

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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RESIDENT INPUT, TRASH CHANGE, VIEW FENCE PAINTING

By Chuck Roach, President of the Bellasera Board of Directors

I've run into a few residents around the community I haven't met in the past and it seems they are very happy with the way the community is being maintained and run. Just a reminder that we need your input, particularly if you're not happy with the decisions being made by the Board or our Association Management. You can e-mail us, call us, write us or leave a message in our suggestion box at the clubhouse.

After further consideration of requests from part-time residents to review the trash container policy, the Board decided to allow residents to use the facility with some additional controls in place. If you are not here during regular trash pickup and need to place your trash in the clubhouse dumpster, you can sign-out the key at the guardhouse. Please be sure to limit your trash to one bag and return the key promptly.

We are ready to notify all residents of the plan for painting the view fences. As I'm finishing this column, the letter to be sent is in the final review stage. As a reminder, our Governing Documents require the Association to paint the view fences in the community that border common area land. View fences between homes are the responsibility of the residents. After considerable discussion and inspection of the fences, including having a fence consultant review their condition, the Board concluded that we needed to proceed with the project. We sought guidance from our management company and other communities with view fences to develop a plan for accomplishing this task. We learned that other communities allow residents to elect not to have their fence painted and that the painting contractor will perform the additional duties of trimming plant material, as well as removal and replacement of rabbit fences if requested to do so by individual residents. Accordingly, our information letter has attachments to let us know if you would like to "opt out" or hire the contractor to perform these additional services. If you have any questions, please contact the office and we will respond to you as quickly as possible.

The Cactus Shadows High School Wrestling team would like to thank all of those who contributed to the fund raiser. The team has just entered the busiest part of their schedule and is no longer available to do any more gates. However, **Tom Locke** (brother of resident **Dan Locke**) is available and will be picking up where the team left off. The services and costs remain the same. **Tom** will pick up the gates, sand gates clean, replace broken slats, stain, and replace slats including new galvanized hardware.

Tom Locke can be reached at **480-540-6322** or **tlocke4949@live.com**.

Your deposits are best left at your bank. Other deposits, like your pet's, are best *not left* on the streets, sidewalks, common areas of Bellasera, or a neighbor's yard.

Be a good neighbor -- clean up after your pet!

BELLASERA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

WATER AEROBICS

Water aerobics continue on **Monday, Wednesday** and **Fridays**, beginning at **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. NO CLASS - FEBRUARY 9 & 16. 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)**.

GOLF

Golf this month is on **Tuesdays. February 3** will be a scramble at Dove Valley. Golf will be on **February 10, 17** and **24** at clubs to be decided by the end of the week.

Anyone interested in playing can contact **Ellen Bornstein, 480-575-9848** for more information. Her e-mail address has changed to embornstein7@gmail.com.

HIKERS

On January 15, the Bellasera Hikers spent a beautiful morning hiking the Overton Trail in the Cave Creek Regional Park. This was a nice hike with gentle inclines and nice views to the south and west from the park. Ten residents participated on the hike which was followed by a picnic lunch in the park. Nice day, nice time.

The February hike is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 18**. We are going to hike the "Gateway Loop Trail" in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. This loop hike is listed as 4.4 miles with an elevation gain of 700 feet. There is an additional 0.5 to 0.8 mile hike from the trailhead to the Loop. The attraction of this hike is that it will take us into the interior of the McDowell Mountains and should provide some interesting views. We will hike at a comfortable pace and will stop for lunch along the trail. I hope all will join us. You can review info on this hike at www.hikearizona.com. Select letter "G" and "Gateway Loop Trail."

The weather should still be cool, but don't forget water, sunscreen and a trail lunch.

As usual, we will meet at **9:00 a.m.** in the clubhouse parking area.

Please let me know if you plan to join us. You can sign up on the list in the clubhouse, or e-mail **Don Bowman, dgbobb@cox.net**.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club is changing things up a bit in February. We will be meeting at the home of **MerryBelle Beltz, 7655 E. Corva**, on **Thursday, February 19**, at **11 a.m.** for a brown bag lunch. The book selection is "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Brown. Any questions can be answered by **Maureen Simpson, 480-575-7693, maureensimpson@cox.net**.

MAH JONG

Would you like to play? Would you like to learn?

We have a small group at Bellasera and would like to have you join us. For more information please call **Fran Sherman, 480-284-5683**.

BELLASERA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

SOCIAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

January – The New Year's Day Brunch was enjoyed by close to a hundred residents. Please note that when you sign the reservation sheet, the committee orders food accordingly. In the future, if you are unable to attend, please advise **Suzanne Guyan** or cross your name off the reservation list. This will help ensure we do not have excess food.

Monthly luncheon at the Kona Grill. Twelve ladies enjoyed the luncheon at the new Kona Grill and the City North Shopping Center. Everyone agreed it was fun to be together and try a new restaurant.

Bunko had a terrific showing of six tables of players! Many played for the first time. This is a great way to get to know your neighbors and we welcome all new players.

February – The Souper Sunday for February 1 has been cancelled due to the Super Bowl game and the Arizona Cardinals playing in the championship.

Tuesday, February 3, 6 p.m., next Social Committee meeting. If you have an interest in joining the committee, please feel free to attend.

Tuesday, February 10, 7 p.m. Bunko – Sign up sheet at the clubhouse or contact **Darlene Locke, darlenel3@cox.net**. \$5 per player includes dessert and prizes.

The next neighborhood luncheon will be on **Thursday, February 26, noon**, at Bobby's at Kierland. **Karen Moore** is this month's hostess. Besides having fun with a lunch with friends, we could squeeze in a little shopping. Please join us for a fun afternoon. Sign up sheet at the clubhouse.

Saturday night, February 21, 6 p.m. Disco Fever or the 70s. Food, decorations and dress of the era. Join the fun. Please sign up at the clubhouse or e-mail **Suzanne** or **Hope, guyan1@msn.com** or **hopekirsch@ahoo.com**.

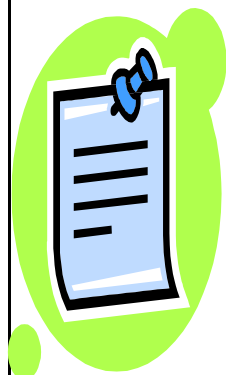
Coming in March - Mark your calendars for the annual St. Patrick's Day partially catered event, **Saturday, March 14, 6 p.m.** Sign up sheet at the clubhouse. Details to follow in next month's newsletter.

Thanks very much for making these events a great success!

Biggest Loser Club

It has begun, but it is not too late to join the 'losers.' You may lose as little or as much as you want. As a group we meet every **Saturday at 9:30 a.m.** weigh in and work towards our goal to lose weight and be fit. So far we have lost 7 pounds as a group week 1. Go team! Program ends May 16. Contact **Suzanne Guyan, 480-575-1975, guyan1@msn.com**. You may also come check us out on Saturday morning.

MEETING NOTICES



Board of Directors will meet for a study session on **Thursday, February 12**, and for their regular meeting on **Thursday, February 26**. Both meetings begin at **7 p.m.**

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

Building and Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, February 3**, at **6 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, February 18**, at **8:30 a.m.**

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

Social Committee will meet on **Tuesday, February 3**, at **6 p.m.**

NOW'S THE TIME

To consider being a Bellasera volunteer. Several residents have spent many years as committee and Board members, and are ready to 'pass the baton' to others in the community.

This April, the Modifications Committee will need three new members, the Communications Committee is looking to fill a vacancy, and four members of the Board of Directors will be elected.

It's a short commute to a meeting, you'll enjoy working with some new Bellasera residents, and the best part — know that you're contributing your part to the community. How about it?

Board and Committee application forms, along with a description of each group, are available in the clubhouse as well as on the web site, azbellasera.org.

NEWSLETTER

During January, 12 more residents have been added to the growing list of those receiving this newsletter via e-mail. Thank you!

To start electronic delivery, just send an e-mail request to editor@azbellasera.org.

Beginning in April, the printed newsletter will only be mailed to those who request it.



FEBRUARY IN THE GARDEN

—By *Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener*

February is a good month to pay attention to pests as they attempt to gain a foothold in your garden. We'll give you some tips on the most common garden pests you will encounter this time of year. Also, if you have planted tomatoes, we'll discuss fertilization needs.

Pests

Aphids- these are tiny insects that suck the sap from fresh growth on many plants. They are usually *green* or *grayish-black* and prefer cool weather. They are often found in tight clusters on:

- Rosebuds.
- Tender shoots of shrubs.
- Annual flowers.
- Undersides of leaves of cool-season vegetables such as greens, kale, broccoli, and cabbage.

If discovered early, they can be controlled with a strong stream of water on a regular basis. If this doesn't work, try a soapy spray as follows:

- Start with one teaspoon of concentrated liquid dish detergent to one gallon of water.
- Don't use a lemon based detergent as this will burn the leaves.
- Increase to one tablespoon of soap over time if aphid populations increase.

Spray early in the day and test a few leaves for soap burn before spraying the entire plant.

Thrips- these minute insects appear on flower buds of roses. They will mar the flower, or its outer petals, but require no control unless you plan to enter your roses in a show where perfect plants are required. Otherwise, the damage is only cosmetic and won't affect the plant.

Friendly Bugs- ladybugs and green lacewings appear later this month and are natural predators of aphids. They have voracious appetites and help keep them under control. Everyone knows what a ladybug looks like. The green lacewing has long, delicate antennae, a slender greenish body, golden- or copper-colored eyes, and two pairs of veined wings.

Tomatoes

If growing tomatoes, fertilize them appropriately, but be careful about the amount of nitrogen contained in your fertilizer. An overabundance of nitrogen encourages stem and leaf growth at the expense of the fruit. Generally, if the stems are less than ½ inch, additional nitrogen is called for, but if they are much larger, there is already an oversupply.

Soil Tip— adding organic matter regularly can improve your soil inexpensively and effectively. Specifically, it will:

- Improve soil fertility.
- Help sandy soil retain water and nutrients.
- Improve drainage in clay soil.
- Provide food for micro-organisms and worms (hard workers that do the bulk of the soil-building process).

Happy Valentines Day!

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR—FEBRUARY 2009

Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
Brush & Bulk Collection Week	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Yoga 6:00 p.m.	Golf 9 a.m. Jazzercise 9:30 a.m. Social 6 p.m. Building & Grounds 6 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Jazzercise 9:30 a.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Biggest Loser 9:30 a.m.
8	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Golf 9 a.m. Jazzercise 9:30 a.m. Modifications 2:30 p.m. Bunko, 7 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Jazzercise 9:30 a.m. Board Study Session 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Biggest Loser 9:30 a.m.
15	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Presidents' Day	Golf 9 a.m. Jazzercise 9:30 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Communications 8:30 a.m. Hike 9 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Jazzercise 9:30 a.m. Book Club 11 a.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Biggest Loser 9:30 a.m. 70's Dinner/Dance 6 p.m.
22	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Yoga 6:00 p.m.	Golf 9 a.m. Jazzercise 9:30 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Jazzercise 9:30 a.m. Luncheon 12 noon Board Meeting 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Biggest Loser 9:30 a.m.

****BELLASERA CLASSIFIEDS****

Please call **Karineh** for your dog walking, house sitting, light house work, part-time caretaker, driving to your shopping and entertainment, personal secretary jobs, etc.
Bellasera community resident, **Karineh, 480-488-4708**. Feel free to leave a message with your phone number. I'm looking forward to helping you.

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.

LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Fred and Sandy Schroeder wish to thank **Anna Ingram** for calling to inform us that we had a leak in our irrigation system. **Anna**, best wishes to you and your family for a healthy and happy new year!

IN MEMORY

The Bellasera community extends its sincere condolences to the family and many friends of resident **R. G. 'Jack' Rogers**, 84, who passed away on January 9 after a long battle with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. A memorial service was held at the home.

He's survived by his wife, **Lorraine**, one son, one daughter, three grandchildren, and one brother. The couple would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 10.

JANUARY WEATHER IN BELLASERA

(January 1—January 27)

Highest temperature: **73**

Lowest temperature: **37**

Rainfall: **0.60 inch**

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, February 2**, and next month, the week of **Monday, March 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, **480-312-5600**.

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