM. Please contact a member of the Activities Committee if you have any questions.



NOVEMBER POTLUCK

This month's pot luck will be on **Friday, November 18, 7 p.m.**, with a theme of "Foods around the World". Please bring your special dish and the appropriate serving utensil for eight to ten people. Sign up at the clubhouse by November 16. Contact a member of the Activities Committee with questions.

BOOK CLUB



The Bellasera Book Club will discuss **Confessions of a Shopaholic** by **Sophie Kinsella**, on **Wednesday, November 16, at 7 p.m.** Please call Maureen Simpson (480-575-7693) for additional information.

ATTENTION ALL TENNIS PLAYERS



Bellasera Racquet Club. Tennis Everyone. Play date: **Sunday, November 6** at **8:45 a.m.** at the courts.

Please note the courts will be reserved for the use of the club on this date.

GOLF



Tuesday, November 1 at **Dove Valley**—**Tuesday, November 8** at **Vistancia**—**Tuesday November 15** at **Dove Valley**—**Tuesday November 22** at **Vistancia**—**Monday, November 28** at **Tatum Ranch**

Please contact Ellen Bornstein at 480-575-9849, or embornstein7@att.net, to sign up or for more information.

COMING NEXT MONTH

—Save the date of **Sunday, December 4** for a **Neighbor Network** gathering at **11 a.m.** This event is aimed at welcoming new and established neighbors to enjoy coffee and a light breakfast together and get to know others in the community. Please save the date and plan to attend. All Bellasera residents are welcome!

—On **Friday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m.**, we will have one of the Valley's expert dance teachers coming to our clubhouse to teach us popular dances: tango, ballroom, fox trot, etc., and other contemporary dances. There will be no charge to the participants, and the Activities Committee will provide desserts and drinks. Find your old dance shoes and come out for an evening of lots of fun.



NOVEMBER IN THE GARDEN

By Pauline Marx

November Planting

November is a good time to make preparations to brighten your garden for the winter and spring. To get a head start, you might want to pay particular attention to some plants that will provide both color and contrast. Let's start with a few that may be already established in your garden.

Bougainvilleas - These are nice plants but occasionally they refuse to bloom. They actually do better with little care and lots of pruning. However, pruning is best done in the early spring after all danger of frost passes. Remove dead branches and keep its height in check. It will quickly recover. Bougainvilleas like well-drained soil and full sun. They do not bloom well in partial shade. It is best to plant them in the spring. You can feed them lightly but do so in the spring and summer. If you over fertilize, the plant will bloom sparsely or not at all.

Roses - Prune and feed. Remove faded flowers, pruning lightly as you go. Take out dead, diseased crossings and injured canes as well as prune for shape. Then apply complete fertilizer (a fertilizer that can provide all the three main elements: nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium), watering it in well to encourage a flush of winter flowers.

Aloe- There are several species to choose from such as Aloe vera and African aloe which are native to South Africa. They provide some of our best winter and early spring color ranging from small clumping groundcovers to treelike accents. Hummingbirds are attracted to their yellow, orange or red tubular flowers. Aloes prefer filtered shade but can acclimate to sunnier positions. They will thrive under a canopy of desert trees such as mesquite and palo verde. Most aloes begin to suffer frost damage when the temperatures fall below 25 degrees.

Here are a few other suggestions for winter color.

Bulbine frutescens (Bulbine) - It forms small clumps to 18 inches tall by 2 to 3 feet across with fleshy bright-green leaves that look good all year around. Its flowers are a tall spike of small yellow blossoms.

Dalea pulchra (Indigo bush) - This evergreen shrub has an open, rounded growth form to 5 feet tall and wide. Its delicate silver foliage provides a striking contrast to the masses of violet flowers produced in winter and early spring. Indigo bush is quite susceptible to over watering, so plant it in well drained soil and be careful to not kill it with kindness. The nectar-rich blossoms attract bees and butterflies.

Dalea frutescens (Black dalea) - This shrub blooms in late fall with masses of bright purple flowers. It is evergreen and forms a rounded mound of gray-green foliage to 4 feet tall by 5 feet wide. As with Dalea pulchra it needs full sun and is very tolerant of reflected heat. The bees cover this shrub during the bloom season.

Eremophila decepiens (Emu bush) - Blooming on this shrub begins in January and is in full swing by Valentine's Day. The masses of tubular red flowers are truly spectacular. For the rest of the year, this evergreen shrub provides nice deep green foliage and a dense rounded form. Plant in full sun and allow it plenty of room as it can quickly grow to 4 feet tall by 5 feet wide. It is cold hardy to the mid-20s.

Hymenoxys acaulis (Angelita daisy) - This is one of the best perennials to plant for year round color. Although blooming slows down in winter months, it can still be counted on to provide a splash of sunny yellow in the garden. Its slender bright-green leaves can still be counted on to provide a splash of sunny yellow in the garden.

Opuntia violaceae santa rita (Santa Rita prickly pear)- This is the cactus with the rich purple pads that provide lots of winter color. It has a yellow bloom that appears in late spring.

Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener

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

Other News & Upcoming Activities

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Further, Mr. Pederson agreed to construct the perimeter wall around his property in the early phase of construction to minimize disruption to Bellasera.

The next step in this process is for the Pederson Group to present its final design for approval to the Design Review Board in November. As soon as we have those plans available, the Board will call a special meeting so interested homeowners may provide their comments.

We thank the City staff for all their assistance on this project.

The Board approved a number of proposed changes to the By-Laws to improve governance of the community. These changes will be presented to the community for a vote following attorney review.

The following committee appointments were made: Karen Husted to the Modifications Committee and Judith Zeiger to the Communications Committee.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is November 28 at 6:30 PM., and I hope to see you then.

TABLE TOPIC

—By Sheila Nazareth,, Bellasera Administrative Assistant

As we enter into the Holiday season there will be many more rentals of the Activity Room inside the clubhouse. Because many of our tables are being scratched due to improper handling, we ask that you leave the tables out for our handyman to put away after your event. The metal sides should be touching -- not the metal to wood, which is causing scratches on our new tables. Please remember: in order to utilize the room and kitchen, you must complete an application and submit a cleaning deposit of \$100, in addition to the \$50 cost to rent the room. Applications can be picked up at the clubhouse or by calling 480-488-0400.

Thanks for your help and Happy Holidays!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help your community govern itself by volunteering for a committee. The following committees need members: **Budget & Finance**, **Modifications**, and **Governance**. Description of these committees, and others, plus an application form, is on our web site: azbellasera.org.

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 Biondo**, at 480-488-0259.

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GENERAL NEWS UPCOMING EVENTS

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT

The Board of Directors would like to recognize all of the members of the community who have volunteered their time and efforts to Bellasera. A Sunday morning coffee is being planned in January 2006 -- date to be announced -- at which the Board President, Carol Sotnick, will present the volunteers with a token memento in appreciation of their efforts.

The criteria used for recognition is a minimum of 1 year on a standing committee or Board. If a resident was on an *ad hoc* committee, the individual had to stay to the completion of the project.

To ensure that we have all volunteers identified, we have compiled the list shown below. We ask that all residents check the list to ensure that it is correct, and that we have not omitted anyone. (It will not be necessary to attend the event to receive the memento.) Corrections may be e-mailed to Board member Mike Simpson at: simpsonmike@cox.net.

Paul Anetsberger	Mary Gleason	Bruce Martin	Dottie Schultz
Joanne Anetsberger	Bob Greenspun	Herb Marx	Bob Shriver
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Paul Broad	Paul Hilf	Joe McDade	Michael Simpson
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have meeting dates, or articles for publication, please e-mail to: editor@azbellasera.org, or turn them in to the Association office no later than the 15th of the month.

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CITY OF SCOTTSDALE BRUSH COLLECTION DATES



The city of Scottsdale will pick up **brush and bulk items** in the Bellasera area during **the week of Monday, November 28**. 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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