

# Bellasera Neighborhood News

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## FENCE PAINTING, STREET SEALING

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

At the Annual Meeting I raised the issue of painting the view fences sometime in the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2008. During the month, the Board was busy responding to resident concerns about this project and obtaining more information on timing, need and method. **Initially, however**, the Board again researched the issue of responsibility and found that both the old and new C,C&R's expressly hold the Association responsible for the maintenance and repairs of the wrought iron fences in the community (Article 5.4 in the new documents). Some members suggested they would like to take care of this obligation themselves, but it does not appear the legal documents that we are bound to follow allow the Board to defer this responsibility to the residents.

Regarding the issue of timing, we sought guidance from the gardening community and were advised that the best time to trim most plants, particularly those that may be frost tender, is in the transition period between winter and spring. Accordingly, our planning efforts will focus on early March 2009. Prior to moving forward with the project, we will provide specific locations and dates when the painters expect to be in each area to minimize any possible inconvenience to our residents.

Regarding the issue of need, several Board members met with a local fence expert and examined a number of fences. We found rust on some portion of every fence we examined. The expert's comment was that the fences are not in "terrible" condition but the danger in waiting has to do with the cost to prepare them for painting. Currently the rust that is present can be dealt with using sandpaper and a wire brush. If we defer painting until sometime in the future-he was honest and said he couldn't really estimate when a critical date might be-we would be faced with sand blasting, a very costly and inconvenient means of removing rust build-up. In addition, the Board is concerned with the appearance of rusty fences in our community. We believe this condition is not in keeping with the maintenance standard our members have come to expect.

Regarding method, the fence expert we met with also indicated that powder-coating the fences is not an option because the fencing would have to be removed. He further indicated that regular painting has a short life expectancy. He strongly recommended we paint the fences electro-statically for maximum protection and long life. This method also has the benefit of less over-spray in the process. We also checked with Terravita and found that they are using standard painting methods and are on a five-year cycle. As you may know, our fences were powder-coated before they were installed and have lasted approximately 10 years.

On another subject, the recent run-up in the temperature led us to delay street crack sealing and over-sealing until the fall. These processes are best accomplished in milder climate conditions. As always, if you have any questions about these matters, please contact the Board or come to a Board meeting.

# 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 - Monday, June 9 and June 30.

Questions? Call **Marci Sheer, 480-488-3426**, or [youryogamarci@gmail.com](mailto:youryogamarci@gmail.com).

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Our May 16 Pool Party was enjoyed by more than 60 people. It was a great way to wind up our social season on a beautiful evening. There will be no Potluck Dinners until the Fall. Watch the newsletter for events.

The June luncheon will be at the Spotted Donkey, located in El Pedregal, **Thursday, June 19**, at **12 noon**. **Susan Loiselle** will be the hostess. Please call **Susan** if you have any questions. The sign up sheet will be in the clubhouse.

After many years of serving, **Marcia Lefkowitz** is leaving the Activities Committee. Her sense of style and fun will be missed. **Suzanne Guyan** will be joining the committee and we look forward to having her with us. Anyone else interested is always 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

Will hit the trails again in the fall.

## BOOK CLUB

Will meet again in September.

# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

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## MEET THE MANAGER

My name is **Viola Lanam** and I would like to introduce myself, as I will be serving as your Community Manager.

I have been employed with AAM, LLC, your management company, for eight years. My husband, Ken, and I moved here from Denver in 2000. It was an easy decision to make as we had been coming to Arizona for several years to visit our daughter who lives here and, we always enjoyed the area. When I am not working, my hobby/obsession is quilting, shopping for quilt fabric and taking classes. Ken and I both enjoy cooking and entertaining.

I am looking forward to working with your Board of Directors and meeting you, the members of the Association. I can be contacted at **602-288-2664** or via e-mail at **vlanam@aamaz.com**.

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## REDMAN RESIGNS FROM BOARD

The Bellasera community wishes to thank **David Redman** for his many contributions to the community. He recently resigned from the Board of Directors, after serving since April 2007. He also served on the Building and Grounds Committee.

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## NOTE FROM RESIDENT AUTHOR

I want to thank my fellow Bellasera residents for their great support for my book signing at Borders at Scottsdale Fashion Square on May 3. This was a first for me, a very enjoyable event, and not without its share of drama. For those who couldn't join us and would like another opportunity, Borders at the Biltmore has offered me another book signing event on **Sunday, June 15, at 12 noon**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

—**Stephen Lewis**, author of "The Palestine Exchange"

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## POOP PATROL REPORT

The Poop Patrol has reported an increasing frequency of feces found on Bellasera roads, sidewalks and pathways.

Local coyotes have disclaimed responsibility. Must be those domestic creatures.

Do the right thing. Be a good neighbor. Pick up after your pet.

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## SCOTTSDALE NORTH MARKETPLACE

Now joining AJ's in the Marketplace are Casa Paloma Interiors and Martinizing Dry Cleaners. Casa Paloma offers home furnishings and unique accessories. Martinizing is the premier eco-friendly dry cleaning company, with more than 500 locations nationwide. The Chase Bank ATM is now operating.

Hand & Stone Massage Spa is set to open in June, along with Bella Day Spa.

Later in the summer, look for Adam & Eve Medspa, and a branch of Chase Bank in the Marketplace.

Scottsdale North Marketplace is located just west of Bellasera, on the southeast corner of Scottsdale and Lone Mountain Roads.

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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 again in October.

**Board of Directors** will meet for a study session on **Thursday, June 12**, and for their regular meeting on **Thursday, June 26**. 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, June 10**, at **6 p.m.**

**Communications Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, June 25**, at **8:30 a.m.**

**Modifications Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, June 10**, 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, June 5**, to be eligible for review at this meeting.

## SMOKE DETECTOR ALERT

At least one Bellasera resident has reported a battery installed in his smoke alarm "blew up." Many Bellasera homes may have same BRK Electronics Model 4120B alarm installed. Information from the manufacturer's web site ([www.brkelectronics.com](http://www.brkelectronics.com)) regarding this model is quoted below.

Quote

### 4120B REPLACEMENT BATTERY RECOMMENDATIONS

Aurora, IL (February, 2007) - BRK Brands, Inc. recommends that when consumers replace the batteries in their hardwired battery back-up smoke alarms, models 4120B, SA4120B, SA4121B, and 4120SB, manufactured prior to October 2000, they use replacement batteries that are of the same brand as those provided with the alarm upon purchase. The recommended replacement batteries for these models are the Eveready batteries numbered 1222 (also sold as "Eveready Heavy-Duty") or 522 (also sold as "Energizer MAX"). Using a replacement battery that is the same brand as the original battery for these models will ensure the optimal performance of both the smoke alarm and the battery. First Alert is aware of isolated incidents in which Duracell batteries have bulged or opened inside the alarm, exposing the internal parts and material of the battery. If this happens, the consumer should always exercise caution when replacing the battery, and should wash their hands after handling and not touch their eyes.

Note: Since these are hardwired alarms with battery backup, the alarm will continue to operate as a smoke alarm even in the event the battery may bulge or open. The consumer will be alerted to the battery problem by the alarm sounding a chirp approximately once per minute, indicating to replace the battery. Immediately replace the battery in response to the low battery signal.

First Alert also reminds consumers to periodically change the batteries in their smoke alarms and to test the alarms weekly by pressing the units' test button to ensure that the batteries and all alarm functions are working properly. Remember to never remove the batteries to stop an unwanted alarm or "nuisance" alarm, such as those caused by cooking smoke. According to the NFPA, smoke alarms are credited with reducing home fire deaths by 50%, and the primary reason smoke alarms do not sound in a fire death is due to missing, disconnected, or dead batteries.

To learn more about protecting your family from smoke and fire, and for a home escape plan diagram, visit [www.firstalert.com](http://www.firstalert.com) or [www.brkelectronics.com](http://www.brkelectronics.com), or call 1-800-323-9005.

Unquote

The National Fire Protection Association recommends that home smoke alarms be replaced after 10 years.



## JUNE IN THE GARDEN

—By Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener

As summer finally arrives, June will provide a variety of garden challenges and tasks for you, mostly related to the heat. As our temperatures increase, follow these general guidelines:

Water carefully for better plant growth as well as to save water. Be attentive to wilt symptoms. Water deeply, but only as often as needed for good growth.

Mulch soil surfaces of trees, shrubs and flower beds to keep root zones cooler and minimize loss of water through evaporation. Mulch can be inorganic (gravel, fabric) or organic (wood chips, pine bark or needles, chopped leaves)

### Iron Chlorosis

Check plants for iron chlorosis. It is recognized by new leaves that are yellow but the veins remain *green*. This condition exists because the plant can't absorb the existing iron in the soil due to either the wetness or high alkaline level of the soil.

Native plants have evolved to survive the desert's alkaline soil and seldom suffer from it. It usually occurs in non-native plants such as bottlebrush.

Soil may become overly wet if summer thunderstorms are heavy and frequent. Many areas of the desert have clay soil, which retains water and has poor drainage. In this situation, if automatic drip systems continue to apply water, the soil becomes saturated.

If soil moisture isn't the issue, apply an iron source that is easily absorbed by plant roots, such as iron chelates or ferrous sulfate.

### Aphids, Ants, Termites & Beetles

We get our share of pests in the summer. Here are some general tips on what to watch for and, in some cases, what to do if you have an invasion.

Aphids can be hosed off every day. You can also make a solution of 1 tablespoon of mild dish washing liquid or Murphy's Oil soap to one gallon of water. Be sure to wet all parts of the plant and don't spray when the sun is shining on the plant.

Ants and termites become more active and swarm during Arizona's summer storm season. Look for swarms on hot sultry mornings. To distinguish ants from termites, there are two things to look for:

1. Ants have a tight constriction between the head/thorax and the abdomen, and
2. Ant antennae bend to nearly 90 degrees about half way out.

Palo Verde beetles continue to emerge from the ground under infested trees. Extra TLC is the best treatment. Remember, Palo Verde borers have been found on other types of trees, especially (but not necessarily) those with tap roots.

### Miscellaneous Tasks

Citrus- Citrus fruit drop should be finished by this month and new fruits should be forming. Now is the time to fertilize. The next time is August/September prior to fruit sizing time.

Roses- Trim off spent blooms that keep trying to flower.

Wildflowers- Harvest wildflower seeds from your beds for next season. The most efficient way is to put a brown paper bag over the whole plant and pull it up. This lets the seeds stay in the bag.

Questions about plants? Call (480-575-0404) or e-mail ([PlantPerson@cox.net](mailto:PlantPerson@cox.net)) me.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR—JUNE 2008

Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
<b>Brush &amp; Bulk Collection Week</b>	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Yoga 6:00 p.m.	Yoga 4:45 p.m.  Poker 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Yoga 5:15 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	
8	9 Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	10 <b>Modifications 2:30 p.m.</b> Yoga 4:45 p.m. <b>Building &amp; Grounds 6 p.m.</b> Poker 7 p.m.	11 Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	12 <b>Luncheon 12 noon</b>  Yoga 5:15 p.m.  <b>Board Study Session 7 p.m.</b>	13 Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	14
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29 <b>Brush &amp; Bulk Collection Week</b>	30 Fitness 7 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.					

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

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Next month, in this space, your ad.

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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**, 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**, FAX to **815-333-2268**, or call **480-330-7109**, *no later than Wednesday, June 11.*

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, June 2, and Monday, June 30** .

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.**

Questions regarding your Homeowner's Association Account?  
Contact AAM, LLC: **602- 906-4940**  
AAM, LLC Emergency : 602-647-3034 or toll free 866-553-8290

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