

# Bellasera Neighborhood News

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## RECREATIONAL FACILITIES POLICY REVISION

\* The Policy For the Use of Bellasera Community Association Recreational Facilities that was recently mailed to all residents was revised by the Board of Directors at their June 25 meeting.

\* Page 9 of this newsletter contains the revisions. Changes are specific to the Activity Room Policy. Paragraphs 11, 12 and 13 have been revised; paragraph 14 was eliminated.

\* Please make the revisions to your copy of the policy.

## DOG LEASH ISSUE CLARIFIED

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

As expected, last month's column resulted in some responses on both sides of the dog leash issue.

I would first like to make it clear that there is no confusion on behalf of the Scottsdale City Police regarding enforcement of the leash law within a private, gated community. They believe the law is clear and will steadfastly respond to all complaints about loose dogs whether they be in a public or private area.

I also want to share with everyone the Board's current policy as communicated to one of our residents who responded to last month's column. Here it is: "The present policy of the Board is that residents have a right to walk their dogs in the community and use the community park when done so according to the law. Although signs are posted citing Scottsdale Code requiring dogs to be on leash, there is a question as to the applicability of these ordinances to a common area within a gated community. Nonetheless, the Board does not condone use of the park by unleashed dogs. The Board's position is that the responsibility for compliance with the Code is that of the dog owner and responsibility for enforcement rests with the governmental authorities."

If any resident has a concern about an unleashed dog anywhere in the community, they are advised to call the Scottsdale Police, **480-391-5000**. Police have said they have the resources to respond quickly to neighborhood issues, such as enforcement of the leash laws.

I am hopeful this clears up any confusion I may have created with last month's column.

# 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 - July 13 and 27.

Questions? Contact **Marci Sheer**, **480-488-3426**, [youryogamarci@gmail.com](mailto:youryogamarci@gmail.com).

## 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



**REVISED DATE AUGUST 1 - *Burgers, Bingo and Beer, 6 p.m.***

Join your neighbors for a fun and enjoyable night of playing Bingo with prizes, munching on BBQ'd burgers and sipping cool, refreshing Root Beer Floats. Note - alcoholic beverages are BYO.

Sign up sheets at the clubhouse offer 2 options - bring a side dish or pay \$5 per person at the door

*In an ongoing effort to support the larger community, we are collecting your canned food donations for the local Food Bank at this evening's event and future events.*

**Monthly Bunko and Luncheon - sign up sheet at the clubhouse**

**Tuesday, July 14, 7 p.m.** - Bunko and cash prizes - \$5 per person to play

**Thursday, July 16, noon** - BRIO in the Scottsdale Quarter, located across from Kierland. BRIO is located at the corner of Scottsdale Road and Hayden-Greenway loop.

**Monthly Committee meeting**

**Tuesday, July 14, 6 p.m.** All residents welcome.

# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## IN MEMORY

The Bellasera community wishes to express its sympathy and condolences to the relatives and many friends of resident **Bob Gillette**, 75, who passed away on June 20, from sarcoma.

Survivors include his wife, **Pat**, daughter **Rebecca**, sons **Robert** and **Christopher**, and five grandchildren.

## GATE TRANSPONDERS

The transponders that open the gates for residents have a battery inside that runs down after several years. It's soldered-in, and is not do-it-yourself user replaceable.

New transponders are intermittently available for \$50. The office will try and maintain a limited supply of used transponders (\$10) with new batteries; however, there is no guarantee we will have any when a replacement is needed.

The first choice should be to have the battery replaced at BatteriesPlus, 14202 N Scottsdale Road, at Thunderbird, **480-998-5004**. It's in the Thunderbird Square Shopping Plaza, near the FedEx office .

## BELLASERA COMMUNITY E-DIRECTORY

The revised, up-to-date Bellasera Community E-Directory will be **e-mailed** on **July 10** to all residents with an e-mail address on file. The encrypted, password-protected Adobe Acrobat PDF file will be attached to an e-mail message.

Residents with a valid e-mail address who do not receive the mass mailing may request one via message to **directory@azbellasera.org**.

The Communications Committee produces a community directory annually, alternating between printed and electronic versions. The last printed directory was released in July 2008.

## NEIGHBOR NOTICE

I just noticed that a neighbor removed three stones from my front garden that resemble birds which I thought were cute. I am sure these caretakers are feeding them well. Nevertheless, I would like them back. Kindly replace them on my lawn - large reward. Perhaps this neighbor is the same one that leaves me cigarette butts to clean up. I am retired and appreciate the interesting chores to fill my day.

**Stan Green**, 7379 E Visao Dr.

*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, July 9**, and for their regular meeting on **Thursday, July 23**. Both meetings begin at **6 p.m.**

**Budget and Finance Committee** will meet on **Friday, July 31**, at **2:30 p.m.**

**Building and Grounds Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, July 7**, at **6 p.m.**

**Communications Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, July 29**, at **8:30 a.m.**

**Modifications Committee** will meet on **Thursday, July 16** 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, July 9**, to be eligible for review at this meeting.

**Social Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, July 14**, at **6 p.m.**

## Rezoning Applications Update

*By Joe McDade*

As reported last month, there are two proposed Scottsdale General Plan Amendments for properties in our area. The first is very close to Bellasera on the southwest corner of Lone Mountain and Scottsdale Road and the second is at the northwest corner of Pima and Dynamite Road.

Both of these applications are beginning to receive a lot of attention because, if approved, they would remove the parcels from the boundaries of the Desert Foothills Character Area and the Foothills Zoning Overlay. The Lone Mountain and Scottsdale Road parcel is requesting high density residential rezoning for an assisted living center, while the Pima and Dynamite Road parcel is requesting rezoning to commercial for a retail/gas station complex.

The Coalition of Pinnacle Peak (COPP) is going to launch a campaign against these projects as they feel changing the current low density residential/no commercial zoning rules would set a precedent for more incursions of increased density and commercial development which would threaten the desert, rural, equestrian character of the area.

The schedule of public meetings on these projects is as follows:

August 26	Remote Planning Commission Hearing 5:00 p.m., Water Campus, 8787 East Hualapai Dr
September 23	Regular Planning Commission (vote will be taken) 5:00 p.m., City Hall Kiva
October 27	City Council Meeting, 5:00 p.m, City Hall Kiva



## JULY IN THE GARDEN

—By *Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener*

In May, we gave you some advice on planting and maintaining succulents, in particular, cacti. I'd like to enhance your insight and awareness of the different types of cacti and introduce you to another succulent, the **euphorbia**. I'll also provide you with some summer care tips.

### Cactus - Three Styles of Growth

One approach to assist you in identifying the many types of cacti in our surroundings is by one of the three basic styles of growth:

**Columnar**- The main stem is much taller than it is wide. Plants can be solitary like the **saguaro** which are plentiful in Bellasera . They can have branches or not, and can be multi-stemmed like **organ pipe** or **senita**.

**Barrel**- The stem is nearly as wide as it is tall, often even round. This is a large group of plants including large species such as **golden barrel**, and small species like the entire genus **Mammillaria** which has currently 171 known species and varieties. One that you may be familiar with is the **fishhook** cactus.

**Jointed-Stem Cactus**- The stems are attached to one another at distinct joints and are easily broken off. There are two forms within this group: the prickly pears which have flattened stems, also called pads, and the cholla which have rounded stems. Christmas cactus are jointed-stem cactus.

In addition, there are some cacti that have extremely elongated stems, that vine through forests and thickets using adjacent trees as props for their stems. The familiar Arizona Queen of the Night has this form.

### Cactus vs. Euphorbia

Some of the most familiar succulents (plants that are thick, juicy and fleshy) to desert gardeners are cacti and euphorbia. If you have no idea what a euphorbia is, two good examples are the **candelaria or wax plant** and the **South African euphorbia bush**. Cacti and euphorbia may look alike to the casual observer but there are a few easily recognized differences as follows:

**Areoles**- only cacti have areoles which are a collection of tissue on the skin from which the spines, flowers, roots and new shoots form. Euphorbias lack this feature.

**Flowers**- The flowers of cacti are showy, have numerous petals, and are generally in shades of red, orange, yellow, and occasionally purple or white. Euphorbia have odd flowers that look like a cup with highly specialized petals that are rigid and waxy. Some are surrounded by colorful showy bracts, such as crown of thorns.

**Thorns**- Both cactus and euphorbia may have substantial thorns. In **cactus** they are usually thin and sharp and occur in a radial array around the areole. In euphorbia, they are paired and are generally short, sturdy, and moderately sharp.

**Origins**- Cacti are entirely from the Americas and euphorbias are from Africa and India

### Summer Care for Succulents

**Shade**- Continue to provide temporary shade for newly planted succulents through the summer. The south and west sides of plants, even large cacti, are especially vulnerable to heat damage.

**Heat Stress**- Keep a sharp eye on succulents this time of the year to prevent severe water stress. Summer rains are erratic and unpredictable. Adjust your watering if there is a good drenching rain.

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



## **\*\*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**.

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Trek Navigator 26 inch 21 speed bike for sale. Excellent condition. Mixte frame. Original cost was \$650.00. Will sell for \$250.00. **Stan, 480-272-6221**.

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BELLASERA PET SITTING! Owned and solely operated by **Thenia Raney**. I have provided Bellasera & surrounding communities with EXCELLENT SERVICE for 8 years; I would like to say THANK YOU for your past business and to let you know I now do over night in-home sitting for all your furry LOVED ONES! Call **480-575-8787**.

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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 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.

## **JUNE WEATHER IN BELLASERA**

(June 1—June 28)

Highest temperature: **105**

Lowest temperature: **58**

Rainfall: none in June. Since January 1, 3.97 inches.

## **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, June 29**, with the next pickup the week of **Monday, August 3**.

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**.

**BELLASERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
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**480-488-0400 • manager@azbellasera.org**

**—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

**Security/Front Gate• 480-488-3663**

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\*——\* indicates committee chairperson

8. The number of attendees must not exceed the maximum capacity of the facility. For social events, this is 70 persons. For Association authorized activities this number may be increased under the supervision of the Community Manager.

9. Use of the activity room does not give the Owner or their Guests/Invitees any priority in any other part of the clubhouse or pool area.

10. Keys will be given by the gate guard to the Owner only, not any Guest/Invitee. The Owner must sign and legibly print his or her name, local phone number and address on the sign out sheet. The contract will include agreement regarding time keys are to be returned.

11. There will be no charge for use of the activity room for Association authorized activities as set forth in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 above. A fee will be charged for the use of the activity room for private events as established from time to time by the Board. Fees are listed on the attached Facilities Reservation Request and Contract form that is required to reserve the room for private events.

12. Facility fees are non-refundable. The Association will provide for cleaning of the contracted areas only. All catering and personal items must be removed at the end of the event and/or before 2 AM, unless other arrangements are approved.

13. All chairs and tables that are used or removed must be returned to where they were originally. All trash must be double bagged, removed and placed in the dumpster located by the tennis courts. The kitchen and appliances must be cleaned and the refrigerator emptied. All decorations must be removed. If any areas of the clubhouse other than the activity room are used by the Owner and his or her invitees, those areas must be cleaned up as well.