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* Included in this month's newsletter is a one page insert with an *
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ELECTION, TREADMILLS & TENNIS, VIEW FENCES

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

Well, it's that time of year again! As if you're not already sick of hearing about election this and election that, we're going to ask you to elect Board members to continue overseeing the affairs of your Association. The ballots will be going out very shortly and there will be a "Meet the Candidates night" on April 4. Our annual meeting this year will be at 10:00 a.m. on April 19 at the Clubhouse. Two of the incumbent Board members, **Bob Shriver** and **I**, are running for re-election for a two-year term. **Shawn Meyer** has a growing family and a thriving medical practice and has decided that's enough fun for one person. **Hope Kirsch** will be running for his seat on the Board. Our resident survey indicated that the vast majority of our residents are satisfied with the way the Association is being run so I ask that when you receive your ballots, you vote for **Hope Kirsch, Chuck Roach** and **Bob Shriver** to continue this record of success.

Recently completed projects include receipt of our new treadmills and installation of the new windscreens at the tennis courts. Our new elliptical trainers should be coming in any day.

We have not yet received the bid analysis on our road sealing work or the erosion work in our washes. As soon as these bids come in, the Board will make a selection and proceed with the work.

As previously mentioned, the major project for next fiscal year (JUL 08-JUN 09) will be painting all the view fencing in the community. By the way, I was asked by one resident why that was the Association's responsibility and my response was that the developer set it up that way in order to maintain consistency within the community.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our annual meeting. Please come with any questions you have about your Association.

BELLASERA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

WATER AEROBICS

Water aerobics continues on **Monday, Wednesday** and **Fridays**, beginning at **10:00 a.m.** and ending at 11:00 a.m.

YOGA ON MONDAY

Monday night Yoga continues! Come join the fun! Beginners welcome! From **5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.** at the clubhouse. Class fee \$10. Questions? Call **Marci Sheer, 480-488-3426**, or youryogamarci@gmail.com.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

--Our April luncheon will be at Maggiano's on **Thursday, April 17**. Maggiano's is located at FLW and Scottsdale Rd. in the Promenade Shopping Center. We will meet at **12:00**.

--OLD FASHIONED POT LUCK DINNER on **Saturday, April 26**. This is your chance to share your favorite casserole, salad, side dish or dessert with your neighbors. We have some great cooks in our community so it should be fun sampling everyone's dish. The POTLUCK DINNER will start at **6:30 p.m.** in the clubhouse. See you there!

--There will be a presentation by **Bobbie Friedman** on **Wednesday, April 9** at **7:00 p.m.** in the clubhouse. She has had 25 years experience in orthopedics and is a physical therapist. She will be accompanied by a Licensed Acupuncturist. All you golfers and athletes should be able to get some good pointers on how to deal with aches and pains. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Please sign up so we will have some idea how many to expect.

--The last Wine and Cheese Pairing at AJ's will take place on **Sunday, April 20**. This is limited to 15 guests, so sign up early. The sign-up sheet will be in the clubhouse on April 1. Other people who have attended these events have really enjoyed them. AJ's has done a great job for us.

--UPCOMING: BLOCK PARTY BY THE POOL on **May 16**. Everyone welcome and all food and soft drinks will be provided. It will be a great way to end the social season before we all scatter for the summer. Luncheons will continue throughout the summer. Watch the Bellasera Newsletter for details.

If you've been enjoying the events this committee has provided in the past, we need new people to step forward to insure that our social functions continue. Please call **Karen Moore** if you are interested. Serving on the committee is a fun way of meeting residents of Bellasera.

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

--Our March Wildflower hike took us to Lost Dutchman State Park in the Superstition Mountains where eight of us enjoyed an outstanding display of Spring flowers. We saw abundant Mexican Poppies, Lupine, Chuparosa plus many other varieties. We enjoyed a picnic lunch after the hike in the Park.

--Our April hike is scheduled for **Monday, April 14**. We will travel the Beeline Hwy. (87) to the Pine Creek Loop Trail which leads to the Ballantine Trail. The Loop is 3 mi. with elevation change of 440 ft. We're hoping there may be wildflowers still blooming for us to enjoy. We will plan on having a picnic lunch at the top of the Loop.

--We will leave the clubhouse at **9:00 a.m.** As always, bring plenty of water, wear proper hiking gear, and carry snacks and pack in a lunch. Sunscreen and hats are a necessity in the desert. A sign up sheet will be at the clubhouse. Contact **Vivian Kurtz, 480-575-1391** or Roy312@cox.net for additional information.

BOOK CLUB

Will meet on **Wednesday, April 16**, at **7 p.m.** The group will be reading "Rise and Shine" by Anna Quindlen. Additional information is available from **Maureen Simpson, 480-575-7693**, or maureensimpson@cox.net.

GOLF

Golf dates for April are: **Tuesday, April 1** at The 500 Club, **Tuesday, April 8** at Dove Valley, **Tuesday, April 15** at Dove Valley, **Tuesday, April 22** at The 500 Club and **Tuesday, April 29** at Legend Trail. Please contact **Ellen Bornstein, 480-575-9848**, or embornstein7@att.net for more information, rates and to sign up.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

SURVEY DRAWING WINNER

Congratulations to **Freya** and **Robert Weissner**, lucky winners of the \$50 AJ's gift card, drawn from the over 200 Bellasera homeowners who returned the 2008 resident survey. Results of the survey were published in last month's Bellasera Neighborhood News.

LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Fred and **Sandy Schroeder** would like to thank **Jan Swenson** for being a good neighbor and advising us that we had a problem with our irrigation system.

MAH JONGG

Interested in playing mah jongg with an experienced group. ANY OPENINGS? Will also consider subbing. Call **Sandy, 480-595-8815**.

WEDDING DAY...PLUS FIFTY YEARS

Last spring **Dee** and **Sharon Luse** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with "old" high school friends. The whole group stayed at Camelback Inn for 3 nights of festivities and came up to Bellasera to finish the celebration.

During the summer, Dee and Sharon's 3 sons and families did the town in Chicago. All seventeen went in one huge limo to the ballpark for dinner at the Stadium club and to watch the White Sox win.

Weekend in the city also included lunch at the famous Billy Goat Tavern, dinner at Harry Carey's, and later an evening sail on Lake Michigan.

The couple enjoyed both celebrations, a wonderful tribute to 50 years of wedded bliss...well, mostly bliss.

Got a news item you'd like to share with the community?

*E-mail yours to **editor@azbellasera.org**, drop off at clubhouse office, or FAX to **815-333-2268**.*

Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any submission.

MEETING NOTICES



Activities Committee will meet on **Monday, April 7**, at **9:30 a.m.**

Bellasera Community Association Annual Meeting on **Saturday, April 19**, at **10 a.m.**

Board of Directors will meet for a study session on **Thursday, April 10**, and for their regular meeting on **Thursday, April 24**. 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, April 1**, at **6 p.m.**

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

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

VOTE

Please remember to vote in this year's Board of Directors election. Plan to attend the 'Meet the Candidates' night, **April 4, 7 p.m.**

Return your ballot by mail, or bring to the Association's Annual Meeting on **April 19**.

POOL INCIDENT

On a recent Sunday there was a lot of activity around the clubhouse pool, with many residents and their guests present. During this time, solid waste was eliminated in the pool and the spa. People who were there were obviously dismayed, and reported no one offered to clean it up.

If this should ever occur again, it is imperative that management be notified so that proper procedures may be taken to remove the contamination. If an incident occurs when the manager's office is closed, please notify the gate guard, who in turn will contact the pool maintenance contractor.



APRIL IN THE GARDEN

—By *Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener*

April is an ideal month to plant and, if you do, I recommend that you choose native plants or plants that are adapted to our high temperatures and alkaline soils for the following reasons:

- It will cost you much less time, energy, and money.
- You will be celebrating the natural beauty of the Sonoran Desert rather than

trying to create the Pacific Northwest, the Southeast or some other environment.

- You will be forced to adjust the soil, pH, humidity, salts in the water, etc. to meet the needs of a mal-adapted plant. It is a never ending battle and the poor plants become stressed and vulnerable to pests and disease.

There are thousands of beautiful plants that grow here and many that grow nowhere else. Do yourself, your pocketbook, and the plants a favor and GO NATIVE!

Tomatoes

There can be many problems encountered with growing tomatoes here in the desert. If you are attempting to grow them via seeds, they should have been started by now. If you are going to use transplants, follow these guidelines:

- Select stocky plants about 6 to 8 inches high.
- Set the transplants in the ground covering the stems so that only two or three sets of leaves are exposed. This will give you a much stronger plant as roots will form along the buried portion of the stem giving better growth and less chance of plant injury from a stem that is too weak.
- Keep the soil around new transplants moist for the first 3 to 4 weeks.
- Water established plants to about 2 to 3 inches when the soil dries. The right interval for applying water in the summer can vary from one to three times a week to once every 10 days or 2 weeks.

Shade-Tomatoes in the desert need to be protected from the hot sun. You can build a simple shade structure by making a Quonset-type frame utilizing PVC pipe. Lay shade cloth directly over the frame (that should cover the entire bed) and secure it with wire or string to prevent it from blowing away. Remember, tomatoes will not set fruit if the temperature is over 90 degrees.

Vegetables

During April, you can plant seeds of *Lima and Snap beans, Black eyed peas, Carrots, Cucumbers, Jicama, Cantaloupe, Muskmelon, Okra, Green Onions, Peanuts, Radishes, Summer Squash, and Sunflowers.*

Irrigation and Rainfall

Average rainfall for this month is 0.22 inches. Average high is 84.5 degrees and average low is 55.3 degrees.

Adjust your drip system to water more frequently. Be sure to run your system long enough to wet the top two feet of soil. Deep, infrequent watering is much better than a daily sprinkle.

Roses

Fertilize roses following the directions on the container.

Wash the aphids off your roses with a strong stream of water every day until they no longer appear.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR—APRIL 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Brush & Bulk Collection Week		1 Golf Building & Grounds 6 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	2 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	3 Yoga 5:15 p.m.	4 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Meet the Candidates 7 p.m.	5
6	7 Fitness 7 a.m. Activities 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 5:30 p.m.	8 Golf Modifications 2:30 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	9 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bobbie Friedman 7 p.m.	10 Yoga 5:15 p.m. Board Study Session 7 p.m.	11 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	12
13	14 Fitness 7 a.m. Hike 9 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 5:30 p.m.	15 Golf Poker 7 p.m.	16 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Book Club 7 p.m.	17 Luncheon 12 noon Yoga 5:15 p.m.	18 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	19 Annual Meeting 10 a.m.
20 Wine & Cheese Pairings @ AJ's 5 p.m.	21 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 5:30 p.m.	22 Golf Poker 7 p.m.	23 Fitness 7 a.m. Communications 8:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	24 Yoga 5:15 p.m. Board of Directors 7 p.m.	25 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	26 Dinner Gathering 6:30 p.m.
27 Brush & Bulk Collection Week	28 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 5:30 p.m.	29 Golf Poker 7 p.m.	30 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.			

****BELLASERA CLASSIFIEDS****

Beautiful Thomasville dining room furniture for sale. 2 arm chairs, 4 side chairs, table with 2 leaves and china cabinet with lots of storage. Innkeepers collection. Asking \$3,500 obo. Call **480-575-0368** for information or to see.

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.

DESIGN GUIDELINES CHANGE ON LIGHTING

On Tuesday, March 10, the Modifications Committee adopted a new amendment to the Design Guidelines on lighting. This will replace paragraph J, number 7, on amended page 24 in the current Design Guidelines.

The amendment follows:

J Lighting

7. All fixtures should be incandescent, halogen, florescent or "warm light" LED lamps less than fifty (50) watts. Colored lamps are not allowed. Where accent or access lighting is desired, low voltage lighting is recommended and preferred because of its ability to produce dramatic lighting effects using LOW WATT-AGE lamps. All such lighting fixtures should be dark in color with a matte finish. Lighting design should consider the use of down lights over uplifts to lessen the impact to the nighttime sky. Such lighting should be used in moderation as needed to produce reasonable and safe visibility for access and accent.

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 weeks of Monday, March 31, and Monday, April 27.**

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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—— indicates committee chairperson

Replace the existing paragraph 7 on amended page 24 (09/25/2002) with the following:

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After amending, change the date at the bottom of the page from "09/25/2002" to "03/12/2008".