

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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2006 IN REVIEW—2007 PREVIEW—OFFICE STAFF CHANGING

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

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope your holiday season was safe and joyous!

A lot was accomplished in 2006 and I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the projects completed:

- The cracks in the pool cool decking were repaired and the entire deck painted. This approach extended the time when a complete resurface will be needed at fraction of the cost.
- The pool furniture reupholstering project was completed.
- The spa was resurfaced.
- The pool and spa were re-caulked to prevent erosion behind the tiles.
- Substantial repairs were made in the clubhouse because of water leaks and resulting mold formation. The roof was repaired in several places. The steam rooms and one of the men's showers were repaired because of water barrier failures.
- New high-definition TVs were installed in the fitness room and the cable service was upgraded to digital high-definition.
- The tennis court fencing frames and light poles were painted.
- The entryway and clubhouse parking lot were seal coated.
- The street signs were completely repainted and now have a 7 year warranty.
- The water fountain at the front of the clubhouse, which had been a source of water incursion and maintenance, was replaced with a desert landscape.
- A large number of landscape lights and transformers were replaced and a regular inspection schedule established to maintain all community lighting.
- The heavy rains required repairs in a number of the common area drainage ways.
- A comprehensive street study was conducted to determine the condition of our roads and establish a maintenance schedule designed to keep them in top shape.

The management company and the Board believe the above projects helped maintain a high standard for the community and enhanced your home values.

As we look toward the first few months of 2007, we will be focusing on four projects: (1) common wall painting, (2) residential unit painting, (3) By Law/C,C,&R revisions and (4) next year's budget. All of these projects are in various stages and will be completed before the end of our fiscal year-hopefully, well before that time.

Patti Smith, our community manager, and **Sheila Ricci**, her assistant, will be moving on to new roles in life effective the first of the year. They have both served our community well and I want to acknowledge their contributions and wish them well. The Board is currently interviewing prospective replacements.

MEETING NOTICES

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Activities Committee will meet on **Thursday, January 4**, at **10 a.m.**

Board of Directors meeting date & time will be posted.

Budget and Finance Committee will meet on **Friday, January 26**, at **2:30 p.m.**

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

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, January 17**, at **8:30 a.m.**

Governance Committee has not scheduled a future meeting.

Modifications Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 9**, at **5:30 p.m.** Modification applications are due no later than the Friday (5) before the meeting.

PROPERTY MODIFICATION REMINDER

All Bellasera residents are required to submit any planned exterior changes to their property to the Modifications Committee **BEFORE** the project is begun. Again, that's **BEFORE** starting, not during or after the project is completed.

The Modifications Committee meets to review applications on the second Tuesday of each month. Modification applications should be submitted no later than the prior Friday. An application form is available from the community manager's office, or the Bellasera web site: azbellasera.org, click on "Forms."

Bellasera Landscape and Architectural Design Guidelines, Section II, page 7, describes in detail the requirements and procedures. They're also available on the web site: click on "Governing Docs."

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Will be on **Thursday, January 18**, at **12:00 noon**, at **Nellie Cashman's** at the **Westin Kierland Hotel**. Plan to leave the clubhouse at **11:30 a.m.** Please sign up by January 16 at the clubhouse, or call **Sheila** at **480-473-0348**.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK BRUNCH

On **Sunday, January 28**, at **11:00 a.m.** Please bring your favorite brunch dish. Drinks to be provided by the Activities Committee. Celebrate the New Year by getting together with your neighbors, those you have known, and welcome new residents.

SINGERS AND MUSICIANS

ATTENTION BELLASERA SINGERS AND MUSICIANS (and want-to-be's). Residents **Roger** and **Kim Deane** would like to host a get together (on a week night) for all who would like to share their "talent." They have several instruments, and a piano, and you could also bring your own. This promises to be a really fun night of jamming. Please call **Sheila Lavin** at **480-473-0348** if you are interested, and we will set up a date and time.

HIKING

You're invited to join the group for a hike at **Piestewa Peak** on **Wednesday, January 17**. The group will attempt to hike the Circumference Trail (without getting lost). This is an almost 4 mile moderate loop trail that circles the summit, offering wonderful views of downtown Phoenix, as well as areas of splendid isolation.

Carpool from the clubhouse leaving at **9:00 a.m.** Lunch afterward at a local restaurant. As always, bring snacks, sunscreen, water and good hiking gear. A sign up sheet will be at the clubhouse. Additional info can be had by calling **Vivian Kurtz, 480-575-1391** or e-mail **<Roy312@cox.net>**.

Here are the planned hikes for the first few months of 2007:

February 12 (Monday) Black Mountain
February 21 (Wednesday) Butcher Jones Trail at Saguaro Lake
March 7 (Wednesday) Ballentine Trail in Tonto National Forest
March 21 (Wednesday) Picacho Peak State Park
April 18 (Wednesday) Rim Lake Vista Trail (Payson)
May 14 (Monday) West Fork Trail (Sedona)

WATER AEROBICS

Water aerobics continues through the winter at a later time: from **11:00 to noon** on **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday**. The water is warm and the exercise is great. It will be cancelled if it is raining or extremely windy.

BOOK CLUB

Meets on **Thursday, January 18**, at **7:00 p.m.**, when 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>**.



JANUARY IN THE GARDEN

—By Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener

Roses

This is the month to plant bare root roses which you will soon see for sale in garden centers. In selecting roses for your garden, you have many choices.

For large flowers on sturdy stems, choose hybrid tea roses such as:

- *Change of Heart* (pink blooms with a spicy scent)
- *Voluptuous* (deep pink with sweet scent)
- *Elle* (shell pink and yellow blooms with a spicy citrus scent)

For large clusters of smaller flowers, consider these new floribunda types:

- *Fragrant Wave* (white and spicy)
- *Tuscan Sun* (apricot orange with light spicy scent)

All of these are available from Jackson and Perkins (www.JacksonandPerkins.com or 800-292-4769).

Golden Barrel Cactus

Many residents have Golden Barrel Cacti in their landscape plantings. This golden-spine cactus, also known as mother-in-law's cushion, is recognizable by its distinctive barrel shape. While a slow grower, this species can reach heights of up to 4 feet and can grow as wide as 2 ½ feet.

Grown in a pot, it can take 30 to 40 years to reach a size where it is ready to flower. When it does, showy yellow blossoms burst forth from April through May. Once they reach their peak, the flowers turn into papery seed pods. They like the sun, but prefer some afternoon shade, if possible. Be sure to provide frost protection in winter.

In your landscape, the Golden Barrel Cacti can be effectively used in a number of different ways:

Interspersed - The golden barrel's globe shape is a standout when interspersed with taller plants such as ocotillo, saguaro, or yucca.

Grouped - In large numbers, their cylindrical shape presents a dramatic picture.

Focal Point - Depending on its size, the barrel cactus can sometimes look best alone or surrounded by low-growing desert flowers or vines.

Houseplants

It's time to inspect houseplants for aphids, scale insects, spider mites, and mealybugs. Rinse infected plants with commercial insecticidal soap or a solution of 1 tablespoon of dishwashing liquid mixed with one gallon of water. Blast gray aphids off plants with a strong jet of water.

Life Span of Sonoran Desert Plants

The estimated longevity of Sonoran Desert Plants is:

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Years</u>
Englemann and Prickley Pear	30+
Golden Agave	40
Triangle-Leaf Bursage	50
Teddy Bear Cholla	60+
Fishhook Barrel Cactus and Catclaw Acacia	130+
Ocotillo	200
Saguaro, Foothill Palo Verde	200+
Ironwood	800+

Considering the harsh conditions under which these plants live we should have great respect for them!

Reminder! - Do not cut back frozen foliage resulting from our winter freeze.

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

** JANUARY 2007 **

Sunday	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
	NEW YEARS DAY	Poker 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Activities 10 a.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	
7	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Brush & Bulk Collection Week	9 Modifications 5:30 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	10 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	11	12 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	13
14	15 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	16 Poker 7 p.m.	17 Fitness 7 a.m. Communications 8:30 A.M. Hike 9 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	18 Luncheon 12 noon Book Club 7 p.m.	19 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	20
21	22 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	23 Poker 7 p.m.	24 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	25	26 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Budget & Finance 2:30 p.m.	27
28 Potluck Brunch 11 a.m.	29 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	30 Poker 7 p.m.	31 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.			

SCOTTSDALE NORTH MARKETPLACE

Earth moving machines are busy preparing the land for the shopping center at the southeast corner of Scottsdale and Lone Mountain Roads. AJ's will anchor the center with their newest prototype that caters to a more affluent shopper. It's scheduled to open in the Fall of 2007.

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

Place Christmas trees where your trash is picked up by **5 a.m., Tuesday, January 2**. The trees will be collected some time that week.

The city of Scottsdale will pick up **brush and bulk items** in the Bellasera area during **the week of Monday, January 8**.

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—

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