

# Bellasera Neighborhood News

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## **CLUBHOUSE REPAIRS, COMMON AREA PAINTING**

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

Thank goodness fall is here and we're getting some relief from the heat!! Welcome back to our winter residents, we hope you had a great summer.

Not much new to report this month. Our continuing projects are the clubhouse and common wall painting:

Clubhouse. Getting the repairs completed resulting from the roof problems is taking longer than I had hoped due to the rainy weather. By the time this letter gets out to all of you, the fitness room repairs and final stucco and painting on the roof should be completed. The men's shower will take a few more weeks to complete. With any luck, we will get everything done and won't need to make any more major repairs for a long time to come!!

We are replacing the rope lights under the stairs leading from the clubhouse to the pool using a new approach. This project should be done within the next few weeks.

Common Area Painting. We received bids for the work and should be in a position to make a decision at the September 28 Board meeting. If we are able to stay on the present schedule, we should be able to begin work in October.

Our thanks to everyone who has either gotten their homes painted or are in the process. We will be making follow up inspections in October and sending out second courtesy notices to those homeowners we believe need to consider painting.

## MEETING NOTICES

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**Activities Committee** will meet on **Thursday, October 5, at 11 a.m.**

**Governance Committee** has not scheduled a future meeting.

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

**Board of Directors** regular board meeting on **Thursday, October 26, at 7 p.m.** The date/time of the monthly study session will be posted.

**Modifications Committee** meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 10, at 5:30 p.m.** Modification applications are due no later than the Friday before the meeting.

**Budget and Finance Committee** meeting date & time will be posted.

**Communications Committee** will meet **Wednesday, October 25, at 8:30 a.m.**

### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Do you enjoy walking the desert trails at Bellasera? Do you wonder what construction projects are going on? Do you want to see how your association works behind the scenes? If so, consider becoming a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. There is space for three more members for a one-year term.

The Committee is responsible for all community buildings and grounds. The members are appointed by the Board and work in cooperation with the Community Manager and the Board of Directors. Members make quarterly inspection of the Clubhouse and grounds. They walk the trails and report needed maintenance concerns. They recommend repairs, maintenance and replacement of community assets. In addition, they may make suggestions to the Community Manager and the Board for innovative projects. They play a role in assisting the Treasurer in determining the annual reserves.

You need no specific contracting or engineering skills or knowledge to be a member of the Committee, only a wide range of interest in the community's grounds and structures and an active life style. Past members have found that volunteering on the Committee provides an opportunity to get outside and see what's going on in the entire community. The Committee not only provides a valuable service to Bellasera but also offers a chance to get together for a once a month meeting with your fellow volunteers.

For more information and an application, contact the Community Manager's office either by phone at 480-488-0400 or e-mail at <[sricci@associatedasset.com](mailto:sricci@associatedasset.com)>. If you would like first-hand experience from a committee member, call **John Maddox** at **480- 595-5118**, or **Bruce Martin** at **480-575-7286**.

# COMMUNITY ACTIVITES

## BOOK CLUB

Will meet at the clubhouse on **Wednesday, October 18**, at **7 p.m.** And the third Wednesday of the following months. Listed below are future meeting dates and the books that will be discussed on those dates. There will be no meeting in December. If anyone has any questions they may contact **Maureen Simpson** at **480-575-7693** or e-mail <[maureensimpson@cox.net](mailto:maureensimpson@cox.net)>

**October 18** - "An Unfinished Life" by Mark Spargg  
**November 15** - "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" by Lisa See

## COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Will be on **Thursday, October 19, 12 noon**, at **Bistro Provence**, located in the center at 8900 E. Pinnacle Peak Road at Pima Road. Phone number is **480-473-2884**. Group will meet at the clubhouse at 11:40 a.m. to carpool. If you wish to drive yourself, please let the committee know. Sign up by October 17.

## TALK: CHEMISTRY OF PERSONAL ATTRACTION

On **Wednesday, October 25** at **7:00 p.m.** Bellasera part-time resident and Clinical Psychologist, **Dr. Bernie Katz**, is the author of a book entitled "Actually It Is Your Parents Fault: Why Your Romantic Relationship Isn't Working And How To Fix It." The book should be on the shelves by January. **Dr. Katz** will be giving a talk entitled "The Chemistry of Personal Attraction". This promises to be a very informative and fun evening. Coffee, drinks and pastries will be served. Sign up in the clubhouse.

## POTLUCK

Will be on **Friday, October 27** at **7 p.m.** with a Halloween theme. Join your neighbors for a fun evening full of good eats. Sign up by October 25 at the clubhouse.

## HIKING SEASON BEGINS

Cooler temperatures mean another hiking season. If you love the desert, the mountains, the streams, and the outdoors, please join the Bellasera hikers for another season. Scheduled hikes are once a month and destinations, dates, etc., will appear in the newsletter. These hikes are easy to moderate, and notices will let you know the difficulty of each. You will want to have good hiking shoes, always bring sunscreen and water, and walking sticks are suggested.

**Thursday, October 12** is season's first hike. Hikers will carpool from the clubhouse leaving at **8 a.m.** for Lake Pleasant to hike the Pipeline Canyon Trail. This 3 mile round trip to the Cove is rated easy. The Cove provides a good place to stop and eat so pack a sack lunch. The trail extends beyond the Cove and the group will decide after lunch whether to continue on or return to the trailhead.

There will be a sign up sheet at the clubhouse, or you can notify **Vivian Kurtz**, **480-575-1391** or e-mail <[Roy312@Cox.net](mailto:Roy312@Cox.net)> if you wish to attend or need additional information.

## COMING IN NOVEMBER

**Sunday, November 12:** Veteran's Day Brunch for veterans and anyone who has served in any capacity in the Armed Forces. Significant others invited. There is no cost to residents.

**Thursday, November 16:** Monthly luncheon will be a week earlier, featuring **Jyl Steinback**, "America's Healthiest Mom." She has written numerous cookbooks and is a fitness and skin care professional.

Lunch will be served. Again, no cost to residents.

Additional information on both events will appear in the November newsletter.

## TENNIS LESSONS

Want to sharpen your tennis game? Or even learn how to play? Lessons are now available at Bellasera's courts. Tennis professional **Stuart McNicol** has begun offering private and group lessons and clinics for men, women and children in our community. He's also working to keep our courts in top shape. To arrange lessons at all levels of play, contact **Stuart** at **480-203-3564**, or e-mail at <[stuartjmc@cox.net](mailto:stuartjmc@cox.net)>.



## OCTOBER IN THE GARDEN

—By Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener

### Summer Is Over!

It's time to assess the effects of our long summer heat and make plans to reinvigorate your garden in anticipation of the upcoming cool weather. In general, your summer-weary plants can be expected to undergo *growth recovery* with the cooling nighttime temperatures. However, in late October, be prepared for *premature leaf drop* which is likely a result of the stresses of the summer.

### Citrus

For those of you who have citrus, the summer heat can cause some additional problems. Specifically:  
Fruit Split- Oranges and tangerines can split during this season as they enlarge in size. Earlier damage from the sun on the rind makes the rind less supple and less resilient to stretching as the fruits gain size.  
Mesophyll Collapse- This disorder is a sudden wilt or drop of citrus leaves provoked by abrupt weather changes. Twig dieback and gumming often occur with this condition.  
Alternaria Rot- This problem may be found in blossom ends of Navels and occasionally tangelos. No chemical control is available.

### Planting

If you plan on doing some planting, here are some suggestions:

Trees, Shrubs & Vines- Select winter hardy types as the frost sensitive ones (citrus, bougainvilleas, etc.) can be risky after October.

Wildflowers - Seed can be sown in October and you will have a spectacular show in late spring. Once tried, most people become addicted to the easy and natural color display.

Cool Season Annuals- Best planted in mid-to-late October. The nurseries will be packed with glorious selections in every size, color, and shape. Spend time preparing the soil for the explosive growth of the plants. Everything you do "up front" will show the most rewards. It's hard to overcome a poor start with flowers and vegetables.

Vegetables- Plant cool season vegetables starting in October. These are the ones in which the roots, stems, leaves or immature flowers are eaten. If the days are still warm after planting, you will find that sprinkling the seedbed with water will cool the soil. Many of these seeds need cool temperatures to sprout.

Remember to cut back watering frequencies. The shorter days mean cooling temperatures and slower plant growth which allow the soil to remain wetter longer.

### Grass

For those of you who have a patch of Bermuda grass, it should be overseeded from mid-October through mid-November for green grass (and mowing practice!) all winter. If your lawn has suffered from the late spring and hot summer, it's best not to overseed this year to help it out. Bermuda responds with a light fall application of potassium, no matter whether you overseed or not. We rarely recommend potassium for plants here, but potassium for Bermuda helps it "rest" better and then come out of dormancy with improved vigor.

Fungus disease can occur in frequently watered grass. If this happens, minimize watering frequency to slow succulent growth and promptly treat with recommended fungicides. This becomes worsened by periods of warm weather causing even softer, vulnerable growth.

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

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Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
	<b>City Bulk &amp; Brush Collection Week</b> Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Poker 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	<b>Activities</b> <b>11 a.m.</b>	Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	
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29	Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	<b>HALLOWEEN</b>  Poker 7 p.m.				

## 2006 COMMUNITY DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

The 2006 Bellasera Community Directory is now available. Local residents can pick up their copy (1 per household) in the Community Manager's office — note office hours on page 7 —or anytime at the guard office. Homeowners away for the summer will find a copy waiting for them when they return. For those who prefer not to wait, a copy will be mailed upon request: send an e-mail to <[directory@azbellasera.org](mailto:directory@azbellasera.org)>.

The directory content was compiled by members of the Communications Committee. Committee members also solicited advertisers, whose financial support covers the cost of commercial printing. Remember to support these advertisers...they support Bellasera!

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### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have meeting dates, or articles for publication, please e-mail to: <[editor@azbellasera.org](mailto:editor@azbellasera.org)>, or turn them in to the Association office no later than the 20th 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, October 2.**

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

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