

# Bellasera Neighborhood News

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## LOOKING TOWARD 2008

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

I hope you all had a joyous holiday season. Around the Association, it's pretty much business as usual. Here are a few highlights of what we're working on:

- Community Manager and Staff: (1) wash and trail cleanup activities continue, (2) bids for crack sealing the streets are being reviewed for presentation to the Board, (3) in conjunction with the Building and Grounds Committee, replacement treadmill options and future needs are being finalized, (4) added community speed limit signs have been ordered, (5) on-going CC&R/Design Guidelines enforcement.
- Building and Grounds Committee: this team is off to a great start. They put up the holiday lights and have taken over inspection and replacement of community area/mailbox lights. An outside contractor previously did both these activities so these volunteers are already saving money for our residents.
- Budget and Finance Committee: this team has recently focused on improving cash management and, as a result, our investment income. Very shortly, we will be starting the budget cycle.
- Communications Committee: having successfully obtained community approval of the revised Bylaws and CC&Rs, this team is now engaged in keeping the residents informed on matters of interest.
- Activities Committee: a variety of interesting events have been held and are planned for the balance of the year. Please consult the newsletter for details.
- Modifications Committee: these dedicated volunteers are the eyes and ears for maintaining appropriate continuity within our community. They continue to review several requests on a monthly basis.

The Board and I welcome any comments or suggestions you have regarding the operation of the Association and maintenance of the community. Please feel free to write or e-mail me, the Board and the Community Manager. Our addresses are on page 8 of this newsletter.

# BELLASERA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

## 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](mailto:findingmarci@yahoo.com).

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Activities Committee. We look forward to seeing those who signed up for the New Years Day Brunch which starts at 11:00 a.m. There is no dinner planned for this month. The dates for our upcoming dinners are: February 23, March 29, April 26 and May 17. Mark your calendar and plan to attend as many as possible. It's a great way to get together with neighbors.

The luncheon this month is on **Thursday, January 17**, at the Arizona Culinary Institute located at 10585 N 114th St., #401, just off Shea Blvd. Our seating is for 12:00 noon and we are asked to be prompt. This meal will be prepared by the students of the Institute. Gentlemen of Bellasera are invited to come along and enjoy an interesting and delicious meal. The price is \$21.00 and must be paid in cash. Unfortunately, the Institute is limiting our number to 30, so anyone interested should sign up on or after January 1. Anyone who wants to carpool may call **Karen Moore, 480-488-0861**.

Watch the Bellasera Newsletter for upcoming events. AJ's is going to give a wine and cheese pairing seminar for us in small groups for February, March, and April. Also in March, Dave Wagner, the author of "Unpaved Roads" will give a presentation from his new book about the adventures and travels of he and his wife, Flo. Watch for details.

## 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.

## BELLASERA HIKERS

A bit late in the season to get started, but a hike is scheduled for **Thursday, January 17**. Meet at the clubhouse at **9:00 a.m.** to carpool to the Trailhead at I04th St. and McDowell Mountain Ranch Rd. The group will hike the Quartz Trail, about 5 miles in and back with a 500-foot elevation change so a relatively easy trek. It wanders thru a tree-lined wash beneath a mountain-side quartz outcropping. The hikers will stop at a local eatery for lunch after the 3 hour hike. There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse and/or you may contact **Vivian Kurtz, 480-575-1391**, e-mail [Roy312@cox.net](mailto:Roy312@cox.net) for more information. The group hopes to have a large turnout to join in a very fun adventure.

## BOOK CLUB

Will meet on **Wednesday, January 16**, at **7 p.m.** to discuss "Mansfield Park" by Jane Austin. Additional information is available from **Maureen Simpson, 480-575-7693**, e-mail [maureensimpson@cox.net](mailto:maureensimpson@cox.net).

# **NEWS YOU CAN USE**

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## **Bellasera Community Clean up 2007 Review**

**—By Dave Redman**

The clean up took place as planned thanks to many willing participants with the much appreciated cooperation of the weather.

A total of **36** neighbors came out, braving cool, damp weather and lots of mud, to help with the pre-clean up on Friday, December 7 and with the main clean up on Saturday, December 8. The event was organized by the newly re-established Building and Grounds Committee.

We picked up trash from the areas between Scottsdale Road and Lone Mountain Road and the outer perimeter wall of the neighborhood, and also inside the neighborhood in the main wash from the northeast corner of the property all the way through to Scottsdale Road by the guard house, and from streets.

The main clean up on Saturday was followed at 10 a.m. by a breakfast gathering in the clubhouse with coffee, bagels and cream cheese, soft drinks and cookies generously provided by AJ's.

We accomplished a lot and a good time was had by all. We would like to make this a regular event every 3 or 4 months.

Many thanks and kudos to the following participants:

**Pat Bradley\*\*, Dan Bradley, Chuck Roach\*\*, Ellen Roach, Joe McDade\*\*, Anna Ingram, Bob Messinger, Dennis Carson, Trish Dixon, Keith Christian, Craig Klos, Georgia Klos, Flo Kostel, Dennis Lamb, Bob Gromko, Larry Seres, Robert Greco, Sarge Greco, Dennis Noone, Kim Deane, Mike Dietz, Phil Castrovinci, Bonnie Lahr, Lena Junker, Sid Charnock, Susan Rutledge, Barbara Rutledge, Joseph Rutledge, Jay Quinton, Hope Kirsch, Barry Kluger, Spencer Eisner, Marci Sheer, Eve D'Alleyrande, Maya Redman.**

\*\* indicates participation both Friday and Saturday

## MEETING NOTICES

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**Activities Committee** will meet on **Thursday, January 10**, at **4:00 pm**.

**Board of Directors** will meet on **Thursday, January 24**, at **7:00 p.m.**

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

**Building and Grounds Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, January 8**, at **6 p.m.**

**Communications Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, January 23**, at **8:30 a.m.**

**Modifications Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, January 8**, 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, January 3**, to be eligible for review at this meeting.

## CC&R/BYLAW DISTRIBUTION

The revised CC&R/Bylaw documents recently approved by members of the Bellasera Community Association will be distributed early in the new year.

After the CC&Rs are recorded with the state of Arizona, as required by law, residents will be informed that the documents are available for pick up in the clubhouse office during normal business hours.

Copies not picked up after two weeks will be mailed to all homeowners.



## JANUARY IN THE GARDEN

—By Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener

### Cold Weather and Succulents

As winter ushers in cold and overnight freezing temperatures, you will need to follow some guidelines to properly care for and maintain your succulents. First, let's define **Succulent**: "Any fleshy plant that belongs to one of many diverse families, among them species of cactus, aloe, stonecrop, houseleek, agave, and yucca." We have a variety of indigenous succulents that have adapted to the extreme heat and dryness of our environment.

Frost Protection- When freezing temperatures are predicted, protect tender succulents or those in bloom by covering them with a blanket, sheet, frost cloth (available in plant nurseries) or cardboard box overnight. Remove the covering in the morning when it warms up.

Aloes- Many aloes are hardy enough to withstand short-duration freezes, but their flowers are not. To protect flowering aloes, use a frame of pipe, wood or bamboo stakes over the plant then lay the protective covering over that.

Pruning- As a general rule, if plants have severe cold damage, resist the urge to prune affected stems until the weather warms next month. The only exception is flowering stalks on **aloes**, which can be removed anytime. The stalks should not be allowed to bloom if you want to continue to grow that plant. The stalk can be cut and the plant will continue to grow. If allowed to bloom the plant will die shortly after blooming.

Watering- Water cactus and other warm-season succulents every four to five weeks if there has been no rain. Water winter growing succulents every ten to fourteen days. Large and small plants should be watered to a depth of 3 to 4 inches. Be sure the surface is dry before watering again. If there is any doubt about watering... don't!

Planting- Plant winter-growing succulents in the ground or in containers. Choose a location with high, filtered shade or one that is shaded from the afternoon sun. While winter sun suits all winter-growing succulents, summer sun, especially in the afternoon, can be too much for them.

Fertilization- Do not fertilize succulents this month.

Disease- If cochineal scale or other diseases ravaged your prickly pear or cholla, cut them back severely this month to an uninfected portion of the plant. Keep well watered to encourage growth.

### Deciduous Trees

Prune deciduous fruit trees before bud break. (Deciduous trees lose their leaves in the fall and winter.) Cut out all dead, diseased, or broken wood, any crossing branches, and watersprouts. A watersprout is an undesirable, very vigorous vertical shoot that forms on trees, usually in response to severe pruning. It's also called a watershoot.

Note: Cold soils hold water for a long time, and it is important not to overwater bulbs and irises.

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

# \*\* JANUARY 2008 \*\*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday 1	Wednesday 2	Thursday 3	Friday 4	Saturday 5
Christmas Tree Curbside Pickup Week		NEW YEARS DAY Brunch 11 a.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Yoga 5:15 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	
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Brush & Bulk Collection Week						
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27	28 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Yoga 6:30 p.m.	29 Poker 7 p.m.	30 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	31 Yoga 5:15 p.m.		

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

SOLOFLEX exercise machine with butterfly and leg extension attachments.  
Excellent condition. \$650.

480-575-7528 (Cost to buy new is \$1950 @ Soloflex.com.)

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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.*

**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, January 7**, and the following month, **the week of February 4**.

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.**

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