

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Bellasera Community E-Directory

The revised, up-to-date Bellasera Community E-Directory was **e-mailed** on **July 10** to all residents with an e-mail address on file.

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

Thank you to Communications Committee member emeritus **Pat Manion** for his excellent work during the production of this year's directory.

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

Editor's Note

Chuck Roach's President's Column for August was inadvertently interrupted on its long electronic journey within Bellasera.

The column will return to this space in September.

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet for a study session on **Thursday, August 13**, and for their regular meeting on **Thursday, August 27**. Both meetings begin at **6 p.m.**

Budget and Finance Committee will not meet in August. Their next meeting will be on **Friday, September 25**, at **2:30 p.m.**

Building and Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, August 4**, at **6 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, August 26**, at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, August 11** 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, August 6**, to be eligible for review at this meeting.

Social Committee will meet on **Monday, August 10**, at **6 p.m.**, offsite at the Silver Spur Saloon in Cave Creek.

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 Continues

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.

Questions? Contact **Marci Sheer**, **480-488-3426**, 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

An evening of casual dining and fun took place August 1 with Burgers, Bingo and Root Beer floats. Thanks to our outstanding committee members **Darlene Locke**, **Cheryl Renaud** and **Vicki Snyder**, who helped make the evening a memorable success. The committee appreciates your generous food donations that have been graciously received by the Foothills Food Bank.

See the lucky winners and photos of the evening's highlights on the clubhouse bulletin board. If your photo is posted, please feel free to take yours home with you.

Bellasera Apparel

If you are interested in a Bellasera logo baseball cap or white t-shirt, both are available for order at the clubhouse bulletin board. These are offered at rock bottom prices to residents. Mens White T-shirts and Ladies Cut White T-shirts - \$10 each & XXL \$12.

Monthly Luncheons and Bunko

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

- **Tuesday, August 11, 7 p.m.** – Bunko, \$5 per player (prizes and dessert)
- **Thursday, August 13, noon** – Tonto Bar and Grill, 5736 E Rancho Manana Blvd, Cave Creek



Poker and Pizza Night – Saturday, September 12, 6 p.m.

Bring your penny jar and good luck for an evening of Texas Hold 'Em, Dueces Wild and other winning hands. No experience necessary. You may start as a beginner, but by evening's end, will have learned a new vocabulary of Poker speak and hopefully accumulated piles of pennies (yours and/or your neighbors). Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. BYOB. Remember to bring your food donations for the local food bank that evening. Sign up sheets are posted at the clubhouse.

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

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 Country Western dancing

May 8 – Cinco de Mayo dinner

Note– The next Social Committee meeting is offsite at the Silver Spur Saloon in Cave Creek, **Monday, August 10, 6 p.m.**



August in the Garden

—By *Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener*

During our hot and humid August, there are a few worthwhile garden chores that you should consider. These include building your own compost heap, keeping an eye on thirsty Agaves and, believe it or not, preparing for fall planting.

Compost Heap

August is the perfect month to recycle and compost. What goes into a compost heap? The following items are recommended:

- Dried and dying remnants of your vegetable and flower garden.
- The leaves dropped from trees.
- Vegetable scraps/peelings from the kitchen.

With the contents identified, follow these steps:

- Chop or break the dried brown materials into small pieces.
- Layer them into the compost with fresh green material.
- Add coffee grounds (or manure) and attempt to achieve a general proportion of two-thirds browns to one-third greens.
- Moisten each layer well as you proceed.

Once these materials are recycled into compost they will provide an incredible boost to the soil fertility of next season's garden.

Agaves

In general, it can be hard to tell if succulents are receiving enough water. However, the following are specific things to look for in detecting water stress in Agaves:

- Leaves that are soft to the touch or pale yellow.
- Death of more than just the oldest leaves on the plant. Remember, younger leaves are on the inside, older on the outside.
- Flattened or falling leaves, especially the oldest.

If you are considering adding Agaves to your garden, consider the Queen Victoria Agave (*A.victoriae-reginae*). It forms an intricate rosette shape with thick rigid leaves which are dark green with white markings on each side. Leaves end in black spines making this one of the most visually striking agaves for landscape or container planting. Cream-colored flowers appear after 20 to 30 years when this slow-growing succulent is 2 to 3 feet in diameter. Plant this cold hardy succulent in well-drained soil.

We often travel up Route 87 to Pine which is in the high desert. Prickly Pear Cacti are native there and, if we are having a drought year, they lay down on the ground and revive after a rain.

Fall Planting

Now is the time to look at your fall vegetable planting guide and purchase the seeds for your favorite vegetables. Don't wait until the last minute because your seeds may not be available. Some suggested vegetables you could be sowing late in the month are:

- snap beans, carrots, corn, squash, broccoli, cauliflower, kale,
- kohlrabi, head and leaf lettuce, leeks, mustard, and green onions.

Miscellaneous

Roses- Toward the end of August and into September add an iron supplement if your roses show yellowing from iron deficiency.

Citrus- Fertilize citrus with its third and final feeding of the year in August or September. This application helps improve the size of the fruit.

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

Community Calendar—August 2009

Sunday 2	Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7	Saturday 1/8	
Brush & Bulk Collection Week	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6 p.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.	Burgers Bingo Beer 6 p.m. (1)	
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****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.

"All About Home Cleaning" Quality Home Cleaning Service. Owner-Manager/Bellasera Resident. Licensed-Insured-Bonded/References available. \$89, 2 Cleaners/ 2 Hours. Summer Coupon: \$20 OFF (first time customers only)
Appointments: **Maria, 480-206-5237**. Offer expires: August 30, 2009

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.

July Weather In Bellasera

(July 1—July 29)

Highest temperature: **108**

Lowest temperature: **75**

Rainfall: 0.54 inch, on July 23, 24. Since January 1, 4.51 inches.

Newsletter Copy 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, August 3**, with the next pickup the week of **Monday, August 31**.

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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