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CC&R ISSUES

By Chuck Roach, President of the Bellasera Board of Directors

I don't believe I've talked about CC&R issues in a while so I thought this might be a good time since many of our part-time residents are returning for the winter.

Community associations with rules and restrictions have become a fairly prevalent trend in housing for the last 20 years or so — every member of my immediate family lives in a neighborhood with such an association.

Sometimes when my kids receive a notice that there is some kind of violation they need to attend to, their first comment is "don't these people have anything better to do than go around spying on us?" Well...the answer to that question is the Association certainly has many more things they could be doing to benefit the community! In an ideal world, everyone would read the requirements that they agreed to when they purchased — an unrealistic expectation as it turns out — and follow them without someone having to spend the time to follow up and inform/remind them of the rules. In the real world, it just doesn't happen that way! Accordingly, one of the important functions of an Association is to enforce the rules, like it or not (it's a dirty job but someone has to do it).

The primary focus of our efforts at enforcing Bellasera's CC&Rs is in the area of home appearance. This includes such things as painting, repair, landscaping and lighting. Over the past few months, we've noted a number of homeowners who wish to personalize their front yards with some form of yard art, which can take the form of an animal figure, a statue, a western artifact or any number of items. Except for a limited number of desert color pots in the front area outside of a courtyard, these items are prohibited. Placing an excessive number of lights along the driveway or sidewalk is also not allowed. Basically, anything done in the front of the home where it is visible from the street or sidewalk is either prohibited or requires approval.

I urge everyone to check the rules or give us a call before considering anything that would change the appearance of the front area of your home. If you believe these rules are overly restrictive, let us know that as well and the Modifications Committee can take a look and see if they need changing.

BELLASERA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

WATER AEROBICS

Water aerobics continue on **Monday, Wednesday and Fridays**, beginning at new time, **11:00 a.m.**, and ending at 12 noon. A recent photo of the group is on azbellasera.org.

MONDAY NIGHT YOGA

Experience the amazing benefits of Hatha Yoga - right here in Bellasera! Bring more strength, flexibility and inner calm to your life! Monday night Yoga continues! It's **6:00 to 7:15 p.m.** at the clubhouse. All levels welcome! Class fee \$10. Questions? Contact **Marci Sheer**, **480-488-3426**, youryogamarci@gmail.com.

JAZZERCISE ON TUESDAY & THURSDAY

Jazzercise now every **Tuesday and Thursday** morning at **9:30 a.m.** in the clubhouse. Fee is \$35 per month (on Electronic Funds Transfer - directly from checking or credit card) or \$85 for 2 months. There's also a one-time joining fee of \$35. For more information please contact **Monica Bauer**, Jazzercise of Cave Creek, **602-315-5586** (cell) or **480-585-9440** (home).

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Our luncheon this month will be at Tonto's in Cave Creek on **Thursday, November 20 at 12:00 noon**. All our welcome to enjoy an afternoon with your neighbors. Sign up at clubhouse.

Bunko is **Tuesday, November 11 at 7 p.m.** Beginners are welcome. Bring your drink of choice and \$5. Dessert and PRIZES are included. We have a great time cheering on the winners! Sign up at clubhouse or e-mail Denise, d.attard@cox.net.

Our Community Dinner will be on **Saturday, November 15**. It's an Italian Night theme and the entree will be served. We would love to have some antipasto, salad or dessert brought by all you fabulous cooks out there. We're planning on wine and antipasto by the pool from **6 to 7 p.m.** with dinner indoors at **7 p.m.** Sign up at clubhouse. Ciao!

WATCH THE BELLASERA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS.

December 1-20: Holiday Food Drive; December 9: Bunko, 7 p.m.; December 21: Holiday Event and White Elephant gift exchange from 2 to 4 p.m.; January 1: 2nd Annual New Year's Day Brunch.

GOLF

The Bellasera golf group is back in play on **Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m.** We're playing at Dove Valley on **November 4 and 18**, and at Legend Trail on **November 11 and 25**. Please contact **Ellen Bornstein**, **480-575-9848**, embornstein7@att.net, for more information. All levels are welcome.

HIKERS HEAD FOR SUPERSTITIONS

On October 15, the Bellasera Hiking season kicked off with a small group (still waiting for some to return to the valley) taking a gentle hike in the McDowell Mountain Regional Park. The hike was followed by a picnic lunch and discussions/suggestions for future hikes. If you missed this one, I encourage you to join us for the November hike. You will get to know some of your neighbors and you will be introduced to some, possibly new to you, natural scenes around Arizona. For November, we're going hike from the 1st Water Trailhead in the Superstition Mountains. This will be another easy hike from the trailhead to Parker Pass and return. Roundtrip distance is about 4.6 miles with an elevation gain of just over 300 feet. If you have never ventured into the Superstitions, this is a great introduction. This is my favorite trail in the area and I'll enjoy sharing it with everyone. Plan to bring plenty of water, sunscreen, and a trail lunch. We will have a lunch break at Parker Pass. We'll meet in the clubhouse parking lot on **Thursday, November 6, 9:00 a.m.** Sign-up in the clubhouse, or drop me an e-mail if you're planning to join us. **Don Bowman**, **480-948-9814**, dgbobb@cox.net.

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.

BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet on **Wednesday, November 19**, at **7 p.m.** in the clubhouse. The book to be discussed is "Suite Francaise" by Irene Nemirovsky. More information: **Maureen Simpson**, **480-575-7693**, maurensimpson@cox.net.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please join the Building and Grounds committee for the annual community clean up on **Saturday, November 15, 8:00 a.m.** in the clubhouse parking lot.

Participants will be sent to various locations within the community for 1 to 1½ hours of clean up. Refreshments will be served in the clubhouse for all participants after the event.

As we will be walking along the outer roads and through washes please wear appropriate clothing and bring gloves to protect your hands. Garbage bags and yellow vests will be supplied at the parking lot meet up point.

This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, preserve the beauty of our community and get a little exercise!

There will be a sign up sheet in the clubhouse opposite the office, please sign up if you have the opportunity, otherwise just show up at 8 a.m. and join the fun!

We take this opportunity to recognize the efforts and consideration of all "unofficial" trash-picker-uppers who quietly do so on a daily basis. Bellasera is a better community because of you. THANK YOU!

BIONDOS' WORKS ON DISPLAY

Janet Biondo will be selling her custom-made jewelry at a Holiday Bazaar at Our Lady of Joy Church (Cave Creek and Pima Roads) on Saturday, November 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday, November 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 pm.

All jewelry will be at close-out prices! Everything will be 50% off regular listed prices.

Come find a bargain for yourself or a gift for someone.

Frank Biondo will again participate in the "HIDDEN IN THE HILLS" studio tour held on 2 weekends: November 21-22-23; and November 28-29-30. He will be at Studio #28 on Sidewinder Road in Carefree, with his digitally-painted photographs. You can view the work on his website, www.frankbiondo.com.

HEARD MUSEUM DONATIONS

Your donations to the Heard Museum Guild's 13th annual Book Sale and Treasure Market will be appreciated. You can drop off your donations at 7870 East Visao Drive, home of **Joyce Winston**, prior to December 15.

Quality books, rare editions, collectibles, hard cover or paper back are solicited. All types of artwork, including paintings, prints, sculpture, pottery, and frames as well. Jewelry is very desirable and of course any Native American work such as baskets, pottery or beadwork.

All donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by IRS regulations.

BELLASERA SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

Todd and Terri Clausen, with daughter **Sami**, moved to Bellasera in September. They've been in Arizona for nearly 15 years, after living in Wisconsin. They love the community and all the people they've met so far. **Sami** would also like to thank all who bought soccer raffle tickets.

They own AZ Airport Courier, a delivery and courier business, and have just started a shuttle business for customers in North Scottsdale. **Todd** will deliver people directly to the Phoenix Airport for \$40 one-way, \$75 round trip, with a 10% discount for Bellasera residents. Reach **Todd** at **480-246-4013**.

Got a news item you'd like to share with the community? Or if you're a resident with a small business, we'll publish a one-time story about your enterprise.

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 **Tuesday, November 11**, at **6 p.m.**

Board of Directors will meet for a study session on **Thursday, November 13**, at **7 p.m.** Regular Board meeting date/time will be posted.

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

Building and Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, November 4**, at **6 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, November 19**, at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, November 11** 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, November 6**, to be eligible for review at this meeting.

WI-FI IN THE CLUBHOUSE

For those residents who'd like to use their laptop at poolside, or anywhere in the clubhouse, Wi-Fi is available.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Copies of the latest approved minutes from the Board of Directors meeting are available in the clubhouse, and always on azbellasera.org.

BELLASERA WEB SITE PHOTOS

Got a favorite photo you'd like to share with the community —and the whole wide world? The Bellasera web site, azbellasera.org, would like to display your photographic talent. Attach your JPG file to an e-mail to: editor@azbellasera.org.

BELLASERA NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

Minimize your US Postal Service mailbox clutter, and save Bellasera a few bucks, by receiving this monthly newsletter via e-mail. It'll be delivered as an e-mail attachment days before the paper snail mail version.

Just send an e-mail request to editor@azbellasera.org to start electronic delivery.



NOVEMBER IN THE GARDEN

—By *Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener*

As the holidays approach we can put our gardens to rest and focus on the festivities because most of our trees and shrubs are ready for some rest and will begin their annual shutdown. This is due to:

- milder temperatures,
- cooler nights, and
- shorter days

that signal to plants that it is time to shut down for a while. Plants actually move sugars and other energy, which has been manufactured all season by the leaves, into storage until needed next spring. Plants are no longer actively growing so fertilizer is not absorbed by the roots because of cool soils and inactive roots. So, save your fertilizer for spring!

Watering Considerations

In general, plants still need water, but at a reduced rate as the cool temperatures significantly reduce the loss of water from evaporation. Water applied to the soil in winter will be retained much longer than water applied in the summer. Some specific recommendations:

Trees- Most trees can be watered deeply every three to four weeks unless it rains. Try giving them a deep soaking the day after Thanksgiving and wait until a day after Christmas to deep water again.

Shrubs- Water shrubs twice as often as trees but remember to water them deeply.

Planting

Continue to *plant* frost-hardy and native woody shrubs like Apache plume, jojoba, Texas mountain laurel and Texas ranger.

If you have plants that need to be *relocated* in your garden, transplant them now through January. Water them every week for a month, then every eight to ten days until they begin to grow in the spring. Do not prune any part of a transplanted shrub until it has begun to grow in the spring.

Aphids

Aphids may still be found on the growing tips and buds of many annual plants and shrubs. They cause yellowing and wilting and will leave a sticky residue. They weaken plants and spread disease. To deal with them:

1. Do not spray them with insecticides because you are likely to kill beneficial insects also.
2. Try washing them off with a strong blast of water. If that doesn't do the job,
3. Try spraying with a mild soapy water. (1 tablespoon of non-concentrated dish detergent per gallon of water.) Put this solution in a regular bottle sprayer and, before spraying the entire plant, test a few leaves and check the next day for burn.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR—NOVEMBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Yoga 6:00 p.m.	4 Golf 9 a.m. Jazzercise 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:45 p.m. Building & Grounds 6 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	5 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	6 Hike 9:00 a.m. Jazzercise 9:30 a.m. Yoga 5:15 p.m.	7 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	8
9	10 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Yoga 6:00 p.m.	11 Golf 9 a.m. Jazzercise 9:30 a.m. Modifications 2:30 p.m. Yoga, 4:45 p.m. Activities, 6 p.m. Bunko, 7 p.m. *Veterans Day*	12 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	13 Jazzercise 9:30 a.m. Yoga 5:15 p.m. Board Study Session 7 p.m.	14 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	15 Community Clean-Up Day 8 a.m. Community Dinner 6 p.m.
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23/30 Brush & Bulk Collection Week of Dec 1	24 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Yoga 6:00 p.m.	25 Golf 9 a.m. Jazzercise 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:45 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	26 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	27 THANKSGIVING DAY	28 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	29

****BELLASERA CLASSIFIEDS****

High end British company KEF manufactured this 3 speaker system, 5 channel surround sound unit. It plays DVD, CD, FM...you can even play your TV through it. Although a year old, it was hardly played. Unit includes all cables, stands, etc...ready to play. I'll even set it up for you. It cost \$1200 when I got it, and I'm selling it for \$700. **Stan/Phyllis, 480-272-6221.**

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.

NOTICE

Several months ago I introduced my small, non-profit company to the residents of Bellasera through our monthly newsletter. In addition, I was given permission to put my business pamphlets on the bulletin board at the clubhouse. I've replenished the pamphlets several times over the past month as they have all been taken. And frankly, business hasn't been that great! So, please, unless they are being used to help me in support my work, leave them for others to use. Thank you!

—**Anna Ingram**, Elegant Beading LLC.

TRASH CONTAINER

The Bellasera clubhouse parking lot trash container is now locked, after a recent resolution passed by the Board of Directors.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in not using this container for your personal trash disposal.

OCTOBER WEATHER IN BELLASERA

(October 1—October 28)

Highest temperature: 90

Lowest temperature: 43

No rainfall

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, December 1.**

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?
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——— indicates committee chairperson

In the Bellasera Design Guidelines, the following text replaces the existing paragraph L, on page 24.

L. FLAG POLES

1. Flagpoles for the purpose of flying the American flag only are allowed in rear or side yards, but not in front yards. Homeowners are advised to use brackets mounted on the house or garage to display flags in the front of homes. Only one freestanding flagpole per lot is permitted.

2. The height of a flag pole can be no greater than the distance between the point of placement of the pole in the yard and the closest point of either of the following: any common area or any neighbor's property line. In no case can the height of a flag pole exceed 16 feet. Flagpoles must be round, tapered, and meet the Bellasera rust color standard for signage. The diameter of the flagpole shall be proportionate to its height. No unusual shapes or colors are permitted.

3. The American flag may be displayed as a cloth flag on a flagpole/staff or by attaching flat to a wall or flat on the inside or outside of a window, or hanging from eaves or on a garage door so long as the flag is displayed according to the Federal Flag Code. No other type of American "flag" permitted, such as "flags" made solely out of lights or paint or other materials.

4. The American Flag may be displayed from sunrise to sunset and must be taken down each day at sunset. Any flag displayed shall be of appropriate size in relation to the size of the flagpole.

5. The Modifications Committee must approve all plans for flagpoles and location prior to installation according to the procedures outlined in Design Guidelines Section 11.

ADDENDUM TO FLAG POLES

Flag Laws in Arizona September 2006.

A series of new laws have been enacted in Arizona, reports Howard Fisher, Capital Media Services.

All those laws enacted during the recent legislative session take effect Thursday [21 September 2006].

The measure on military flags expands an existing law that says homeowners associations don't have the authority to ban residents from erecting a pole to fly the stars and stripes. The new law adds military flags to the list of what can't be blocked by homeowners associations rules. Also included are the state flag, a POW/MIA flag and the flag of any Arizona Indian tribe.