

# Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Bellasera's management company, AAM, LLC, has announced that Community Manager **Marshall Chess** has resigned from the company, effective immediately. A successor will be named promptly.

## ANNUAL MEETING, FENCE PAINTING

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

Thanks to all our residents that came to the Annual Meeting. For those of you who weren't there, here are some of the highlights:

--We will need to increase assessments 5% again this year in order to continue building our reserves. The cost of oil, which directly impacts our road maintenance, is the primary factor driving up our expected future costs .

--Over the next few months, we plan to over-seal all the roads except the parking lot and entries, which were done 2 years ago.

--We finally have a respected contractor who has provided a bid to do the erosion clean-up work in the washes. The Board will review the bid at our April 24th meeting and, if satisfactory, commission the work as soon as possible.

--In the next year, we will be painting all the view fences in the community. This topic sparked a lively discussion! One resident threatened to sue the Association if we get any over spray on his plants! Another didn't think we need to do anything, apparently for a long, long time!

Since painting the view fences has now generated some follow up discussion, I want to address this issue with the entire community.

First of all, there is no question or disagreement among the Board members that the fences need to be painted-the only question is when and by whom. They need to be painted because many of them are beginning to show rust, which left untreated, will result in deterioration and eventual failure.

There is also no question that it is the responsibility of the Association to accomplish this painting. If you disagree, please read your Governing Documents.

While we will check with the painter we award the bid to, we believe at this point rabbit fences will have to come down. Any plant material close to the fence will have to be cut back. If you are worried about your plants, we will be notifying everyone of the schedule and you can cover them to prevent any possible damage from over spray.

The Board realizes this may pose somewhat of a hardship for some residents. While no decisions have been made, we have discussed finding a contractor willing to take down and put up the rabbit fences at the owner's cost.

As I mentioned at the Annual Meeting, the Board has put off this issue because we know there will be some resistance. Unfortunately, it's already started! Cooperation and understanding would be nice! Acceptance that it is going to happen will make life easier for all of us. Threats, petitions and other attempts to stop this project or intimidate the Board are a waste of time.

# BELLASERA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

## WATER AEROBICS

Water aerobics continue 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! NEW TIME! From **6:00 p.m.** to **7:15 p.m.** at the clubhouse. Class fee \$10. No Class - Memorial Day - Monday, May 26. Questions? Call **Marci Sheer, 480-488-3426**, or [youryogamarci@gmail.com](mailto:youryogamarci@gmail.com).

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

—Our luncheon this month will be **May 8, 12 noon**, at the CAREFREE STATION. It's located in the Spanish Village in Carefree. Separate checks will be available. Any questions, contact **Karen Moore**.

—Our luncheons will continue through the summer thanks to our volunteer hostesses. Watch this newsletter for time and place. Thanks to **Joanne Anetsberger, Susan Loiselle** and **Dottie Schultz** for making the arrangements for us.

—Before some of us start scattering for the summer, we are having a BLOCK PARTY BY THE POOL on **Friday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m.** You will be served various style hot dogs and BBQ chicken sandwiches and salads. Beverages and desserts will also be served. If you would like to bring wine or alcohol, please do so in plastic containers. It should be a lovely evening by the pool and a great way to wind-up the social season for the summer.

—**Barbara Rutledge** has had to resign from the committee due to health concerns. Her always ready smile will be missed at our meetings. **Eve D'Allebrand** is also resigning this month after serving on the committee for almost two years. Eve has come up with some of the luncheon and dinner ideas that we've all enjoyed. She has been a huge help to this committee and we thank her for all the time she gave to the Activities Committee.

—We definitely need new people to step forward to continue our community activities.

—The next Activities Committee meeting will be **May 5, at 9:30 a.m.** in the clubhouse. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome.

## YOGA ON TUESDAY

A **Tuesday** Yoga class from **4:45—5:45 p.m.** The class is led by **Barbara Radwan-Kuzelewski**. Drop-ins are welcome!

## 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

Last month our hiking group enjoyed the Pine Loop Trail which leads to the Ballentine Trailhead. We saw wildflowers that one does not see on the Valley floor. Lunch was enjoyed at the top of the loop.

Our May hike will be the last of the planned hikes for the season. We'll try and resume in October. We encourage everyone to come with us to enjoy the beauty of our area plus get a little exercise.

On **Thursday, May 8**, leaving at **8:00 a.m.**, we will travel to the Camp Verde area to hike the Bell Trail along the Wet Beaver Creek. This could be a 11 mile trek but we will just go as far as we wish, perhaps to a lookout 3.5 mi. from the trailhead. We'll plan on lunch nearby after the hike. Since we are entering the warm season, it is important to bring water, sunscreen, as well as snacks. A sign up sheet will be at the clubhouse. Contact **Vivian Kurtz, 480-575-1391**, [Roy312@cox.net](mailto:Roy312@cox.net) for additional info or Google Wet Beaver Creek Arizona.

## BOOK CLUB

Will meet on **Wednesday, May 21**, at **7 p.m.** The group will be reading "Wuthering Heights" by Emily Bronte. Additional information is available from **Maureen Simpson, 480-575-7693**, or [maureensimpson@cox.net](mailto:maureensimpson@cox.net).

# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

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## LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

On Monday, March 31, some home remodeling workers inadvertently left our gate open. Our two year old Labrador Retriever decided she would take full advantage of this opportunity to roam unaccompanied throughout the neighborhood. The workers and I were out frantically looking for her when she trotted down the street, huge smile on her face, toward home a short time later. A ways behind her was a woman who was obviously watching out for her but I didn't get her name. However, I want to thank her very much. Also, thanks to **Bruce Martin** and the woman on 74th Way for their offers to watch out for my errant canine.

--**Anna Ingram**

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## CAREFREE CUISINE

Saguaro Grille is a family-owned and operated restaurant in downtown Carefree serving American grill and bar-style food in a Southwest setting.

Saguaro Grille is located at 99 Easy Street in the Los Portales Mall. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sundays and Mondays; 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays.

For more information, contact the restaurant at **480-575-0021** or **Kathy King** at **480-797-8311**, **KK@SaguaroGrille.com** or visit the website: **www.SaguaroGrille.com**.

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## ELEGANT BEADING

—**By Anna Ingram**

About two years ago I wanted to make a keepsake gift for my new grandchild, Emma. I wanted it to be something special. So I took beading classes and made her a beautiful pearl bracelet. Once that was finished I took a bead wire wrapping class and made gifts for family and friends using polished pewter serving pieces to embellish with natural stone and sterling silver beads.

At about the same time I was introduced to a foundation started by my niece and her husband that answered the needs of the poorest of the poor in Ethiopia. They had adopted a young Ethiopian boy by the name of Deneke and named the foundation after him...Deneke's Hope Foundation ([www.ethiopianhope.org](http://www.ethiopianhope.org)). The funds sent to the foundation clothe, feed, educate and provide health care and housing to the many street children in Ethiopia.

I decided instead of simply sending a check to the foundation I would use my beading skills, make and sell embellished polished pewter serving pieces, and send the net proceeds to Deneke's Hope Foundation. To this point I have been able to send about \$3000 to the Foundation!

My small business, Elegant Beading LLC, has really taken off! My pieces are featured at Stone Creations in Sedona and Holland Boone stores here in Scottsdale and Tempe. They make wonderful and unusual gifts - for yourself or someone else! And, I'm the featured artist in the June issue of Phoenix Home and Garden Magazine!

Several Bellasera friends have purchased pieces from me and I am so grateful for their support. My business pamphlets are featured on the bulletin board at the clubhouse. You can access my website at: **www.elegantbeading.com**, or call me at **480-595-0123** for more information.

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*Got a news item you'd like to share with the community? Bellasera small business owners are invited to inform the community of your business.*

*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, May 5**, at **9:30 a.m.**

**Board of Directors** will meet for a study session on **Thursday, May 8**, and for their regular meeting on **Thursday, May 22**. 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, May 6**, at **6 p.m.**

**Communications Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, May 14**, at **8:30 a.m.**

**Modifications Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, May 13**, 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, May 8**, to be eligible for review at this meeting.

## 2008 BOARD ELECTION

At this year's Annual Meeting of the Bellasera Community Association on April 19, **Hope Kirsch, Chuck Roach** and **Bob Shriver** were elected to two year terms on the community's Board of Directors. Ballots were cast by 163 of the 360 eligible homeowners.

The new Board convened immediately following the Annual Meeting and elected the following officers:

President-**Chuck Roach**; Vice President-**Dennis Cooper**; Secretary-**Bob Shriver**; Treasurer-**Dennis Noone**.

## FINANCIAL & ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Bellasera resident **Jonathan Miller** will be hosting a Financial & Estate Planning Seminar on **Wednesday evening, May 28**, at **7 p.m.** in the clubhouse.

## IN MEMORY

The Bellasera community extends its sincere sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of homeowner **Brian Ong**, who passed away on March 25 at the age of 52.



## MAY IN THE GARDEN

—By Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener

May is a busy month in the garden as you can be faced with a variety of tasks as the weather turns warm.

### Watering

It is important to adjust your watering habits now that the heat has arrived. It is recommended that you:

- Water in the mornings, not during the heat of the day or evenings.
- Water slowly and deeply to get to the thirsty roots.

Your soil should be moist several inches below the surface. Climate information for May in Phoenix, Arizona:

- Average rainfall 0.1 inches (record 1.3 inches in 1930.)
- Phoenix average high temperature in May is 93 degrees, average low is 64 degrees.

Remember that plants in pots need more water than those in the ground as soil dries out faster in containers.

### Citrus

Give some attention to your citrus this month:

- Fertilize citrus with its second feeding of the year. Apply 1/3 to 1/2 pound of actual nitrogen for mature trees.
- Protect citrus trunks from sunburn. Do not prune citrus (or other sensitive plants) during the summer as it exposes them to sunburn.

Remember, citrus can still be planted in May.

### Ocotillos

Ocotillos make wonderful accent plants. In spring, the long leafy canes burst forth with bright-orange blooms - favorites of hummingbirds. Ocotillos do not have the ability to store large amounts of water in their tissues. During a drought, their leaves drop to reduce evaporation, and their thorny canes give the impression that they have dried up and died. However, once watered, it only takes a day or two for new leaves to appear. Consider having one in your garden.

### Leafcutter Bees

Roses, bougainvilleas and other ornamentals may display half-moon shapes neatly cut into the edges of foliage and petals. This is the work of leafcutter bees, which use the bits to line their nest cells. The cuts do not harm the plants as they are merely cosmetic and spraying would be ineffective as the bees do not ingest the plant material. Leafcutter bees are solitary bees, meaning they don't live together in colonies. They are good pollinators, not aggressive, and sting only if handled.

### Miscellaneous Tasks

Iron Deficiency- Apply chelated iron to bottle brush, silk oak, and other plants with iron deficiency symptoms. The most prominent symptom of iron deficiency is yellowing (chlorosis of older leaves).

Seed Collection- Collect dry seeds from the flower heads of herbs on a sunny day after morning dew is gone as moisture will encourage the seed to rot. Dry the collected seeds on newspaper for a week. Clean excess stems and leaves and store in an airtight container

Bermuda Lawns- Plant Bermuda lawns this month after your soil warms. It can be planted from May through August.

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

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR—MAY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Brush &amp; Bulk Collection Week</b>				1 Yoga 5:15 p.m.	2 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	3
4	5 Fitness 7 a.m.  <b>Activities</b> 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Yoga 5:30 p.m.	6 Yoga 4:45 p.m.  <b>Building &amp; Grounds</b> 6 p.m.  Poker 7 p.m.	7 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	8 Hike 8 a.m. Luncheon 12 noon Yoga 5:15 p.m. <b>Board Study Session</b> 7 p.m.	9 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	10
11	12 Fitness 7 a.m. Hike 9 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 5:30 p.m.	13 <b>Modifications</b> 2:30 p.m. Yoga 4:45 p.m.  Poker 7 p.m.	14 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	15 Luncheon 12 noon  Yoga 5:15 p.m.	16 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Pool Party 6 p.m.	17
18	19 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Yoga 5:30 p.m.	20 Yoga 4:45 p.m.  Poker 7 p.m.	21 Fitness 7 a.m. <b>Communications</b> 8:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Book Club 7 p.m.	22 Yoga 5:15 p.m.  <b>Board of Directors</b> 7 p.m.	23 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	24
25	26 <b>Memorial Day</b>	27 Yoga 4:45 p.m.  Poker 7 p.m.	28 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Financial & Estate Planning 7 p.m.	29 Yoga 5:15 p.m.	30 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	31

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

Beautiful 61" Sony HD projector TV in excellent condition. Orig. Cost \$6,000. Must sell - no room - Offered at \$750. Call **Melissa, 480-227-1927**.

Once again I'm in need of "peanut" packing material for my small but growing non-profit business. I'd be most happy to come pick them up. Just call me at **480-595-0123**. Thanks! **Anna Ingram**.

*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.*

## **COMMUNITY DIRECTORY IN JULY**

The Communications Committee plans to issue an up-to-date printed directory of all Bellasera homeowners in July.

All homeowners names and addresses will be listed, unless a specific request to omit is received. Telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and out of town addresses will be at the option of each homeowner.

To add, change or revise your listing, please e-mail **directory@azbellasera.org**, or FAX to **815-333-2268**.

The last printed directory was published in August 2006, and an electronic edition was distributed in August 2007.

## **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, April 28, and Monday, June 2**.

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**.

**BELLASERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
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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**

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