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ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW

By Chuck Roach, President of the Bellasera Board of Directors

Thanks to everyone that was able to make it to our Annual Meeting. We had great weather and covered a lot of subjects.

Of course, the subject on the minds of many of our residents is always the budget. **Dennis Noone** presented the plan for fiscal 2009/2010 (beginning July 1). The Budget and Finance Committee, along with our Community Manager and **Dennis**, worked very hard to look for every opportunity to keep costs down while maintaining the community at a high standard. Our major expenses are comprised of utilities, security and landscape maintenance. In the area of utilities, we are looking into the possibility of solar electric and water heating to see if it is cost effective for us to convert. Security is driven solely by the hourly rate at which the guards are paid and we periodically bid this work to ensure we are getting the most for our money. We received an alternate bid for our landscape work and it was quite a bit higher than our present contract so we will continue to look at this area for potential cost savings. While many of the remaining expenses are reasonably predictable (management contract, administrative costs, etc.) the wild cards in the mix are always repair costs that can't be foreseen. For example, we're running approximately \$24,000 over-budget in this area through March of this year because of unforeseen repair costs. As our facilities age, more things go wrong! We believe the budget approved by the Board, which calls for a quarterly increase of \$17.26 is as realistic as we can make it. This increase will go solely to operating costs. Our reserve consultant indicated we could defer any increase in the reserve assessment this year until we examine this area again next year.

There were a number of questions that came up relative to CC&Rs enforcement and other community issues, which I don't have the space to cover in this column. If you have a question you would like addressed, please contact me at **crpr797@msn.com** or **480-488-0961**.

(Editors note: see related story on page 5)

BELLASERA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

WATER AEROBICS

Water aerobics will start at **10:00 a.m.** and end 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 - May 4 and 25.

Questions? Contact **Marci Sheer, 480-488-3426, youryogamarci@gmail.com.**

JAZZERCISE ON TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Jazzercise now every **Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday** morning at **9 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

With our April hike at Spur Cross Ranch, we managed to pick the 1st 100 degree day of the year. Nevertheless, we had a very nice hike with a lunch and rest stop in the shade along Cave Creek (which is running fairly well) in the "Jewel of the Creek" preserve. We missed some of our regulars, but eight of us had a great day.

The May hike is scheduled for **Thursday, May 14.** This will be our last hike of the season and the weather is expected to be hot! I have chosen to hike the Butcher Jones trail which runs along the shore of Saguaro Lake. The group has hiked this trail in the past, so this will be a repeat for some. The major features are that it is fairly close, little elevation gain, and it is near the lake. The round trip hike is rated at 6.5 miles, but we can make our own call as to how far we go. We will return to the trailhead where we will have a picnic lunch by the lake. It would be fun if everyone could make this final trip of the year.

As usual, we'll meet at the clubhouse parking area at **9:00 a.m.** It will be getting hot, so remember water and sunscreen. We will plan to have a picnic lunch at the trailhead after the hike. There will be a sign-up list in the clubhouse, or you can simply e-mail **Don Bowman, dgbebb@cox.net.**

BOOK CLUB

Meetings will resume in the fall.

GOLF

Golf is done for the season, and won't be starting up again until October.

BELLASERA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

SOCIAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

For those who enjoyed the recent Wine Tasting Event, we have photos on the Clubhouse bulletin board for your viewing pleasure. If your photo is posted, please feel free to take it home with you. For those who missed the event, there were 3 door prizes awarded. The lucky winners were:

1. **Mel Lavin** was the winner of a one month free Jazzercise certificate donated by **Monica Bauer**.
2. **Greg Schubert** won the \$25.00 gift certificate from Martinizing Dry Cleaners in AJ's shopping center.
3. **Larry Seres** was the winner of a beautiful arbonne basket donated from **Cindy Schubert**.

It is good to have regular events mixed with something new. Bunko's and luncheons are the staple for regular events.

Sign-up sheets are available at the clubhouse for May's events, Bunko, **Tuesday, May 12, 7 p.m.** and the neighborhood luncheon at Jasper's Peak Bistro, **noon, May 14**. Jaspers is located at 20511 North Hayden Road (SE corner of Hayden and Thompson Peak). You may also contact **Maureen Simpson** directly regarding the luncheon at **480-575-7693** or **maureensimpson@cox.net**



Monday, May 25 the committee is hosting a bar-b-q event, **4 p.m.** In lieu of a potluck, we are requesting a \$10 per person reservation. Payments to be received at the event.

We will also be honoring those who served and are serving in our armed forces. We look forward to seeing you!

We now have Bellasera logo items for sale. We are introducing Bellasera aprons in a variety of colors (red, black, khaki, green) for \$15. Order sheets will be taken through the 15th of the month with delivery by the end of the month. Payment is by check or cash at time of pick up.

In the year ahead, please mark you calendar -

Food drive - October through Thanksgiving

Adopt a Family Holiday gift drive - December

July 25, 6 p.m. - Burgers, Bingo and Beer

September 12, 6 p.m. - to be determined

October 24, 6 p.m. - Cigar/Martini Night

November 14, 6 p.m. - Italian Night

January 1 - New Year's Day event

February 20 - Casino night

March 13, 6 p.m. - St. Patrick's dinner

April 10, 6 p.m. Chili cook off and Square Dance

May 8, 6 p.m. - Cinco de Mayo

Next committee meeting, **Tuesday, May 12, 6 p.m.**, at the clubhouse.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

THANK YOU, BELLASERA VOLUNTEERS

In lieu of the gold watch and commemorative coffee cup, we offer the community's thanks and appreciation to the following Bellasera residents who've more than done their part to make this a fine community. These volunteers have given their time and talents for our mutual benefit.

Bruce Martin and **Dennis Noone**, concluding service on the Board of Directors. **Bruce** has served for 6 years, and **Dennis** finishes a 2 year term as the Board Treasurer.

Anne Chernis, **Jane Fay**, **Jean Grutta**, and **Dottie Schultz**, leaving the Modifications Committee. These residents have been responsible for making several important changes to the Design Guidelines, and streamlining the review and approval process of proposed changes to homeowners' property. Communications Committee member **Pat Manion** is leaving after serving 5 years on the Communications Committee. **Pat** designed and helped maintain the community web site, azbellasera.org.

Replacements are needed: 1 each for the Modifications, and the Communications Committee.

REVISED DIRECTORY IN JULY

The Communications Committee plans to issue a revised, up-to-date electronic directory (PDF file) 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, or FAX to **815-333-2268**. The last printed directory was published in August 2008.

NEW TENNIS BALL MACHINE

Bellasera has purchased a new tennis ball machine that is now available for resident use. Please check with the guard to sign out the key if you desire to use it.

NO DOOR HANGERS

Please discourage your vendors from dropping off door hangers in the Bellasera community,

PETS OUTSIDE

It's a good idea not to leave your pets outside unaccompanied by a human. Wildlife in our area is always on the lookout for their next meal. Don't make it your pet!

REVISED POLICY

A revised Bellasera Community Association Recreational Facilities Policy has been approved by the Board, and becomes effective on May 1. It's posted on azbellasera.org, and will later be mailed to all homeowners.

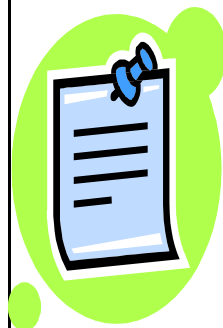
Got a news item you'd like to share with the community?

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 the 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, May 14**, and for their regular meeting on **Thursday, May 28**. Both meetings begin at **6 p.m.**

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

Building and Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, May 5**, at **6 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, May 27**, at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Thursday, May 14** at **3 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, May 7**, to be eligible for review at this meeting.

Social Committee will meet on **Tuesday, May 12**, at **6 p.m.**

ANNUAL MEETING

On a beautiful spring Saturday morning, April 25, a large number of Bellasera residents gathered outside the clubhouse for the association's Annual Meeting.

Board President **Chuck Roach** introduced the Board members, and recognized committee members attending the gathering.

Following approval of the 2008 Annual Meeting minutes, Board Treasurer **Dennis Noone** provided a financial review, and reported that the quarterly dues for members will increase for the new fiscal year beginning in July to \$520.00 (now \$502.74).

Chuck Roach fielded questions, submitted in writing and from those in the audience. Among the many topics discussed were: traffic enforcement, unleashed dogs, processing code violations, and volunteers policing home outdoor lighting.

The results of the election were announced. Declared candidate **Dennis Carson**, along with write-in candidates **Anna Ingram** and **Ted Dixon** were elected to two-year terms on the Board of Directors.

Photos of the assembled throng, by Communications Committee member **Emily Shriver**, will be posted on **azbellasera.org**.



MAY IN THE GARDEN

—By *Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener*

May, and through the summer, is the perfect time to plant warm season succulents. Remember, many plant families make up the succulent species, the best known being cactus. Virtually all cacti (or cactuses) are succulents, but many succulents are not cactus. So, this month, I'll give you some general planting and maintenance guidelines for succulents as well as some specific advice on Cactus, Aloes and con-

tainer grown Agaves.

Planting

Newly planted **succulents**, regardless of size or type, may need to be shaded during the first summer to prevent sunburn. This can be accomplished by:

1. Planting near a tree, shrub, or building does not present enough shade to provide the necessary shade or,
2. Drape shade cloth with at least 30% coverage on a frame over the plant.

When you buy **cactus**, notice which side of the pot is facing south in the nursery. Mark that side and, when you re-plant the cactus in your garden, be sure it is oriented to the sun the same way

Cactus Water Stress

Cactus have large reservoirs of moisture in the stems but can still become water stressed and display the following symptoms:

1. Skin that is soft to the touch and offers resistance to gentle pressure.
2. Shrinking distance between the ribs of columnar cactus (if you can't put your finger between the ribs, the plant is desperate for water).
3. Yellowing or paleness of the skin, especially on the south or western side.
4. Wilting, drooping, or falling pads on prickly pear.
5. Shriveling or shrinking of the skin.

These symptoms show up only when the plant is deeply stressed. Water frequently enough to avoid these symptoms. If they do appear, water immediately and adjust the watering schedule.

Aloes

Aloes, especially those that form extensive colonies, can be overgrown if not kept divided regularly. To properly divide them, cut out the plants along the edge until you have reduced the size of the colony by at least half or even more which is fine.

Container Grown Agaves

Container-grown agaves can enhance your landscape but can develop a difficult problem as the weather warms. This problem can be summarized as follows:

Symptoms- The base of the leaves may turn black or brown, and the area may turn dry and corky.

Solution- There is much conflicting information about both the nature and control of this problem and a chemical solution is not available. Badly infected plants become hosts to a wide range of virus, bacteria, and fungus and should be destroyed. Most plants are simply scarred on the leaf and do not lose vigor. Many agaves seem to "grow out of it". However, while controls are not well understood, over watering and rich or organic potting mixtures seem to encourage the infection. At the first sign of trouble, reduce the watering frequency and consider replanting in a faster draining, less organic mix.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR—MAY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1	Saturday 2
3	4 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	5 Jazzercise 9 a.m. Building & Grounds 6 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	6 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	7 Jazzercise 9 a.m.	8 Fitness 7 a.m. Jazzercise 9 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	9
10 Mother's Day	11 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6:00 p.m.	12 Jazzercise 9 a.m. Social 6 p.m. Bunko 7 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	13 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	14 Hike 9 a.m. Jazzercise 9 a.m. Luncheon, Noon Modifications 3 p.m. Board Study Session 6 p.m.	15 Fitness 7 a.m. Jazzercise 9 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	16
17	18 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6:00 p.m.	19 Jazzercise 9 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	20 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	21 Jazzercise 9 a.m.	22 Fitness 7 a.m. Jazzercise 9 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	23
24 31 Brush & Bulk Collection Week (1-6 June)	25 Memorial Day Bar-b-q 4 p.m.	26 Jazzercise 9 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	27 Fitness 7 a.m. Communica- tions 8:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	28 Jazzercise 9 a.m. Board Meeting 6 p.m.	29 Fitness 7 a.m. Jazzercise 9 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	30

****BELLASERA CLASSIFIEDS****

Bellasera home, Oura model with casita and extended master bedroom and den; 7682 E. Perola; For Lease; seasonal or full year lease; furnished or unfurnished if required; Please e-mail **Craig, cklos@kcsportsrehab.com**.

FOR SALE - KENMORE FREEZER - mint condition - measurements are 33" high - 21" wide - 25-1/2" deep - \$40.00. Photo can be seen on the clubhouse bulletin board, or call **480-488-0259**, to inspect.

For Sale: 2006 Mountain Buggy Urban Double - Orange Dot, along with Mountain Buggy Graco Infant Car Seat Adaptor.

-This is a GREAT Running & Walking Stroller. Lightweight high tensile aluminum frame, Quick release wheels for speedy packing into tight spaces, Adjustable front wheels for maneuverability in the city or extra stability off-road, Upright to fully reclined seat positions so your little one can rest, 5-point safety harness keeps baby safe and secure, Suitable for newborns, infants & toddlers.

-Purchased NEW in 2006 for over \$800 from Just Juvenile, N. Scottsdale.

Selling for \$400.00 and is in amazing condition!

We Love Mountain Buggy sooo much went from Single to Double Buggy & now back to Single with youngest son still needing stroller!

Contact **Shawn & Dani, 480-248-6280**. Will show by appt.

Check out **mountainbuggy.com**, also confirmed not part of MB recall with Model/Serial Number.

GOLF-COURSE CONDO FOR RENT. Annual lease of \$795 monthly, for a 1- bedroom condo right on the golf course and with mountain views, at Anasazi, across from Paradise Valley Mall. Recently completely renovated and in mint condition. Gated community with heated pools, fitness and clubhouse rooms, etc.

Call **Janet** or **Frank, 480-488-0259**, for details.

Got something *to buy, sell, want, give-away, etc.?* Do business within the community. Send in a classified ad — *it's affordable, in fact, 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 are not accepted; Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.

APRIL WEATHER IN BELLASERA

(April 1—April 28)

Highest temperature: **91** Lowest temperature: **39** Rainfall: **0.80** inch (April 11)

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, June 1**, with the next pickup the week of **Monday, June 29**.

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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