

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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BYLAWS: APPROVED

CC&Rs: NOT YET

The revised Bellasera Bylaws have been approved, due to the efforts of more than 183 homeowners who returned their consent forms.

As of July 27, 183 (183 needed for approval) Bylaw consents, and 187 (241 needed for approval) CC&R consents have been received.

Hundreds of hours of homeowner volunteer labor have been expended in the past several years on this project. Consider validating their effort by sending in, as soon as possible, the consent forms included in the packet distributed to all Bellasera homeowners.

Members of the Bellasera Communications Committee have made follow-up phone calls to most homeowners who have not returned forms. If by chance you have not received your packet, please contact **Keith Christian, 480-330-7109** or e-mail **KLC@cts.com**.

VANDALISM, HOUSE PAINTING, NOISE, GATES

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

Even though life in our community has slowed down a bit, we're still spending quite a bit of time dealing with problems.

The most serious issue was an attempt to damage a horse trailer that was parked in our parking lot overnight. Someone tried to build a fire under the propane tanks, presumably to cause an explosion. Fortunately, the fire went out before any serious damage was done. The police were called but without a witness of some kind they aren't able to mount much of an investigation. The Board will be talking about the possibility of security cameras in the near future.

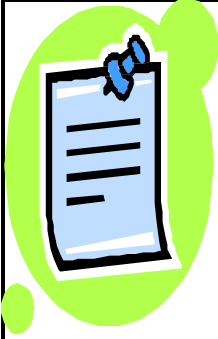
There are approximately 20 homes in the community that still need paint and we are working diligently to get these homeowners to respond to our directive. Eight "Fine" notices went out last week for failure to comply. We will continue to use all legal means available to us to get these homes painted.

At its June 28, 2007 meeting, the Board passed 2 new policy resolutions. One prohibits the use of noise making equipment that can be heard inside adjacent houses prior to 7:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. The other establishes maintenance criteria for gates. We will post these new policies on the bulletin boards for everyone to review.

That's it for now. Hope your summer is going well!

MEETING NOTICES

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Activities Committee will meet again in September.

Board of Directors will meet on **Thursday, August 23**, at **7:00 p.m.**

Budget and Finance Committee meeting date/time will be posted.

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

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, August 14**, 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, August 9** to be eligible for review at this meeting.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Mary Martin's 1 1/2 year old granddaughter got out of her little short gate and was found by **Danielle Meyer**. They had already realized in a very short time that she was missing and **Mary** was headed up the street when she saw that **Danielle** was headed down Balao looking for who she might belong to. It was a wonderful ending to what could have been a tragedy. Another good deed was **Bob Greenspun** reporting that **Bob Sherman's** landscape watering system had a significant leak. It probably saved the **Sherman's** not only an aesthetic problem, but a high water bill at the end of the month.

IN MEMORY

The Bellasera community extends its sincere sympathy and condolences to the family and many friends of **Wesley Pascavis**, who was killed on July 26 in a tragic traffic accident on Pima Road just north of Lone Mountain Road .

Jack Hodel passed away July 8, after a long illness. He was an avid golfer having played many rounds with his friends in Bellasera. Jack was also an avid NY Yankee fan. His smile and humor will be missed by all. The Bellasera community extends its sincere sympathy and condolences to his wife Mary and their family.



AUGUST IN THE GARDEN

—By Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener

Rabbits

Our rabbit population has increased lately and many of us have found that, if they are hungry enough, they will eat almost anything, except what is poisonous. There are a number of plants that rabbits do not like and you should have success growing them. The following are not on their

menu:

Lavender (All types except Canary island lavender); Salvia; Geranium; Rosemary; Desert Marigold; Vinca; Yellow Bells; Trumpet Bush; Mexican Bird of Paradise; Penstemon; Bougainvillea.

Oleander would ordinarily be on the list since it is poisonous to people and animals. However, we are not supposed to grow it here in Bellasera.

A word of caution: Rabbits may nibble on any very young plant, so you may have to protect them in the early stages.

Water Features/Swimming Pools

If you have a water feature or swimming pool, you have to think carefully about the plants you establish nearby. Ideally, you should select plants that offer a minimum of litter, few thorns or sharp points and don't require frequent watering (drainage can cause damage to water features). You should consider the following:

Trees

Texas Ebony; Acacia; Ironwood

Plants/Bushes

Mexican bird of paradise; Fairy duster; Bush morning glory; Creosote bush; Heavenly bamboo; Arizona yellow bells; Cape honeysuckle

Ground Covers

Ice plant; Gazania; Trailing lantana; Mexican primrose; Verbena

Flowers

Canna; Angelita daisy; Bearded iris; Penstemon; Rain lily

Cacti and succulents may seem like prickly options for around a pool. However, they are ideal if positioned far enough away from where people might bump into them. They thrive in bright sunlight, require little water, are practically litter free and look great year round. Some you might want to try:

Century aloe; Desert spoon; Barrel cactus; Hedgehog cactus; Yucca; Octopus agave

Monsoon

We are at the height of our monsoon and you will need to monitor your plants water needs and cut back on irrigation if monsoon rains are heavy. Non-native plants can suffer from iron chlorosis this time of the year. This is recognized by new leaves turning yellow and having conspicuous green veins. This can occur from over-watering combined with extra moisture from seasonal rains. Wet soils displace oxygen from the soil and roots need oxygen to absorb iron. High alkaline soils like we have here can also contribute to chlorosis. If symptoms appear and soil moisture is adequate, apply iron chelates or ferrous sulfate. The plant roots can readily absorb them.

Hint: If you add a tablespoon of charcoal to the bottom of a vase, it will prolong the life of the flowers and keep the water from turning cloudy.

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

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

NEWS YOU CAN USE

- Homeowners, guests and children are reminded that the seat cushions at the pool are not flotation devices, and should not be thrown into the pool.
- Homeowners are reminded to inform their vendors and contractors to use only the front gate.
- The Del Webb resource number for some of the materials used in Bellasera homes, for example, the roof or floor tile, or fixtures, is **480-551-7470**. No guarantee that they will have all the information, but it may be worth a call.
- Clubhouse Activity Room rentals are available for \$125.00 per use.

****BELLASERA CLASSIFIEDS****

Looking for a kind and responsible adult to occasionally care for my very well-mannered 11-year boy. Approximately 20 hours per month. Please call **Marci, 480-488-3426** to discuss.

1. Ocean Front Maui Condo Rental. Stunning 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom fully remodeled condo in Maui between Kaanapali and Kapalua.

2. Tuff Stuff III Home Gym for sale. Includes Leg Press, Pec Deck, Lat Pulldown. Like new. \$800 or best offer.

3. 2002 Jeep Wrangler Sport, 31,000 miles, dark green, soft top, \$14,000.

Call **Bob Miller, 602-680-0881**.

Got something to buy, sell, want, give-away, etc.?

Do business within the community. Send in a classified ad.

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

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.

Ike Ironwood—Bellasera Private Detective

I wasn't wrong about believing them. Their story held up. I was wrong about the happy ending. After this little episode Mr. Ocotillo told his wife the truth about how he was spending his time. They ended up divorcing. She couldn't trust him anymore. And she really didn't like the fact that her sister was involved in the enterprise. The whole thing put the kibosh on their marriage. She filed for divorce claiming irreconcilable differences. Very common in my line of work. I felt sorry for all of them. It was the hard feelings between sisters that was at the root of all the troubles. I knew it didn't have to be that way but, as a P.I. I see it all the time. And that was the case of the Beautiful Woman and the Fishy Lures.

I put her card back into the the middle of the thick bundle. I didn't need to be reminded about her again for a good long time. I drifted off into a slumber and dreamt that a Crunchy Taco Supreme was asking me for directions. Suddenly, I was awakened by the door slamming. It was my operative Fu. "Misser I-ron-woo! Misser I-ron-woo! You wake up now. We got big important case!" I hated it when he did that. Fu "the Man" Chu was third generation Chinese-American and seemed about as Chinese as a bagel. He loved to put on that accent. Probably seen too many re-runs of Bonanza.

"Misser I-ron-woo", he started. I cut him off, "Can the corn Fu. Give it to me straight!" He was really starting to annoy me. He said, "Uh...okay. Tell me how you got into the investigation business. And why is your first name Ike?" Couple of stories in that. We weren't busy (except for cleaning the gun, of course) so I thought I'd tell him about it. First, the easy part about how I got into the biz.
- To be continued

2007 BELLASERA COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

This month the Communications Committee will send the August 2007 Bellasera Community Directory to all residents that have an e-mail address in the directory. The Adobe Acrobat encrypted directory file will be sent as an attachment to an e-mail message. Others may request a copy by e-mail: directory@azbellasera.org.

This year's community directory will only be available in this electronic format.

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, 480-330-7109.

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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 6.**

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—

Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Questions regarding your Homeowner's Association Account?
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