

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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FISCAL YEAR ENDS & RESERVES EXPLANATION

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

As we finish up fiscal year 2008 and move into fiscal 2009 the Board and I want to make sure we continue to keep you informed of any activities that may impact you, our membership.

First of all, we will finish the year over-budget solely due to the expenses we incurred to repair the flood damage from last year's rains. We spent over \$50,000 on this project and believe we are now better prepared should we have a repeat of the significant rains we experienced last July. The good news is that we were under-budget in a number of other areas so we were able to absorb this cost without any significant financial impact to our members.

I have frequently mentioned the issue of our Reserves in this column and at Board meetings. Apparently, there may be some concern among our members and the realtor community that our reserves are not adequate. I would like to put that concern to rest by letting you know that our present reserves are more than adequate to cover any need for the near-term (3-5 years). Our focus over the last 3 years has been to obtain better estimates of long-term costs in order to be sure we are prudently putting enough money in our Reserves for the future. In its simplest form, if we expect to have to replace our roads ten years from now and we expect the cost to be \$200,000, we need to collect \$20,000 a year to be sure we have adequate funding when the time comes to move forward with this project. Of course, it gets a bit more complicated when we add all the projects together and when we are dealing with estimates of both timing and future costs but the theory is still the same. As indicated in last month's letter, we are not yet funding the reserves at the desired level to accomplish our goal. While there is no near-term problem, the Board believes the approach of increasing Reserve funding a reasonable amount each year—we continue to agree that a 5% maximum increase is sufficient—is a prudent way to ensure the adequacy of our future Reserves. The alternative option of declaring a special assessment—our estimates are that approximately \$1600 per household would be required—was discussed and soundly rejected! If anyone would like more information on this topic, please don't hesitate to contact me or our Treasurer, Dennis Noone.

We continue to gather information on upcoming projects, which include view fence painting, street over-sealing, tennis court crack repairs and common wall paint touch-up.

If there is something you would like to see accomplished in our community, please be sure to let us know.

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 NIGHTS

Monday night Yoga continues! It's **6:00 to 7:15 p.m.** at the clubhouse. Experience the amazing benefits of Hatha Yoga! Beginners welcome! Class fee \$10. (No class on Monday, July 7) Questions? Call **Marci Sheer, 480-488-3426**, or youryogamarci@gmail.com.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The July luncheon will be hosted by **Joanne Anetsberger** at Binks in the Basha's Shopping Center in Carefree on **Thursday, July 17** at **11:30 a.m.** You can sign up at the clubhouse. If there are any questions, please contact **Joanne**.

Suzanne Guyan, a new member on our committee, has come up with some fun ideas for the summer. A gourmet exchange dinner is planned at the clubhouse on **Friday, July 18** at **6:00 p.m.** It will be a Hawaiian theme, food, music and attire. Residents will prepare a NEW recipe of their Island choice. Categories are appetizers, salad, side dish, main dish, dessert or decorations. Sign-ups will be posted in the clubhouse and via e-mail response. Aloha!

Mark your calendars for Bunko night at the clubhouse, on **Wednesday, August 13** at **7 p.m.** Bring your own beverage. Dessert and prizes will be provided. We need 12 signups by August 1. Experience is not required. Bunko is a dice game using 5 dice at 3 tables of 4 players. Players will rotate after each round so you will have a chance to meet everyone and enjoy one another.

Contact **Suzanne** by e-mail, guyan1@msn.com, or sign up at clubhouse.

YOGA ON TUESDAY & THURSDAY

Yoga classes are offered by **Cory Schidler** (Core Fitness) on **Tuesday**, from **4:45 - 5:45 p.m.**, and on **Thursday**, from **5:15 to 6:15 p.m.**

The Tuesday class will be led by **Barbara Radwan-Kuzelewski**, and the Thursday class by **Lynn Seawell**. Both are certified Yoga Instructors.

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

EARLENE'S LEAVING

Bellasera Administrative Assistant, **Earlene Morgan**, has resigned from her position, effective July 3. At newsletter deadline, a replacement had not been named.

The Bellasera community wishes to thank **Earlene** for all the fine work she has done for the community these past 10 months. All the best to her in the future.

THEY'RE CUTE, BUT BE CAREFUL

Warning: there is a mother bobcat with her 2 adorable cubs traveling around Bellasera. If you must take pictures, do not go close to them. These are wild animals. The mother bobcat came very close to attacking an adult sitting in her backyard one morning. It seems the mother bobcat was agitated because a neighbor was photographing the cubs.

REMINDERS FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

1. With the rising temperatures, there is more activity at the pool. Consequently there are more "lost", misplaced items. Please turn in found items to the clubhouse office. Currently the unclaimed items include: a waterproof instamatic camera; tennis ball basket including canisters of tennis balls; key fob on small leather strap; 2 T-shirts and miscellaneous kid pool toys.

2. Please, when using the weight lifting equipment in the exercise area, remove the heavy weights after your routine is complete. Heavy weights left on equipment prevent other residents the full use of the equipment.

3. As a courtesy to other residents, please straighten the area where you have been enjoying yourself by the pool. Several times the area around the pool has been littered and umbrellas left open. Many umbrellas have been damaged from the strong winds. When umbrellas are no longer in use, closing them reduces the risk of damage.

BELLASERA BUSINESS OWNERS

Many already know that **Roger and Kim Deane** have an internet-based business "Wired Communications" based right here in Bellasera! They promise to you quality cables, connectors, LED flashlights and adapters at bargain prices with prompt and friendly support, each with a full one year warranty. Offering all in stock premium quality products. Our company currently has in inventory all the LED light bulbs that many of you have seen us convert our home lighting to. Available now are the PAR20, 30, 38 can-light replacements plus the MR16 12 volt replacements that are common for the landscape fixtures & indoor track-lighting. And YES, we stock the warm-white that recently have been approved by our building and grounds. My front yard is entirely LED as is my home! Nice-looking and very energy-efficient! Another plus of LED based lighting is the lack of heat, they only get a little warm to touch. Great for air conditioning savings too.

Between Kim and I we have over 35 years experience providing cables, connection, accessories for home theater & computer electronic enthusiasts. Please check out our website www.wiredco.com or stop by during the week and say "Hi" at 31211 N. 77th Way. Our home is right by the mailboxes at the intersection of Pasaro. You also may give a call at **480-209-1700** and chat about the use of LED's for your lighting needs.

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 again in August.

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

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

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

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, July 8, at 10 a.m.** if there are applications to review. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 2**, to be eligible for review at this meeting.

EXTERIOR ADDITIONS/CHANGES REQUIREMENT

Bellasera property owners wishing to make any addition or modification to the exterior of their home, casita, garage, pool house or to modify the landscape or hardscape plan that was originally approved for their home in accordance with the Design Guidelines, **MUST** submit an application to the Modifications Committee, as required by the Design Guidelines and CC&Rs.

Forms for this purpose can be picked up at the clubhouse office or downloaded from the Bellasera web site. Any unauthorized modification may become subject to removal at the owner's expense. An unauthorized modification could be especially troublesome when a property is for sale if a lien exists for the removal of that modification.



JULY IN THE GARDEN

—By *Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener*

In addition to monthly garden tips, I think July is a good time to provide some insight into a couple of insects that are active during hot summer nights.

Scorpions & Black Widow Spiders

Scorpions-There are more than 40 species in Arizona although this number is constantly changing as new species are discovered, classifications change, and some species become extinct. Scorpions come in many sizes and colors, but most of the ones you'll see in Arizona are usually pale gold or tan in color. Scorpions hide under rocks or debris and are active and feed at night. The scorpions that are native to Arizona typically eat spiders, insects and each other, if they are hungry enough. Scorpions fluoresce under ultraviolet light. Although the sting of a scorpion is painful, it is not generally life-threatening. One species of scorpion is potentially dangerous--the bark scorpion. It is light brown and small, usually less than two inches long.

Black Widows- Black widow spiders can be found here in the Sonoran Desert. You can recognize the black widow spider fairly easily: the venomous female black widow is shiny black, usually with a reddish hourglass shape on the underside of her abdomen. Her body is about 1.5 inches long. Adult males are harmless, about half the female's size, with smaller bodies and longer legs. The female black widow spider is sometimes referred to as the "hourglass" spider because the red marking on her belly is often in the shape of an hourglass. Sometimes it may look like two triangles. The adult female black widow spider is easy to see at night with a flashlight as she hangs upside down in her web, making the red hourglass marking visible. The best way to keep black widow spiders away is to keep areas clean and free of webs. The spiders prey on insects like crickets and roaches, so if you regularly rid your property of insects you will have fewer black widow spiders.

If you believe you have been stung by a bark scorpion or black widow spider, call the local Poison control center (1-800-362-0101).

Texas Ranger (Texas Sage)

This evergreen shrub whose masses of bell-shaped rose-purple flowers open intermittently after warm season rain or irrigation should be planted in full sun and allowed ample room for growth. Very little pruning should be required but, if you must prune, do it in the spring because the summer heat and rains will produce a flush of new growth.

Promise me not to prune them into gumdrops or table tops. Not only does this destroy their lovely natural form, it removes many of the flower buds. Just let them do their thing and you'll be rewarded with masses of fragrant flowers

Miscellaneous

Herbs- Water twice a week to about 12 inches. August is die-off month for some perennial herbs of Mediterranean origin, so be careful to not over water.

Roses- Check for yellowing from iron deficiency. Add chelated iron if needed.

Citrus- Fertilize citrus for the third time this year with 1/3 to 1/2 pound of actual nitrogen for mature trees. Late summer application of nitrogen will help fruit sizing. This is more significant for fall ripening (navels and tangerines) than spring ripening (grapefruit and valencias).

Plants are struggling to produce a flush of growth before slowing down for the cooler weather. The growth out before dormancy will store more energy during the winter that will be available to the plant when it pushes growth next spring. Fertilizing in late August or early September will help provide a boost.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR—JULY 2008

Brush & Bulk Collection Week		Tuesday 1	Wednesday 2	Thursday 3	Friday 4	Saturday 5
6	7 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	8 Modifications 10 a.m. Yoga 4:45 p.m. Building & Grounds 6 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	9 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	10 Yoga 5:15 p.m.	11 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	12
13	14 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6:00 p.m.	15 Yoga 4:45 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	16 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	17 Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Yoga 5:15 p.m.	18 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Exchange Dinner 6:00 p.m.	19
20	21 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6:00 p.m.	22 Yoga 4:45 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	23 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	24 Yoga 5:15 p.m.	25 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	26
27	28 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6:00 p.m.	29 Yoga 4:45 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	30 Fitness 7 a.m. Communications 8:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	31 Yoga 5:15 p.m.		

****BELLASERA CLASSIFIEDS****

Jeep Wrangler Sport, 2002, dark green, soft top, cruise control, CD player, premium wheels. Great condition. Only \$12,500. Call **Bob Miller** at **602-680-0881**.

Free to good home: Big Green Egg bar-b-que (www.biggreenegg.com). Unit is in pretty good condition and is about 6 years old. Only used a dozen times. You'll need a truck to move it. Call **Pat**, **480-595-2618**.

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 has been busy for several months working on a new printed directory of all Bellasera homeowners.

The committee expects to have the directory ready for distribution this month (July). Notice of its availability will be announced via e-mail and all community bulletin boards.

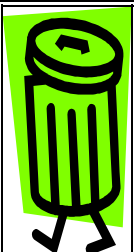
The last printed directory was published in August 2006, and an electronic edition was distributed in August 2007.

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 30, and Monday, August 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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