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SMOOTH & DOGS

By Chuck Roach, President of the Bellasera Board of Directors

I thought a lot about what to write this month and not much came to mind. We've pretty much finished with the view fence painting project, the budget for next year was developed and approved, summer is upon us and many of you are out traveling. Thanks to Vi and Sharon, as well as the excellent volunteers we have, the Association is running smoothly.

I've spent the most time recently on an issue that never seems to go away: dogs in the common area park. There are lots of varying opinions from some of our residents about what the laws are, who is in the wrong and right, and what should be done. From where I sit, there is no black and white, only gray. We've received differing opinions from the authorities (Scottsdale Police and Maricopa County Animal Control) regarding the applicability of the relevant Scottsdale ordinances that pertain to this matter when it involves a private park within a gated community. Our attorneys have provided us with an opinion about liability that indicates the dog owners have primary responsibility for their actions and that of their animals. The liability of the Association is not clear but whatever it might be, it is covered under our insurance policy. The Board recently asked for an updated assessment by our attorneys. When it is received, we will review our approach to this matter to determine if any changes in the current policy are needed.

I wish you all a very pleasant and safe summer.

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

Monday Night Yoga will be on holiday for the month of June. See you in July - Namaste!

JAZZERCISE ON TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Jazzercise is 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).

SOCIAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The Memorial Day Bar B Q had an excellent turnout. Sixty residents enjoyed BBQ pulled chicken sandwiches, corn on the cob and an assortment of fruit pies. All were entertained with a variety of games and activities (water balloon toss, Bocci, croquet, ping pong). Thank you to **Vicki** and **Paul Snyder** for sponsoring the terrific prizes! The event was highlighted by the fourteen honored service men and women that have bravely served our country in one of the military branches.

Take a moment to view the photos on the clubhouse bulletin board of the festivities and residents. If your photo is posted, please feel free to take yours home with you.

If you missed this event, we hope you can attend a future event. The committee works hard to create pleasant, enjoyable and great food experiences. Special thanks to **Jo-Ann Seres** and **Vicki Snyder** for hosting a delightful kick-off-summer event.

Bellasera Apparel

Baseball caps are now available for order in addition to Bellasera aprons. Introductory order for the caps \$15. Aprons are also \$15. Order forms and sample items are displayed on the clubhouse bulletin board.

Monthly Luncheons and Bunko

Sign up sheets for June's luncheon and Bunko are now available at the clubhouse.

- **June 18**, noon - Bistro Provence at Pinnacle Peak and Pima, La Mirada Plaza.
- **June 9**, 7 p.m. - Bunko, \$5 per player (prizes and dessert)

Mark your calendar for upcoming events - all at 6 p.m. unless otherwise specified

- **July 25** - Burgers, Bingo and Beer
- **September 12** - Poker and Pizza Night
- **October 23** - Cigar/Martini Night
- **November 14** - Italian Night
- **January 1** - New Year's Day event
- **February 3** - Casino event - off site
- **February 20** - Wine Tasting event
- **March 13** - St. Patrick's dinner
- **April 17** - Chili Cook Off and Western dancing
- **May 8** - Cinco de Mayo dinner

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Neighborhood News-Rezoning Applications

By Joe McDade

You may have noticed the large sign on the southwest corner of Lone Mountain and Scottsdale Road. Well, that is one of two rezoning applications in our neighborhood that have been submitted to the City of Scottsdale. Specifically, it's for an assisted living center on a 4 acre parcel. The second application is for a retail center (possibly including a gas station) on a 10 acre parcel at the northwest corner of Pima and Dynamite Road.

Both of these applications are technically referred to by Scottsdale as General Plan Amendments and are referred to as 2-GP-2009 and 3-GP-2009 respectively. They are significant since they are also in conflict with the Desert Foothills Overlay which prohibits the up-zoning of residential property to commercial in our area.

Both of these projects are in the early stages of review and details can be found on the city of Scottsdale's excellent web site (scottsdaleaz.gov) which, by the way, is a great resource. We'll attempt to keep you updated.

REVISED COMMUNITY 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 has been 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**. Please do so prior to June 30.

The last printed directory was published in August 2008.

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, June 11**, and for their regular meeting on **Thursday, June 25**. 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, June 2**, at **6 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, June 24**, at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Thursday, June 18** 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, June 11**, to be eligible for review at this meeting.

Social Committee meeting date/time will be posted.

SOLAR POWER

Interested in learning more about Solar Power?

Interested in putting up Solar Panels?

If so, plan on attending an informative presentation on **Wednesday, June 17**, at **6 p.m.** in the Bellasera community room.

Representatives from PerfectPower will be hosting an info seminar on solar power. Topics covered will be, Utility rebates, State and Federal Tax Credits, system size, etc. They will provide food and drinks as well as answers to any and all questions!

If you have questions please contact:

Dave Brady from Perfect Power, **623-581-1700**

dbrady@perfectpowernetwork.com

www.perfectpowernetwork.com

or host - Bellasera resident **Marci Sheer**, **findingmarci@yahoo.com**.



JUNE IN THE GARDEN

—By *Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener*

As summer settles in during June, there is still ample time to plant some beautiful annuals and to sow seeds for a few vegetables. Also, if you have previously planted vegetables, it is time to think about harvesting some of them.

Annuals

Native and desert-adapted annuals that can take the sun and be planted through the summer include the following:

- Coreopsis
- Cosmos
- Lisianthus
- Globe Amaranth
- Salvia
- Portulaca
- Vinca
- Golden Fleece
- Lithonia

Remember, water deeply at planting time and regularly until fall. Also, they appreciate the summer "monsoon" rains.

Vegetables

Planting- It's a great time to sow seeds for:

- Armenian cucumber
- Cantaloupes
- Okra
- Cosmos

Also, don't forget the **sunflowers!**

Harvesting- The fun of growing vegetables is eating them, but it is sometimes difficult to tell when they are ready to eat. Use some of the following tips to determine when your vegetables are ready to eat.

Cantaloupe- Pick when the skin is well netted and the fruit slips from the vine with little pressure.

Corn- Three signs: (1) The tassel turns brown. (2) Milk comes out of the kernels when they are gently cut with a fingernail. (3) All the kernels are full size.

Eggplant- When the skin is firm, dark and shiny and the fruit has stopped growing.

Oriental-type eggplants- Anytime after they are 3 inches long. They keep longer on the plant without becoming bitter than other varieties.

Peppers - Most are sweeter after they turn color, but pick them when they are full size and the skin is firm and shiny.

New Potatoes- They should be pulled just after plants flower. If you want full-size tubers, wait to harvest until the tops start to die.

Miscellaneous

Watering- Increase watering as temperatures increase. Monitor plants for water stress. Water slowly, deeply and as infrequently as possible to reduce salt buildup in the root zone.

Roses- Cut back on fertilizing established roses to encourage plants to slow down for the hot summer.

Prickly Pear Cacti- If your prickly pear cacti flop over, they need additional water and you should water them weekly for a while. When cooler weather arrives, you may have to take out brown, dead pads and clean up around the plant. If it gets enough water, it will begin to grow new pads and will eventually begin to resume its original shape.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR—JUNE 2009

| Sunday | Monday 1 | Tuesday 2 | Wednesday 3 | Thursday 4 | Friday 5 | Saturday 6 | |
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| Brush & Bulk Collection Week | Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. | Jazzercise 9 a.m. Building & Grounds 6 p.m. Poker 7 p.m. | Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. | Jazzercise 9 a.m. | Fitness 7 a.m. Jazzercise 9 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. | | |
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| Brush & Bulk Collection Week | | | | | | | |

****BELLASERA CLASSIFIEDS****

Wanted: We are looking for someone to provide part-time childcare for our newborn daughter. The care would be in-home (we also work from home so we'll be here) starting near the end of June. Call **Jessica, 480-588-8604**.

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.

MAY WEATHER IN BELLASERA

(May 1—May 28)

Highest temperature: **99**

Lowest temperature: **57**

Rainfall: **0.57** inch (May 20, 21-23)

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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Questions regarding your Homeowner's Association Account?
Contact AAM, LLC: **602- 906-4940**
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