

# Bellasera Neighborhood News

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## ONE FOR FOUR

As of March 26, one application has been received for the four Board of Directors slots to be elected at the association's Annual Meeting on April 25. More candidates are needed to join the 3 holdover Board members to ensure representative government for our 360 residents.

Two new members of the Modifications Committee are needed as well. If no one else applies, efficient processing of future resident modification plans are in jeopardy.

A Board application form was mailed to all homeowners in March. A committee application form is available in the clubhouse, or on **azbellasera.org**.

## ANNUAL MEETING, HOME PAINTING

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

I have two items to advise you of this month.

First, our Annual Meeting is coming up and we will again be electing Board members to serve 2 year terms. As has been the case in some past years, we have more Board positions available than candidates wishing to serve. I don't want to regale you with all the very good reasons why service to the community is rewarding. What I do want to say is that we can use your help and input. Please consider running for the Board. If you have any questions about what might be involved, please e-mail me or any of the Board members.

The second issue is about home painting. The Board has recently noticed several homes that have not been painted in accordance with the original color scheme as proscribed by the CC&Rs. I'm not only talking about the paint color but also the locations of the color itself. The scheme calls for the lighter color to be painted on the body, side walls, courtyard walls and other interior walls. The darker shade is painted on the garage door, the fascia (just below the roof line) and the pop-out trim that is usually found above the garage door and at the lower and mid-portions of the body. All metal surfaces are to be painted Bernard Brown. In the cases the Board has seen, the body color has been used to paint the garage door and/or the pop-outs/fascia and/or some gates. We have been advised that in order to preserve the ability of the Association to protect its right to maintain the color scheme, we must consistently and rigorously enforce the paint standards. Accordingly, we have sent out notices to the homes that don't comply. We urge all residents considering painting any exterior portion of their home to contact the office for clarification on what's allowed before proceeding.

# BELLASERA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

## WATER AEROBICS

Water aerobics starts at **10:00 a.m.** and ends at 11:00 a.m on **Mondays, Wednesdays** and **Fridays**.

## MONDAY NIGHT YOGA

Experience the amazing benefits of Hatha Yoga - right here in Bellasera! Bring more strength, flexibility and inner calm to your life! Come to Monday night Yoga! It's from **6:00 to 7:15 p.m.** at the clubhouse. Beginners welcome! Class fee \$10. - first class free. NO CLASS - April 13 & 27. Questions? Contact **Marci Sheer, 480-488-3426**, [youryogamarci@gmail.com](mailto: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).

## BELLASERA HIKERS

On Thursday, March 19, the Bellasera Hikers spent a wonderful day hiking to Hackberry Springs in the Superstition Mountains. The terrain covered was interesting and beautiful with a wide variety of wildflowers on display. The trail was a little over 5 miles long with unexpectedly rugged sections along the way. Hackberry Springs turned out to be a great place for lunch. It is always a nice extra to find running water in the desert mountains. The spring was running and 1st Water Creek was running with cool trees shading the area. We all returned tired, but smiling. A special thanks to **John Barto**, my friend and fellow volunteer from Pinnacle Peak Park. **John** served as our guide on the trail.

The April hike will be on **Tuesday, April 21**. We will be hiking the Dragonfly Trail at Spur Cross Ranch. This is a new trail connecting Spur Cross Ranch to the Jewel of the Creek area. The trail is a loop of about 3.5 miles including a walk through the Jewel. The Jewel of the Creek is a small property held by the Desert Foot-hills Land Trust. (You can Google "Jewel of the Creek Arizona") This hike is closer to home and shorter than the last!

As usual, we will meet in the clubhouse parking area at **9:00 a.m.** It will likely be hot, so remember water, sunscreen, and a hat. We will plan to picnic back at the Jewel of the Creek after we pick up the cars.

## BOOK CLUB

The book club will be meeting on **Wednesday, April 15** at **12:30 p.m.** at the home of **Karen Moore**, 7695 E. Pasaro Drive. We will be discussing the book "Out Stealing Horses" by Per Petterson. This will be the last meeting of the season. Book Club will resume in September.

# BELLASERA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

*The following events have sign up sheets at the clubhouse or you may e-mail **Suzanne Guyan**, [guyan1@msn.com](mailto:guyan1@msn.com) if you plan on attending.*

**Bunko** - We hope you can join the next monthly Bunko, **Tuesday, April 14, 7 p.m.** New players are welcome. \$5 per player. The hostess provides dessert and prizes. Please bring your own beverage.

**Luncheons Noon** - The next neighborhood luncheon will be on **Thursday, April 23, 12 noon**, at NoRTH restaurant in Kierland. **Louise Mason** is this month's hostess. Besides having a fun lunch with friends, we could also do a little shopping. Please join us.

### **Wine Tasting Event Friday, April 24, 6 p.m.**

Every couple or person should bring a bottle of wine and an appetizer. Guests will enjoy an evening discussing the wine, region, taste and origin of the grapes and vineyards.

### **What's new and exciting?**

Your Social Committee members are having a **planning retreat** at **Suzanne Guyan's** home, **Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. - noon**. All are welcome to attend. We want to hear from you. Your ideas and suggestions for events in the coming year (July '09 - June '10) are important. If you are unable to attend and wish to offer ideas, please forward to Suzanne, e-mail address is [guyan1@msn.com](mailto:guyan1@msn.com). Our goal is to offer the community a variety of events that promote opportunities to enjoy yourselves and meet one another. Please RVSP to **Suzanne, 480-575-1975**. The address is 7455 E. Pasaro Dr.

### **Memorial Day Bar-b-q**

Come celebrate the holiday with Sloppy Joe's and other casual food offered by potluck, Monday, **May 25, 4 p.m.**

On a final note, over 50 residents enjoyed the annual St. Patrick's Potluck. Special thanks to committee members, and, for their generous time and efforts to host this event. The corned beef, cabbage and potatoes were a hit. We enjoyed appetizers poolside with the added pleasure of the outdoor fireplace. Wonderful decorations - Irish proverbs, and shamrocks - made the dining room quite festive and enjoyable.

# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

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## YELLOW/WHITE PAGES

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## CANS OFF THE STREET

To avoid the dreaded moving vehicle — stationary trash container collision, please remember not to place waste or recycle containers in the street. In the darkness, they're an accident waiting to happen.

## Bellasera Business Owners

In the March newsletter, we welcomed **Paul** and **Vicki Snyder** to Bellasera as they took up residence in our beautiful community in February. This month, they would like to share with you some insight into their promotional products company, owned by **Vicki** and **Paul**.

Our company, Snyder Promotional Products, is a full service promotional products company with an office and showroom in Phoenix. We offer a complete line of logoed products to local and national companies, governmental agencies and individuals for various functions, including trade shows, company stores, uniform programs, golf outings, seminar handouts, employee recognition events as well as customer specific programs.

The available products, numbering in the hundreds, range from customized awards to embroidered and printed apparel such as polos, t-shirts and jackets as well as tote and duffel bags. We also offer smaller handouts such as pens and magnets. Each item is logoed with our customers personalized design and message.

We just celebrated our 15th anniversary on St. Patrick's Day with a party for our valued customers and a number of our top suppliers who displayed and handed out their newest eco related products, which was apropos on the day for "Wearing Green".

We would welcome the opportunity to work with Bellasera residents and your referrals for any future promotional product needs. Please feel free to contact Vicki at [vicki@snyderpromo.com](mailto:vicki@snyderpromo.com) or **602-265-8818, ext. 210**. Our website is <http://www.snyderpromo.com/>.

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*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



**Board of Directors** will meet for a study session on **Thursday, April 9**, and for their regular meeting on **Thursday, April 23**. 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, April 7**, at **6 p.m.**

**Communications Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, April 22**, at **8:30 a.m.**

**Modifications Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, April 14** 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, April 9**, to be eligible for review at this meeting.

**Social Committee** will meet on **Saturday, April 18**, at **10 a.m.**

## WILDLIFE ALERT

There have been several reports of a mountain lion (NOT a bobcat) recently in Bellasera. The following information is provided in the interest of a more informed community.

Arizona Game and Fish Department prefers to have a homeowner who sees a mountain lion make the report directly to them. They state that these animals are solitary animals and it is rare for them to be seen. This is one of the reasons they prefer to hear directly from the party that saw the lion. They are very rarely aggressive. Mountain lions do not particularly like barking dogs as they annoy them and will normally run away.

To report sightings, call the Mesa office, **480-981-9000**, after hours number is **623-236-7201**. The following information is from their web site, [www.azgfd.gov/urbanwildlife](http://www.azgfd.gov/urbanwildlife).

### What Should I Do?

Mountain lions are predators capable of killing or seriously injuring humans, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department is committed to public education to help people learn how to behave responsibly and live safely in proximity to lions. The risk of attack by a mountain lion is small, but real; children are most at risk. Mountain lions may return repeatedly if food, water, or shelter is available. However, mountain lions use natural areas, such as washes, to move through populated areas to more remote areas, and such movements are necessary to prevent problems with inbreeding and local extinction associated with habitat fragmentation. If food, water, and shelter are not available, mountain lions generally move on to other areas more quickly. If you live or recreate in lion country, remain aware of your surroundings and take steps to minimize risks to yourself, your family, and pets.

### If you encounter a mountain lion:

- Do not approach the animal. Most mountain lions will try to avoid a confrontation. Give them a way to escape.
- Stay calm and speak loudly and firmly.
- Do not run from a mountain lion. Running may stimulate a mountain lion's instinct to chase. Stand and face the animal. Make eye contact.
- Appear larger. Raise your arms. Open your jacket if you are wearing one. Throw stones, branches, or whatever you can reach without crouching or turning your back. Wave your arms slowly. The idea is to convince the lion that you are not easy prey and that you may be a danger to it.
- Maintain eye contact and slowly back away toward a building, vehicle, or busy area.
- Protect small children so they won't panic and run.
- Fight back if attacked. Many potential victims have fought back successfully with rocks, sticks, caps, jackets, garden tools, their bare hands, and even mountain bikes. Since a mountain lion usually tries to bite the head or neck, try to remain standing and face the animal.
- Report all mountain lion attacks to 911. Report all mountain lion encounters and attacks, plus sightings in urban areas, to your local Arizona Game and Fish Department office (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday excluding holidays). Also, call Game and Fish if severe property damage has occurred or if there is possession of a live mountain lion. After hours and weekends, a radio dispatcher is available at **623-236-7201**.



## APRIL IN THE GARDEN

—By *Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener*

April has arrived and, if you haven't already started, it is a good time to get spring pruning underway. Additionally, if you have herbs in your garden, you'll need to do some pest maintenance as well as pruning. Remember, rosemary is a herb and is found in many Bellasera gardens.

### Pruning

In general, with the likelihood of a late freeze behind us, it is safe to trim back frost damage on tender tropicals such as bougainvillea, lantana and natal plum. Cut back dead foliage to the first green growth that has emerged.

If **cholla** or **prickley pear** cactus become too large, they should be pruned as follows:

- Cut to a joint with a saw or large clippers.
- Wear heavy gloves to protect your hands.
- It is not necessary to treat a cut on these types of cactus if the cut is made at the joint.

Yucca should not be pruned unless it is necessary to remove dead or diseased stems. If you need to prune, follow these steps.

- Cut back to either a joint or as low on the plant as possible.
- Dust the wound generously with sulphur until it completely dries out.

**Herbs-** Inspect your **Basil, Lemongrass, Peppers, Mexican Tarragon** as well as other frost sensitive plants closely, looking for new growth emerging from the lower half of the plant. Using sharp shears, cut the plant back by 1/3 to 1/2 or more, down to healthy new side shoots. Top-dress the plant with new compost and water well for a fresh start. **Rosemary** spring growth should be well underway and, following the blossoming of its vivid blue-violet flowers, can be safely trimmed back.

### Spittlebugs

Small white balls of frothy foam may show up on the new growth of some of your herbs in spring, especially on **Rosemary, Sage** and other woody perennials herb plants. These 1/4 to 1/2 inch "balls" are the protective hiding place for the nymph of a relatively harmless insect called a "spittlebug" which feeds on the plants sap and uses the foam to hide itself from predators. Spittlebugs are easily washed off with your garden hose.

### Tomatoes

Blossom end rot may be seen on tomatoes this month. This is characterized by a small, water-soaked lesion appearing on the blossom end of the fruit, growing larger and turning dark. It is caused by a calcium deficiency or stress as a result of uneven watering. This can be managed by:

- Applying gypsum to the soil.
- Watering regularly and deeply.
- Mulching to reduce evaporation.

**Watering-** Adjust your irrigation timer to water more frequently. Be sure to run your system long enough to wet the top two feet of soil.

**Maintenance-** As the desert heats up and dries out, cool-season annuals, both in your garden and in the natural desert, begin to dry out and fade quickly. These standing dried-out plants, including grasses, become ready fuel for the wildfires that plague this region in the early summer. To minimize fire danger, cut all dried grasses, weeds, and annuals that are growing within ten feet of your house.

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

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR—APRIL 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
			Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Jazzercise 9:30 a.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	
5	6 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6:00 p.m.	7 Jazzercise 9:30 a.m. Building & Grounds 6 p.m.	8 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	9 Jazzercise 9:30 a.m. <b>Board Study Session 7 p.m.</b>	10 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	11
12	13 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	14 Jazzercise 9:30 a.m. <b>Modifications 2:30 p.m.</b> Bunko, 7 p.m.	15 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Book Club 12:30 p.m. <b>*IRS*</b>	16 Jazzercise 9:30 a.m.	17 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	18 Social Committee Planning Retreat 10 a.m.
19	20 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6:00 p.m.	21 Hike 9 a.m. Jazzercise 9:30 a.m.	22 Fitness 7 a.m. Communications 8:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	23 Jazzercise 9:30 a.m. Luncheon 12 noon Board Meeting 7 p.m.	24 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Wine Tasting 6 p.m.	25 <b>BCA ANNUAL MEETING 10 a.m.</b>
26 Brush & Bulk Collection Week	27 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	28 Jazzercise 9:30 a.m.	29 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	30 Jazzercise 9:30 a.m.		

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

Weber Platinum Series II 3 burner barbeque with stainless steel grills, attached side burner and smoker attachment. Includes gas tank, barbeque tools and is in excellent shape. \$250.00 **Ellen Bornstein, 480-575-9848.**

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**For Sale:** Exercise piece - **AbLounger**. This piece of equipment is very effective for increasing abdominal strength and weight loss. However, due to an old abdominal injury, I'm not able to continue using it. It folds to store easily and is well made. Purchased new for \$275. Asking \$150. **Grant Ingram, 480-595-0123.**

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In this space, next month, your money-making ad!

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Got something *to buy, sell, want, give-away, etc.?* Do business within the community. Send in a classified ad — *it's free.*

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.

## **MARCH WEATHER IN BELLASERA**

(March 1—March 27)

Highest temperature: **80**

Lowest temperature: **39**

Rainfall: **trace**, on March 9

## **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, 480-463-4745.**

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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, April 27**, with the next pickup the week of **Monday, June 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, **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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