

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Pool Completion Date Extended

Due to unexpected events, there has been a delay in completing the Bellasera pool repair by the original estimated completion date.

The new expected completion date is **April 16**. Unfortunately, Terravita will NOT be able to accommodate us to use their pool from April 1 - April 11. Management is exploring another option and will advise you as soon as possible. However, Terravita will be able to accommodate us from April 12 - 16.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as the pool is being completed as quickly as possible.

Board Election Ballots Mailed

A Board of Directors election ballot is in the mail to all homeowners. Please either return by mail, or bring to the April 25 Annual Meeting.

Anne Chernis, Susan Loielle, Bruce Martin (later withdrawn), and **Mike Simpson** have applied for the 4 open Board positions.

This year neither write-in candidates, or nominations from the floor, will be accepted.

Election, Legislation, Enforcement

—By *Dennis Carson*

I urge everyone to return your mail-in ballot for the Annual Meeting if you do not plan to attend in person. Even if you choose not to vote for any Director candidate, your returned ballot counts for purposes of determining a quorum. If we do not get the requisite number of attendees and returned ballots, the Annual Meeting will need to be rescheduled. Also, please note that the ballot lists four candidates for four open board positions. Due to a timing question with the submission of his application, and the desire to avoid any appearance of impropriety, **Bruce Martin** has withdrawn his name from consideration.

Last month I commented about members' responsibilities under the CC&Rs when leasing residences. I noted that our CC&Rs require a minimal rental term of at least 30 days. Since then I have become aware of proposed legislation in the Arizona legislature addressing lease terms for planned communities. If the legislation becomes law, planned communities will not be able to regulate the minimum time a unit can be rented. If you believe our community might be adversely affected by enactment of the proposed legislation, then I urge you to contact your state representative and let your position be known. Send me an email if you would like to receive a link to the proposals.

On another note, the Board has a fiduciary duty to all members to follow and enforce the CC&Rs. Unfortunately, at times this puts Board members at odds with some members of the community and makes life unpleasant for both sides of the issue. An example might be where a homeowner is in violation of unauthorized art in their yard. The preferred solution is for the Association to write a letter in a respectful tone, which brings an issue to the attention of the member and results in immediate corrective action to the satisfaction of both sides. Sometimes that just doesn't work and the Association's only alternative is to levy a fine. Members can then follow a required appeal procedure. The Association has historically kept CC&R violations confidential, and they are not published or discussed publicly at Board meetings. Whether that practice is mandatory depends on the interpretation of Arizona law. Arizona law, section 33-1804, requires all Board meetings be open. The section specifically enumerates certain topics excepted from the open meeting requirement, which a Board "may" reserve for executive session. The word "may" is important. Another interpretation might be that violation notices are not even topics that fall within the exception. My preference is to continue to interpret the law to maintain these Board discussions confidential and deal with violations discretely. Alternatively, a more aggressive approach may result in better compliance. Anyone wishing to voice an opinion on this topic is welcome to write a guest column for the newsletter.

Dennis Carson, dmcarsen@q.com, is President pro tem of the Bellasera Board of Directors

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet on **Thursday, April 8**, for a study session, and on **Thursday, April 22** for their regular meeting. Both begin at **6 p.m.**

Budget and Finance Committee will meet on **Wednesday, April 21**, at **2:30 p.m.**

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

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, April 21**, at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee meeting date/time will be posted.

Social Committee will meet on **Saturday, April 10, 10 a.m.**, at Suzanne Guyan's home.

April Personality Profile

The Art of Photography

—By *Emily Shriver*

This month's profile is of Bellasera resident **Frank Biondo**.

Frank Biondo brings together aspects of impressionism and realism to his art, through the creative fusion of photography and painting. In college, Frank majored in advertising art, while also studying photography and fine art. He spent his professional career in advertising at some of New York's top ad agencies, and later established his own graphic design studio. Now he combines his love for photography and painting to create unique works of art that embody both disciplines.

He uses the same technique that he used as a painter, but now, his tools are electronic brushes. The final piece embodies the spirit of both a photograph and a painting. His web site is:
www.frankbiondo.com.

Emily Shriver, ra_epshriver, is a member of the Bellasera Communications Committee.

March Weather In Bellasera

(March 1—March 28)

Highest temperature: **76**

Lowest temperature: **38**

Rainfall in March: **1.77 inches**. Since January 1: **9.92 inches**

Bellasera Community Activities

Water Aerobics

Water aerobics is starting its Summer time schedule on April 2. We begin at **10:00 a.m.** and end at 11:00 a.m. on every **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday**. We should be in our "new" pool at that time. (see *pool note on page 1 —Editor*) For further information, contact **Janet, 480-488-0259**.

Monday Night Yoga

Experience the amazing benefits of 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. Class fee \$10 - first class free. Questions? Contact **Marci Sheer, 480-488-3426, youryogamarci@gmail.com**.

April Surprise Hike

On Wednesday, March 24, 13 of your friends and neighbors traveled north to hike along Wet Beaver Creek. It was a beautiful day and hiking conditions were wonderful. Wet Beaver Creek was running very heavy as a result of the recent rains and snowmelt from the top of the rim. The creek was literally roaring through sections of the canyon. This was a great hike and, I think will have to be repeated sometime in the future.

After taking an informal survey to determine who is going to be in the valley in April and if there was enough interest to schedule an April hike, the conclusion is yes, let's hike.

Several people expressed ideas as to where we should hike in April and I have not selected a specific hike. If it is not real hot by mid-April, I will pick a local trail where the wildflowers are blooming. If it is hot, I am thinking that a trip north to the Sedona area would be nice. Hence, I have labeled this the April Surprise Hike. As we get closer to the date, I will let everyone who is on the e-mail list, or who has signed up for the hike, where we are going. If you are interested and are not a regular Bellasera hiker, please sign up on the list in the clubhouse and include a phone number and/or an e-mail address.

I have set **Thursday, April 15**, as the date for the April hike. Please mark your calendars. We will meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the clubhouse. Watch for further information. There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse, or, you can send me an e-mail at dgbobb@cox.net to let me know if you can join us.

—**Don Bowman, 480-948-9814**

A photo of the group in Red Rock Country on March 24 is on our web site: azbellasera.org, click on "Photos."

Poker

Poker is meeting on **Tuesday** evenings at **7:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome. Call **Bruce, 480-575-7286**, if you have questions or want to play.

Bellasera Golf

Will resume in the fall.

Bellasera Brown Bag Book Club

Join us in reading about the Salem witch trials. The book this month is "The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane" by Katherine Howe. We will meet on **Wednesday, April 21** in the clubhouse at **noon**. Don't forget your lunch! Comments or questions, contact **Karen Moore, kkmoore@sbcglobal.net**.

Social Committee Activities

I recently celebrated my first year as chair of Bellasera's Social Committee and would like to tell you a little about that experience. I have received many thank you's and appreciative comments from residents regarding the outstanding events we have hosted. Our success is wholly a result of the enthusiastic and tireless efforts put forth by **Darlene Locke, Cheryl Renaud, Jo Ann Seres** and **Vicki Snyder**. I have singled them out as they have stepped up to assist with EVERY event in the past year and have each brought added value to the events. All committee members contribute, but the four I mentioned have been steadfast and extraordinary in their support.

To the entire committee, a heartfelt THANK YOU. We are all volunteers and your willingness to help in any capacity is much appreciated. Here is a sampling of behind the scenes contributions - typically 3 - 4 hours on the day of the event to set up, several hours of decoration and other shopping and/or prep work leading up to the event, serving, hosting, entertainment support and clean up. So, on average, about 10 hours required to have a most enjoyable event.

If you have had the opportunity to attend any of the events in the past year, I hope you met someone new, left with a smile on your face and said a thanks to one of the committee members. Next year's planning meeting will take place at my home, **Saturday, April 10 at 10 a.m.** If you have an interest or suggestion or comments in general, please join us.

When you see the attractive event flyers and sign up sheets, thanks goes to **Sharon**, Bellasera administrative assistant.

—Cheers, **Suzanne**.

Sign-up sheets are available in the clubhouse for the below:

Monthly Luncheon - Thursday, April 15, noon

Carefree Station, Carefree

Chili Contest and Southwestern Dancing

Saturday, April 17, 6:30 p.m.



Who has that special recipe or ingredient for the best chili? Come vote and find out! Prizes for the best in several categories will be offered.

Have you wanted to try Western Line Dancing or 2-step with your partner? With the help of a professional instructor, you are sure to be hooked after this event. Bring your friends, your chili and dancing shoes. Sign-up sheets include indicating whether you are bringing prize worthy chili, preferred dish or \$5 per person.

Management Report

MAJOR ITEMS COMPLETED SINCE LAST MEETING:

- Approved and coded invoices for AP processing.
- Reviewed January and February financials and prepared MTD/YTD variance reports.
- Additional items shown on the Community Fix-up List prepared by the Building and Grounds Committee have been completed. Specifically, the wall at 77th way is being repaired and painted as well as several other walls within the community. The sidewalk on Corva has been completed. Electrical wires were buried at the entrance and at the back gates.
- I met with Blue Estrada of Shasta and the members of the resurfacing crew February 8th. At that time the area that continues to crack at the beginning of the beach entry was discussed. The remedy is to install non-skid 1 " x 1" white tile which would eliminate the cracking in the cement walls. A proposal has been accepted to have this work completed.
- A proposal has been requested for glass beading of the tile along the waterline.
- As you are aware, Shasta has begun the work to resurface the pool and spa.
- Arrangements were made with Terravita for our homeowners to use their pool during the resurfacing of the Association's pool.
- GB Maintenance has completed the caulking on the gutters around the clubhouse.
- GB Maintenance has painted the kitchen ceiling and touched up on the water stain in the ladies locker room.
- Another proposal was received for the painting the exterior of the club house and again did not receive spec sheets.
- I have contacted GB Maintenance for correction of the citation received from Maricopa County Environmental Services regarding the masonry columns around the pool that create a foothold issue.
- I have the proposals for the pool furniture; however, have not had the opportunity to compare them.
- Sharon contacted the Scottsdale Fire Department for CPR and defibrillator training that was held on March 16th.
- I met with the Budget and Finance Committee two times to prepare the preliminary budget for the upcoming fiscal year.
- Sharon and I continue to field telephone calls and e-mails.
- Heidi Dalhof, Community Manager, completed an inspection tour for me.

(This is an edited version of the report submitted by the Community Manager to the Board of Directors on March 25. —Editor)



Women Helping Women - Project 2010

Our Experience

Wednesday, April 14, 6:30 p.m.

**Bellasera Clubhouse
Wine and Cheese Served**

Anna Ingram & Lori McNeil

You are invited to attend a short presentation of our experience in Ethiopia this past February.

Last November, we hosted an auction at the clubhouse raising funds to pay for surgeries for Ethiopian women suffering the devastating effects of prolapsed uterus and fistula. It was an overwhelming success. We had intended to pay for fifty surgeries but ended up paying for over one hundred! Not only did the women have life-changing surgery but when they were discharged from the hospital they went home in a brand new dress. The picture accompanying this invitation is just one of those women. See you on April 14!

BEGINNING YOGA FOR EVERYONE

Thursday Mornings throughout April 2010

(April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29)

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. at the Club House

Think yoga's too hard? Think you're too stiff?

Think you're too old? Think you can't bend "that" way?

Think again!

This class is for EVERYONE!

Questions?

Marci Sheer, 480-488-3426, youryogamarci@gmail.com

Judith Zeiger, 480-575-7286, jazeiger@gmail.com

The class is free but please bring a donation for the Foothills Foodbank.

If you have a yoga mat and blanket, please bring it. We will have extra mats if you need one.

Come and try it!

Best

If you have a restaurant, service, contractor, or whatever, that you'd consider the 'Best', let us know. Share your recommendation with all our readers. Easy to do. Just e-mail your nominations to best@azbellasera.org. Communications Committee member **Kelli Ballinger** will compile and research all submissions and provide the information in future issues of the Bellasera Neighborhood News.



April in the Garden

—By *Pauline Marx*

Even with all our winter rain, there are some items in your garden that require special consideration when watering. Yes, it will get warm and the winter rains will no longer be with us. And, with spring around the corner, let's think **Butterflies!!**

Succulents

Watering succulents on an automated watering system presents a challenge since the amount and frequency of watering for herbaceous and woody plants is lethal to most succulents. Hence, succulents should not be on the same line as trees, shrubs, perennials, or lawns and you should consider:

1. Dedicating one station entirely to them or, if this is not practical,
2. Using adjustable emitters for your succulents to enable you to manually control the intervals.

Shrubs

How large a shrub becomes is generally determined by how much *water* and *fertilizer* you give it. Once a shrub reaches an optimum size (for you), significantly reduce your fertilizer application. Fertilizer is added to promote growth, and, if you no longer need a plant to grow quickly, slow it down. The same is true of water. One of the advantages of well-adapted plants in any region is that when mature, they need little supplemental irrigation beyond what is provided naturally. Take advantage of this trait, and water shrubs only enough to keep them healthy once they reach full size.

Citrus Trees

Any remaining fruit on your citrus trees will often drop this month because of high winds and increasing heat which is normal. You need to continue with their regular watering schedule and clean up the dropped fruit. Leaving it to rot encourages insects and disease around the plant.

Ocotillo: Dead or Alive?

With all of our rain, ocotillos have mostly appeared to be lush and green this winter. If yours has continued to be an arrangement of large dead sticks, do not assume this curious, unique plant is dead. Here are a couple of ways to find out:

1. Take the end of the cane and pull it gently toward the ground. If it bends it is still alive.
2. Look carefully at the stem around the thorn. Surrounding the thorn is a diamond-shaped area that often has tan or whitish bark that peels away. Beneath that bark the stem should be green or yellow green. If it is dark gray, the cane is dead.

Always prune canes as far back as you can to prevent unsightly stumps and spindly branching.

Butterflies

If you have ever been to the magnificent Spring Butterfly Exhibition at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix, you might be encouraged to attract butterflies to your garden. To accomplish this, you will need to grow perennials that are in bloom and full of nectar when most butterflies are active in summer. Plants in the verbena family are renowned butterfly attracters as well as lantana. To get started:

1. Plant a generous number of verbenas of any type, Moss and Gooding's are a good start.
2. Add a number of different colored lantanas. The colors do not matter, so go with varieties that are compatible with your garden.

Bellasera resident **Pauline Marx** is an Arizona Master Gardener. For questions about plants, you may call, **480-575-0404**, or e-mail, **PlantPerson@cox.net**, her.

Community Calendar—April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Brush & Bulk Collection Week				1 Yoga 7 a.m.	2 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	3
4	5 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6 p.m.	6 Building & Grounds 4 p.m. Poker, 7 p.m.	7 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	8 Yoga 7 a.m. Board Study Session 6 p.m.	9 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	10 Social Committee 10 a.m.
11	12 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6 p.m.	13 Poker, 7 p.m.	14 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Women Helping Women 6 :30 p.m.	15 Yoga 7 a.m. Hike 9 a.m. Luncheon 12 noon	16 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	17 Chili & Dancing 6:30 p.m.
18	19 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6 p.m.	20 Poker, 7 p.m.	21 Fitness 7 a.m. Communications 8:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Book Club, 12 Budget & Finance 2:30 p.m.	22 Yoga 7 a.m. Board Meeting 6 p.m.	23 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	24
25 Annual Meeting 2 p.m. Brush & Bulk Collection Week	26 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6 p.m.	27 Poker, 7 p.m.	28 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	29 Yoga 7 a.m.	30	

****Bellasera Classifieds****

"ALL ABOUT CLEANING", Quality Home Cleaning Service. 2 Hrs/2 Cleaners \$89. Window Cleaning and House Sitting service. Professional and reliable. Owner-Manager "Bellasera Resident". Please visit our website: www.AllAboutCleaningArizona.com. Call **Maria Dixon** for an appointment: **480-422-3168** (office) or **480-206-5237** (cellular). *Get \$15 OFF First time customers*

Could you use some assistance with a project? Errands? General Concierge? House Sitting? Home Organization? Dog walking? Other task? Contact Resident Personal Assistant **Keli Ballinger**, 77thway@gmail.com, **617-308-4229**. *Excellent References and Recommendations from Fellow Bellasera Residents* Your Trusted Source for Making Life a little more simple.

BELLASERA RESIDENT OWNER, MUNDS PARK CABIN RENTAL, 17395 TURKEY TRAIL, **Marti Bening**, owner, **480-488-4297**, or **602-616-6085** (cell). Located 20 miles south of Flagstaff, 3 bedroom/2 bath fully furnished and equipped, wrap-around deck/fireplace. Rental rates: \$300.00 Weekend, \$500.00, 3 night Holiday weekend, \$750.00 Weekly, \$850.00 Holiday week. Plus: \$200.00 Damage/cleaning deposit (refundable/negotiable)

For Rent: Available May 1, 2010. Opala Model - 3 bedrooms - furnished - \$2850 plus utilities per month for a 12 month lease. Shorter rental periods available at a higher rate. Call **Gail** or **Phil Murphy**, **972-410-0730**.

Former Model Home (Opala Plan) Furniture + Accessories for sale. Sofas, chairs, Cocktail/Coffee Tables, Dressers, Lamps, Mirrors. Round Beveled Glass DR table + Chairs, Maple Kitchen Table (rectangular)+ chairs, Rugs, Planters. **Bob**, **480-695-5332**.

Got something *to buy, sell, want, give-away, etc.?* Why not do business within the community. Send in a classified ad — it's very 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.

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

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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 26**, with the next pickup the week of **May 24**.

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?
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AAM, LLC Emergency : **602-647-3034** or toll free **866-553-8290**

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