

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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BACK GATE, CLUBHOUSE, PAINTING, CC&R

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

There has been some progress and a few changes from the date of my last letter.

Back Gate: We finally received and installed our new equipment. The gate should operate correctly now. If you have any problems, please call the office and report them.

Clubhouse Repairs: Contracts for the on-going roof work and men's shower have been assigned. Both jobs should be completed before Christmas.

Wall Painting: The Board was advised that we can save approximately \$10,000 by having our landscape maintenance company work on clearing the areas around the walls as part of their regular program. They will not charge us any extra for this work but it will take until March to complete. We checked with the paint contractors and they confirmed that their bids were good until that time. Accordingly, the Board voted to delay the painting until March.

Home Painting: Several homeowners have inquired about paint contractors in this area. The following list has been compiled based on Bellasera resident recommendations: (1) David Rhodes (602-463-6441) (2) Encore Painting (623-535-5533) (3) Mario's Painting (602-301-0031) (4) Certa Pro (480-962-8180) (5) CE Painting (602-757-3430). Please schedule your painting as soon as possible if you've received a notice. If you have a question about the notice, please call the Bellasera office.

Minor CC&R Violations: Our Manager spends a considerable amount of time inspecting the community for violations of our rules. When she finds a problem, a letter is sent out reminding our residents to comply with the rules they agreed to when they purchased in the community. The more common violations include: (1) parking cars on the streets over night, (2) leaving trash receptacles out beyond trash pickup day, (3) overgrown plant material in yards and (4) not having front yard landscape lights on at night. We've had some residents complain that we were being too "picky" about the rules and others complain that we weren't being diligent enough in enforcing them. I'd like to know what the readers of our newsletter think. Please e-mail me your thoughts at <crpr797@msn.com>.

EDITOR'S HOLIDAY MESSAGE

Contrary to popular belief, the Bellasera Community does not operate on autopilot. Every day of the year, PEOPLE — staff & volunteers — work hard to continue to make it a great place to live. This time of year seems a good time to acknowledge with appreciation and thanks the contributions of many of those individuals.

--Dennis Fullerton, Mike Meindl, Keven Peterson, and Charles Tatson, our Securitas guardians of the gate.

--Patti Smith and Sheila Ricci of AAM, who occupy the clubhouse corner office, and manage the day-to-day affairs of the association.

--Pauline Marx, who faithfully provides the monthly garden column for this newsletter. And special recognition to Joe McDade, of the Communications Committee, who edits the column each month.

--Last but not least, all the Bellasera residents who volunteer as Board and committee members. Look over the list on page 7. These are all folks who devote time and talent to help make Bellasera run smoothly. Consider joining a committee yourself in 2007. Committee information and applications are on our web site.

As we look toward 2007, the Communications Committee is considering adding new features to this monthly newsletter. All in the hopes of putting it toward the top of your "TO BE READ" pile.

If you have an idea that will make the newsletter more readable, please e-mail <editor@azbellasera.org>.

I hope your Holiday Season is a memorable one, and that the New Year is the best ever.

---Keith Christian

MEETING NOTICES

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Activities Committee will meet on **Thursday, December 7**, at **10 a.m.**

Board of Directors meeting date & time will be posted.

Budget and Finance Committee will meet on **Friday, December 15**, at **2:30 p.m**

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

Communications Committee will not meet again until **January 2007**.

Governance Committee has not scheduled a future meeting.

Modifications Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 12**, at **5:30 p.m.** Modification applications are due no later than the Friday (8) before the meeting.



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

GOLF

An invitation to all golfers – ladies and gentlemen – to participate in a friendly and sociable golf group.

This is a good way to play golf and to socialize with the neighborhood community.

Dates and times for December:

Tuesday, December 5 at Trilogy at Vistancia. First tee time is **9:00 a.m.**

Tuesday, December 12 at Dove Valley. First tee time is **9:08 a.m.**

Monday, December 18 at Tatum Ranch. First tee time is **9:00 a.m.**

Please call **Ellen Bornstein** at **480-575-9848** for more information and/or to sign up. You can also e-mail her at [<embornstein7@att.net>](mailto:embornstein7@att.net).

EARLY BIRD FITNESS

One of our residents has arranged for a fitness instructor, **Monique Rider**, to run a class for early birds, 6:00 to 6:50 a.m. This would be a co-ed class for all fitness levels, and include cardio and weight training – a modified boot camp. **Monique** would run multi-week sessions, 8 weeks or 10 weeks, 2 or 3 days a week (depending on interest), at a nominal fee (which would be paid in advance). **Monique** needs at least 8 persons for a group. If you are interested, please e-mail her directly at [<Monique_Rider@msn.com>](mailto:Monique_Rider@msn.com).

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

On **Thursday, December 14** at **12:00 noon**, at the **Fairmont Scottsdale Princess Grill Restaurant** on the patio. Plan to leave the clubhouse at **11:30 a.m.** Sign up at the clubhouse by December 12.

HIKING

The hikers November outing took them to Sedona where they hiked the Bell Rock-Courthouse Butte trail. Seven members enjoyed the fantastic weather, the beautiful vistas on this 4 mile easy trek, and the excellent lunch afterward at the Desert Flour.

On **Wednesday, December 13**, they'll hike the Taliesin Overlook via Lost Dog Trail in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. This is a 4 mile hike to and from a scenic saddle overlooking Taliesin West. One brief climb, but mild incline otherwise. Lunch afterward at Chompies. Plan to leave the Bellasera parking lot at **9:00 a.m.**

Residents are encouraged to sign up to hike with the group -- it provides good exercise, a chance to experience the beautiful mountains and desert, and enjoy good company.

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.

TOYS FOR TOTS & COOKIE EXCHANGE

Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m. to Noon, at the clubhouse. Annual Toys 4 Tots Toy Drive & Cookie Exchange. Please bring your unwrapped gift to donate, and a dozen cookies to exchange with your neighbors. Sponsored by THE DALE TEAM. Please contact **Sharon Dale**, **(480-620-8106)** with any questions.

BOOK CLUB

Will not meet in December. On January 18, they'll discuss "Gilead: A Novel" by Tom Perrotta. If anyone has any questions they may contact **Maureen Simpson** at **480-575-7693** or e-mail [<maureensimpson@cox.net>](mailto:maureensimpson@cox.net).



DECEMBER IN THE GARDEN

—By Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener

In December, you need to pay attention to the weather as it has an influence on our garden activities such as planting and watering as well as pruning and fertilizing. You also need to pay special attention to nighttime temperatures as frost can occur this month.

Planting

You can plant cool-season trees, shrubs, vines, vegetables, annuals, perennials, and bulbs but *plan ahead*. Point-of-purchase decisions at the nursery are often fatal to the plants that you buy! Before you leave home, identify: (1) what you want from the plant (flowers, shade, fruit, wildlife attraction, etc.) and (2) what you have to offer (amount of sunlight, space for the mature plant and maintenance).

Roses- New rose catalogs come out and bare root roses are available at nurseries. When planting bare root roses, use a 2-foot by 2-foot hole that is well amended with organic matter.

Citrus

Continue to harvest citrus to test for sweetness. Small fruit size (especially oranges and grapefruit) may be noticed which may be a result of heavy fruit set or the weather. Lack of normal rainfall during the mid-summer period can also be an influence as growth is greater in response to rain versus a similar amount of irrigation.

Watering

For landscape plants, reduce watering to one deep irrigation monthly. Plants in containers may not need watering as frequently as they did a month or so ago. Check before watering to be sure the top inch of the soil is dry.

Miraculously, plants seem to know the difference between irrigation and rain. Even with steady, appropriate irrigation, fruit set and growth is always better with adequate rain.

Frost

Take precautions against freeze damage on tender annuals or newly planted ones. Plants that have been in the ground less than two weeks are much more susceptible to freeze damage than those with well-established root systems. Protect with any lightweight covering on a frosty night and remove it in the morning. Tents of newspaper work well as temporary frost protection. Secure with rocks, bricks or other heavy objects. Do not use newspaper if you expect rain with the cold, as the weight of the water makes it heavy and it can break the tender plants beneath it. Burlap also works well.

Miscellaneous

Christmas Trees- If you have a fresh Christmas tree this holiday season, the tree trunk should have a fresh cut to promote water uptake before being put into a tree stand. Check the level of water daily.

Aphids- These garden pests can emerge during this month. Use strong jets of water to blast these tiny insects off leaves, or remove by hand. If left alone, the numbers of aphids can reproduce rapidly and their feeding may cause crooked stems, deformed leaves and flowers on bulbs. In general, you should walk through the garden regularly for early signs of pests or disease. Any infestation or infection is much easier to control if it is found early.

Succulents- Do not prune them this month.

Fertilization- Do not fertilize this month.

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1	Saturday 2
					Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Cookie Exchange 10 a.m. – 12 noon
3	4 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Brush & Bulk Collection Week	5 Golf 9:00 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	6 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	7 Activities 10 a.m.	8 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	9
10	11 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	12 Golf 9:08 a.m. Modifications 5:30 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	13 Fitness 7 a.m. Hike 9 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	14 Luncheon 12 noon	15 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Budget & Finance 2:30 p.m. Hanukkah begins	16
17	18 Fitness 7 a.m. Golf 9:00 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	19 Poker 7 p.m.	20 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	21	22 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	23 Hanukkah ends
24/31	25 CHRISTMAS	26 Poker 7 p.m.	27 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	28	29 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	30

SUMMITT SHOPPING CENTER NEWS

OfficeMax, next door to Target, is now open for business.

Cold Stone Creamery shop is no longer at the Summit.

NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

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To start electronic delivery, send an e-mail to <editor@azbellasera.org>.

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 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, December 4.**

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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