

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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BACK GATE CONCERNS, LIGHTING

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

One of the reasons I chose to live in our community is the manned SECURITY GATE. While I recognize it isn't a guarantee that unwanted intruders can't get into our community, I believe it provides a strong deterrent that will cause a would-be intruder to look elsewhere.

Lately, we have had some problems with intruders entering through the back gate by following a resident in or going through the exit after a resident has come out. Some residents and Board members (including yours truly) have approached a few of these violators with various degrees of success. In two cases I know of, the Police were called, who responded very quickly.

First of all, if you observe our back gate being violated (or suspicious characters in the neighborhood), please call the Police immediately. You will need to provide a description of the vehicle, the license plate number and, if possible, where the vehicle is located at the current time. I do not recommend approaching the violator! It would also be helpful to call our Security at the main gate. However, please understand they cannot leave their post and will merely call the police for you. Frankly, you will get faster results if you call the Police yourself.

At our January Study Group Meeting, the Board discussed this matter at length. The option of cameras at the back gate was ruled out because there is no one to respond to the violation and it would be very costly. We could add a roving patrol to our Security force but that too would be very costly. We believe the only sure way to prevent this type of intrusion is to close the back gate for all but emergency situations. However, we recognize this would cause some inconvenience to our residents. We would like your opinion on this matter. Is this security breach serious enough to warrant further action? Are there other ways it could be handled? Please call or write to the Board and let us know your opinion.

Several residents have written to me about home lighting in our community. The City of Scottsdale and our own Design Guidelines regulate the type of lighting, including the fixtures and bulbs. Replacing burned out bulbs and ensuring your landscape lights are on at night may seem like small responsibilities but they are an important part of enhancing the beauty of our community. The Board is taking on the responsibility of conducting periodic checks as a follow up to the concerns some of our residents have communicated to us.

BOARD ELECTION COMING IN APRIL

Three members of the Bellasera Board of Directors will be elected at the Association's annual meeting in April.

The two year terms of **Shawn Meyer**, **Chuck Roach** and **Bob Shriver** will end in April. The terms of the other directors (**Dennis Carson**, **Bruce Martin**, **Dennis Noone**, **David Redman**) end in April 2009.

Members of the community are urged to consider filing an application to serve on the Board. Watch this newsletter, and the community bulletin boards, for more information as April draws closer.

BELLASERA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Note: photos of some of the 82 attendees of the New Years Day Brunch are on the Bellasera web site: azbellasera.org, click on "Photos"

WATER AEROBICS

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

YOGA ON MONDAY — NEW TIME

Monday night Yoga continues! Come experience the wonderful benefits of Hatha Yoga. From **5:30 to 6:45 p.m.** at the clubhouse. Class fee \$10. No class February 18-Presidents' Day. Beginners welcome. Questions? Call **(480-488-3426)** or e-mail <youryogamarci@gmail.com> **Marci Sheer**.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Bellasera Luncheon is on **Thursday, February 21**, at the Jade Palace located at Scottsdale and Pinnacle Peak Roads. A special meal will be prepared for the group and individual checks will be provided. Cost will be \$18.00 inclusive.

The Dinner Gathering will be at the clubhouse on **Saturday, February 23** at **6:30 p.m.** The entree will be provided and we ask that you bring an appetizer, salad or dessert. These gatherings are becoming very popular and are a great way to get together with neighbors and friends. As always, we will serve soda and coffee and you are welcome to bring any other beverages you would like with your dinner.

Sign up sheets will be in the clubhouse for both the luncheon and dinner. Hope to see you at both events!

AJ's is doing a discussion on WINE AND CHEESE PAIRINGS for Bellasera at their new store. You may attend any of the dates listed: **Sunday, February 17; Sunday, March 16; or Sunday, April 20.**

All three dates are at **5:00 p.m.** Each discussion is limited to 15 persons and a sign up sheet will be in the clubhouse.

THERE WILL BE A BOOK SIGNING AND PRESENTATION BY DAVID WAGNER ON HIS BOOK, "UNPAVED ROADS." IT WILL BE ON **MARCH 7** AT **7:00 p.m.** YOU'RE WELCOME TO BRING A FRIEND. WATCH THE BELLASERA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FOR MORE 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

The January hike on a beautiful sunny morning took 10 hikers to a 5.73 mi. trek on part of the Quartz Trail to the Overlook of Taliesin West in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. It was a relatively easy hike but longer than expected. Could it have been they started out on the wrong trail? The group lunched at a nearby pizza and sub joint.

The February hike will be on **Monday, February 11.** Hikers will travel to the Cave Creek Recreation Area and hike the Go John trail. This wider, improved trail is now a 6 mile loop. However, the Overton Trail which is also a wider, improved trail is 3.5 mi for those who choose to conquer that route. They'll plan on taking a picnic lunch to eat after the hike at one of the many picnic areas. There is a \$6 per vehicle entry fee to the area. New maps of the trails are at the site.

Plan to leave the clubhouse at **9:00 a.m.** Be sure to bring plenty of water, snacks, hiking gear, sunscreen, etc. A sign up sheet will be at the clubhouse and/or contact **Vivian Kurtz, 480-575-1391**, e-mail Roy312@cox.net.

BOOK CLUB

Will meet on **Wednesday, February 20**, at **7 p.m.** Participants may bring a selection of poetry to share with the group. Additional information is available from **Maureen Simpson, 480-575-7693**, e-mail maureensimpson@cox.net.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Gym Survey December 2007 - January 2008

—By *Dave Redman, Building & Grounds Committee*

Sincere thanks to the 40 residents who responded to the Building and Grounds Committee's Gym Survey. It has provided invaluable information to assist the Board in their decision-making, regarding equipment in the gym, both in the short term and further out.

The respondents were almost evenly split between male and female, and when two people filled out one form, both voices were included in the survey.

On average, respondents said they work out around 4 times per week. Around 60% use the treadmills, about half use the elliptical trainers, 40% use the strength training machines, 20% use the stationary bikes and 15% use the stair climber.

While it is understood by most everyone that we plan to replace the treadmills, 80% of people who use the elliptical trainers and also the bikes asked that we replace those too. Conversely, 80% of people who use the strength machines were happy with the machines as they are, and only 20% asked for them to be upgraded.

Users of the stair climber are the most satisfied of all, nobody asked for a replacement. What a mellow bunch of folks! Note to self: start using the stair climber and find inner peace...

Finally, 75% of all respondents said they use both cardio and strength training equipment, but the actual number may be even higher.

Again, thanks to everyone for taking the time to share your thoughts, we appreciate your community spirit!
(Editor's note: The Board approved purchase of four new Life Fitness treadmills, and two elliptical trainers at their January 24 meeting.)

FROM THE CLUBHOUSE OFFICE

A friendly reminder to kindly not remove equipment from the gym.

If residents have equipment they no longer use but would like to donate to the community, please inquire at the office first.

If misplaced or lost articles are found in the clubhouse area, those items can be left at the office where their owners may retrieve them.

IN MEMORY

The Bellasera community extends its sympathy and condolences to **Richard** and **Bonnie Sission** upon the death of their son. **Rick Moran**, 42, passed away suddenly on December 23, 2007 from a massive heart attack. He leaves behind two precious sons, Jake (12) and Luke (8).

With sincere gratitude Richard and Bonnie want to thank dear family and friends for all their love and support through the loss of their son.

MEETING NOTICES

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Activities Committee will meet on **Thursday, February 7**, at **4:00 pm**.

Board of Directors will meet for a study session on **Thursday, February 14**, and for their regular meeting on **Thursday, February 28**. Both meetings begin at **7 p.m.**

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

Building and Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, February 5**, at **6 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, February 20**, at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, February 12**, 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, February 7**, 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 in the next few weeks. The latest amendments to the Design Guidelines, as approved by the Modifications Committee, will also be added to the package, bringing all three documents current and up-to-date.

After the CC&Rs are recorded with the state of Arizona, as required by law, residents will be informed that the package is available for pick up in the clubhouse office for two weeks during normal business hours (M thru F, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.). Watch the bulletin boards and check your e-mail for news of the package availability.

Thank you for helping minimize the considerable cost of mailing by picking up your copy when they become available.



FEBRUARY IN THE GARDEN

—By *Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener*

Roses

I was pleasantly surprised when I first visited the Valley that roses grow very well without the fungi and insects that plagued them on the humid East coast. Roses are arguably the oldest garden plants in the world. Cultivated in China and parts of Europe for centuries, these plants hold a special place in the hearts of gardeners everywhere. In February, you need to be thinking about roses.

There are countless varieties of roses in a bewildering array of styles and forms. **Old** varieties that go by the names of:

- **Heirloom** roses
- **Old Garden** roses
- **Antique** roses

They are generally big, shrubby plants. Some make excellent **climbers** when trained on an arbor or wall. Many of these varieties bloom once in the spring, but over the years those that bloom through the year have become more popular. Many of these varieties are among the most fragrant of roses, with rich and full smells that no artificial rose aroma can match.

The so-called **modern** roses fall into five general categories:

- **Hybrid teas** are upright bushes with a single rose at the end of a long stem.
- **Floribunda** are medium sized bushes with flowers that are clustered on the end of the branch. Flowers are usually larger and fuller than those of hybrid teas.
- **Grandiflora** are similar to floribunda but are generally larger, more shrubby plants with much larger flowers.
- **Climbers** are roses that have canes that are long enough, generally over 20 feet, to cover a wall, trellis, or arbor. These long canes are the support of the plant; it is on the numerous secondary canes that climbers bloom.
- **Miniatures** as the name suggests are varieties that are much smaller than the average rose. Most are less than 2 feet tall, and the leaves and flowers are smaller as well. Flowers may be solitary as in hybrid teas or multiple as in floribunda.

Now is the time to plant bare-root or container grown roses. They are readily available at all of the local nurseries and easy to plant. Just remember, if the canes of bare-root roses are longer than 10 to 12 inches above the bud union, prune to that length. It is better to have new growth start low on the plant. Good luck and Happy Valentine's Day!

February Garden Tips

- Water established perennials to a depth of 2 feet.
- Continue to provide frost protection to tender plants if there are late freezes predicted.
- Do not fertilize **perennials, trees** or **shrubs**.
- Apply quarter-strength liquid fertilizer every second watering to actively growing cacti and succulents this month.

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

FEBRUARY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1	Saturday 2
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3 Brush & Bulk Collection Week	4 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Yoga 5:30 p.m.	5 Building & Grounds 6 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	6 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	7 Activities 4 p.m. Yoga 5:15 p.m.	8 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	9
10 Wine & Cheese Pairings @ AJ's 5 p.m.	11 Fitness 7 a.m. Hike 9 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Yoga 5:30 p.m.	12 Modifications 2:30 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	13 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	14 Yoga 5:15 p.m. Board Study Session 7 p.m.	15 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	16
17	18 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. PRESIDENTS' DAY (no mail)	19 Poker 7 p.m.	20 Fitness 7 a.m. Communica- tions 8:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Book Club 7 p.m.	21 Luncheon 12:00 noon Yoga 5:15 p.m.	22 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	23 Dinner Gathering 6:30 p.m.
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****BELLASERA CLASSIFIEDS****

6 Qwest 4-line phones for sale. Orig price \$200 each, selling for \$60 each.
Contact hopekirsch@yahoo.com.

1. Vose Antique white with gold accent grand piano. Original ivory keys. \$10,000.
2. Cadillac STS 2005. White diamond, 3700 miles, like new \$29,000.
Call **Bonnie, 480-659-2112**.

Custom made rustic dining set with 6 chairs. \$1,050.00. Call **480-488-0861**.

Beautiful 78" Robb and Stuckey Pecan Entertainment Center. Original cost \$7000 including 32" Sony Trinitron TV. Entire package \$600.00. **Rypkema, 480-595-5955**.

Wanted: outdoor table and chair set for back patio to seat 4-6 people. **781-710-8503**.

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, February 4**, and the following month, **the week of March 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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