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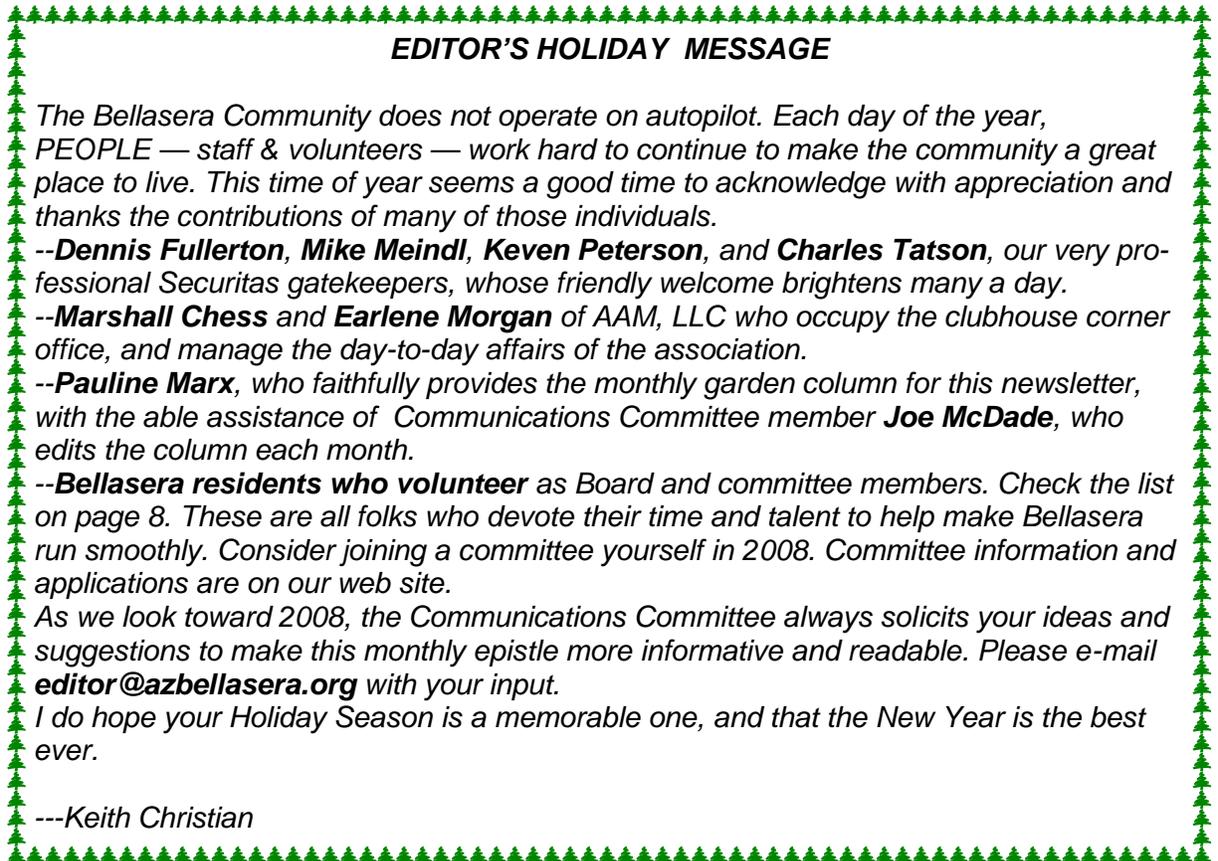
BYLAWS & CC&Rs APPROVED, LIGHTS

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

Thanks to a lot of work by a number of our residents and the cooperation of each of you, the revised Bylaws and CC&Rs have been approved. This effort spans at least four years so it is heartening to see it come to a conclusion. At this point, we need to proceed through the filing process and get a copy of the approved documents into the hands of every owner.

Our efforts to improve the enforcement of our CC&Rs appears to be resulting in positive change. The one area that is difficult to address is community lighting. Our staff doesn't work at night and we haven't had a wealth of volunteers step forward to patrol the streets at night looking for burnt out bulbs! Accordingly, I'm appealing to each of you to check your lights tonight and on a regular basis so the look and the security of the community will be enhanced. The two areas to look for are the garage can lights and the landscape lights in the front, with particular attention to the trees. Since we don't have streetlights, this is the only source of ambient light in the community.

My best wishes to you, your friends and loved ones as we celebrate the holidays and the coming of the new year.



EDITOR'S HOLIDAY MESSAGE

The Bellasera Community does not operate on autopilot. Each day of the year, PEOPLE — staff & volunteers — work hard to continue to make the community 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 very professional Securitas gatekeepers, whose friendly welcome brightens many a day.

--Marshall Chess and Earlene Morgan of AAM, LLC 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, with the able assistance of Communications Committee member Joe McDade, who edits the column each month.

--Bellasera residents who volunteer as Board and committee members. Check the list on page 8. These are all folks who devote their time and talent to help make Bellasera run smoothly. Consider joining a committee yourself in 2008. Committee information and applications are on our web site.

As we look toward 2008, the Communications Committee always solicits your ideas and suggestions to make this monthly epistle more informative and readable. Please e-mail editor@azbellasera.org with your input.

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

---Keith Christian

BELLASERA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

BELLASERA COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Will be on **Saturday, December 8, 8 a.m.** See next page (3) for all the details.

WATER AEROBICS

Water aerobics continues each **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday**, at **11 a.m.**

YOGA ON MONDAY

Beginning Hatha Yoga in the community room. **Monday** nights from **6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.**, Please bring a yoga mat. Fee is \$8.00 per class. Instructor: **Marci Sheer, 480-488-3426**, e-mail findingmarci@yahoo.com.

LUNCHEON

The December luncheon will be held on **Thursday, December 13** at Arcadia Farms in the new Heard Museum at the Summit Shopping Center. Please be there by **11:30** and we will be ordering off the menu and will be given separate checks. It will be a great opportunity to spend time with you neighbors during the holidays.

Here's a list of upcoming luncheons so you can make your plans: **January 17**, Culinary Institute; **February 21**, Jade Palace; **March 20**, Olive and Ivy; **April 17**, Baci; **May 15**, Carefree Station. Details will appear each month in the Bellasera newsletter.

YOGA ON THURSDAY

A yoga class is being offered by **Cory Schidler** (Core Fitness) on **Thursday evenings, 5:15 to 6:15**. The class will be led by **Lynn Seawell**, a certified Yoga Instructor. Drop-in price is \$14.00, with 10 classes for \$120.00, or 20 classes for \$200.00. There may be substitute classes offered if it can be scheduled. Call **Jan Swenson, 480-575-0443** for information.

GOLF

Calling all golfers. The Bellasera Golfers and their golf friends meet every week for a fun day of golfing at various clubs. This month's schedule is: **Tuesday, December 4** at Dove Valley; **Tuesday, December 11** at The 500 Club; and **Monday, December 17** at Tatum Ranch. For more information and/or to sign up, please contact **Ellen Bornstein, 480-575-9848**, e-mail embornstein7@att.net.

BOOK CLUB

Will not meet in December, but plans to get together again on **Wednesday, January 16** to discuss "Mansfield Park" by Jane Austin. Additional information from **Maureen Simpson, 480-575-7693**, e-mail maureensimpson@cox.net.

BELLASERA RESIDENTS FAMILY NEW YEARS DAY BRUNCH

An outstanding New Years Day Brunch will be prepared for you at the clubhouse on **New Years Day at 11:00 a.m.** Because of the size of the room, we will have to limit the amount of guests, so sign up early! You will be guests of the Bellasera Community Association.

No dinner is planned for January. Ideas, suggestions and volunteers are always welcome.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

BELLASERA COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ABOUT 1½ HOURS TO PARTICIPATE IN NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP. MEET ON SATURDAY DEC. 8 AT 8 a.m. IN PARKING LOT

The newly re-established Building and Grounds Committee invites you to participate in this worthwhile activity.

It's a great opportunity to meet with neighbors and preserve the beauty of our community.

We will meet at the clubhouse parking lot at **8 a.m. sharp.**

Please wear gloves and a yellow vest or brightly colored clothing and bring "trash pick-up sticks" if you have them. We will hand out plastic bags to collect the trash.

Depending on the number of volunteers, 3 or 4 groups will go out to different areas of the development at 8:10 a.m. and will work for about 1 to 1½ hours.

All participants are invited for **refreshments** afterwards at the clubhouse.

There will be a sign up sheet in the clubhouse opposite the office, please sign up if you have the opportunity, otherwise just show up at 8 a.m. and join the fun!

We take this opportunity to recognize the efforts and consideration of all "unofficial" trash-picker-uppers who quietly do so on a daily basis. Bellasera is a better community because of you. THANK YOU!

—*The Building and Grounds Committee*

MEETING NOTICES

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Activities Committee will meet on **Tuesday, December 4**, at **3 p.m.**

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

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

Building and Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, December 4**, at **6 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet again in January.

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, December 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, December 6**, to be eligible for review at this meeting.

SCOTTSDALE NORTH MARKETPLACE

Since opening on November 10, AJ's reports their business volume has exceeded all expectations.

Other storefronts coming soon to the marketplace, northwest of Bellasera, include:

Quintessential Bride & Formal Wear
Casa Paloma
Bella Day Spa
Pet Boutique
Martinizing Dry Cleaning
Impulse Boutique
Adam & Eve Medspa
Hand & Stone Massage Spa
Optical Boutique
and later in 2008, a branch of Chase Bank.



DECEMBER IN THE GARDEN

—By *Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener*

Winter is upon us and brings with it, a variety of garden tasks such as monitoring the weather and planting roses. So, let's review some of our garden chores for December.

Citrus- Continue to harvest citrus, testing for sweetness. If small fruit size is noticed it may be due to heavy fruit set or the weather. Lack of normal rainfall during the mid summer period can influence fruit size. Citrus fruit growth is greater as a response to rain versus a similar amount of irrigation.

Roses- New rose catalogs should be out this month and bare root plants are available at nurseries. Plant bare root roses in a 2 foot by 2 foot hole that is well amended with organic matter.

Planting- Some things to consider planting during this month are:

- Cool-hardy trees, shrubs and vines.
- Cool season vegetables, annuals, perennials and bulbs.
- Bare root deciduous fruit trees. Select varieties that require less than 400 hours of chilling. Your local nursery can help you find those.

Pruning

Now is a good time to start thinning, pruning, and reshaping many of our desert trees such as mesquite, palo verde, acacia, and other deciduous trees. Tree sap has moved down into the root system making it the most desirable time to thin and prune. Some guidelines:

- Remove touching branches that cross over each other and limbs that rub against structures and neighboring trees.
- Thin overall to decrease the trees susceptibility to wind damage.

December is also a good time to prune Texas sage, roses and other desert and deciduous shrubs.

Do not prune frost sensitive plants such as bougainvillea and hibiscus.

Weather

Temperature- Monitor weather forecasts for possible freezes and be prepared to protect frost tender plants. Wrap young citrus and other frost tender trees with cloth, cardboard, or layers of newspapers, never plastic. Leave them wrapped until the danger of frost is over.

Rain- December is one of our rainiest months and rain is vital for the success of your trees. If rains are abundant or occur regularly, established desert trees will not need supplemental irrigation.

Grass

For those of you with winter grass, be aware of fungal disease which usually results from too much water. If conditions have encouraged fungal disease to get started, the increasing temperatures of late winter will cause it to flourish. Prevent these problems by watering your lawn early in the morning (two or three hours before dawn) while the weather is cooler.

Lastly, a holiday tip: Christmas tree trunks need a fresh cut to promote water uptake before being put in the Christmas tree stand.

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

DECEMBER 2007

Sunday 2	Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7	Saturday 1/8
Brush & Bulk Collection Week	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Yoga 6:30 p.m.	Golf Activities 3 p.m. B & G, 6 p.m. Poker 7 p.m. Hanukkah <small>(begins @ sundown)</small>	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Yoga 5:15 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Community Clean-Up 8 a.m. (Dec. 8)
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16	17 Fitness 7 a.m. Golf Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Yoga 6:30 p.m.	18 Poker 7 p.m.	19 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	20 Yoga 5:15 p.m.	21 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	22
23	24	25	26 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	27 Yoga 5:15 p.m. Board of Directors 7 p.m.	28 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	29
30	31 Christmas tree curbside recycle week	1 NEW YEARS DAY Brunch 11 a.m. (free)				

****BELLASERA CLASSIFIEDS****

Magical malachite specimen, large, looks like enchanted temple/cave. Rare and unique - \$6,000. **Denise Obser, 480-488-5630.**

1996 Mercedes 500SL, Excellent condition, All black, Both tops, Low miles - \$22,500. **480-219-4943 or 303-947-7183.**

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.

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, December 3**, and the following month, **the week of January 6**.

Christmas trees will be picked up curbside for recycling the week of December 31.

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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