

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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REVISED CC&R/BYLAW CONSENT FORMS

Thank you to all Bellasera homeowners who have returned their consent forms.

All the packets have either been mailed or delivered in person by members of the Communications Committee.

Hundreds of hours of Bellasera homeowner volunteer effort have been expended in the past several years in order to complete this project. It's time for all homeowners to do their part.

Please consider returning the two consent forms in the packet at your earliest convenience, using the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided.

In mid-July, Communication Committee members plan to make follow-up phone calls to all homeowners who have not returned consent forms.

As of June 28, 101 consent forms have been received.

The required number of votes in favor to ratify the revised documents is: 183 for the Bylaws; 241 for the CC&Rs. There are 360 homes in Bellasera.

BOARD ELECTION, HOME LEASING

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

Other than the pool area and early morning walkers, it's been pretty quiet around the community this month! I think most people are doing their best to stay out of the heat.

Some community members have expressed concern about the way the error in Board elections has been handled. The Board will discuss remedies at its next meeting so if you have an interest in this issue, please write to the Board or appear at the meeting and let your thoughts be known. If the Board decides to hold a special election to correct the error (see my May column for an explanation), it will cost members approximately \$1,000.

I want to remind those members who lease their homes to others that the CC&Rs prohibit leasing for less than 30 days—weekly rentals are strictly forbidden—and that copies of leases must be filed with the Association within 10 days of execution. Violators of this provision may be subject to a \$250 fine.

There will be no Board meetings in July-it's just too darn hot!!

Have a great summer!

MEETING NOTICES

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Activities Committee will meet again in September.

Board of Directors will not meet in July.

Budget and Finance Committee will meet on **Friday, July 6,** at **2:30 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, July 18,** at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, July 10,** at **2:30 p.m.** in the Bellasera clubhouse. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **12:00 noon, Thursday, July 5** to be eligible for review at this meeting.

2007 BELLASERA COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

The Communications Committee plans to issue a revised community directory in August.

If you are new to the community, or wish to have your existing listing changed, please send an e-mail to <directory@azbellasera.org>, or call the Community Manager's office, **480-488-0400**.

This year's edition will only be available in electronic format.

ZIP CODE CHANGE

Effective July 1, the ZIP code for all Bellasera residences will be **85266**.

Mail addressed using the old ZIP code (85262) will continue to be delivered. However, the Postal Service urges all residents to advise their correspondents of the new ZIP code by sending in Form 3567, Change of Address Notice to Correspondents, Businesses and Publishers. The forms are available free of charge at the Scottsdale Ka-china Station, 7339 E Williams Drive.

Additional information is available by calling the Postal Service, **1-800-275-8777**.



JULY IN THE GARDEN

—By *Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener*

House Pets and Gardens

Because many of us here in Bellasera have cats and/or dogs, you should be aware of the potential problems that our gardens pose to our best friends. The following list of plants (compiled by *Phoenix Home and Garden*, April 2007) are known to be toxic to them.

- Aloe (foliage)
- Castor Bean (all parts)
- Coral Bean (seeds)
- Day lily and other lilies (foliage /cats only)
- Lantana (foliage)
- Oleander (all parts)
- Sacred dutura (all parts)
- Sago palm (all parts)
- Texas mountain laurel (seeds)
- Tomato (foliage)
- Cocoa hull mulch (contains similar compounds as chocolate)

Fertilizers or pesticides (such as ant, roach or slug bait, which may be ingested)

should not be applied where animals walk as they may later lick their paws and swallow the residue.

Native Tree Maintenance

Summer is the recommended time to prune native desert trees because they are actively growing and can recover quickly. However, there are some guidelines:

- It is important to remove no more than one-quarter of a tree's branches in a year. Cutting off too much foliage "starves" the plant by reducing its ability to synthesize.
- It is also advisable to hold off any pruning for at least one year after planting. Two years is even better. If you allow as many branches as possible to survive, the tree will develop strength and trunk girth. Weeping sap may be worse if the tree is stressed for moisture, so be sure that your trees are appropriately watered.

Mildew

Mildews erupt this time of the year with the high heat and increasing humidity. They are especially a problem with zinnia and sunflower. Preventative steps are:

- Water plants from below to prevent spreading the spores from the ground onto the leaves.
- Provide plenty of mulch to reduce water loss and prevent splashing.
- Remove infected leaves quickly and pick up those that fall around plants as they are full of spores. Annuals with their short life span are rarely worth an aggressive spraying campaign. If they become too infested...pull them out.

Miscellaneous

Watch for *grasshoppers* or other chewing insects that may arrive in large numbers this year. If there are only a few, handpick these. Otherwise, apply products specifically formulated for large infestations. Do not fertilize or prune your vegetable plants this month.

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

** JULY 2007 **

Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
Brush & Bulk Collection Week	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Poker 7 p.m.	FOURTH OF JULY		Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Budget & Finance 2:30 p.m.	
8	9 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	10 Modifications 2:30 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	11 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	12	13 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	14
15	16 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	17 Poker 7 p.m.	18 Fitness 7 a.m. Communica- tions 8:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	19	20 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	21
22	23 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	24 Poker 7 p.m.	25 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	26	27 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	28
29	30 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	31 Poker 7 p.m.				

Ike Ironwood—Bellasera Private Detective

Everything went black.

Sometime later I heard voices. Good I thought. I'm not dead yet. I kinda wished I was though the way my head was throbbing. And my throat was as dry as a Bellasera wash in late June. Need something strong to drink pretty soon I reasoned. I struggled to open my eyes. As I focused I was astonished to be looking at Mrs. Ocotillo. Next to her, with the business end of a large pistol pointed at me, sat Mr. Ocotillo, snarling. I struggled to comprehend. "Mrs. Ocotillo", I said. Her tense face slowly broke into a small demented smile. She said, "So, you think I'm Mrs. Ocotillo, do you?" "Who are you?", she demanded. Still trying to pull myself together I replied, "Why Mrs. Ocotillo, I'm the guy you hired to track your husband's whereabouts. Don't you remember? I'm Ike Ironwood, hard boiled Bellasera private detective." She looked at Mr. Ocotillo. They locked eyes for a very long moment. They both relaxed a little. After another ten seconds he put down the gun. "I'm not Mrs. Ocotillo. My sister Betty is Mrs. Ocotillo. I'm Lorna her twin. We are estranged", she said.

Their story went like this. It turns out that Mr. Ocotillo and his wife's sister Lorna were inventors. For years they tried, unsuccessfully, to invent a sure-fire electronic fish lure. Naturally, I was suspicious of their story. I told them I suspected hanky-panky but they swore it wasn't so. They took me on a tour of the cabin which she had acquired from a previous marriage. They showed me the workshop and all the electronics. Thousands of failed lures heaped in sad dusty piles. The sisters had had a falling out years ago over their parent's estate. Mr. Ocotillo couldn't tell his wife about their joint project because of the hard feelings between her and her sister. They claimed they had to be so secretive because they were close to developing a successful lure and didn't want their invention stolen. It explained the gun anyway. I was starting to believe them and that this story might have a happy ending. I was wrong. - to be continued

****BELLASERA CLASSIFIEDS****

Got something to buy, sell, want, give-away, etc.? Do business within the community. Ads only accepted from Bellasera homeowners; ad copy limited to 25 words if space is limited; real estate for sale, business or commercial ads not accepted; Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.

E-mail yours to <editor@azbellasera.org>, or FAX to 815-333-2268.

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, July 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 AAM, LLC • (602) 957-9191

Security/Front Gate• 480-488-3663

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Members needed

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