

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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PRESIDENT'S BRIEF

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

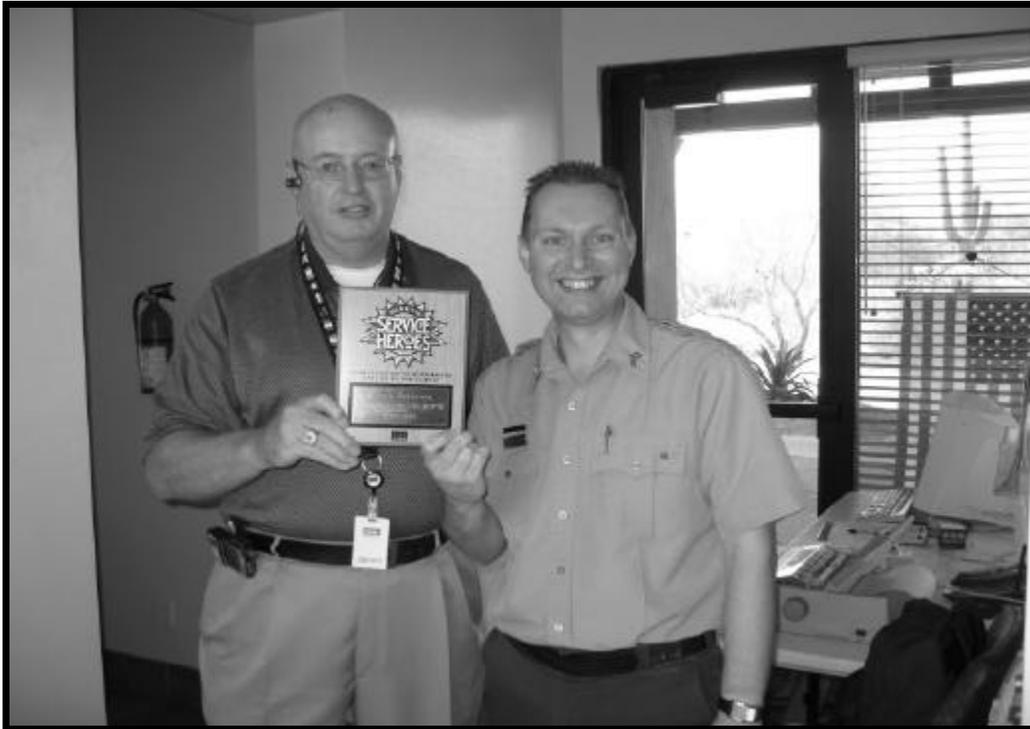
There are days when I read the newspaper and I think "this must be a slow news day" because there doesn't appear to be much happening. Well, as I sat down to write my letter, I couldn't think of much I haven't already informed you about.

The most significant accomplishment this month was approval of the revised Bylaws and CC&Rs by the Board of Directors. The Governance Committee has been working diligently on these documents to reflect life at Bellasera without Del Webb and changes in the laws governing community associations. We will now forward the documents to our attorneys for review and roll them out to the community for a vote later this year.

During the month I met with Gary Pederson to get an update on the shopping center project at the corner of Lone Mountain and Scottsdale Road. They are working through the approval process and hope to have the center built and open by the fall of 2007. (see page 2 for additional information)

We continue to work on many small projects around the community. I encourage you to read the updates we periodically post on the mailbox bulletin boards and at the clubhouse.

KUDOS FOR KEVEN



Keven Peterson received the Securitas Supervisor of the Month Award for May 2006 from **John Larson** for his superior performance to the residents of the Bellasera Community. **Keven** is well known throughout Phoenix and as far away as Hawaii and Illinois for his positive attitude and his superb customer service to everyone who enters Bellasera. He has a positive impact on everyone whom he comes in contact with.

MEETING NOTICES

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Activities Committee will not meet during August.

Governance Committee has not scheduled a future meeting.

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

Board of Directors will have a study session on **Thursday, August 17**, and their regular board meeting on **Thursday, August 24**, both at **7 p.m.**

Modifications Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 8**, 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 August.

Communications Committee will meet **Tuesday, August 29**, at **8:30 a.m.**

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

SUMMER SOCIAL SCENE SIESTA CONTINUES

There are no planned luncheons for 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.

SHOPPING CENTER UPDATE

The proposed shopping center at Scottsdale and Lone Mountain Roads was unanimously approved by the City of Scottsdale Development Review Board. Following completion of the design phase, the Pederson Companies are now preparing construction drawings and a building permit. In about 30 days, the area will be roped off, and salvage of native plants will begin. Late this fall, the ground will be cleared off and construction started. Opening of the center's anchor store, AJ's, is planned for fall of 2007.



AUGUST IN THE GARDEN

—By *Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener*

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August is a very challenging but important month. In addition to the problems the monsoon brings, you must also deal with active insects as well as some very hungry rabbits. More importantly, it is also the time of year when you need to start paying attention to the fertilization requirements of your garden.

Fertilization

Plants are struggling to produce a flush of growth before slowing down for the winter. The growth put on before dormancy will store more energy during the winter that will be available to the plant when it pushes growth in the spring. Fertilizing your plants in late August or early September will help provide a boost.

Citrus require specific care and should be fertilized for the third time this year with 1/3 to 1/2 pound of actual nitrogen for mature trees. Late summer application of nitrogen probably helps fruit sizing. This is more significant for fall ripening (navels and tangerines) than spring ripening (grapefruits and valencias) varieties.

Roses should be checked for yellowing from iron deficiency. Add chelated iron if needed by following the label directions.

If you've planted herbs, they should be watered twice a week to about 12 inches. August die-off is common in some perennial herbs of Mediterranean origin, so do not overwater.

Desert Trees

Late August is the best time of the year to plant hardy desert trees. Maintain a generous watering schedule to get the trees off to a good start. As the weather cools, they will be establishing a good root system. As these trees grow through fall and winter they will be in a much better position to handle next summer's heat than the spring-planted nursery stock.

Insects

Scorpions and black widow spiders are active during hot summer nights. Both are effective predators of other insects. Although the sting of a scorpion is painful, it is generally not life threatening. One species of scorpion is potentially dangerous, the bark scorpion. If you believe you have been bitten by a bark scorpion, call your local Poison Control Center (1-800-362-0101). Black widows can be seen at night with a flashlight, scorpions fluoresce under ultraviolet light.

Spider Mites- Blowing winds and dust from monsoon storms create a hospitable environment for spider mites, which thrive on dusty plants. They seem especially fond of roses but can be found on just about everything. These microscopic creatures are hard to see, but their webbing gives them away. They also cause tiny yellow spots where they suck the juices from the leaves. Hold a piece of white paper underneath a leaf and tap it sharply. If mites are there, they will drop to the paper and you can see them moving about. Spider mites are best controlled with a daily blast of water from the hose. (Be sure that the water in the hose is not super hot from lying in the sun or you will burn your plants.) If possible, spray early in the morning before the sun gets too hot. If that doesn't work try a soapy water spray or an insecticidal soap. Be sure to do this when the sun is not shining on the leaves or once again you could burn the leaves.

Rabbits

No plant is guaranteed to be safe from rabbits. They will eat almost anything if they are hungry enough, except what is poisonous. Try planting lavender (all types except Canary Island lavender), salvia, geranium, rosemary, desert marigold, vinca, yellow bells, trumpet bush, Mexican bird of Paradise, penstemon, and bougainvillea. Remember, rabbits will sometimes nibble on any young plant.

Monsoon & Pruning

Summer storm damage can occur throughout the monsoon season. Limbs often shear or break, leaving a ragged cut. Prune the limb as soon as you can, making a clean cut that will heal properly. Do not use seals or other products on the cut; it will heal best naturally.

While we are on the topic of pruning, we should cover "tree topping." This is defined as the indiscriminate cutting back of tree branches to stubs. It is not recommended by arborists but many unknowing landscapers will do it because it is the easiest way out...for the landscaper, not the tree. They will "top" your trees in order to reduce its size and avoid hazards. However, this makes a tree more susceptible to the elements in the long run. Trees, like people, can suffer from sunburn of the tissues, especially when their tops have been removed. This can result in bark splitting and the death of some branches. There are alternatives to topping but you may need the services of a professional arborist to determine what type of pruning is necessary to preserve the health and beauty of the tree.

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

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday 1 | Wednesday 2 | Thursday 3 | Friday 4 | Saturday 5 |
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| | | Poker 7 p.m. | Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. | | Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. | |
| 6 | 7 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. City Bulk & Brush Collection Week | 8 Modifications 5:30 p.m. Poker 7 p.m. | 9 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. | 10 | 11 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. | 12 |
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| 20 | 21 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. | 22 Poker 7 p.m. | 23 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. | 24 Board Meeting 7 p.m. | 25 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. | 29 Communications 8:30 a.m. Poker 7 p.m. | 30 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. | 31 | | |

GENERAL NEWS UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

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The 2006 edition of the Bellasera Community Directory will be available in late August. Watch the Bellasera bulletin boards for a poster announcing its availability.

APPLY NOW — BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

All committees need additional members, too. See the list of committees on page 6.

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

REMINDER...TRASH DAYS

The black trash barrels are picked up on Tuesday mornings. They should be put out after 4:00 p.m. on Monday and must be put away by Tuesday evening in your rear or side yard behind your wall. The pink recycling barrels are picked up on Thursday mornings. (Only recyclables in here please! They won't be picked up otherwise.) They should be put out Wednesday after 4:00 p.m. and must be put away by Thursday evening. If you are going to be gone, please ask a neighbor to put your barrel away for you. This is a good way to meet your neighbors!

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, August 7.**

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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