

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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MANAGEMENT, DOGS, BOARD TO 7, TV'S, TRASH, BACK GATE

—By *Chuck Roach, President, Bellasera Board of Directors*

Along with the triple digit heat that is now upon us, there is the very real threat of fire. It takes very little for the dry desert brush to erupt into a major inferno. Please be sure you and your service contractors are acting responsibly when it comes to operating equipment, using BBQs and fire pits, as well as cigarette smoking.

We continue to hear comments about the lack of availability of our community association staff. We want to remind everyone that in order to keep costs down, we've gone from employing full-time staff to part-time staff. Accordingly, they are not as available as they were in the past. We encourage everyone to use the various communication methods we've set up to advise us of problems in the community (phone message, e-mail or suggestion box). We will respond quickly to your concerns.

At our June 22, 2006 Board meeting, we agreed on several items as follows:

--Unleashed Dogs. In the past, we have asked our residents to report unleashed dogs in the community directly to Maricopa County Animal Control. We continue to believe this is the fastest way to obtain action. If you do not wish to contact Animal Control please report your complaint to Community staff for follow up. The Board also reconfirmed our support of City and County law, which requires all dogs to be on a leash, including in the common grass area by the clubhouse. We do not support or condone the use of this area as a "doggie park". We want to encourage all community members to keep their dogs leashed at all times. The **Animal Control Number is 602-506-7387 Ext. 2.**

--Board Member Additions. The Board is ready to proceed with adding two new Board members for a total of seven members. Please consider serving the community and apply for a Board seat. Applications can be obtained at the Association office or on-line.

--New Facilities Policy. The approved new policy will be posted at the community bulletin board at the Clubhouse. There will also be extra copies for anyone wishing to have a copy for their files.

Several items are in the works or are under consideration:

--New TVs. We continue to gather information on the best way to replace the fitness room TVs. We should be able to order them soon.

--Community Trash Cans. We're looking into the possibility of placing small trash cans at the mail boxes to assist with keeping our community clean and beautiful.

--Back Gate Security. We're looking into possible enhancements that would prevent unauthorized vehicles from following our residents into the community.

That's it for now. The Board will not hold a study session or regular meeting in July. We are planning a special meeting to address needed revisions to the By-Laws and C,C,&Rs.

MEETING NOTICES

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Activities Committee will not meet during July.

Governance Committee has not scheduled a future meeting.

Building and Grounds Committee meeting date & time will be posted.

Board of Directors does not plan to meet this month.

Modifications Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 11**, at **5:30 p.m.** Modification applications are due no later than the Monday before the meeting.

Budget and Finance Committee does not have a meeting scheduled in July.

Communications Committee will meet **Wednesday, July 26**, at **7 p.m.**

MANAGERS MEMO

Will appear on a quarterly basis. Watch for it soon in this space.

SUMMER SOCIAL SCENE SIESTA

There are no planned luncheons for July and August from the Activities Committee. Activities will resume in September. Have a great, safe summer!

WATER AEROBICS



Water aerobics continues on **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday** from **10:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

If you wish to join, please call **Janet Biondo**, 480-488-0259, to borrow the DVD which shows all the underwater steps.

JULY COUCH POTATO PREVENTION



A nice early morning hike begins across the road from the Bellasera Lone Mountain Road gate. Heading east, follow the City of Scottsdale Trail System markers across Hayden Road, then continue east along Lone Mountain Road to Granite Reef Road. Carefully cross commuter-busy Lone Mountain Road, heading south on Granite Reef. When the road ends, you may follow one or more of several trails that skirt the east side of Lone Mountain.



JULY IN THE GARDEN

—By *Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener*

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As we transition into summer and await the monsoon season, let's cover some miscellaneous but timely topics. But first, I'd like to remind you of two general but important guidelines for this time of year: (1) Do not fertilize until the weather cools and (2) Pay attention to irrigation needs of plants as the weather gets warmer.

Herbs

During the summer monsoon season, carefully monitor the watering of Mediterranean herbs like lavender, rosemary, sage and thyme. These herbs enjoy a dry summer, but if there have been exceptionally hot temperatures or no rain, water deeply to keep them healthy. Double check that they have excellent drainage during monsoon rains as they rot easily in hot wet soils.

Ocotillo

For much of the year this curious plant appears to be an arrangement of large dead sticks that exist on very little water. However, if you want to give it a boost, it must be watered several times a year. Since it has been an exceptionally dry year so far, it probably would be a good idea to supplement it with once a month watering.

Cholla & Prickly Pear

If you see white cottony insects infesting cholla or prickly pear pads, hose them off with a strong jet of water. The white cottony substance acts as a protective coating for a tiny insect, the cochineal scale insect, which is barely visible. If there is a lot of scaling on the plant, the water will run red as the cochineal insect was a source of red dyes for fabric. So, watch those gardening shoes, they may be dyed pink before you are finished!

Bermuda Grass

For those of you who have grass, plant Bermuda lawns during the active growing season through August. Fertilize monthly with ½ pound of actual nitrogen per 1000 square feet and apply 6 ounces of iron per 1000 square feet per month. Bermuda lawns require 1 inch of water per week. Once every two or three years dethatch Bermuda lawns during the active growing season in August. This enables the turf to recover quickly.

Decorative Corns

Thinking ahead, late summer is the time to plant decorative corns. These varieties are usually flints or flour corns and are dried for decorations and ornaments in the fall and through the holidays. Corns labeled dent, flint or flour are types of corn whose ears are generally unsuitable for eating fresh and are meant to be dried. Good decorative varieties include Inca Queen and painted mountain.

Black Widows

Black widow spiders become active during hot summer nights. Use a flashlight to find them hanging upside down in their webs. Look for them outdoors in undisturbed shady spots or in the corner of a garage. This spider can be recognized by the red hourglass marking on its belly. The mature females are shiny black while males are cream or tan. Both are venomous but usually bite only in self defense or to protect the egg sac. Their webs are sloppy affairs, quite unlike the neat concentric circles of other spiders. Because black widows are effective predators of annoying insects, such as crickets and cockroaches, many gardeners prefer to leave them alone. Take care when moving flower pots, wood and other potential hiding places. Black widow bites are usually not fatal but you should immediately contact a poison control center if bitten.

Garden Hotlines

There are two excellent sources to answer your gardening questions in the valley. Maricopa County Cooperative Extension offers horticulture, gardening, and landscaping information 24 hours a day, seven days a week (602-470-8086). The Desert Botanical Garden offers a hotline Monday - Friday 10 to 11:30 a.m. (480-941-1225) for answers about desert landscaping.

(Questions about plants? Call me at **480-575-0404** or mail me at <PlantPerson@prodigy.net>

PEOPLE OF BELLASERA

Dick Secor and **Melissa Goodwin** have lived in Bellasera for five years. They are former New Englanders, having lived in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. **Dick** is already known to many of you as the owner of Bellasera Home Watchers. Before "retiring" he was an executive with Shawmut Bank of Boston. He is also an accomplished watercolor artist. **Melissa** is the Assistant Director of Foothills Caring Corps, a nonprofit that helps the elderly. She was formerly an executive with UNUM-Provident of Portland, Maine. **Melissa's** "calling" is writing - she specializes in writing for children and has had many pieces published in national magazines.

Bob and **Emily Shriver** moved to Bellasera in 1999 from Chesapeake Bay, Virginia. Anchored in the desert as a retired Navy captain, **Bob** is currently a vestryman and **Emily** a choir member at St. Barnabas on the Desert. When life gets too slow, they both love to travel. What a retirement!

Editor's Note: The Bellasera Neighborhood News invites you to participate in this series. Just answer the following questions, by sending an e-mail to <editor@azbellasera.org>:

---How long have you lived here, and where did you last live?

---What are the names of those who live in your Bellasera home?

---What do you do (or did you do) for a living?

---One or two things you'd like your neighbors to know about you?

Thank you!

APPLY NOW — BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There are two positions open for application on the Bellasera Board of Directors, as it expands to seven members.

All committees need additional members, too. See the list of committees on page 8.

Additional information, along with application forms, are on the Bellasera web site <azbellasera.org>

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Sunday 2	Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7	Saturday 1 / 8
	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. City Bulk & Brush Collection Week	Fourth of July Poker 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.		Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	
9	10 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	11 Modifications 5:30 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	12 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	13	14 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	15
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GENERAL NEWS UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

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The 2006 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), <klc@cts.com>, before July 15.

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 of a resident requesting omission will still appear, showing only "Occupant" for that address.

One phone number, e-mail address, and out-of-town address will be listed at the option of each resident.

The 2005 directory printing cost was funded entirely by advertisers. Any Bellasera residents with commercial interests interested in advertising in the 2006 directory are asked to contact Communications Committee member **Keith Christian**.

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The **speed limit** on the streets of Bellasera is **25 mph**. Be a good neighbor...please remember to observe this regulation at all times.

IN MEMORIAM

The Bellasera community expresses its sincere sympathy to the family of residents **Keith and Elaine Christian** upon the death of his father on June 25. **Floyd Christian** was 94.

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. The monthly newsletter is produced by the Communications Committee. The editor is Keith Christian, 480-575-7109.

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CITY OF SCOTTSDALE BRUSH & BULK COLLECTION



The city of Scottsdale will pick up **brush and bulk items** in the Bellasera area during **the week of Monday, July 3.**

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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—Office Hours—

Administrative Assistant: Monday thru Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Community Manager: Tuesday & Thursday, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Office closed Friday during summer

Questions regarding your Homeowner's Association Account?
Contact Associated Asset Management (AAM) • **(602) 957-9191**

Security/Front Gate• 480-488-3663

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