

# Bellasera Neighborhood News

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## REVISED CC&RS NOT YET APPROVED

The revised Bellasera Bylaws have been approved, due to the response of more than 200 homeowners who returned their consent forms. Thank you to all who returned their forms!

As of August 27, **201** CC&R consents have been received; **241** are needed for approval. Homeowners who have not returned their forms are urged to send them in as soon as possible. The consent forms were included in the packet distributed to all Bellasera homeowners in June.

Members of the Bellasera Communications Committee will continue to contact residents in an effort to achieve approval of the revised CC&Rs. If by chance you have not received your packet, please contact **Keith Christian, 480-330-7109**, or e-mail **KLC@cts.com**.

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## STORM IMPACT & BOARD PLANS

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

The most significant news for the month is the "Big One" on July 31 that hit us pretty hard here at Bellasera. If you were out of town during the storm, you were one of the lucky ones! We had almost three inches of rain at Dynamite and Pima against an average rainfall of seven inches a year. There were multiple road closures with debris and damage in several areas. Fortunately, there were no human casualties. Since the storm, we've been working on cleanup activities in the common areas of the community. It will take a few months to get everything back in order.

The Board is presently in a forward planning mode. We have several volunteers for a resurrection of the Building and Grounds Committee, which will help identify and monitor areas in need of attention around the community. We're looking at a few outdated Design Guidelines and will be proposing several changes to the Modifications Committee. Several vendor contracts are up for renewal and we're obtaining proposals to determine if changes are appropriate.

That's all for now. Hope you're having a great summer!

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

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## BOOK CLUB RESUMES

Bellasera Book Club plans to meet the **third Wednesday** of each **month** in the Bellasera clubhouse at **7 p.m.** Books to be discussed this year include:

**September 19** - "The Secret" by Rhoda Byrne

**October 17** - "Einstein" by Walter Isaacson

**November 21** - "Slaughterhouse Five" by Kurt Vonnegut

**December** - No Meeting

**January 16** - "Mansfield Park" by Jane Austin

**February 20** - Poetry

**March 19** - "Lolita" by Vladimir Nabokov

**April 16** - "Rise and Shine" by Anna Quindlen

**May 21** - "Wuthering Heights" by Emily Bronte

For additional information you may contact **Maureen Simpson, 480-575-7693**, or e-mail: **maureensimpson@cox.net**.

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## MONSOON STORM TO REMEMBER

A monsoon 'storm of the decade' occurred here on Tuesday evening, July 31. The strong winds and heavy rainfall caused washes to fill to unusually high levels, causing large amounts of earth to be deposited on roads and trails. One Bellasera resident measured 3.30 inches of rain in the several hours the storm lingered in the northeast Valley.

A tree in the grassy area near the Bellasera clubhouse was felled, and many tree limbs were down throughout the community. The volume of water was great enough to wash out the multipurpose trail on Lone Mountain Road, mid-way between the normal exit gate and the emergency exit gate at the north end of Brisa Drive.

This same wash overflowed the bridge across Balao Drive, just east of the intersection with Brisa Drive, making the road impassable for several hours.

In the days following the storm, the desert foothills vegetation was greened-up, and lately it looks almost as lush as during the spring, after normal winter rainfall.

## MEETING NOTICES

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**Activities Committee** meeting date/time will be posted.

**Board of Directors** will meet on **Thursday, September 27**, at **7:00 p.m.**

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

**Communications Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, September 26**, at **8:30 a.m.**

**Modifications Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, September 11**, at **2:30 p.m.** if there are applications to review. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **12:00 noon, Thursday, September 6**, to be eligible for review at this meeting.

## BELLASERA WELCOMES NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The new Bellasera Administrative Assistant in the clubhouse manager's office is **Earlene Morgan**, who was named by Bellasera's management company, AAM, LLC, to replace **Terry Schuman**.

**Terry** was promoted to a new position within the company. She had served as Bellasera's Administrative Assistant since January of this year.

Based in Phoenix, AAM, LLC, employs 225 people and manages more than 350 community associations throughout Arizona. The company provides management services to the Bellasera community, including providing a part-time Community Manager, and a part-time Administrative Assistant.

### Introducing Earlene Morgan

When college sports are in season, I have a serious dilemma about which team to cheer for. I was an Iowa farmer's daughter raised a Hawkeye fan. I received my Master's Degree in Instructional Systems from the University of Minnesota where I became a serious Gopher fan. I met my husband in Minneapolis and though he was raised in McLean, VA and was a Georgetown Hoya fan, I married him anyway. We lived for over 25 years in Golden Valley, MN where we raised 2 children. I worked in mortgage banking for over 20 years surviving several mergers. Our oldest, a daughter, graduated from the U of Wisconsin, Madison. We enjoyed many weekends strolling State Street and cheering on the Badgers. When she graduated she moved to Phoenix. We decided 10 years ago that it was in our best interest to make the move to a sunnier climate while our nest was still empty. Our son, who was attending UW, Madison, did not appreciate being the only member of the family still using ice scrappers and snow tires. He transferred to Arizona State and, hence, we all became Sun Devil fans. We were so thrilled when our daughter and son-in-law had our first grandchild in March. Though it is quite a hike between Chandler where they teach high school and Scottsdale where we live, we are fortunate to be relatively close so we can occasionally baby sit. Last spring my mother moved to a retirement community and I "inherited" boxes of old photographs to add to my already over bulging photo box of our family vacations, holidays, etc. It has become my passion to condense and preserve these "memories." Thus, I have started creating digital photo albums and photo journals via the computer. I have found a wealth of software resources. It is an overwhelming project but has become my favorite pastime next to reading.

I find Bellasera not only a very beautiful area but a wonderful community with which to be associated. **Terry Schuman** is a tough act to follow but I am looking forward to meeting the challenges.



## SEPTEMBER IN THE GARDEN

—By Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener

### Planting Season

Even though it is very hot, believe it or not, September is the start of our planting season. If you'd like to try your hand at vegetables, consider one or more from the following list.

	<u>When to Plant</u>	<u>How</u>
<b>Carrots</b>	Sept.20-Nov. 1	Seeds
<b>Beets</b>	Sept. 20 -Dec 15	Seeds
<b>Green Onions</b>	Sept. 15 - Nov. 15	Seeds
<b>Radishes</b>	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Seeds
<b>Garlic</b>	Oct. 1- Oct.31	Cloves
<b>Endive</b>	Sept. 1 - Nov. 15	Seeds
<b>Lettuce (head)</b>	Aug. 20 - Sept. 20	Seeds
<b>Lettuce (leaf)</b>	Sept. 1 - Nov. 15	Seeds
<b>Cabbage</b>	Sept. 20 - Oct. 1	Transplants or Seeds
<b>Cauliflower</b>	Sept. 20 -Oct. 1	Transplants or Seeds
<b>Broccoli</b>	Sept.20 - Oct. 10	Transplants or Seeds

### Keys to Success = Site Selection & Soil Preparation

Site Selection - The sun will be getting farther and farther south each day. A site on the North side of a wall with half-day light now will be in more shade later. Plants need at least six to eight hours of sun to perform properly.

Soil Preparation- The Fall growing season is relatively short and you don't have much time to play catch-up. If a plant becomes deficient in any nutrients, by the time they are added, you have lost so much time that the crop may not make it. Even a day or two of water stress and the two to four days of recovery mean a week of growing is lost. To properly prepare your soil, follow these steps:

1. Add a large layer of some form of organic matter. The particular choice is not as important as getting at least two inches dug in. Choices for organic matter include compost, any well-aged manure, nitrogen-stabilized bark materials or peat moss.

2. To the layer of organic matter, spread 3 to 5 pounds of a dry sulfur product per every 1000 square feet of the garden. Regular soil sulfur or the Disper-Sul products are the best choices. These products react in our alkaline soil to form little pockets of acidity. Most of the plants above prefer a slightly acid soil. When roots of these plants grow into these pockets the nutrients held by the soil particles are more readily available.

3. Add fertilizer. Although many good vegetable or general-purpose fertilizers exist, it is critical to make sure phosphorous is in ample supply. Add the fertilizer with a high phosphorous number at the recommended rate stated on the bag. Phosphorous is essential in vegetable gardens. It is needed for vegetable crops and especially for juvenile root growth. Whether from seeds or transplants, young plants short of phosphorous exhibit retarded growth.

After everything is spread out, then dig, rototill or incorporate it all uniformly, avoiding any pockets of any of the ingredients. Give it a light sprinkler watering, not more than one half inch of water. This gets the mix brewing and naturally settles the soil. After a few days the soil will dry and then you can smooth rake to final planting shape and plant your plants.

Finally, all that is needed for the next couple of months is water, a little more fertilizer (according to package directions), picking a few weeds and enjoying the fruits (or vegetables) of your labor!

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

# \*\*SEPTEMBER 2007\*\*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Brush & Bulk Collection Week	<b>LABOR DAY</b>	Poker 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.		Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Modifications 2:30 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.		Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Poker 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Book Club 7 p.m.		Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Poker 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Communications 8:30 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Board of Directors 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	

## GOOD NEIGHBORS

Good neighbors do not allow their trees and shrubs to intrude on their neighbor's property.

Are you a good neighbor?

## **\*\*BELLASERA CLASSIFIEDS\*\***

Contemporary Light/Medium Cherry Dining Table & 6 Chairs

41" x 75" seats 6, opens to 107"- seats 8+

Excellent/new condition, purchased from Copenhagen Furniture Store. \$600.

Please call **Janice** or **Hank Lewandowski, 480- 595-0847**

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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, Peck Deck, Lat Pulldown. Like new. \$800 or best offer.

3. 2002 Jeep Wrangler Sport, 32,000 miles, dark green, soft top, \$14,000.

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

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1. 1996 IGT WILD DIAMONDS SLOT MACHINE. Fully functional Las Vegas machine with 25 cent play. 3-Reels. Great for the Family/Game Room. I can help you take it home and setup for you. \$550.00

2. Complete set of (4) light color Hunter-Douglas Duette blinds for a Coralina Living Room and one for the arcadia doors in the family room. \$150.00 for the lot.

Call **Kim** or **Roger, 480-209-1700.**

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*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](mailto: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.*

## SCOTTSDALE NORTH MARKETPLACE

The Scottsdale North Marketplace, at the intersection of Scottsdale and Lone Mountain Roads, continues to be a beehive of activity every day.

**Gary Pederson**, VP of Pederson Group Inc., marketplace developer, reports barring any unforeseen delays, they're still targeting mid-November for the Grand Opening of AJ's.

He indicated the company is not yet prepared to make an announcement regarding shop tenants.

## BELLASERA NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

This newsletter is available via e-mail instead of paper delivery by the Post Office. To get yours each month, send an e-mail request to: [newsletter@azbellasera.org](mailto:newsletter@azbellasera.org).

## NEW BELLASERA COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

The Communications Committee has e-mailed 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 to all others that request a copy by e-mail: [directory@azbellasera.org](mailto: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](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, 480-330-7109.**

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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, September 3.**

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?  
Contact AAM, LLC • **(602) 957-9191**

**Security/Front Gate• 480-488-3663**

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